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AN EVERLASTING LOVE

By Fely Montecillo

Shakespeare must have alluded to Brod Tony and Sis Ophel Amon when he wrote Sonnet 116, one of the many sonnets the Bard from Stratford upon Avon had written. I know this is hyperbole but hey! They fulfill all the descriptions about love the great poet has written.

The poet says love is unchanging. After 55 years, Brod Tony and Sis Ophel have not changed in their affection for one another. Married in March 5, 1966 at St. Rita's Parish in Baclaran, they have four offsprings - Bertram, the only son, Daryl Albus, Pamela Ann Hinh, and Angelica Jean Bilich. They now have ten grandchildren. Ka Tony is obviously now a very proud and happy Lolo and father. Ophel too, confesses that, "We feel so fulfilled".

Looking back, Brod Tony will never forget the day he met his lady love, Sis Ophel. One day, his friends, the late Brods Dodie Francisco and Boy Jimenez passed by Ka Tony's family owned grocery and invited him to go with them on a picnic somewhere in Cavite. At the picnic site there he saw the woman who would be his life partner, Sis Ophel. She then invited him to join them in a Barn Party in the residence of the late Brod Dodie Singson. From that time on, he would always be found in the company of APO members. The late Brod Emmy Manlangit was able to convince him to join APO. Thus, started his life long membership to our beloved organization.

We can say that their love blossomed in APO and the FEU Campus where Tony was enrolled at the Institute of Technology and Ophel was taking her Business course at the Institute of Business Administration.

When they settled down, Brod Tony opened a gasoline station and ran it the best he could. Unfortunately, said business floundered and he had to close it. The end result was a financial problem for the whole family and they were forced to live somewhere in Quiapo under a very tight budget. At that time, he had no job and did not intend to get one until a friend of his convinced him to read a book which focused on getting to know himself better. Brod Tony was now convinced he had to get a job.

Difficulties like these happen to families. And those who can't stand the pressure break up resulting into separation. But not the Amons, Ka Tony was accepted to a pharmaceutical job in Roche where he

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love is not love

*Which alters when it alteration
finds,*

*Or bends with the remover to
remove;*

*O no! It is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests and is
never shaken,*

*Love is perfect and unchanging,
Love is a guiding star, it is not
susceptible to time*

*It does not change with hours
and weeks,*

*It bears out even to the edge of
doom.*

Sonnet 116

William Shakespeare



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you, for all the congratulations for my 3rd grandbaby, my first grandson. Ethan Walter Grude was born on Jan 21, 2022, two and half weeks earlier as scheduled. Born healthy 7 lbs 2.6oz, 19.86" long. I'm lucky that I live right behind their house, I got to see Ethan every day. I can't wait to play boy stuff with him.

We had a good productive first GMM. Except for some audio technology difficulties, we had an informative GMM discussion of the calendar of events for 2022 and its budget. We would have had a better attendance, but the corona virus had other plans and mutated an omicron variant that triggered another peak of cases. Hopefully that was last of the mutation, and we live back to normal.

Especial thanks to Bro. Past National President Mel Adriano for sending us the Covid 19 rapid test kits. We received them right in time for the GMM. We tested all attendees and fortunately everyone tested negative.

I would like to thank Bro. Gerard and Sis. Emma for taking charge of the food. Also thank you to all who donated additional food. And much appreciated to the executive committee for setting up and making sure that the venue was sanitized and safe for all attendees.

Our Vice President started giving away his presents to our membership. All paid attendees received a GLA shirt. Coming soon will be a jacket for each paid member who has attended 2 service projects and 2 GMMs or GLA fellowships. Sis. Liza Valera also donated dry fit collared shirt to all officers. Thanks Bro. VP Roland and Sis Liza.

We collected used clothing for LA's homeless and for victims of Typhoon Odette in Bohol. Five jumbo boxes are already being shipped to Bohol care of APO GLA's Bro. Lino Chatto.

We are hoping to have a better turn out on our next meeting. We are looking forward to seeing our brothers and sisters way east of Greater Los Angeles from the Inland Empire and Palm Springs area. We'll see you at our 2nd GMM on February 19, 2022, at Bro. Ogie Jaranilla's place in Moreno Valley.

Bro. Roehl Reyes
APOGLA 2022 President

Hurry! SIGN UP NOW! **LA MARATHON 2022**

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

https://www.titanvolunteers.com/volunteers/sign_up_group_member/2784-APOGLA

Water Station Mile 13
Sunday March 20, 2022
5:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Sunset Blvd west of Laurel Ave
Only a few slots left before the organizers
will open it to the public

"Restoring Progress
By Renewed Commitment"

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BEHIND THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Hello APOGLA Brothers and Sisters! Welcome to our maiden column for this year, 2022. We are happy to share with you the workings of your Board and glad to inform you of what's going on.

