



# Tribo ni Bado

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Matters"*

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APOGLA family celebrated Valentine's Day with the annual Ladies' Night at Noypitz in Downtown LA

## ***Ladies' Night - Rain and Roses***

*By: Winnie Calvario*

It was such a cold, wet, rainy night but loving couples of APO-GLA arrived early, enthusiastic and ready to have fun. The night didn't disappoint! Love was certainly in the air!

While waiting for the food, Valentines trivia quiz was played as well as a couples game of "this or that"-- wherein the hubby needs to mark what he thinks the wifey would pick between 2 choices. We've tallied the results and we have the winners! Tonette/ Egay Ninofranco and the Oyet/ Francis Mejia love tandems tied with 14 right answers!!! Galing talaga!

Delicious Filipino food was served promptly at 7 pm, moving the party along! Wine and hard drinks flowed, chikahan and kuwentohan, never ending! Long-stemmed roses were given to the ladies, lots of selfies and picture- taking siempre. The night was capped with everyone singing/ dancing, enjoying ourselves with such a charismatic band led by Gigi! Ang lakas and Batak nung lead singer-- she kept announcing that the APO-GLA Post Valentines ladies night was being celebrated there that night! We can't say enough about how special the APO-GLA ladies felt! Thank you to the hard work of the Chairman Beeboy / Co- Chair Daemma and Mr Prez for making this such a successful event! Looking forward to the next one! Sa uulitin!

*More pictures on page 4*



## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Cruisin' along!

Brothers, sisters and Ka-Pamilya,

It's getting more and more exciting as we go. With this kind of weather, four seasons at once, hail, snow and rain, we survived them all and were able to treat our Ladies with roses, and non-stop dancing during our Ladies night chaired by Bro Beeboy and Sis Daemma. I heard someone screaming, "let's do it again for our ladies!"

For the month of March, as we cruise along on flight 2023, with no crosswind, turbulence and air pockets encountered, our March GMM is preceded by a financial informational workshop organized by Sis Marilou. One of our most sought out activities - the LA Marathon, happens on March 19th. Please come enjoy the feeling of handing out water to the runners with the music of our very "DJ Chosy. Be part of the history!

On Mar 23-26 our delegation, will be representing GLA at the ACNA Spring meeting in Chicago. We will say our piece, share our experiences, listen to others, and show our brothers and sisters from across the US that GLA is not just about being the largest alumni association here in North America, but we are here to be proactive in all of ACNA's activities, and will always be their true and dependable brothers and sisters from the West Coast.

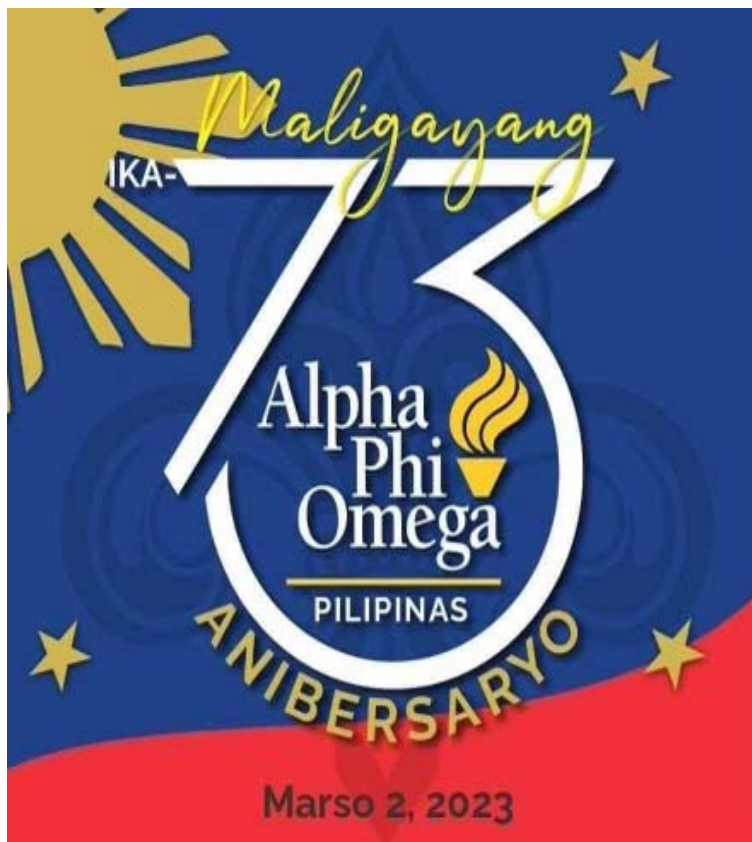
Big activities are fast approaching in the spring and summer—Buscapade in April, Camping in May, APO Golf in August.

