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Filipino Priest on Mission Comes to KC

Father Abei Opida of the Diocese of Legazpi, Albay came to St. Peter's Parish at 64th and Holmes last July 11 to continue with his mission. Earlier, he has already visited three other cities in the US.

While here, Fr. Abei officiated all masses last July 16 and 17. Members of the Filipino community attended the masses and showed their support by their generous donations. In fact, in the history of St. Peter's Parish, this mission collected the highest amount of donation.

The mission will benefit the Legazpi Diocese which supports seminarians. At present the Diocese has an unusual case, having more seminary applicants than it can accept. This number will help improve the ratio of priest to the faithfuls which currently registers at 1:15,000. The mission will also help in the relief and rehabilitation of calamity victims.

Due to the Mt. Mayon eruption in 1993 and being located in the typhoon belt of the Pacific coast, the Diocese is one of the most economically depressed areas in the Philippines.

Fr. Abei left last July 21 for a city in Michigan. While his Kansas City schedule was very hectic, he left with satisfaction having accomplished his mission and having experienced authentic Filipino hospitality.

Two Filipino families made sure Fr. Abei's stay in KC was pleasant and successful. Rev. Gerald Waris, the Parish pastor commended the efforts of the families of Roy and Emie Abella and Roger and Tess Javillonar.

These two families coordinated Fr. Abei's schedule so he had a host family every day and they also helped in soliciting donation for the mission.

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Schedule of Events

August 5, 1994

Friday, 7:30 PM

FAGKC General Meeting

Philippine House

August 19, 20, 21, 1994

Ethnic Festival

Swope Park

CORRECTION

June Issue

On page 1, President David Eisenhower should have read President Dwight Eisenhower.

NOTICE

AGENDA OF AUGUST MEETING

WILL INCLUDE INCREASE OF

MEMBERSHIP DUES

EDITORIAL

Begging for Books

By: Erlinda Martin, MD

When foreigners hear the word Filipino, what comes to mind? Is it the debauchery and greed of the Marcoses? , the dumps of Bangkusay?, Do they hear the hauntingly beautiful kundiman when the word Philippines is spoken? Do they see visions of nimble fingers and feet and lithe bodies dancing to our music?

Who among foreigners can discuss the teachings of Rizal, Mabini and Jacinto? Who have heard of the epic poem of Francisco Balagtas' *Florante at Laura*? What connoisseur of art has coveted a painting by a Filipino?

If we go to ten bookstores, probably only one actually carries a book about the Philippines and it is usually a Travelogue which extols Philippine nightlife and pleasure places. Even our own children have not read one book in English (or English translation) written by a Filipino . This is lamentable. All these can change if each one of us join in the crusade of reviving valuable Filipino books. For instance, in 1964 Leon Ma. Guerrero translated the *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*. Because of a lack of readers, they are now out of print. We, who have come to this country can change all that. By ordering these books we will create a demand for them.

Let us remember to put in our own libraries, the books written by authors who portray the Philippines as the beautiful country that it is. Jens Peters, a German is one of these. The *Insight Guide to the Philippines* which is partly written by Filipinos and partly by foreign Philippine scholars should be brought to our homes, read by our children and lent to our American friends. In the same breath, may I add that maybe we ourselves should read or reread them too, for often we make a derogatory remark pass because we are ignorant or limited in knowledge about the country of our birth.

Whenever we find Jews we find a people who strive to preserve their heritage, who will defend their faith and despite threats of annihilation surreptitiously taught their children their culture when they were forbidden to do so. Like the Jews we must have the zeal to preserve our culture.

The people of the country of our birth do not hold title to things that belong to them by birthright. The oldest extant Philippine writing is in a museum in France. Some of the great paintings and books by Filipinos are owned by Spaniards. The Philippines was conquered, pillaged and plundered. Our artifacts were sold to other countries by our invaders but there is something that cannot be taken away from everyone with Filipino heritage- the Filipino soul.

When a mother teaches her children about the Philippines, she instills in them pride in their ancestral beginnings. But she needs the tools to teach them- picture books for young children, books for older children in a language they can understand. These are still available but if they find no readers, they will go out of print.

The Association has done much to educate people about our music, our dances and our food, yet we need to show the world that before occidentals set foot on Philippine soil there was a flourishing culture, and that while tyranny was going on in that land during the Spanish and Japanese era, rebellion and love of country showed themselves in painting, literature and philosophy.

When our children turn their eyes towards the Orient, they need not hang down their heads in shame, there is much of which they can be proud. Shall we then work together to teach them this? Shall we acquire the needed tools of learning? Kababayan, take my hand.

AUGUST CELEBRANTS

- 1 Ethel Buri, Alfonso Culan-culan
- 2 Benny Tumanut, Alexis Sabido
- 3 Joy Miciano
- 4 James Hipona, Teofilo Balino
- 7 Mark Supan, Joel Rosas, Donald Eparwa, Zeke Martin
- 8 Evelyn Puno, Kristine Covillo, Paul Wherle, Cherie Bernardez
- 9 Rosario Javier
- 10 John May
- 11 Cielo Dehning, Shermae de los Santos, Aris Daguinod
- 12 Romeo Bagunu, Lita Hipona
- 13 Derek Perry, Samuel Teo
- 14 Antonio Daiz
- 15 Jason Arribas
- 16 Bing Santos
- 17 Cora Bristow, Barry Simko, Armisa Tongson
- 19 Troy Villamayor
- 20 Victor Elazegui
- 21 Allan Enriquez
- 24 Lulay Sicat, Eleanor Changho, Nenita May
- 25 Belen Mina
- 26 Alisha Renee Berry, Richard Snyder, Jr.
- 28 BJ Tumanut
- 29 Elsie Washinton
- 31 Will Frye, Jay Arvin Lisondra