During our first meeting last January 7, 2022, 7:00PM, at my residence (Bro Lester) at Monterey Park, each member of the Board was assigned to head a specific committee which was as follows:

<i>Bro Lester Arevalo</i>	<i>Overall Chairman</i>
<i>Bro Roehl Reyes</i>	<i>Executive Committee</i>
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<i>Bro Geoffrey Arroyo</i>	<i>Benefits & Charities</i>

The Board also passed a resolution naming the new signatories for the APOGLA account with Wells Fargo. Authorized signatories have been changed from Bro. Troy Agagon & Bro Beeboy Mansilla to Sis Emma Galang and Bro Roehl Reyes, the new Treasurer and President-elect, respectively. Moving forward, all checks and other bank documents signed by Sis Emma and/or Bro Roehl will be considered valid.

In addition to the items we brought up to you, the Board is also planning to require all members to submit a

membership form complete with ID number. It will be randomly checked for authenticity with the National Council. The ID does not have to be current. The Board will also make the Executive Committee and the general membership accountable that every member is in compliance with this requirement.

Our President, Brod Roehl Reyes already submitted his Budget proposal for the year for review and approval of the Board. The Budget is commendable but certain items need further clarification, therefore this will be up for more discussion by the Board.

I would like to stress here, Brothers and Sisters that maintaining the integrity of APOGLA is top on the Board's agenda.

*in LFS,
Bro. Lester Arevalo
APOGLA COB 2022*



Used clothing donations for LA's homeless & victims of Typhoon Odette in Bohol. Five jumbo boxes are already being shipped to Bohol care of APO GLA's Bro. Lino Chatto, now enjoying retirement in Bohol.



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was immediately given a company car to use and given other perks which immensely satisfied him and inspired him to work harder. Sis Ophel on the other hand, had a small business she attended to aside from looking after the kids.

Despite the success they had, Sis Ophel was convinced by the late Sis Lillia Lim, the wife of Brod Nanding Lim, to join them in the US. Sis Ophel thought about it for quite a while and finally firmly decided that for the good of the children's future, they should leave for the US. Unconvinced, Brod Tony refused to go along with his wife's plan as he was so successful and content with his job at Roche. Meanwhile, Sis Ophel was firm in her decision to go to the States, bought plane tickets for her and the kids and then left! Ka Tony was left forlorn and it did not take long for him to pack up his bags and follow wifey and the kids to the States.

Sis Ophel admitted that at first, life was very difficult. The Lims helped them though, and everybody in the family learned how to survive. Little by little life improved. And as time passed by, they joined APOAA here and the rest is history.

The move they made could have resulted to a separation. But as usual, they persisted. Remember the line "Love is perfect and UNCHANGING, love is a guiding star"

Ka Tony himself told me (and he should tell the new couples as well) "Stick to one another, help one another and solve all the problems that come your way. You have to strive for the sake of your family." Sis Ophel nodded in agreement.

His recent heart attack while on a cruise with some Brods and Sisters, showed him their strong family bond. Sis Ophel never left him in the entirety of this life threatening event. His children helped greatly that he'll be flown to the US and for him to get that exceptional health care. It confirmed that their kids will always be there for them.

It also confirms what Sonnet 116 says:

*Love is perfect and unchanging
Love is a guiding star,
It is not susceptible to time,
it does not CHANGE . . ."*



APOGLA's version of a Valentine's Party, the Ladies Night, will be held on February 26 at the Noypitz DTLA at 333 S. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA. This was happily announced by Dae Mendez, Chairperson of the said affair.

Dae Mendez promises it will be a night to remember. A night of love and romance which will start at 6pm in the said venue. Buffet is set at \$45.00 per person. There will be fun games, and numerous prizes.

The Chairperson also stressed that guests are all welcome. It has been a tradition in APOGLA to observe Valentine's Day with a party to honor the ladies of the group.

Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles

LADIES NIGHT



February 26, 2022

**Saturday
6:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

Dinner Buffet: \$45

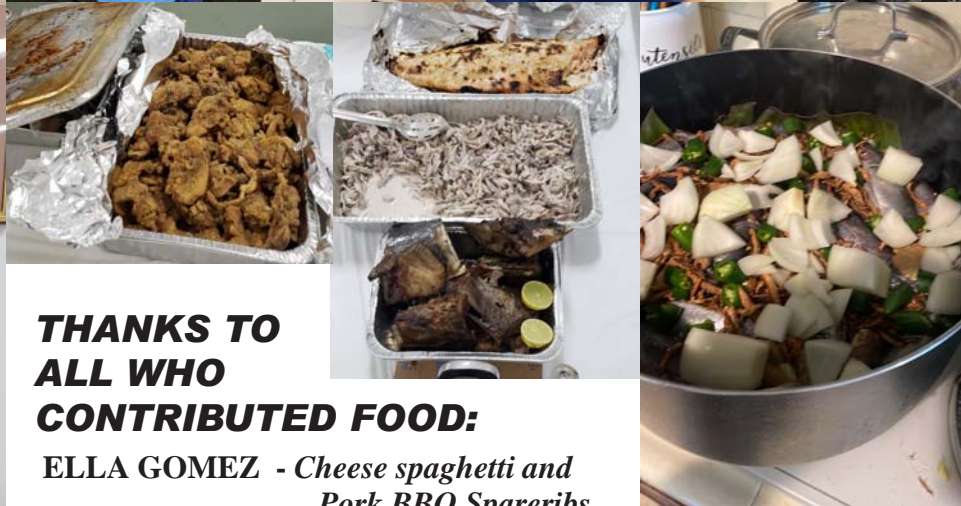


The Noypitz Bar and Grill, 333 S Alameda St Ste 115, Los Angeles, CA 90013

Proposed Calendar Summary for 2022

	GMM	Friendship	Service	Leadership	Fundraising
January	Execom: Rosemead		Clothing Collection		
February	Coachella Valley: Ogie Jaranilla	Ladies Night	Blood Letting		
March	SFV: Jimmy Bautista		Marathon		Start of Raffle
April	San Gabriel: Bodjie		*Philippine Based Service		
May	Camping	Camping/ Sportfest	Tree People		
June	SFV: Emma Galang		Philippine Independence		
July	Inland Empire: Mandy Javierto	4th of July/Family Picnic			Golf
August	San Clarita: Community Hall		Operation Gratitude		
September	Central LA: B Nutritious		Beach Clean up		Buscapade
October	Orange County: Sis Daema	Election/Pictorial	Filipino Month @ Carson	Symphosium	
November		Thanksgiving: Sta Clarita Valley			End of Raffle
December		December Affair	APO Kids Grant		
January		New Year's Eve			

Pictures from January GMM at Rosemead Masonic Temple



THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED FOOD:

ELLA GOMEZ - *Cheese spaghetti and
Pork BBQ Spareribs*
 VP ROLAND PARAS - *Beef Spareribs*
 BRO. SANCHO & MAY SY - *Baked Salmon*
 BRO. BOBET PENEZA - *Killing Tuna (collar), Tulingan*
 ASST SEC. SIS. LIZA VALERA - *Caldereta*
 PP DOMEL EVANGELISTA - *Beef Tripe (callos)*
 P.R.O. SIS. JING GUERRERO - *Ginataan Pinkberry, Coffee*
 BRO. JUN CHIN - *Crispy Chicken*
 BRO. BUDDY & EVA SALVADOR - *Pop Corn*
 APOGLA - *Miki Bihon and Pinakbet*

The virtual attendees missed out on all the good food, Single Malt and Cognac.



The Birth of the Tiger Tony Golf Academy (TTGA)

By Bro. Eric "Doc" Serrano

For so many years past, our golfing brethren have been encouraging most of us to take up the sport. When asked, I would usually quip, "I didn't want to be part of the SMB..." What does that mean, they would ask. I would answer, "*Samahan ng maitim ang batok*" (An organization of dark-colored napes). Even when Tiger Woods was running roughshod over all the competition and winning almost every tournament pulling away. Tiger would become one of the most famous athletes in history. I recall there was a move around five years back, when Bro. Tony Gomez, fondly called in APO Golfing Circles as "Tiger Tony", would attempt to teach a small group of APO GLA brethren on the golfing basics. After a few times on the practice range, the move just fizzled out. But even then, Tiger Tony would try to convince everyone who would listen on what we were missing out on.

Then, in early August of 2021, at around the birthday of Bro Tony Gomez, a small group of us received a text message from Tiger Tony stating that if we were free on that Saturday morning, he would be at the Knollwood Estates Golf Course to teach anyone who was interested to learn. I recall seeing Bros. Beeboy Mansilla, Rene Calvario, Henry Valdecantos, Sancho Sy and Tony Amon showed up at 7:00 AM to receive the first instructions from Bro. Tiger Tony. Maybe it was due to the fatigue with our movements being restrained due to COVID-19... Maybe it was because most of use were contemplating or were actually "*retarded*" and looking ahead to possible activities to undertake... Whatever, it was, the timing could not have come at a better time.