Together, we can do all this successfully.

In LFS,  
Bro. Rene Calvario  
APOGLA, President 2023



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## Spotlight on APO-Kids By: Bro. Dony Rondilla

*Once in a while, we have to shine the spotlight on the accomplishments of our APO-kids, an important part of our APOGLA family. As parents and grandparents, it is natural to feel proud of their accomplishments and to celebrate their successes. It is always inspiring to see the next generation making positive contributions to society.*

### Jasmine Godoy Montecillo

First up is Jasmine Godoy Montecillo, granddaughter of our very own Sis Fely Logarta-Montecillo. Jasmine recently won the title of “Lakambini ng Visayas” at the recently held “Lakambini ng Kardinal 2023” sponsored by the Mapua University Central Student Council. Jasmin also won the title of Ms. Photogenic and Ms. School of Media Studies 2022. These awards are truly impressive especially since Jasmine is a consistent Dean’s Lister, a rare combination of beauty and brain.



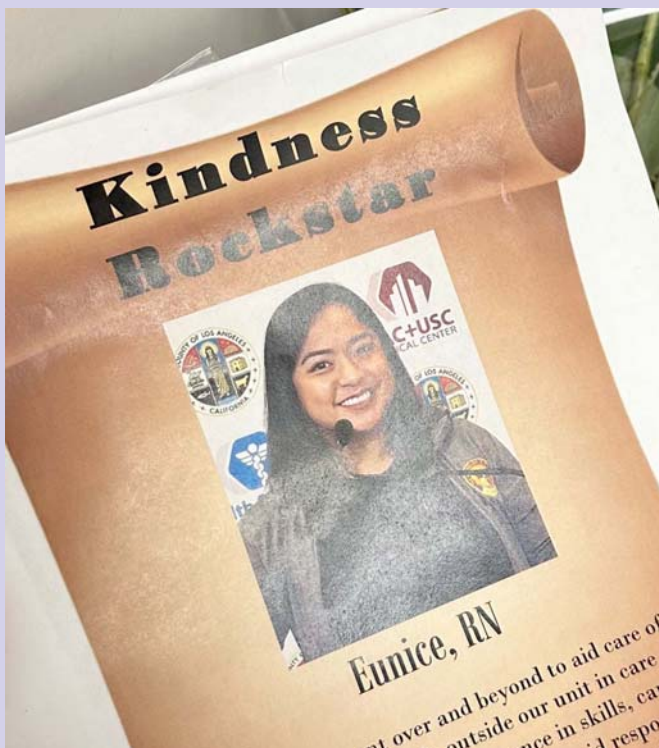
Jasmine is currently a 3rd year student at Mapua University’s School of Media Studies. She is the daughter of the late Jonas Logarta Montecillo of Cebu and Elsie Godoy Montecillo of Batac Ilocos Norte.

### Eunice Galang, RN

Congratulations are also in order for Eunice Galang for receiving the “Kindness Award” for January and February 2023. Eunice, the youngest daughter of our late Brod Eric Galang, and Sis Emma Galang, past president of APOGLA is a registered nurse, and works as an ER nurse at the LA County+USC Medical Center.

The “Kindness Award” exemplifies her commitment to providing the highest level of care by aiding the care of a patient that was unstable outside of her unit and making sure that the patient arrived safely to the designated unit after resuscitation.

Congratulations to Eunice for making a positive impact on the lives of patients under her care and for being an inspiration to others in the healthcare field.





## ***Pictures from Ladies' Night - Rain & Roses @Noypitz DTLA***

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## **Flight #2023 Lands in Moreno Valley for the February GMM** *By Art Rivera*

A 100 mile drive from Santa Clarita brought us to the Desert Hills Premium Outlets in Cabazon on Saturday, February 18 for a day of relaxing walk and

shopping with Elsa, Gie, Dony and me. A quick meal and drinks at the food court satisfied our tummies and quenched our thirst. The huge signs of sales and discounts of the stores were a sight to behold for every shopper. May and Chosy decided to take the walk and shop at the Ontario Mills Outlet Mall.

