



PAANO Newsletter

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Tulsa, Oklahoma



Spring Message

Victor Duran, PAANO President 2005

This has been a very busy year for PAANO so far. I want to thank all the members and individuals who went out of their ways to help this organization in all the fundraising activities we had accomplished. With your dedication and devotion to the new list of projects, together we will overcome every obstacle that may come our way.

We have the rest of the year to look forward to and I ask every one of you to continue your support in the quest for a better future. I encourage each and everyone to join in all of our activities. We must all work as a whole with

one purpose.

The unity must remain strong to represent the "VISION" that we seek,

Lastly, I want to thank those who helped run the garage sale and especially those who donated the items. It was definitely a fun, learning, and profitable event for this organization. I hope to see the continuing support of our members in our future plans.

Thank You.

Victor

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EASTER PICNIC

The Easter Picnic was held at Haikey Park on March 26, 2005. The attendance was not as expected due to the cold and windy weather. Thank goodness to whoever brought the hot cocoa, it sure came in handy! There were lots of good food and various games for the kids. There was egg toss game, egg spoon race and egg hunting for the kids and adults both without the egg hunting of course. After all the fun and games the picnic goers just mingled amongst each other while the kids played at the park playground. Those who were super cold huddled together around the bonfire.





PAANO 2005 Calendar of Events

July

July 16, Sat. 1-5pm
PAANO Picnic
 Haikey Creek
 Park—Tri Plex

August

Aug. 5-7, Fri-Sun
PAANO Camping
 Sequoyah State Park
 Wagoner, OK

Aug. 20, Sat. 6pm
PAANO Pageant
 St. Anne's
 Catholic Church

Date TBA

Golf Tournament
 White Hawk Golf
 Course—Bixby

September

Sept. 17, Sat. 6pm
Barrio Fiesta
 Garnett Church of Christ

October

Oct. 29, Sat. 6pm
*Halloween Party
 & Nomination of 2006
 Officers*
 St. Anne's
 Catholic Church

November

Nov. 19, Sat. 6pm
*Thanksgiving
 Party & Election
 of 2006 Officers*
 St. Anne's
 Catholic Church

December

Dec. 17, Sat. 6pm
Christmas Party
 St. Anne's
 Catholic Church

January 2006

January 14, 2006
Induction Ball
 Place TBA

**Correction from the
 last Newsletter:**
**THE ASSOCIATION
 WILL CONTINUE
 TO CHARGE \$2.00
 AS ENTRANCE FEE
 TO THOSE WHO
 ARE NOT PAANO
 MEMBERS. MEM-
 BERS & NON-
 MEMBERS SHOULD
 STILL BRING FOOD
 TO PAANO POT
 LUCK PARTIES.**

Announcements

**LOOKING FOR PAANO
 PAGEANT
 CANDIDATES**

Girls, ages 4-12 yrs. old.
 Contact Jean Balangue at
 Phone No. 459 3880 or
 Elaine Ramos at 254 2509
 not later than July 6, 2005.
 Please support the candi-
 dates by buying ads and
 sponsored tickets.

PAANO Camping

There will be a kite flying
 contest so please bring
 your best kites! Child-
 ren's Filipino football
 and lots of fun awaits the
 members who will join
 the camping at Sequoyah
 State Park on Aug. 5-7,
 2005.

New Borns:

- A Baby Girl to Jeremy & Jessica Roberson, granddaughter of Kelly & Virginia Provorse
- Baby Boy to Joseph & Jean Carlson
- Baby Girl to R. J. & Andrea Butefish

New Members:

- Dennis & Imelda Biggerstaff
- Mario Dominguez
- Renato & Celia Gilera
- Joe & Violeta Josserand
- John & Laura Josserand
- Robin Parungao
- Nathan & Claudia Uy

College Graduates:

- Thomas Slaven, son of Sam & Carina Slaven, Mechanical Engineer.
- Ray Stoner, B.S. Psychology

High School Graduates:

- Anthony Santos, son of Andrew & May Santos
- Crystal Cook, daughter of Juliet Farley

Wedding:

- Jain Manoj & Teresa Chasteen on June 25, 2005.