At a breakfast hosted by Sis Ella Gomez, Bro Tony's better half, someone offered to call our group the Students of Tiger Tony's Golf Academy (TTGA)... and Voila!! The TTGA was born... It has been over six months since we started. Some of us eventually joined the APO Golf USA under the leadership of Bro. Angel Pangilinan and counts up to more than 40 brothers and sisters of different APO Alumni Associations in Southern California.

Playing golf is indeed a challenge. As Coach Tiger would initially say, you would have to "unmemorize" many of the habits we have been used to all our adult life. Be that as it may, we offer our deepest appreciation to Bro. "Tiger" Tony Gomez for offering his time and expertise to teach us "*bagitos*" the rudiments of the game. Personally, I find it very fulfilling at times, frustrating at times, but mostly gratifying that I have found the sport that would take me to my twilight years... **FORE...!!!**



Join us! Tiger Tony Golf Academy

Free lessons by Brother Tony Gomez, Saturday mornings at 7am
at the Knollwood Golf Country Club in Granada Hills, California.

PPE DONATIONS TO THE PHILIPPINES



Through the efforts of APOGALA's PPs Sancho Sy, Beeboy Mansilla and Brod Rene Calvario, our organization was able to donate ten boxes of the much needed personal protection equipment (PPEs) to Cotabato City, Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte and Bataan.

When Sis Ving Adriatico of New York informed APOAAs in the US that Memphis Mission of Mercy based in Memphis, Tennessee was endowing boxes of PPEs to those in need, Brods Sancho Sy, Beeboy Mansilla and Rene Calvario immediately went into action. Thus, they were able to procure eleven boxes of equipment for donation.

Brod Beeboy dispatched five boxes to Cotabato City, Brod Sancho had three boxes delivered to Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte while Brod Rene sent two boxes to Bataan.

In Cotabato City, the Notre Dame Hospital and the Cotabato Medical Regional Center were the recipients of the boxes. Meanwhile, in Sindangan, Bro. Sancho's brother Vice-Mayor Nilo Sy, took charge of distributing the three boxes of supplies and the beneficiaries were: Msgr. Severo Caermare, for the Diocese of Dipolog, Sindangan LGU, Sindangan District Hospital, Sindangan RHU and Sindangan PNP. Brod Rene sent his two boxes to Jose Payumo Jr. Memorial Hospital, Bataan Peninsula State University. He said that he coordinated with Bing Biglete (Alpha 76), Sis Marie Salvador, Brod Lloyd Dizon of APO Dinalupihan, Bataan, Brod Rene's birthplace, and Bataan Peninsula School APO (Petitioning Chapter 210). Each box contained 150 PPEs of hospital gowns and masks, 300 masks with built in shields and 12 googles.



in Cotabato City



in Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte





FROM MY POINT OF VIEW

BY BRO. DAN E. NINO
CEO/COB, APOGCLA 501 C-3

YOUNGSTER JAKE MERILO TOPPED APO GOLF FOR A CAUSE TOURNEY

Corona, Calif. – *Jake Taruc Merilo, the 22-year-old son of APO San Diego Bro. Robert Merilo who was also the competitor of the former, topped the 1st Golf For A Cause hosted by APO Global Foundation on Jan. 9 at the tricky and challenging Dos Lagos Golf Course by the foothills of the scenic, wind-swept Cleveland National Forest.*

The young and lanky Merilo at 5'10", carded a 72 low gross in the par 70 playing to 6,544 yards, 18-hole rolling hillside. He was probably inspired by his lovely girlfriend, Allison Kiehl of Filipina-German descent who also brought her pet dog named, Willow, of Pug breed. "Our dog is my caddie," Jake jested. He added, "Of course, Allison was my inspiration."

Merilo, a great grandson of the late Hukbalahap Supremo Luis Taruc, turned in two birdies on the 14th's par 5 and another on the 12th's par 5. He described the golf course which he played for the first time as narrow, lots of hazards and slopes and "doglegs" a golf parlance of a golf hole having an angled fairway to the left or to the right.

This future Fil-Am golf great who was trained by his dad at age 5 will graduate in May at Cal State of San Diego with a B.S. Degree in Real Estate Finance and has already a job offer awaiting for him in San Francisco. The APO Golf For A Cause is the 5th golf championships won by Jake organized by APO alumni chapters in the region.

Golfers numbering a hundred, started to trickle in at 6 a.m., a chilly morning - to register and started promptly at 8 am in a shotgun fashion. Some players however, begged off at the last minute due to health protocols. Among notable winners include Marco Antonio of Yucaipa, a Class A Champion with Nards Castillo of APO Golfers Club as runner-up; Doc Wille Del Mundo of 19th TEE is the Class B champion while fellow 19th TEE member Erwin Lopez is runner-up. APO San Diego-based Bro. Francis Franco as Class C champion with APO-South Bay/APO Golfers, Audie Grey as runner-up.