Then we headed to the home of Ogie and Weng Jaranilla for the monthly GMM. A warm welcome greeted us by the reception team of Geoffrey A, Joel P, Ogie, President Rene and FL Winnie as we feasted on green mangoes and bagoong alamang while waiting for everyone to arrive. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM and a break was announced to allow everyone to share in the sumptuous buffet of Chinese and Filipino dishes along with desserts of fruits, native Pinoy rice cakes and Egyptian sweet pastries.

The meeting resumed at about 6:00 PM with the opening prayer offered by PP Francis Mejia followed by the Loyalty Pledge. Upcoming activities were presented and discussed including the February Ladies' Night, LA Marathon in March, the Harrah's Casino Buscapade on April 1, the ACNA Spring Meeting in Chicago, the APO Philippines General Assembly in Tacloban come May and the Annual Camping on Memorial Weekend.

The Outreach Program initiated by President Rene and PP Bobel L continues to bring joy and hope as they and they spent a day with Reggie Martinez, Christian and Betta and their Mom.

Sigma Chapter had the most attendees during the meeting because of the influx of new members from Adamson U who are also celebrating their 59th (February 7, 1964) Charter Anniversary. Eta Chapter

is also celebrating its 70th (February 9, 1953) Charter Anniversary.

A beautiful highlight of the evening was the joyful and loud Happy Birthday serenade for Sis Jen with the special birthday "Biko" prepared by Sis Betta.

As always, the after meeting fellowship was filled with fun, stories, laughter, cognac, single malt whisky and paired with Jobee's grilled oysters. After the rain, snow and cold evenings, the revelers came prepared to battle the evening chill of Riverside County. The celebration had to end and we started the one and a half hour drive home when the clock struck 10:00 PM. As the song goes, "the party's over, it's time to call it a day..." It was indeed another day well spent and we are grateful to have shared with our GLA family.

See you all at the March 18 GMM at the West Hills home of Ophel and Tony Amon and Sunday, March 19 at Mile 13 Station of the Los Angeles Marathon. This year's annual Bonjie Ingco Service Project will be led by the tandem of Jen and Domel. Don't forget to bring your favorite breakfast fare to share as we welcome and serve 24,000 runners from 50 states and 63 countries in the 38th Running of the LA Marathon.

Thought for the day: ***"Life is a journey not a destination. Embrace the journey."***





## ***Pictures from February GMM @Brod Ogie & Weng Jaranilla's Place***







**MARCH 19, 2023**

**To those who volunteered for the  
2023 LA Marathon  
APOGLA Mile 13 Water Station is  
located along Sunset Blvd.,  
bet. N. Hayworth & N. Laurel Ave.  
Two blocks east of Crescent  
Heights / Laurel Canyon Blvd.  
Google Laugh Factory address and  
that is where our location will be...  
Check Bro. Egay Ninofranco's  
detailed direction to the site via  
Viber and email on our egroup.  
Also, make sure to print the  
Approach Pass.**

## PROTECT. PROSPER. PRESERVE.

The Power of Sound Retirement Planning  
(21st Century Version)

WHERE: Ofelia / Tony Amon Place  
22761 Eccles St., West Hills, CA 91304  
WHEN: Mar 18, 2023, Saturday, 3:30 PM



Guest Speaker



Glenn V. Castillo  
Executive Director  
Expor Financial Group



Malou Fajardo  
Organizer

**Prayer For  
The Sick**

Dear Lord, we lift up all those  
who are facing illness today. We ask  
that You would bring healing, comfort  
and peace to their bodies. Calm their  
fears and let them experience the  
healing power of Your love.  
In Jesus name, Amen.

## PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

MONTH	GMM	SERVICE ACTIVITY	FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY	Reach out program/visit	OTHER	ACNA	FUND
MARCH	3/18 - West Hills, CA Tony & Ofel Amon	3/19 - LA Marathon Egay Ninofranco. APOMunti- BBOX 4/15 - Easter Picnic & Blood Drive @ Park near Bro Bodgie's			Workshop: Financial - Marilou Workshop:	3/24-26 APO MIDWEST	
APRIL	4/15 - West Covina Bodgie Gapido	Food Bank - TBD	1/1 Buscapade				
MAY	5/27 - Lake Perris Campsite	5/27 - 5/29 - Memorial Day Camping Bernard Gopez. Tacloban Service	Marketplace	Comm. Service		5/19-22 Tacloban	
JUNE	6/17 - TBD	Food Bank			Workshop:		
JULY	7/16 - Emma Galang 8/19 - Jobee	Com service (Tree planting)					
AUGUST	Jovellanos/Hazel Salas 9/16 - Lakewood	Blood Drive - TBD	Golf Tournament Fundraising - TBD		Workshop:		
SEPTEMBER	Danny Carrasco	9/16 - Beach Clean-up Operation Gratitude - TBD				9/1-3 Seattle: GWAPO. Seattle	
OCTOBER	10/21 - TBD	Election/Halloween - TBD			Workshop:		
NOVEMBER	11/23 - Santa Clarita December Affair	11/23 - Thanksgiving Celebration Host TBD		Reach out program/visit Brods/Sis/Fa mily Members - Thanksgiving			
DECEMBER	Venue & Date TBD	12/31 - New Year's Eve Celebration					DEC Affair - TBD

TBD Activities - Golf Tournament, Workshops (computers/apps/music), Buscapade (March or April)

Workshops are scheduled before GMM



# FROM MY POINT OF VIEW

## A Potpourri of Remarkable News

By Bro. Dan E. Nino



Asian hate crime and violence in this country is still rampant and unabated. It still rears its ugly head. I'm writing about this topic briefly because my media colleague and photo journalist Nick Arriola and his wife Julienne were assaulted and badly battered aside from being cursed. This resulted in concussions, several abrasions, six broken ribs for Nick and leg injuries for Julienne and post stress and mental anguish.

The couple who were mistaken for Chinese were in the vicinity of the State Capitol building in Sacramento where Nick was taking photos of historical landmarks and sceneries at 2:45 p.m. on Feb. 1 when two black assailants attempted to grab and steal his camera. Instinctively, Nick won't let go of his prized equipment because he uses this for his professional livelihood.

I first met Nick when he was assigned to video tape our Ten Outstanding Filipino-American Senior Students (TOFASS) Awards Night in Glendale for news broadcast in TFC.

At first, Nick didn't want to relay the news of his mauling to his media colleagues, because there was some process for investigation like police and medical report and witnesses. According to reports, the two culprits are now in custody awaiting formal charges.

After his UC Davis Medical Center confinement, he is now recuperating at his home in Carson. The couple's medical bills and other financial obligations are piling up because they are unable to work.

Be on the lookout for potential violence. We should not be cowed into submission, threatened or bullied. We might be the next victim.

On this planet, we are born equal under the law and in the eyes of God. It is our human right to be respected, irrespective of our station in life, race gender and religious beliefs. We are a diverse community with diverse cultures. This makes us stronger as a nation. We are all immigrants in this country except for the Native Americans who were the original people of this nation — until America was discovered by the Europeans.

When we had a Festival of Friendship through cultural dance and music in the City of Cerritos recently, it was so enriching to witness colorful costumes from various nations on two stages at the Cerritos Mall. The optic was so edifying to the senses. Shouldn't we all get along?

### APOGLA's Participation in Philippine American Friendship Day

APOGLA is the toast of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (NaFFAA) of Greater Los Angeles and its partner, the Los Angeles County when we celebrated the L.A. County's largest Philippine American Friendship Day last July 9 at the Don Knabe Regional Park on Bloomfield Ave., Cerritos.

Taking a cue from last year's highly successful and fruitful celebration chaired by yours truly, we will duplicate it again with more entertainers and parade participants like Ati-Atihan revelers, Masskara Dancers, Mindanao Group and other entertainers. A free event, plans are afoot to invite Fil-Am entertainment icon Appl de App. Like last year, APOGLA volunteers will assist in marshalling the parade around the gorgeous lake, Security's Eyes and Ears complementing Sheriff deputies and Mounted Sheriff and directing parking spaces for VIPs and entertainers.

As usual, let's wear our APO T-shirts to identify us and display our APOGLA banner. We'll have a tent or kiosk as our hub as volunteers. Let's show our vibrant community the spirit of Leadership, Friendship and Service. Also bring your kids and grand kids for the **Kids Zone** for wholesome games that will make their day a wholesome affair to enjoy.

