



PHILIPPINE CENTER

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CHED AQUINO IS 2016 REYNA ELENA



On May 21, at the Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center, the Philippine Center of Ventura County, Inc. held its 4th Santacruzian Celebration. Ched Aquino representing Pangasinan Association of Ventura County, Inc. (PAVCI) was crowned as 2016 Reyna Elena. She is joined this year by Emperatriz Agnes Farala of International Cultural Association of California (ICAC) and Reyna de las Flores Sonia Tobar of World Financial Group (WFG).



The PhilCenter appreciates the efforts of these candidates in raising funds for the PhilCenter Project. After it is all said and

done, the event netted close to \$9,000 for the project. Thank you so much to our 2016 Sagalas and to all who supported the celebration.

BEHIND THE SCENE – DELING CARINO



Fidelisa "Deling" Carino is the all-time Secretary of the Philippine Center of Ventura County, Inc. (PHILCENTER) since it got its charter on September 2008. Dedication and action are just few words describing her unselfish services for the PhilCenter.

Deling Fernandez was hailed from Margosatubig, Zamboanga del Sur. A proud graduate of Zamboanga General Hospital School of Nursing, Deling came to the US in 1966 on a cold snowy night in Chicago where she met her husband Don Carino. They have one child named Antonio and a granddaughter named Sureena.

Deling and Don moved to Oxnard in 1979 following a

five-year stay in Oklahoma. Deling was employed at St. John's Hospital for 28 years. She is actively involved in several Fil-Am organizations. Her hobbies include dancing, gardening, exercising, cooking and swimming. She hopes to stay active as long as she can.

WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS



On May 09, the PhilCenter held an election for seven BOD positions. Five of the seven BOD accepted nominations to their current positions. Edgar Boral and Vi Palomo asked to be relieved because of their busy schedules. **Frances Jaena** and **Apolonio Barcena** were elected to these open positions.

On May 21, during the Santacruzian Celebration at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center, the Board of Directors and the Officers of the PhilCenter were inducted to their respective positions by Mr. Dante Honorico.

ICAC HELD HAWAIIAN NIGHT FOR PHILCENTER



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On June 11, International Cultural Association of California (ICAC) held its annual Hawaiian Night at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. This dance event is hosted by ICAC yearly for the purpose of raising fund for the PhilCenter Project. ICAC as an active supporter commits at least \$1,000 each year for the project. Currently, ICAC has already donated over \$10,000 and ranked as a DOUBLE DIAMOND DONOR.

MORE FUN at PECHANGA



On June 04, 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 third time the PhilCenter had a joint trip

with VAVCI to Pechanga. Despite two other casino trips held on the same day, the PhilCenter-VAVCI bus still able to muster 47 passengers. This trip made \$835 for the project. During the trip, a new Piggy Mascot was adopted and was able to raise a total of \$100. The mascot piggy bank was raffled and was won by Warren Ronquillo and his \$100 will be added to his donation for the PhilCenter. Once again, THANK YOU to VAVCI for the lasting partnership with the PhilCenter. Thanks also to our loyal casino trip supporters. You made it all happened for the project while having fun. See you again on our next trip to Pechanga on August 06, 2016.

PHILCENTER IN SEARCH FOR THE 2016 MS. PHILCENTER



On May 21, PhilCenter officially launched its search for the next Ms. PhilCenter who will

be succeeding our current Ms. PhilCenter **Millie Diaz** on September 10 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center.

This year's Ms. PhilCenter Pageant is chaired by Dr. Jessica Nicholas and Mila Bautista. They are looking for ladies 18 years old and above who wants to join the pageant while helping the project. Please contact Dr. Jessica Nicholas at (805) 766-3184 or Mila Bautista at (805) 444-4527.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY 30 - GOLF TOURNAMENT @ RIVER RIDGE GOLF COURSE



WIN A 2016 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER AND \$10,000 ON A HOLE - IN - ONE CHALLENGE

SEP 10 - 8TH ANNIVERSARY / MS. PHILCENTER CORONATION @ OPAC

SEP 17 - ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN-UP @ PORT HUENEME BEACH

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