Class C Champion APO San Diego-based Bro. Francis Franco (center) shows off his trophy. Flanking him are APO Global Foundation CEO/COB, Bro. Dan E. Nino and emcee Julian San Juan of 19th Tee Golf Club.



APO "Golf For A Cause" champion, Jake Merilo proudly holds his championship trophy. From left: Bro. Mar Garchitorena, Golf tournament overall chairman, Overall Low Gross Champion Jake Merilo, his girlfriend and inspiration Allison Kiehl holding "dog caddie" Willow, Bro. Robert Merilo and Sis Irma Almazan



*APO Global Foundation officers and volunteers from left: Dan E. Nino, Mar Garchitorena, Irma Almazan, Pressy Marte, Rene Yambot, Betta David, Mary Anne Peneza, Alex Almazan and Christian David.
– Photo by Dan E. Nino*

Golfers became excited and full of anticipation in the "Hole-In-One" competition, covering three holes: Hole No. 5 with a free airline ticket as prize anywhere in the U.S., Hole No. 11 for a new car or \$30,000 in cash and Hole No. 17 from a ridge overlooking the green with \$10,000 in cash. Unfortunately, no one won but Paul Leary, Jr. came to the closest to the pin. Golf For A Cause chairman, Mar Garchitorena said, "His ball was already moving towards the hole when it stopped about a foot short. The hole was even placed at 135 yards. Although we love for someone to bring home the huge prizes, no one won."

Closest to the pin winners are Renel Silverio in Hole No. 8, Rocky Marte in Hole No. 11 and Arthur Salonga in Hole No. 15, Paul Leary in Hole No. 17 and Ruel Umantal. AJ Beckly and Mervyn Gucilatar won the most accurate drive on Hole No. 4.

This Golf For A Cause was also dubbed as a golf tournament within a tournament. Rival golf clubs competed against each other like a rematch between Pars & Better and 19th TEE as well as APO Golf USA and 19th TEE as a monthly tournament.

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Remembering **ROSEMARIE DE VERA-JAVIER,** **a beauty queen with a mission**

By **Dan E. Nino**

Beauty queen. Movie actress. Singer and recording artist. Charity fund-raiser. Philanthropist. Community leader. Marketing specialist.

Those are the words I use to characterize Rosemarie de Vera-Javier: a good friend, a province mate and fellow community leader. She passed away quietly at Cedars Sinai Hospital on January 15 at 9:05 p.m. surrounded by immediate family members and via zoom in both the U.S. and in the Philippines. She was 60.

Rosemarie was proclaimed Mutya ng Pilipinas Tourism in 1980 and represented the Philippines at the Miss Asia Quest and wound up as runner-up in 1981.

With all her accomplishments, and busy schedules as mother to four young children, Rosemarie soldiered on in her humanitarian endeavors - helping the disadvantaged and less fortunate members of society - belonging to Gabay For Children of Autism and Cerebral Palsy, her favorite charitable NGO in Quezon City, Philippines. Despite the challenges of organizing fund-raisers, Rosemarie undauntedly organized a fund-raising event in partnership with Pangasinan Brotherhood-USA at Marriott Hotel in Long Beach in 2018, summoning her well-heeled friends to participate. Funds collected were sent to this group of 21 handicapped children and young adults to buy essential sustenance and medical goods.

I knew it, I was there lending a helping hand. As a CEO and Board chairman of **APO Global Foundation**, I picked up the pieces and also recommended Gabay as our beneficiary and sent financial assistance twice in 2020 — to buy goods like medications, vitamins, food, rice, pampers, etc. Rosemarie's legacy had a Domino effect. Our implementor on the ground then, the **Ateneo (Gamma Kappa) APO Alumni Association** picked up the project and also raised funds twice in a row in one year in 2021 and also distributed similar goods.

At one time while visiting Manila, she donated her travel allowance to the needy who were in a hospital's corridors waiting to be treated. Giovanni, Rosemarie's husband was choking with emotion while relating this episode about Rosemarie's concern for the hapless patients.

Born and raised in Manila, Rosemarie is the 5th child of 12 children of the late Rustico de Vera of Mangaldan, Pangasinan and Zenaida Rosario-de Vera of San Carlos City of Pangasinan. Although a full-blooded Pangasinense, Rosemarie could not speak fluent Pangasinan.