We'd like to thank last year's volunteers: Brods PP Roehl Reyes, PP Domel Evangelista, PVP Roland Paras, PVP Jo Peneza, Alex Pastores, Arnel Miranda, Jun Madrigal as well as Sis PP Emma R. Galang and TNB Editor-In-Chief Sis Fely Montecillo. APO South Bay brethren also came with their spouses and had picnic under the tree. If I miss some, my apologies.

### A Portion of Social Security Benefits Are Taxable

Generally, Social Security pension is not taxable for seniors. However, if you earn more from other pension distributions, investment income from stocks, taxable interests from financial institutions — a portion of your SS pension are taxable from 18 to 20 percent. Don't be surprised. There's a mantra in our taxation system irrespective of who is in the White House: Tax the wealthy and share this to the poor or those who have less in life. I'm reminded of legendary heroic outlaw, Robin Hood of Medieval England. He robbed from the rich and gave the largesse to the poor.

### Thank You Lord for This Gift of Life

As I write this column on March 13, 2023 which falls on my birthday, I'd like to thank our Creator for this gift of life, grace and blessings of what I am today — that I'm still around to carry out God's purpose for me — in the sunset of my life. I'm humbled.


I appreciate that whatever I have accomplished under God's plans, grant unto us oh Lord the longevity, serenity and good health so we can share with your people and our society whatever you want us to share. Because by serving the best of your people, we are also serving You. — [denino1951@gmail.com](mailto:denino1951@gmail.com)





## ***GOINGS ON*** by Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

March! Oh! March! Though it is named after the Roman god of war, Mars, it is considered one of the happiest months of the year. Flowers are budding, every day is a happy day, and we have the beautiful full moon.

Bright yellow daffodils are the official flowers  of March. They're one of the first flowers to bloom out of the cold ground every spring. How lucky are the March born! Those born this month from March 21 to April 19 fall under the zodiac sign Aries. They are not scared of conflict, are competitive, and honest. They always want to prove themselves and their strength. They are energetic and ambitious.

So to our Brothers and Sisters out there born this month we wish you all HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Enjoy this beautiful day in celebration of a most wonderful you!

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Important days to watch out for this month: March 7th Purim; 12, Daylight Savings Time; 17th, St. Patrick's Day ; 19th, LA Marathon, and the 20th is the first day of Spring.

Purim is a Jewish holiday which celebrates the saving of the Jewish people from Harman who wanted to decimate all of Persia's Jews.

The first day of spring symbolizes new growth, fertility and procreation in humans, plants and animals.

The LA Marathon this year is its 38th running which began since 1986. It will start at the Dodger Stadium and finishing on the Avenue of the Stars in Century City - a distance of 26.2 miles. It is an annual running event which supports the McCourt Foundation's mission to build a healthier world.

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It's tax season now and we are proud that in our midst, we have three brothers who help out in tax preparations. They are Brods Dan Nino, Herman Somera and Armand Mendoza, among others. Well, guys, if you haven't filed your income taxes yet, you better do it soon!

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I heard that our Brods were at their romantic best during Ladies' Night! And the ladies, I understand, we're ecstatic about it. Ummm! We ladies just wish our men would be at their romantic best more often! Ahhhh amore!



