



**PHILIPPINE
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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2013

MALIGAYANG PASKO AT MANIGONG BAGONG TAON!

By: Ped Bucao

On behalf of PhilCenter staff and Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of you who have supported our cause, in one way or another. As we wrap up this year's calendar, I am pleased to highlights few of what the PhilCenter has done in 2013.

JANUARY - Received half of the \$5,000 2013 Cultural Grant from the City of Oxnard.

FEBRUARY - Celebrated 3rd Valentine Ball. 27 Bricks (\$100 each) donation was solicited for 2013 Ms. PhilCenter Valentine. Ms. Bernadett Raquedan was picked and crowned as the 2013 Ms. PhilCenter Valentine 2013. The house at 424 Juniper Street was rented out with an average cash flow of \$500-800/month.

MARCH - Held a fundraising Casino Trip to Morongo and was able to raise \$958.00.

MAY - Celebrated the 2013 Santacruzian Parade and Ball. Ms. Tessie Wenetschlaeger was crowned the 2013 Reyna Elena. The 2013 Santacruzian Pageant is the most successful fundraising in the history of PhilCenter with a net proceeds of \$18,000.

JUNE - Held the 2nd Casino Trip to Morongo with a net proceeds of \$1,261. We also co-sponsored a free public performance of the world famous Philippine Dinagyang Dancers at Island Pacific Supermarket.

AUGUST - Held 3rd Casino Trip to Fantasy Spring and was able to raise \$545. Also held the fundraising Golf Tournament at CBC Golf Course and was able to net \$2,400 from sponsorship.

SEPTEMBER - PhilCenter holds its 5th Annivesary Ball and its 1st Ms. PhilCenter Pageant. Ms. Merly Stanley was crowned Ms. PhilCenter 2013. The even netted 18 bricks donation for the project. We also spearheaded the 2013 community beach clean-up of Port Hueneme Beach

OCTOBER - Team up with Oxnard Fire Department in distributing Smoke detector and Carbon Monoxide Alarms to our senior citizens in Oxnard. We also once again approved for a \$5,000 Cultural Grant for 2014.

NOVEMBER - Donated \$1,000 to the victims of typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines and assisted in the community efforts of fundraising for the victims.

DECEMBER - PhilCenter will again team up with International Cultural Association of California (ICAC) and the La Union Association of Ventura County (LUAVC) in serving snacks for churchgoers during a night mass (Simbang Gabi) at Mary Star of the Sea.



GOT SMOKE AND CO ALARM?

By: Luz Juachon

According to the statistic, after the age of 65, we are 3-5 times more like to be injured or killed in a fire. In our community more than 60% of seniors do not have adequate fire detection or earlier warning.

The PhilCenter and City of Oxnard Fire Department (*through Tina Marie and City of Oxnard Fire Marshall, Sergio Martinez*) unite and helped distributes Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide alarm to our beloved seniors.



The group set up a station at Mary Star of the Sea (October 20 & 27) and at Santa Clara Catholic church (October 27) and distributes FREE smoke detectors and a carbon monoxide alarm to our seniors, who resides in Oxnard and over 65 years of age. Over 150+ seniors received these devices during the two weeks campaign.

FILIPINOS – RISE ABOVE II

By: Ped Bucao



In support of the Ventura Community fundraising drive for the victims of typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines, the PhilCenter has donated \$1,000 and actively supported all activities of RISE ABOVE II project toward its goal of raising \$50,000 for the typhoon victims. Since the inception of RISE ABOVE II project on November 12, some of the PhilCenter staff became part of the core group in organizing fund raising activities for the typhoon victims. PhilCenter is committed to continue supporting the drive until its conclusion on December 13.



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ENTRY FORM

2014 Ms. PhilCenter Valentine

Background: On February 01, 2014 at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, the Philippine Center of Ventura County (PhilCenter) will hold its 4th Valentines Ball. Featuring on the evening ceremony is the selection of our *2014 Ms. PhilCenter Valentine*. We encourage all female guests of ages 18 years old and above to join the Ms. PhilCenter selection as a way to help out the PhilCenter Project.

Criteria: 1. To enter, participants must purchase or solicit at least one (1) PhilCenter Brick. Each brick is a \$100 donation to the PhilCenter. Donors will receive a Certificate of Brick Donation.

Each brick purchased or solicited is equivalent to one (1) raffle entry for the Ms. PhilCenter drawing. Additional bricks will entitle participants more raffle entries. Entries must be received by the PhilCenter staff no later than 9:30 pm on February 01, 2014.

2. Participants or designated proxy must be present to win.
3. Winner will be picked through a draw lot of all entries.

Presentation: Winner will be crowned as the *2014 Ms. PhilCenter Valentine*. She will be featured on the PhilCenter Website (www.philcenter.org) and on future PhilCenter Newsletter. All participants will be recognized during the crowning ceremony. The winner will also crown the next Ms. PhilCenter Valentine next year.

Name of Participant: _____

Name of donor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

No. of bricks/entries: _____ Amount: _____

Date Submitted: _____ PhilCenter Staff: _____

(For additional info please call/text Elda Pichay at (805) 407-8860 / email: elray51@yahoo.com)

PHILCENTER 2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ❖ 01 February Valentines Ball at Oxnard Performing Arts Center (OPAC)
- ❖ 01 March Casino Trip to Morongo, Cabazon CA
- ❖ 05 April Golf Tournament at River Ridge Golf Course
- ❖ 17 May Santacruzian at Oxnard Performing Arts Center
- ❖ 07 June Casino Trip to Fantasy Spring, Indio CA
- ❖ 12 July Golf Tournament at SeaBee (CBC) Golf Course of Port Hueneme
- ❖ 02 August Casino Trip to Morongo, Cabazon CA
- ❖ 20 September Anniversary Dance at OPAC/Search for Ms. PhilCenter 2014
- ❖ 04 October Fil-Am Heritage Fiesta / "Patikim 2014" at OPAC

Everyone is cordially invited to all the events. For more detailed information on the above schedule, pls.contact Ped Bucac at 805/ 822-2897 or Sid Cabran at 805/ 415-5815

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