Although she was already under the weather on Oct. 31, 2021, the last time I saw her, Rosemarie was still delighted to meet her fellow Pangasinenses and officers of Pangasinan Brotherhood-USA wherein she's a Board member. You can tell that she was somehow frail due to Chemotherapy. As customary, she cooked her own potluck. That's how she was — devoted to her cause and to people she was associated with. She was gentle, kind, humble, generous and no put-on-air.

Rosemarie graduated with B.S. degree in Tourism at San Sebastian College, Manila. This serves her well. As a marketing specialist, she was assigned to travel to Pangasinan province not only as an ambassador of goodwill but to coordinate with the Pangasinan governor and provincial officialdom, manufacturers and producers to promote their products in a Business Expo in Carson, CA. "She did her job well. She was a catalyst," quipped Eddie C. Ferrer, former president of Pangasinan Brotherhood-USA.

Renowned fashion designer Renee Salud discovered 18-year-old, 5'8" tall Rosemarie de Vera and egged her to join the beauty pageant. After her reign as Mutya ng Pilipinas, she toured several countries as a singer with well known recording artists like Rico Puno, Marco Sison, Rey Valera, Hadji Alejandro, Bobby Vale, among others. She recorded "Nasaan Ka", a mellow dramatic Original Pilipino Music under Blackgold Records headed by Vic Del Rosario. Her favorite singers included Carole King, Linda Ronstadt, Michael Jackson and the Bee Gees.

Rosemarie's fame as beauty queen was her vehicle as an actress. She starred with action giants like Fernando Poe, Jr. (Sambahin Ang Ngalan Mo), Rudy Fernandez (Vendetta), Ramon Revilla, Sr. (Sierra Madre), Lito Lapid, Jun Aristorenas and Anthony Alonzo, to name a few.

I first met Rosemarie at a dinner banquet in Orange County organized by National Asian American Coalition sometime in 2017. I gave her my business card. A year or so later, she called, informing me that she is also a fellow Pangasinense. I invited her and husband Giovanni to a dinner in Cerritos with my fellow Pangasinenses. Presto! She was eager to reconnect with her roots. This led to many meetings and phone conversations. She even asked me to cover the Search for Mutya ng California.



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FROM MY POINT OF VIEW By Bro. Dan E. Nino

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The beneficiaries of the “APO Golf For A Cause”, according to Dan E. Nino and Mar Garchitorena, board chairman and golf tournament chair respectively of APO Global Foundation, a 501 C-3 public benefit, are earmarked for the disadvantaged and the marginalized Dumagat and Igorot minorities who are settlers of Sierra Madre Mountain in Nueva Ecija. There are now three household recipients who have been allotted with this Egg Laying Livelihood Program. Their poultries of 72 chickens per module are being monitored on the ground by APO Agricultural & Livestock Association of the Philippines.

APO Global would also thank the sponsors, volunteers and golfers for their participation despite the challenges of the pandemic. Among the Diamond and Platinum sponsors who made this golf for a cause a reality include Dr. Mac Lichauco, HGreg Auto Group c/o Vi & Manny Martinez, Speedpro Plus Signs c/o Rudy Emperado, Asian Journal Publications, Monte Maria Wine Cellars, Bayani Pay, Dr. Joselito & Lucy Babaran, Dr. Tim Almazan, VCA Engineers

c/o Virgil Aoanan, LA Financial c/o Loida Atienza, Hand n Hand c/o Flor Mendoza, Dr. Librado I. Ureta Foundation & APO Trekkers c/o Marc Barcelona, and in cooperation with APO Golf Club USA and 19th Tee Golf Club.

For future donations for charitable purposes as espoused by APO Global Foundation, interested parties may call Irma Almazan @ 562-298-6454 or Mar Garchitorena@661-317-1713. denino1951@gmail.com



APO Global Foundation officers and volunteers from left: Dan E. Nino, Mar Garchitorena, Irma Almazan, Pressy Marte, Rene Yambot, Betta David, Mary Anne Peneza, Alex Almazan and Christian David. – Photo by Dan E. Nino

Remembering Rosemarie de Vera-Javier . . .



After establishing so much rapport, we asked her to be a Board member of Pangasinan Brotherhood-USA. Oh Boy! Although she lived in San Fernando Valley, she was consistent and devoted in her participation in our activities, meetings both in person and on Zoom – with full support from hubby Vanni. We even assigned her to chair the Search for Miss Pangasinan-USA in 2020 but Covid-19 torpedoed our campaign. Rosemarie, you are something else. You left an exemplar legacy that is rare for a celebrity like you.

She is survived by her husband, Giovanni Javier, four children: Vanross, Micah, Krystal and Zyde, mother Zenaida Rosario-De Vera and living siblings Arnold, Judy, Emelie, Jocelyn, Giovanni, Jaenalyn, Gemma, Jaywin and Christopher.