## TREASURER'S REPORT *By Sis. Emma Rubina-Galang*

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Almazan, Alex**       | 46. Mendoza, Armand    |
| 2. Almazan, Irma**       | 47. Mercado, Bebot     |
| 3. Alvarado, Larry       | 48. Miranda, Shane     |
| 4. Amon, Ophel           | 49. Ninofranco, Edgar  |
| 5. Amon, Tony            | 50. Ninofranco, Edgar  |
| 6. Angeles, Oscar        | 51. Pablo, Joel        |
| 7. Ang-Gayon Melody      | 52. Paredes, Vic       |
| 8. Angsula, Bong         | 53. Pastores, Alex     |
| 9. Antonio, Bobby        | 54. Peneza, Bobet      |
| 10. Aralar, Eric         | 55. Perez, Aldren      |
| 11. Arroyo, Geoffrey     | 56. Posadas, Rey       |
| 12. Atienza, Oscar       | 57. Remorozo, Gerald   |
| 13. Ayo, Toti            | 58. Reyes, Roehl       |
| 14. Bayani, JR           | 59. Rivera, Art        |
| 15. Bonette, Malene      | 60. Romero, Ed         |
| 16. Cajucom, Willy       | 61. Rondilla, Dony     |
| 17. Calvario, Rene       | 62. Sager, Limuel      |
| 18. Carbon, Joel         | 63. Salvador, Buddy    |
| 19. Castillo, Nards      | 64. Serrano Eric       |
| 20. Cervana, Paul (Nary) | 65. Sevilla, Bobby     |
| 21. Clarete, Sam         | 66. Sevilla, Bobby     |
| 22. Conferido, Ruben     | 67. Sipin, Perry       |
| 23. Cordova, Jaime       | 68. Soledad, Apple     |
| 24. David, Betta         | 69. Solis, Tess*       |
| 25. David, Chris         | 70. Somera, Herman     |
| 26. Dime, Emmanuel       | 71. Sugay, Jay         |
| 27. Evangelista, Domel   | 72. Sy, Sancho         |
| 28. Evangelista, Jen     | 73. Tarculas, Josie    |
| 29. Fajardo, Marilou     | 74. Tarculas, Lito     |
| 30. Ferrer, Jojo         | 75. Tecson, Ed         |
| 31. Flores, Rudy         | 76. Tecson, Raul       |
| 32. Ford, Biebic         | 77. Umandal, Ruel      |
| 33. Galang, Emma         | 78. Valdecantos, Henry |
| 34. Gopez, Bernard       | 79. Valentino, Hero    |
| 35. Imperial, Gloria     | 80. Valera, Liza       |
| 36. Jaramilla, Ogie      | 81. Villaver, Eleonor  |
| 37. Junio, Virgil        | 82. Villaver, Melvin   |
| 38. Lara, Bobet          | 83. Yambot, Ferdie     |
| 39. Lautchang, Wilson    | 84. Yenke, Rene        |
| 40. Layno, Mary Ann      |                        |
| 41. Magsino, Jimmy       |                        |
| 42. Mansilla, Beeboy     |                        |
| 43. Marte, Rocky         |                        |
| 44. Maskarino, Ronelle*  |                        |
| 45. Mejia, Francis       |                        |

*As of February 28, 2023*

\* *New members*

\*\* *Paid extra year/s*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH CELEBRANTS



### MEMBERS:

- 02 - Julius Pulido
- 03 - Rene Yenke
- 06 - Michelle Monasterio
- Tess Madrigal
- 07 - Joel Carbon
- 08 - Mario Macalindog
- 09 - Gene Aure
- 11 - Jemma Miranda
- 13 - Dan Nino
- 19 - Josie Alvar
- 25 - Virgil Junio
- 28 - Bien Alon
- 29 - Willy Cajucom
- Rhoderick Aralar
- Shane Miranda
- 31 - Josephine Santos

### SPOUSE:

- 08 - Carol Parducho
- 10 - Paul Bangsil
- 11 - Jermelyn Miranda
- 12 - Marietta Siongco
- 13 - Tonette Ninofranco, Marissa Tecson
- 14 - Amalia Romero
- 17 - Leila Felix, Lilibeth Robles
- 19 - Josephine Alejandria
- 21 - Maricar Ansula, Evelyn Salinas
- 29 - Betty Chatto
- 31 - KC Picazo

### APO KIDS:

- 02 - Maria Danelle Blancada
- 05 - Theo Barcelona
- 06 - Justine Agagon, Theo Barcelona
- 07 - Gracie Lara, Shannen Cadavez
- Darryl Arucan, Richie Villanueva
- 08 - Emil Bacalia, Beilyne Lautchang
- 09 - Ping Franco
- 10 - Sheila Jove
- 12 - Samantha Arevalo
- 14 - Ed Robert Tecson
- 15 - Abigail Paredes, Glenn Clarete
- 18 - Marcus Yambot
- 19 - Edgar Joseph Tecson
- 20 - Patrick Robles, John Peneza
- 21 - Peter Villaver
- 22 - Jessamine Alejandria
- 24 - Patrick Jayoma, Melvin Morallos
- 26 - Caitlyn Panganiban
- 27 - Gerard Rivera
- 28 - Sheryl Arucan
- 30 - Mai Noche, Xurshia Pepino
- 31 - Sierra Lara, Pinky Arucan

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## **MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Join us on Saturday, March 18, 2023  
3:30 PM - Retirement Planning

5:00 PM - GMM

Venue:

Bro. Tony and Sis. Ofel Amon's Place  
22761 Eccles St.  
West Hills, CA 91304



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