



PAANO Newsletter

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It's been four months since the induction. The officers and chairpersons have been busy planning for the rest of the year. At the beginning of the year a survey was conducted and collected to determine how you think PAANO is doing. Thank you all for completing and turning them in. The result of the survey graded PAANO as "very good" to "fair". The survey was beneficial and it showed the strengths as well as the areas for improvement. The Association's strength is in the area of Activities and Events. Our weakness on the other hand, is Communication with the exception of the Newsletter. Respondent were asked how **they** rate their level of commitment and involvement. Most respondents scored "fair" (3). And a following question was asked "where do **you** want to see your level of commitment and involvement? The mean score was "4" on a scale of 1-5 where 5 is the highest. This meant people are willing to get involved. The

written comments reflected the strengths and weaknesses of PAANO. Certainly this Association has room to improve and grow. But overall, respondents found they benefited from PAANO.

We had had our usual Valentine's Party and Easter Picnic. The Bowling League finished as well. Basketball Tournament lead by Victor Duran and Pete Ramos is actively ongoing. They're actively seeking sponsorship and players for the annual Golf Tournament in June. The dance committee, chaired by Rosinni Richardson and Guia Buzzard have started teaching the children folk dances for Barrio Fiesta and the Kids Fest. The Kids Fest committee, lead by Tong Cachero, has begun to attend the Tulsa Global Alliance participant's meeting and began planning for the 4-day weekend in November. Bing Adkins is chairing a committee and planning events for PAANO Scholarship program on May 13.

It will be an evening of romance, music, culinary delight and dance with our local star Carlota Wittenberg.

We have secured our event location for the rest of the year while St. Anne is undergoing renovations. Please remember all indoor events will be held at **St. Bernard Parish** gym from now on with the exception of Barrio Fiesta. To enhance our children's camaraderie, we will be having a roller skating event in August before the new school year starts. Please resort to the calendar of event as well as our website for details and the latest announcements.

On behalf of the 2006 Officers, we want to thank you all for your continued support, patronage and participation. We encourage you to join any of the committees in planning the rest of the year. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Salamat po/Thank you!

PAANO Membership Survey Results

The results were tallied and not surprisingly most of the responses were quite similar.

Members joined PAANO for reasons of friendship, camaraderie, and the opportunity to enjoy Filipino food and speak our language; and the opportunity to learn and enjoy our customs and traditions.

For improvements, PAANO members suggested we need more volunteers to avoid requiring the same people running the events; encourage more participation of new members, avoid backbiting or tsismis and try to support each other and be willing to lend a hand; provide more music and dancing after the program (do not clear tables too quickly), and when it's potluck, please remember to bring your favorite dish.

Overall, most of us benefit from this association. Being a part of it is like being in our own country again. We just have to carry on our rich culture and pass it on to the next generation and continue to function as one

First of all renew your membership every year. Forms are available at the Phil-Asia store, from all the officers, and at PAANO functions.

Second, volunteer your time and talent. We need new faces and able bodies to help. We have fund-raising activities, cultural presentations and gatherings throughout the year and we need your assistance to reach our goals. It's not only the officers and committee member who plan and execute these activities but you too can help and can make a difference.

Third, stand for yourself, be proud of your heritage, and be of service to the association. That's what you are...a true Filipino!



AN EVENING WITH CARLOTA

Come and enjoy an elegant and romantic evening with dinner, music and dance on May 13th, Saturday, 6:30 PM at the Hong Kong Restaurant. 73rd and Memorial. PAANO is proud to present our very own Filipino singer in concert, Carlota Whittenberg.

Please mark your calendar and reserve your tickets ASAP. Seats are very limited and the entertainment is hard to resist. Contact Bing Adkins at 663-5011 or stop by at Phil-Asia store. Treat your mothers or your wives or your special someone on this very special night to celebrate Mother's Day! Tickets are \$18.00 each or \$35.00 for couple. All proceeds will benefit the PAANO Scholarship Program.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Bowl till you drop or did you drop that ball? Congratulations to the *Team Pambato* who won first place in the Bowling tournament on April 7th at Mickey Bowling Alley at Eastland Mall.

Team captain Robert Little along with members Lowell and Malyn Bonner, and Juni Cajafe swept the floor with their dazzling bowling. Coming in second place was *Team Bagito*, Bon Patag, Eric Cantos, Bing Adkins and Vinda Doring.

Winners received individual trophies. The top male bowler was awarded to Robert Little and for the second time around the top female bowler was Malyn Bonner. Congratulations to all and thank you for supporting PAANO activities. See you next tournament!



THE FIL-AM MASS

The annual Filipino American Mass will be held on Saturday September 30, 2006 at 11:00 AM, at St Bernard Catholic Church. to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the patron Saint of the Philippines.

Bishop Edward Slattery will celebrate the mass with our very own beloved priests, Fr. Archie Fernandez and Fr. Rency Mumar. There will be a reception (potluck) and some Filipino entertainment at the gym following the mass. The San Lorenzo Choir will render mass songs in Tagalog. We are reminding all choir members to practice soon with Dr. Vin Roman, Fr. Archie and Fr. Rency.