A family statement was issued by her eldest child, Vanross: “Hello everyone. This is her son, Vanross. On January 15th, 9:05 pm, my mother Rosa Maria de Vera-

Javier passed away from her 2-year fight with cancer. The family is devastated by the news and I’m sure those who knew her, are too. I want everyone to know that she was one of the brightest lights in my family as well as many others’ lives. And that her capacity to love had no limit. She loved you all. I truly believe that. Just know that she is not suffering anymore and she is watching us all from a better place. God bless you all.” – Vanross de Vera Javier.

Rosemarie’s cousin, Eulo de Vera of San Diego reminisced her. “She loved visiting us, her relatives. She loved to mingle, sing and always finds a way to throw a humor in between conversations. When she had a special event, she didn’t forget to invite us to attend like when she performed with the Earth Wind and Fire.”

Viewing will take place on Feb. 17 from 10 am to 4 pm at Forest Lawn Memorial in Glendale. A funeral service will follow at the Church of the Recessional from 5 pm to 7 pm also at Forest Lawn. Interested parties may e-mail: Info@forestlawn.com. Thereafter, her remains will be flown to the Philippines and will be interred at Himlayang Pilipino in Quezon City.

Farewell my friend. You will be terribly missed by those whom you’ve touched with your kindness, gentleness, humility and humanitarian endeavors. Your family and Pangasinan Brotherhood-USA will miss you dearly.

You will also be missed by the organizers of Mutya Pilipinas California which you’ve helped nurture through the years. See you someday in another realm. – denino1951@gmail.com




GOINGS ON by Sis. Fely Montecillo

“KUNG HEI FAT CHOI!” It's the Chinese New Year once again and this time it's the Year of the Tiger! Tiger years have the potential to be explosive. And 2022 is the year of the Water Tiger - referring to the five elements of fire, earth, metal, water and wood. These rotate alongside the animal signs which is good. It may be less aggressive and it is more open minded.

The year starts from February 13 and ends on January 21, 2023. A water Tiger occurs every 60 years. The Tiger is known as the King of all beasts in China. The Zodiac sign of Tiger is a symbol of strength, exorcising evils and bravery.

Ox and goat are the luckiest Zodiac signs of the Zodiac in the year 2022. For those born in the genre of the Rat, Snake, Pig, Monkey, Pig and Dog, will need to make comparatively more effort to have achievements. Rabbit, Dragon, Horse and Rooster people are destined to enjoy a smooth life and good luck in making money this year. Tigers will encounter their birth sign this year in 2022. Wearing red will bring good luck in a birth sign this year.

It's love month  once again! February is all about LOVE. People get so busy working every day focusing on their jobs, bills to pay, meetings to attend, deadlines to beat that they forget the people who really matter in their lives - the people they love. So, on this important date, let us pay special attention to our loved ones, let us shower them with LOVE!

This month, however, has other celebrations too! We have the Black History month, Creative Romance month, American Heart month, An Affair to Remember month and National Cancer Prevention month.

And did you know that the first day of Valentine's Week starts with Rose Day, followed by Propose Day, Chocolate Day, Teddy Day, Promise Day, Hug Day, Kiss Day and ends on February 14 with Valentine's Day?

In the Zodiac, those born between January 21 and February 18 are under the sign of Aquarius while those born between February 19 and March 21 are under the sign of Pisces. Individuals under the sign of Aquarius are down to earth, and have a charming persona. They are popular for their eccentricity and for their idealism. Those under the sign of Pisces are creative and kind. They have empathy for friends and will do anything to be of help to others.

So, HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all our Brods and Sisters celebrating their natal day this month! Hope you all have a great day and that your year ahead will be full of many blessings!

From our ever active, respected and responsible chairman emeritus of the LA Marathon Service, Brod Egay Ninofranco, comes the much awaited announcement that all systems go for the world famous LA Marathon slated to take place this coming March 20, 2022. Volunteer registration for this event is ongoing.

And more happy news! In addition to President Roehl Reyes' being a proud grandpa to a baby boy for the first time, we also learned of Brod Troy Agagon having his second grand child Makenna Elise Bush with daughter Justine. Brod Jimmy Magsino, is expecting his 1st grand child with son Jerome and daughter-in-law Breanne in March and Sis Emma Galang is also an expecting grandma for the first time in April with daughter Erika and son-in-law JJ. And so are Bro. Buddy and Eva, expecting another grandkid. Congratulations ye all!