Condolences to the families of:

- Lina Conner
- Remy Craine
- Virgie Curtis
- Vinda Doring
- Gene Gonzales
- Harry McCoy
- Elsie Moore
- Virgie Curtis
- Daniel Burke

Please note that PAANO only relies on announcements that has been known and informed to us prior to publishing the Newsletter. If you have any additional announcements, please contact one of the Officers or any of the Editors and we will be glad to include it in the next issue.



**Treasurer's Report
Steve McQuillen**

**Financial Report as of
June 2005:**

Checking Balance :
\$8,400.17

Savings Balance :
\$1,646.19

As of June 2005 One Hundred Four (104) Members paid the dues.

GARAGE SALE

The Garage Sale was held at Garnett Church of Christ on May 14, 2005. Due to our kind members who donated a lot of their personal belongings, we acquired quite a bit of items to sell. The Association sold about \$800.00 worth of stuff. Thank you for all of your donations. We appreciate you!

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End of the Year Grand Raffle Drawing

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(it comes with 6 months warranty).

We will be selling raffle tickets for only \$5.00.

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Dunamis Auto Service

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**Officers Meeting Held on
May 11, 2005**

Location:

Camille's Restaurant

Present:

V. Duran, G. Pascual, R. Moore, R. Little, S. McQuillen, E. Navarro, D. Guyer & T. Cachero

Highlights:

Discussions on the upcoming events like picnic, camping, fundraising, Frontier City trip, Induction Ball, Kids World Event Booth and purchase of a new sound system.

Next PAANO Officers Meeting:

June 18, 2005 at 6:30pm.

**A Thank You Note
to PAANO Members
(by Vinda Doring)**

Dear Friends,
Our sorrow is made easier to bear through the thoughtfulness, kindness and support of friends and kababayans.

We want you to know how much we appreciate all that you have done for us during those trying hours. Thank you all for being there for us. We are blessed to have friends like you.

The Doring Family

International Day



Held at St. Bernard Catholic Church on May 15, 2005 Sun 6:30pm There were lots of food specially desserts. We had lots of our fellow Filipinos who participated in the dessert making contest and won 1st place prizes. The Youths performed the Tinikling and the Itik-Itik. They were great!

**Message from Ross Adkins
After Serving His Duties in Iraq**



After very long nine-months tour of duty in Iraq, the sights of Tulsa outside the airplane window was indeed a very welcome sight. After exiting the airplane, one of the most impressive and welcome sights was the many PAANO friends waiting for me in the lobby. It was almost overwhelming to see so many friends and especially my family with all their welcome signs. I want to thank all of those who made my welcome so warm. I would like to especially thank **Murray Buzzard** who welcomed me from Dallas. He has also been very instrumental in getting his office (American Airlines) to sponsor me while in Iraq by sending me care packages which I shared with my comrades and hospital staff. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of

you for holding me in your prayers during my long and somewhat lonely times in Baghdad. My time there I feel was well spent. My tour of duty as Chief of Public Affairs for the Gulf Region Division of the US Army Corp of Engineers gave me the privilege to help the wonderful people of Iraq regain their freedom after so many years of terror. We worked closely with the new fledgling government. We went to Iraq to help reconstruct the country whose dictator allowed it to breakdown because of neglect. Seeing Iraq again to start to blossom as a free nation was exciting and rewarding.

