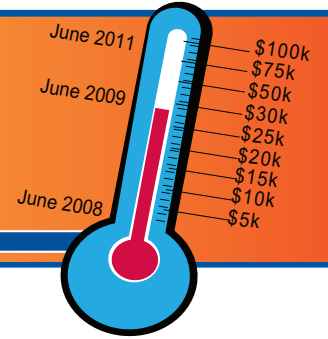




PHILIPPINE CENTER of Ventura County

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SYMBOLS OF THE PHILIPPINE FLAG AND ITS MEANING

The eight primary rays of the sun represents the first eight provinces of Batangas, Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, Manila, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga and Tarlac that sought the first independence from Spain.

The three stars represents the major islands of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

The color of white represents purity, the blue for unity and



noble ideas, and the red is for bravery.

General Aguinaldo first designed the flag in 1897 during his exile in Hong Kong. It was adopted on the 19th of May, 1898.

On the 12th of June, 1898, the Philippines declared independence from Spain and so began the First Philippine Republic.

And the flag was unfurled for the first time at the historic window of the Aguinaldo Mansion in Kawit, Cavite as the country's independence was proclaimed before the proud Filipino people.

GAWAD KALINGA CORE GROUP and SANTA CRUZAN

Gawad Kalinga Core Group of Oxnard headed by Dr. Jessica Nicholas made a very exciting night of Santa Cruzan, and was very successful in raising \$11,300 for the PCVC.

Last year, the GK Group raised sufficient funds to complete the finishing touches to the Ventura County, California Village at Balasing, Santa Maria, Bulacan, Philippines

This year's celebration was exceeded by the overwhelming support of the community in the present economic downturn and exceeded the fund raising goal for the Philippine Center.

We extend our warm and sincerest thanks to all the "Sagalas" and by the crowned Reyna Elena Tessie Fontillas and the associations who sponsored them, the angels and their parents, all participants and guests who made this fund raising event a great success.

Our biggest thanks to those who are "behind the scene" crews who made this celebration possible. It is truly a job "well done" and our greatest appreciation is extended to all of you.

MEET YOUR PCVC PRESIDENT

Sid Cabran was born in the year 1941 in San Jose, Mindoro, Philippines. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1966 and served in several naval installations including Antarctica with National Science Foundation.

He was also aboard several battleships and submarines during his naval career. Retired as Chief Petty Officer in 1987 and continued working for Northrop

Corporation as Assistant Property Manager for the B-2 Division. Resigned after few years to start



a family business. He has been one of the many pillars and active community leaders in the past few years. Today, he is leading the charge to build the dream of us all, our very own Philippine Center.

BUY A BRICK PROGRAM UPDATE

The program was successfully launched on May 16, 2009 during the Santa Cruzan Night. It was met with great enthusiasms with initial pledges of few families which included the Mayor of Oxnard, Dr. Thomas Holden.

Families who have signed for the program will receive an order form for their quantity desired and inscriptions on the bricks. Upon receipt of \$100 donation per brick, donors will received a certificate of purchase and will be recorded through the Philcenter. All donations are tax deductible. If interested, contact Ped Bucao at (805) 822-2897 or any of the Philippine Center staff.



**THANKS TO
OUR PCVC
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*Thank you for your full support of the of the Philippine Center.
Together, we will realize the dream*



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Thank you also to the many donors
who are not listed here. An accumulating
personal account is established in your
behalf. Small donations are cumulative
and can accrue until it reaches a
category level

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Our sincerest thanks to those
organizations and individuals for
their untiring support that made
the Santa Cruzan 2009
a great success.
We appreciate your partnership
with us in this endeavor.

Jessica de Leon Nicholas, DDS, Inc.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Tessie Fontanillas
"Reyna Elena" with her escort
Ross F. Sacolles, Jr.

Tita David
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Tessie Cole
"Reyna Caridad" with her escort
Paolo Adela

"Angels of Santa Cruzan 2009"
Lauren Armedilla
Timothy Rogan Fish
Tyler Tanap
Elise Dionesia Reyes
Aden Deforest Fish
Catherine Franke
Gelina Mae Liobing
Jacqueline Franke

**PCVC SEARCHES FOR THE
2009 Miss PHILIPPINE CENTER
VENTURA COUNTY**

*In preparation for the first coronation
of 2009 Miss Philippine Center
Ventura County on September 26, 2009,
we are currently searching for young
ladies 13 to 21 years old who are
enthusiastic and willing to help in
the fund raising effort for the
Philippine Center.
Contact any Philippine Center
staff for additional information.*

**FIESTAS FILIPINAS 2009
"Flavors of the Philippines"**

The time has come for this years
Philippine Independence day
festivities produced by the Fil-Am
Council's Fiestas Filipinas planning
committee. The celebration kicks off on
June 6, 2009 at the Oxnard
Performing Arts Center with a Dinner
Dance and Youth Pageant Coronation
featuring Queen Lauren Armedilla and her
entourage: 1st Princess Jaira Farala, 2nd
Princess Kalani Grey and 3rd Princess
Danica Grey. Tickets are still available
at \$35 and \$40 at the door. Doors open at
5:30 pm.

A Philippine Flag raising ceremony will
take place on Thursday, June 11, 2009 in
front of Oxnard City Hall at 12 noon.
This event is free and open to the
public and feature guest speaker,
Retired Chief Deputy - Dante Honorico,
city officials, followed by a reception with
several Filipino foods and delicacies.
To end the celebration is a 2-day fiesta on
the 20th to 21st of June at downtown
Oxnard's Plaza Park. This event will
feature various food booths, entertainers,
Filipino games, youth activities, High End
Performance car exhibition, the Pinoy
Harley Riders bike display, an annual
Adobo Cookoff Contest, with headline
entertainment by POCA and Oxnard's
very own Freda Simone!

The Philippine Center Ventura County
will have a display and information booth
to answer any questions you may have in
regards to the building fund project and
will also be selling Philippine books and
literature.

PCVC will also be hosting the Santa
Cruzan Parade on Sunday, June 21st @
12 pm. This event is free and open to the
public. Please come out and support this
spectacular community event. Invite your
friends and family!

For more information, please contact
Charleen Morla @ (805) 236-1309.

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