



PHILIPPINE CENTER

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JAN-MAR 2016 NEWSLETTER

VENTURA COUNTY WELCOMED 2016

On December 31, at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, the Philippine Center of Ventura County, Inc. hosted the celebration of the 2016 New Year with a BIG BANG!



In spite of two other simultaneous new year celebrations in Oxnard, nearly 300 people from all over Ventura County joined the festivity. The gala night was chaired by Dr. Jessica Nicholas and Ms. Myrna Vilorio with outstanding success.



The theme this year was a Masquerade Ball, the first of its kind in Ventura County. It was truly an exciting night to see guests in beautiful and colorful masquerade attire. Dr. Stephen Boalt, the evening guest speaker, sponsored the Masquerade Costume Contest with cash prizes for the best costumes winners.

Dr. Boalt and the Paredes - Caricungan Families judged the contest and selected a Best Female Costume (\$100 - Dr. Jessica Nicholas), a Best Male Costume (\$100- Marco Benitez), a Best Couple Costume (\$200- Dr. Sal & Mrs. Vi Palomo) and 10 Consolation Prizes (\$20 each). The contest highlighted the evening. Thanks to Dr. Boalt, Tessie Paredes, Bibian Caricungan and their families in making it an enjoyable event.

The celebration continued thru 1 a.m. with plenty of dancing to the tune of the Newtown Band and DJ Yul.



The PhilCenter thanks all the guests, sponsors and advertisers for the success of this fundraising event which netted close to \$5k for the project. A job well done to all.

VALENTINE BALL 2016

On February 06, the PhilCenter held its 4th Valentines Ball at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. This year's Valentine Theme is "THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE" in honor of all supporters of the PhilCenter Project.



This year's Valentine Ball was chaired by Violeta Rouch and Elda Pichay.

At the start of the evening, the empty chair at the beautifully decorated stage, anxiously awaits for the 2016 Ms. Valentine. To enter the selection, the candidates have to be nominated through donation of a brick for the project. Each brick is \$100. A candidate can be nominated more than once by adding more bricks donation. Usually the candidates are nominated by their respective associations, spouse and friends. During the evening, there were 12 beautiful ladies nominated for the 2016 Ms. PhilCenter Valentine.

At 9:30 pm, all 12 candidates were called on the stage following the farewell walk of the 2015 Ms. Valentine Perlita Tanap while escorted by her husband Manny Tanap.



Finally, the outgoing Ms. Valentine picked the new Ms. Valentine thru a draw lot and the lucky winner this year is ICAC nominee, Ms. Tessie Cole. Presentations to the new 2016 Ms. PhilCenter followed.

Both trips were a FULL BUS. This trip made \$960 for the project. Thank you to VAVCI for the lasting partnership with the PhilCenter. Thank you also to our loyal casino trip supporters. You made it all happen for the project while having fun.



Once again, the PhilCenter extends its appreciation to all the candidates, donors and guests for making this event a successful one. The event raised \$1,700 for the project. Thank you for the love.

WINNING TRIP TO PECHANGA



On March 05, the PhilCenter and the Visayan Association of Ventura County (VAVCI) once again joined hands in holding a casino trip to Pechanga Casino Resort. This is the second time the PhilCenter did a joint trip with VAVCI to Pechanga.

2016-2017 GRANT REQUEST

On April 01, the PhilCenter submitted its 2015-2016 Final Grant Report to the City of Oxnard. This paves the way to our grant request for 2016 thru 2017. Last year, the PhilCenter was awarded a \$3,000 grant. We are hoping for same amount this year or more.

Thank you to our diligent and hardworking Treasurer, Jocelyn Elpidama, in preparing all the grant reports. Thank you also to all who provided pictures of our events including newspaper clippings which are used for the submission of our grant reports. Keep shooting those beautiful pictures every event and continue to share them.

PREPARATION FOR 2016 SANTACRUZAN



The PhilCenter Staff is now getting ready for the upcoming Santacruzán on May 21 from search of new Sagalas and Angels to the preparation of arches, decors, programs, solicitation of ads, sales of tickets and ballots.

The Sagalas and their supporters are also hard at work for this fundraising. Our event chairpersons led by Myrna Viloría and Vi Palomo are now busy in coordinating the various tasks for the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 21 - SANTACRUZAN @ OPACC

JUNE 04 - PECHANGA CASINO TRIP

JULY 30 - GOLF TOURNAMENT @ RIVER RIDGE GOLF COURSE

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