**-Ross Adkins
Chief, Public Affairs
USACE, Tulsa District**



SPORTS PAGE

1st PAANO Bowling League

Bowling was held at Mickey's Bowling Lanes, inside Eastland Mall, Tulsa, OK on May 14—June 3, 2005. The winners were Mario Dominguez, Highest Individual Score (Men); Malin Bonner. The Highest Individual Score (Women) 1st Place Highest Team Score goes to Pambihira Team: Mario Dominguez, Meliza Grant, Beth Fuentes & Mike Grant. 2nd Place Pambato Team: Malin Bonner, Marilyn Kuykendall, Bing Adkins, Lowell Bonner & Lorna Drews & 3rd Place

goes to Naghahabol: Team, Robert Little, Gina Little, Nathan Uy & Claudia Uy. Trophies were awarded to the winners at St. Anne's Parish Hall on June 11, 2005.

Special thanks to our sponsors for their donations of our goody bags : Lorraine Hauser, Ana Wilson, Ana Mitchel, Vener Crisostomo, & Phil-Asia Store & Gifts. Trophies and banner were donated by Dunamis Auto Service c/o Mr. Roland Tandoy.



Juni Cajefe tries hard for a strike.



Highest Individual Score (Women) **Malin Bonner** & Highest Individual Score (Men) **Mario Dominguez**



Pambihira, Pambato & Naghahabol Teams accepted their trophies as First, Second & Third Place Winners

Basketball League

The Third Annual PAANO men's basketball league kicked off last April 9, 2005 culminating with the championship game held on June 11, 2005. The **Storm Team : Tex Flores, Roland Tandoy, Robin Parungao, Shawn Marcum, Steve Jackson, Ronald Pedrosa & Raul Villanueva** bested 7 teams that played in the league. Second was **David Decker's** team. The winning teams were presented with trophies that evening at St. Anne's Parish Hall. Special awards were also given to **Anthony Santos** for 2005 MVP, **Pete Ramos** for The Goofiest Player, **Andrew Santos** for Best Defensive Player and Three-point shoot-out winner is **Jeremy Reed**. We thank everyone who helped make this league a successful one.



Anthony Santos, 2005 Basketball MVP received his trophy from PAANO President Victor Duran



Roland Tandoy, Tex Flores & Robin Parungao had their Champion Trophy on behalf of the Storm Team.

Golf Tournament

PAANO hosted a golf tournament on June 12, 2005 at the White Hawk Golf Course. The best team scored 12 under par. The team consists of Roger Bonaobra, Roland Tandoy, Pete Ramos and Gilbert Cachero. Victor Duran won the Closest to the Pin event while Greg Feyerabend clinched the Longest Drive.

Awarding of prizes was done immediately following the golf game.

Prizes were donated by *Sanport Auto Service, Reasors, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Schwans and Silver Flame Steakhouse by Mr. Rick Moore. American Waste Control Inc.* was the major sponsor of the tournament.



Victor Duran won the Closest to the Pin Award



The winning team: Roger, Roland, Pete & Gilbert



EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!



What : Luau Party
 When : July 2, 2005 (Saturday)
 6:00pm to 2:00am
 Where: Carolina's Trail Club
 I -40, Exit 237
 Henryetta, OK 74437
 (918) 652 9028
 FOOD PROVIDED.....DANCE.....MUSIC



CAR CARE TIPS

Andrew Santos, Owner
Sanport Auto Service

Welcome to the world of CAR CARE

Although cars and trucks have gotten pretty complicated within the last decade, there are some things that you, as an owner and operator, can do to keep your vehicle safe and in good running condition.

With the soaring price of gasoline, keeping your car properly tuned helps maximize fuel efficiency. Regular maintenance checks and simple service can greatly reduce the cost of car ownership (and avoid unnecessary expense). So here are some simple and basic things to check on a regular basis:

1. Check engine oil every other fill-up. First remove the dipstick, and wipe it clean. Insert it fully and remove it again. If it is low, add oil but DO NOT overfill. Engine oil should be changed every 3,000 miles or 3 months. Remember, that oil is the "blood" of your engine. Running your engine low on oil WILL cause problems.

2. Check your air filter every 6 months. A dirty and plugged up air filter is like you breathing with cotton balls in your nose- NOT GOOD!

