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BEHIND THE SCENE

Myrna Viloria



Myrna Viloria, a proven leader among the Fil-Am community, has been serving as a Board Member of the PHILCENTER since inception of the project in 2008. Myrna's dedication to the project is clearly manifested in her continued effort in making each fundraising event successful.

Extremely friendly and fun-loving Ilocana (hailed from La Union, Philippines), Myrna is well admired in the community. She works as a Registered Nurse at St. John's Medical Hospital.

In addition to her duties with PhilCenter, she is also very much involved with other community activities such as President of Filipino Nurses Association, Adviser for International Cultural Association of California, Ex-Officio with La Union Association of Ventura County and member of many other associations.

2017 Ms. VALENTINE



Leony Azarian

On February 11, 2017, the PhilCenter held its 7th Ms. Valentine Ball and Donors Appreciation Night at the Hilton Garden Inn. This year's Valentine Theme is "*Share the Love*", helping out the PhilCenter so it can help others.



These beautiful ladies were nominated for the 2017 Ms. Valentine: Amy Raquedan, Lydia Pinger, Norma Punto, Angie Hefel, Elma Williams, Tessie Sabay, Nelia Dobos, Linda Pilapil, Leony Azarian, Carla Biagtan, Violy Rouch, Delia

Cabran, Lisa Duncan, Belen Hermojino and Bibian Caricungan. These nominees entered the pageantry through brick donations for the PhilCenter. Each brick (\$100) donated equals one raffle entry. More brick donations increase nominee's chances of winning.

Following her farewell walk, the outgoing 2016 Ms. Valentine Tessie Cole drew the the winner among the entries. Leony Azarian who was sponsored by Armando and Mila Bautista was the lucky winner. Congratulations Leony!

PHILCENTER: PROUD HOMEOWNER



1220 Lindsay Place, Oxnard

On February 11, during the 2017 Ms. Valentine Ball, the PhilCenter acknowledged all its staff, donors and particularly the recent investors for their effort and contributions to the project.

We thank the following investors in making the payoff



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of the house possible: Angie Basila, Apolonio Barcena, Sid Cabran, Roland Viado, Perlita Tanap, Fil-Am Unified Entertainment, Roger Santos, Abril & Nelia Stearns, Deling Carino and Larry Pelayo.

The PhilCenter is now focused on paying off the investors within five years through the house rental, continued fundraising and sustained solicitation of donations. We are asking the whole community to help us attain this immediate goal.

daily needs. The PhilCenter is assigned caretaker of the program. Every two months, the PhilCenter hands out \$50 food coupons for 10 qualified recipients. Applicants must register with the PhilCenter and all applicants will be screened based on their needs. Last year, the program was able to provide help to 60 seniors. To register, please contact Sid Cabran at (805)415-5815 or Ped Bucao at (805)822-2897.



Winston Raquedan, the PhilCenter Vice-President, was given a surprised birthday party on February 10 at the TGIF. Happy 65th Birthday Winston. **More power to you!**

SENIOR FOOD COUPON PROGRAM CONTINUES!

On Feb 11, during the 2017 Ms. PhilCenter Ball, Ms. Tessie Paredes announced that the Boalt Foundation will continue its support for the Senior Food Coupon Program it started in August 2015.



Tessie Paredes Received Award

The program is designed to assist needy seniors on their

ANOTHER FUN TRIP



On March 04, PhilCenter and the Visayan Association successfully completed its first trip this year to Pechanga Casino. Featured on this trip was a special breakfast, PUTOPAO & CORNBEEF PANDESAL, donated by Vincent and Violet Baltazar. This is their second donation to our casino trips. This trip made \$895 for the project. Thank you to all our passengers. Everyone is invited on our next trip on June 10, 2017.

SURPRISED BIRTHDAY !!!

2017 Schedule

MAY 13: 2017 Santacruzian Celebration at OPACC

MAY 27: PhilCenter sponsors the 805 Youth Dance Concert at Oxnard Performing Arts

JUNE 10: PhilCenter and VAVCI joint casino trip to Pechanga

JULY 21: PhilCenter hosting the 2017 Golf Tournament at River Ridge Golf Course

AUGUST 05: PhilCenter Casino Trip

SEPTEMBER 09: PhilCenter 9TH Anniversary Ball and 2017 Ms. PhilCenter Coronation Ball.

SEPTEMBER 16: Fil-Am Beach Clean-up @ Port hueneme

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