PAANO is grateful to have another Filipino priest here in Tulsa, **Fr. Orencio Mumar** from Bohol last March. He is the Associate Pastor at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. It is quite an experience for him to see the last snowfall of the winter season. Welcome Fr. Rency!!!!

EASTER CELEBRATION

Think of Spring, think of Easter... new life and new beginning! PAANO celebrated Easter with a big outdoor fun picnic at Haikey Creek Park. Accompanied by a beautiful, sun-shiny spring day several games were played by families of all ages including, of course, an egg-hunt (including our very own group of seniors with the "real egg").

Games were filled with cheering as to who would get the first prize, and the winners filled up their baskets with goodies and brought home more Easter candies and chocolate filled bunnies. And since spring weather season is upon us this is the best time to think also about tornado safety and disaster planning. Being prepared helps protect you and your family.



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The fun continues at the annual PAANO basketball tournament which started on April 1st at the downtown First United Methodist Church. If you want to be fit or just want to have fun with the young and "not so young", here is your chance to show off your jumping and shooting abilities. Games are scheduled every Saturday at 9:30 AM. Six teams have been competing for the championship game. Elimination games are in the process. The championship game will be on June 3rd.

Come and cheer your favorite team. Bring your pom-pom and do the twist!





UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 13** An Evening with Carlota - Dinner and Entertainment
Saturday 6:30pm
Hong Kong Restaurant, 73rd and Memorial
- June 10** Parent's Day Celebration
Saturday 6:30pm
St Bernard Parish Gym
101st St between Yale & Harvard
- June 11** Golf Tournament at Whitehawk Golf Course
Sunday 12:30pm
Contact Pete Ramos and Victor Duran for details
- July 15** PAANO Summer Picnic
Saturday 12pm, Hunter Park
91st St. bet. Sheridan & Yale
(bring extra clothes if you want to get wet)
- July 22** Day at the Beach
Saturday 12:00pm
Sequoyah Bay State Park, Beach Shelter 100 St. N. – Gray Oaks Rd., Rt. 2 Box 252, Wagoner (918) 683-0878
- Aug. 19** PAANO Roller Skating
Saturday 4:30-6:30pm
Skateland, Sheridan
- Aug. 26** PAANO Party
Saturday 6:30pm
St Bernard Parish Gym
101st St bet. Yale and Harvard

- Sept. 16** Barrio Fiesta 2006,
Saturday 6:00pm
Garnett Church of Christ
12000 East 31st St. between Garnett and Olive
 - Oct. 21** Halloween Party
Saturday 6:30pm
Nomination of Officers for 2007
St Bernard Parish Gym
 - Nov. 9-12** Kids World for Tulsa Expo Center
 - Nov. 18** Thanksgiving Party
Saturday 6:30pm
Election of Officers for 2007
St Bernard Parish Gym
 - Dec. 16** Christmas Party,
Saturday 6:30pm
St Bernard Parish Gym
- *Some dates are subject to change, please check with the officers for details.*

Join PAANO for a **Family Camping** on July 21-23 at Sequoyah Bay State Park, Wagoner. **Potluck** please.

HEART TO HEART

Cool nights with the flair of love songs, red balloons and red roses, perfect ambience for a romantic Valentine's celebration. Members and visitors alike enjoyed this beautiful evening with great food, games and dancing. Love songs and dedication while husband and wife danced cheek to cheek was the most romantic part of the evening. Games like "how well you know your spouse" brought so much laughter and disapproving looks from their spouses. At the end of the game, Cuong Hoang and Gail Abrogar received the highest score. Surprise? Of course not, they were about to get married!

The highlight of the night was the finding of Mr. and Ms. Valentine 2006. Most single men and women who came were given a drawing of a heart which was cut into two pieces. As they danced in the middle of the dance floor they sought their matching heart. The first one to complete a perfect heart will be the winner. Letty Principe said to Bon Patag, "Be Mine" and suddenly we heard the announcement on the loud speaker. "We found Mr. and Ms Valentine"!!!



WHAT'S NEW WITH PAANO

Congratulations and best wishes to our newly wed **Mr. and Mrs. Cuong Hoang**. Gail, (currently the secretary of PAANO) and Cuong got married on Saturday, May 6th in Oklahoma City.

Our special thoughts and prayers for **Don Bailey**, former president of PAANO, who is serving military duties in Iraq. He is eager to hear from us and you can e-mail him a note or two at don-ald.bailey@acemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil and he would love to receive some care packages to share with others. Thank you Don for serving our country. May the Almighty comfort you and keep you safe always.

Warm greetings and welcome to Tulsa to our new arrival and added members of the organization, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin and Gemma Caasi and their children Earl and Rycah, Mr. and Mrs. Flor and Naty Pizarro and their children Aishi, Mikko and Kaizer. Wishing you the best that Tulsa can offer!

COME ONE, COME ALL! Back To School **PAANO Roller Skating Party**. Skateland, Sheridan at 4:30-6:30pm on Aug. 19, Saturday. \$5.00 per person. For more details please contact Ms. Grace Pascual at Phone #481-1835.

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