3. About once a month, check your coolant level, power steering, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and windshield washer fluid. When checking the transmission fluid, make sure engine is running. Shift to drive (go through all the gears) then back to park. Remove dipstick, wipe dry, insert it and remove it again. Just like engine oil, add if low but DO NOT OVER-FILL! Only use the correct fluid for your car. Check your owner's manual.

4. Be sure all your lights are clean and working. Not only for safety reasons, but you can get a ticket for busted lights and that can get expensive!

5. Next, keep tires properly inflated and check for bulges and abnormal tread wear. Uneven wear indicates tires are out of balance or car needs alignment. It can also mean steering and suspension problems. For maximum tread life, rotate tires

every 6 months or 6,000 miles.

As a general rule, try to give your car TLC and the attention it deserves. After all, your car is your investment. Remember, prevention is the best way to keep our car from breaking down out there on the road.

In the meantime, if you are planning on a road trip, we can give you peace of mind with our comprehensive pre-travel check-up and evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call either one of our locations and we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have. You can reach us in Broken Arrow at 258-0676 and in Tulsa at 622-8726.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND KEEP COOL!

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LEGAL CORNER

IMMIGRATION FACTS

By Atty. Brian D. Lerner

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H-2B's: They're Back!

Question: I had petitioned for temporary workers earlier, but was told all H-2B's were used up. Is there anything that can be done? I really need these workers.

Answer: Yes, beginning May 25, 2005, U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will begin to accept additional petitions for H-2B workers as required by the Save Our Small and Seasonal Businesses Act of 2005.

Question: Who will benefit from this Act?

Answer: The Act allows USCIS to accept filings beginning May 25, 2005 for two types of H-2B workers seeking work start dates as early as immediately: 1. For fiscal year 2005: Approximately 35,000 workers, who are new H-2B workers or who are not certified as returning workers, seeking work start dates before October 1, 2005. 2. For FY 2005 and 2006: All "returning workers", meaning workers who counted against the H-2B annual numerical limit of 66,000 during any one of the three fiscal years preceding the fiscal year of the requested start date. This means: In a petition for a work start date before October 1, 2005 (FY2005), the worker must have been previously approved for an H-2B work start date between October 1, 2001 and September 30, 2004. In a petition for a work start date on or after October 1, 2005 (FY 2006), the worker must have being previously approved for an H-2B work start date between October 1, 2002 and September 30, 2005. If a petition was approved only for "extension of stay" in H-2B status, or only for change and additional of employers or terms of employment, the worker is not counted against the numerical limit at that time and, therefore, that particular approval cannot in itself result in the worker being considered a "returning worker" in a new petition. Any worker not certified as a "returning worker" will be subject to the numerical limitation for the relevant fiscal year.

Question: What is needed to file for the H-2B's under this Act?

Answer: Petition forms and processing will follow current rules, with these additional requirements for "returning workers:" The petition must include a certification from the petitioner (employer) signed by the same person who signed the Form I-129 stating, "As a supplement to the certification made on the attached Form I-129, I further certify that the workers listed below have entered the United States in H-2B status or changed to H-2B status during one of the last three fiscal years." The list must set forth the full name of the worker. If the petition seeks change of status of the worker within the United States, it must include evidence of previous H-2B admissions, such as a visa or a copy of i-94 admission document.

A single petition may benefit more than one worker, including unnamed workers in "special filing situation" for business reasons. However, any returning workers must be listed in a certification as described above. For multiple named workers, including returning workers, "Attachment 1" to Form I-129 must be included and completed.

A petition approval notice will list any returning workers, who must be prepared to show to the U.S. consulate (when requesting an H-2B visa) or CBP port inspector (if visa exempt) proof of the worker's previous H-2B admissions, such as a visa or a copy of I-94 admission document. The State Department will confirm prior visas through its electronic system, and that alone may be sufficient, but failure to show these documents may result in denial of visa or admission.

Thus, because of limited number of H-2b's, you should file right away.

Featured Lawyer

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