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BEHIND THE SCENE **Winston Raquedan**



Winston Raquedan has been the Vice-President of the Philippine Center of Ventura County, Inc. (PHILCENTER) since its inception on September 2008. His expertise as an experienced Civil Engineer has been an important asset to the PhilCenter Project.

Winston is an active and a highly reliable pillar of the Fil-Am Community who is involved in almost all major events of the community from fundraising to community service projects.

Winston is also the current Vice-President of the International Cultural Association of California (ICAC) and the current Secretary of the La Union Association of Ventura County (LUAVC). He was involved in various community projects including Scholarship Program, Feed the Hungry, Beach Clean-up, Gawad Kalinga Project, RAIN Project and contributions to charitable organizations such as Red Cross,

Rescue Mission, Firefighters and Salvation Army. He is now focused in pursuing our dream of building the first Fil-Am Community Center in Ventura.

Perio, Clarita Ancheta, Myrna Fisher, Bernadette Raquedan, Tasi Austin, Delia Bucao, Liza Duncan, Cindy Adamos, Lina AVECILLA and Deling Carino.

2016 MS. PHILCENTER



Queen Delia Bucao

On September 10, the PhilCenter held its 8th Anniversary Ball and Coronation of the 2016 Ms. PhilCenter. By draw of luck among 10 nominees, the 2015 Ms. PhilCenter Millie Diaz drew Delia Bucao as the lucky winner.



2016 NOMINEES

Thanks to the nominees: Dianne



The 2015 Ms. PhilCenter Entourage led by Queen Millie Diaz, 1st Princess Elda Pichay and 2nd Princess Leony Azarian was recognized that evening following their Farewell Walk. The evening program was opened by the singing of the National Anthems by Lina AVECILLA and an Invocation by Mila Bautista. Following the welcome address by the PhilCenter President Sid Cabran, Grace Tuazon delivered her inspirational speech encouraging all to be actively involved in making our dream of having a building a reality.

The event raised more the \$2,400 for the project. Thank you to all who supported the event especially the sponsors of the nominees and the golden page donors.

OXNARD CULTURAL FEST



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On August 13 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center, the City of Oxnard held its first Cultural Fest involving all arts grantees which include the PhilCenter.



Thanks for the Philippine artifacts displays provided by Dr. Sito Serate, Romy&Thelma Baroma, Dr. Jessica Nicholas, Delia & Ped Bucao, and Sonia Armedilla. Thanks also to Fe Cayabyab and Sonia Armedilla for the Philippine Cultural Dance performances. The Philippine Booth and the Cultural Dance performances contributed tremendously to the success of the event. Thank you to Winston Raquedan for collecting and set-up of the Philippine displays.

PECHANGA CASINO TRIP



On August 6, the PhilCenter and the Visayan Association once again concluded another successful trip to Pechanga Casino. The trip yielded over \$850 for the PhilCenter Project.

2016 PORT HUENEME BEACH CLEAN-UP



On Sep 17 at Port Hueneme Beach, the Fil-Am Community got together in cleaning the beach in conjunction with the Annual California Coastal Clean-up. The beach clean-up is done annually in partnership with the City of Port Hueneme which provided us free parking, trash bins, trash bags, safety gloves and sanitizers.

The participating Fil-Am organizations provided food and drinks for the

appreciation picnic. Volunteer certificates are also given out to participating students for their volunteer credit hours.



Part of the FUN is the contest following the clean-up which included removing the most unsafe items, finding the most unusual objects and collecting the most trash. The winners were Norita Dalida, Mila Opseth, Angie Basila and Frances Jaena. Delia Cabran and Mila Bautista donated the cash prizes for the contest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 08 *Quintinians Association and Visayan Association Casino Trip to Pechanga*

OCTOBER 15 *PAVC Anniversary & Induction Ball @ OPACC*

NOVEMBER 12 *ICAC 19TH Anniversary & Coronation Ball @ OPACC*

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