Brods Roehl and Troy doing apostolic duties, both Granpas welcomed their grandkids last month, Roehl's 3rd and Troy's 2nd.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Sis. Emma Galang

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| 1. Adriano, Mel | 43. Medina, Mishael |
| 2. Agagon, Troy | 44. Mendoza, Armand |
| 3. Almazan, Alex | 45. Ninofranco, Edgar |
| 4. Almazan, Irma | 46. Noche, Caesar |
| 5. Amon, Ofel | 47. Pagdanganan, Liz |
| 6. Amon, Tony | 48. Pangilinan, Angel |
| 7. Ang-Gayon, Melody | 49. Paras, Roland |
| 8. Arevalo, Lester | 50. Paredes, Vic *2023 |
| 9. Argonza, Vince | 51. Pascua, Dom |
| 10. Arroyo, Geoffrey | 52. Pascual, Winston |
| 11. Atienza, Oscar | 53. Pastores, Alex |
| 12. Ayo, Toti | 54. Peneza, Jo |
| 13. Bautista, Jimmy | 55. Perez, Aldren**01-22 |
| 14. Bonete, Malene | 56. Petrasanta, Rene |
| 15. Bragado, Sam**01-22 | 57. Petreace, Petchie |
| 16. Brillo, Oscar | 58. Posadas, Rey |
| 17. Cajucom, Willy | 59. Rayala, Joar |
| 18. Calvario, Rene | 60. Remorozo, Gerard |
| 19. Castillo, Nards | 61. Reyes, Roehl |
| 20. Clarete, Sam | 62. Rondilla, Donato |
| 21. Clavecilla, Nan | 63. Rubina-Galang, Emma |
| 22. Conferido, Reuben | 64. Sager, Limuel |
| 23. Cristobal, Lope | 65. Salas, Hazel |
| 24. Delmolin, Froilan | 66. Salvador, Buddy |
| 25. Dime, Emmanuel | 67. Serrano, Eric |
| 26. Enguero, Pam | 68. Sevilla, Bobby |
| 27. Fajardo, Marilou | 69. Sipin, Perry |
| 28. Ferrer, Jojo**01-22 | 70. Sy, Chowee** |
| 29. Flores, Rudy | 71. Sy, Sancho |
| 30. Franco, Rolly | 72. Tarculas, Josie |
| 31. Gomez, Tony | 73. Tarculas, Lito |
| 32. Gopez, Bernard | 74. Tecson, Ed |
| 33. Guerrero, Jing | 75. Umandal, Ruel**01-22 |
| 34. Ilagan, Manny | 76. Valentino, Hero |
| 35. Imperial, Gloria | 77. Valera, Liza |
| 36. Javierto, Mandy | 78. Yambot, Ferdie |
| 37. Jovellanos, Jobee | 79. Yenko, Rene |
| 38. Layno, Maryann | |
| 39. Linsangan, Jun | |
| 40. Maidin, Yusup | |
| 41. Mansilla, Beeboy | |
| 42. Marte, Rocky | |

** - new members

* - paid until 2023



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY CELEBRANTS



MEMBER:

- 02 - Marc Bundalian
- 03 - Armand Mendoza
- Rebecca "bibic" Ford
- 04 - Jennifer Evangelista
- 11 - Alvin Nonato
- 12 - Bonjie Ingco (deceased)
- Nestor Jove
- 16 - Christina Abad
- 18 - Caloy Enriquez
- 19 - Conrado Lazo
- 24 - Gerry Arante
- Beatriz Ventura
- 26 - Dom Pascua

SPOUSES:

- 02 - Mercedes Cabral
- 05 - Rollygen Posadas
- 06 - Precy Marte
- 09 - Nida Nonato
- 21 - Roland Gayon, Allyn Pablo
- 24 - Jeanette Clarete
- 26 - Chiqui Ramos

APO KIDS:

- 01 - Ardina Morillos,
- Rheene Yambot
- 02 - Matthew Madrigal,
- Mae Robles,
- Janine Tarculas
- 04 - Bed Fisico
- 06 - Megan Ninofranco,
- Jonathan Maddela
- 07 - Jeffrey Gomez, Jamie Bautista
- 08 - Dainty Amon
- 09 - Joseph Duldulao
- 10 - Elena Rondilla
- 12 - Janelle Alejandria
- 13 - Mikael Anton Ang-Gayon,
- Daryl Amon
- 17 - Joevic Cobarrubias,
- Josh Parayno
- 18 - KC Ingco, James Valentino,
- Jay Henry Valentino
- 24 - Lean Noche
- 25 - John Howard Paras
- 27 - Kayla Williams,
- Nicole Ilagan

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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us this
Saturday, February 19, 2022
GMM starts at 5pm

IN PERSON MEETING:
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See You At The GMM!

