



PHILIPPINE CENTER

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OCT-DEC 2016 NEWSLETTER

BEHIND THE SCENE
Mila Bautista



Mila Bautista has served as a Board Member of the PHILCENTER since April 2012. Mila's total dedication to the PhilCenter project has earned great respect among the PhilCenter staff.

Mila hailed from Bulacan, Philippines and she is married to Armando Bautista. She has four children and nine grandchildren. She works as a part-time Registered Nurse (semi-retired) at Ventura County Medical Hospital.

In addition to her duties with PhilCenter, she is also very much involved with church activities as President of St. Ezekiel Moreno Guild (Augustinian Recollect Order) and with the Cursillo Movement. Mila is also active with the Filipino Nurses Association and the Filipino Community of Ventura County

Inc. and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus.

She believes in balancing her time between family, church and the community.

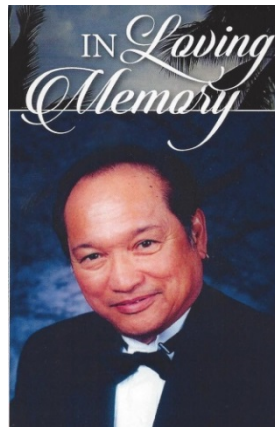
PhilCenter Searches for 2017MS. VALENTINE



On February 11, 2017, the PhilCenter will hold its 7th Ms. Valentine Ball dubbed "**Share the Love**", at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. Simply donate or solicit donation for a brick to the PhilCenter and you will be entered on the Ms. PhilCenter raffle draw during the event. Each brick (\$100) donated is equivalent to one raffle entry. You may increase your chances of winning by donating/soliciting additional bricks. The outgoing 2016 Ms. Valentine Tessie Cole will draw the winner among all entries.

Organizations are encouraged to nominate ladies of age 18 years old and above to represent their organizations. Individuals may nominate themselves, their spouses, significant others or anybody they choose. Brick donations are credited to the actual donors.

Contact any PhilCenter staff to join.



Tony Grey

The Filipino American Community of Ventura County was saddened on the untimely passing of one of its leader on October 13, 2016 at St. John's Hospital.

Tony Grey was the Executive Director of the Filipino American Council of Ventura County since its inception in 1987. He served as a current Board Member of the Philippine Center of Ventura County.

Tony's valuable advice and his financial contributions have helped toward the progress of the PhilCenter Project.

Tony's leadership and guidance left a lasting legacy to the community. He will be missed. "**Thank you Tony**".

"Thanks Donors"



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On February 11, during our 2017 Ms. Valentine Ball at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center, the PhilCenter will be recognizing the donors, investors and its staff for their effort and contributions since the inception of the project in 2008.

Through the help of few investors this year, it made it possible for the PhilCenter to pay off the \$200K remaining mortgage of the PhilCenter House at 1220 Lindsay Place in College Estates, Oxnard. Currently the house is appraised at \$495K. The house title is now being processed in escrow in the name of the Philippine Center of Ventura County.



1220 Lindsay Place, Oxnard

In the meantime, the PhilCenter house is being rented out to help pay off the investors. The PhilCenter staff is committed in paying off the investors in the next five years through the house rental, continued fundraising and solicited donations.

With the house in the PhilCenter name, we can now

better negotiate for an opportune property for the future PhilCenter. We are asking the help of the community to help us attain this intermediate goal. LET'S DO IT TOGETHER!

PHILCENTER 2016 :

Excellent Year

DEC31/JAN01: PhilCenter hosted the first New Year Masquerade Ball at OPACC. The event netted \$5k for the project.

FEBRUARY 06: We held our 6th Ms. Valentine Ball. Ms. Tessie Cole was picked as the 2016 Ms. Valentine among 12 nominees. The event raised over \$1,700.

MARCH 05: *PhilCenter and Visayan Association held a joint casino trip to Pechanga which netted \$960 for each association.*

APRIL 01: PhilCenter received its 2016 Arts Grant of \$3k from the City of Oxnard. @ OPACC

MAY 09: PhilCenter held its bi-annual election of Board of Directors. Frances Jaena and Apolonio Barcena were elected.

MAY 21: PhilCenter held its 2016 Santacruzian Celebration at OPACC. Ched Aquino was crowned 2016 Reyna Elena. The event raised \$9K for the project.

JUNE 04: PhilCenter and VAVCI held another joint casino trip to Pechanga which made \$835 for each association. A mascot piggy bank worth \$100 was raffled and won by Warren

Ronquillo which added another brick to his donation account.

JULY 30: PhilCenter hosted the 2016 Golf Tournament at the River Ridge Golf Course. Mitsubishi of Oxnard offered a brand new Mitsubishi Outlander as a prize for a hole-in-one. PhilCenter acquired a new portable PA system for use on outdoor events. Freddie Friego was the overall tournament Champion. The tournament gained \$800 for the project.

AUGUST 06: PhilCenter another joint casino trip to Pechanga with VAVCI. Net proceed is \$850 for each association.

AUGUST 15: PhilCenter acquired its new and improved video projector, capable of portraying clearer images.

SEPTEMBER 10: PhilCenter held its 8TH Anniversary Ball and Ms. PhilCenter Coronation Ball. Delia Bucao was picked as the 2016 Ms. PhilCenter among 10 nominees. The event netted \$2,700 for the project.

September 26: PhilCenter BOD voted to pay off the remaining \$200k mortgage for the PhilCenter house through soliciting investors.

DECEMBER 01: PhilCenter completed \$200K investors fund and paid off mortgage. Now awaiting escrow title.

"WISH US LUCK FOR 2017"
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