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Gary and Ethel Buri
- 9 Roy and Segunda Garrison
- 11 Carmen and Aris Daguinod
- 18 Jose and Mercy Navato
- 20 Danny and Lily Miranda
- 22 Alfonso and Lulay Sicat
- 25 Claudio and Immaculada Decena
- 27 Pedro and Anita Baysa
Chito and Kate Belcher
- 30 Roy and Emie Abella
- 31 Mike and Amor de los Santos

WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS

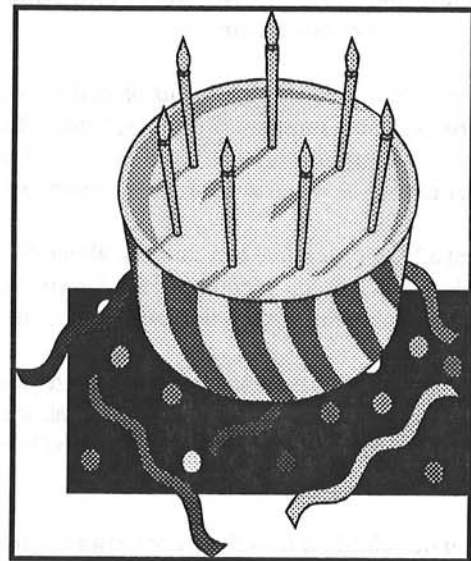
**Carmen and Aris Daguinod
Irma Carey**

**John and Trinidad Orlanes
Jojo and Lodette Orlanes**

**Romeo and Espie Rodriguez
George and Cory sorio**

**Maggie Vergara
Mario and Emy Yabut**

**Arthur and Cynthia Villamayor
Art and Zelpha Umali**



LEARNING PILIPINO

By: Ka Indang

MGA BUGTONG (RIDDLES)

Ang mga bugtong ay libangan ng mga taong nagkatipon-tipon dahil sa isang handaan o lamayan. Ito ay makikita sa katagalugan. Magbibigay ako ng tatlong halimbawa ng bugtong.

Una: Ang isda ko sa Mariveles, nasa loob ang kaliskis.
Sagot: Sili

Pangalawa: Hut-hot, lumabas kulot.
Sagot: Kusot

Pangatlo: Naito na si Kaka. Bubuka-bukaka.
Sagot: Gunting

VOCABULARY

bugtong - riddle
libangan - pastime
ng - of
tao(ng) - people
nagkatipon-tipon - gathered together
dahil - because
handaan - party
lamayan - wake
o - or
ito - this
makikita - to be observed, seen
sa katagalugan - in the Tagalog region
ako - I
magbibigay - to give, will give
halimbawa - example
ng - of
bugtong - riddle
una - first
pangalawa - second
pangatlo - third

isda - fish
ko - of mine, my, of me
sa - at
Mariveles - a town in Luzon
nasa loob - inside
kaliskis - scales
sili - pepper
hut-hot - a sound (no meaning) made by a wood plane
kusot - wood shavings
kulot - curly
naito - here
lumabas - comes out
kaka - an honorific for a man
bubuka-bukaka - extending and placing his two legs away from each other
gunting - scissors
sagot - answer

Minutes of Meeting

July 1, 1994
Philippine House
7:30 PM

Attendance: Names of attendees noted in FAGKC General Meeting Book.
Ric Labayen, presiding the meeting, introduced John and Trinidad Erb.

Approval of agenda: Mr. Roger Campbell moved for approval . Dr. L. Pardo seconded. Motion approved.

Review of minutes of last meeting: Rachel Manakul made a correction on the minutes of the June meeting, Paul de los Santos protested the increase of membership dues because it was not conducted according to the By-Laws.

It was announced that the phone in the Phil. House is now working.

Dr. Pardo made a motion to approve the ammended minutes, seconded by Sally Rodriguez. Approved as ammended.

REPORTS:

By-Laws: Lillian Pardo gave out copies of the ammended By-Laws to the members present. The next Board meeting will be July 23rd at the Phil. House.

Cultural Center Committee: Annie Covillo announced the next meeting will be July 16. Committees have been formed for the UP Concert Chorus. The commitees will have a meeting July 14.

Treasurer's Report: Paul de los Santos motioned for approval of report. Roger Campbell seconded. Approved.

Ethnic Commission: Marietta Tungol reported that plans for Ethnic Festival are underway. Food prices were presented to the members .

Sinag-Tala: Shirley Sulit reported that Sinag-Tala and Filipinettes are very busy. Recent performances: June 17 - Lakeview Lake, June 25 - Le Compton, KS, July 2nd - Zoo.

Donations received for Sinag-Tala: &50- Park College, \$22 - from food sale, \$100 - Labayens, Senior Citizen, \$150 - Hallmark, \$60 - Ethnic commission. Dr. and Mrs. Sulit were recognized for their efforts.

Tambuli: Amy Mesina reported the use of A. Covillo's publisher software for the new Tambuliu format. Only \$29 was spent on the last Tambuli issue.

Committees:

Membership: Chit Bernardez reported a total of 176 paid members. They have met their goal of \$3882.

Nominations: Carmen Chico will accept nominations starting August.

Scholarship: Dr. Labayen reported that the committee will award scholarships before school starts.

Ways and Means: Candy sale is still in progress. Proceeds will benefit the Sinag-Tala and Youth Group. Marmi Sulit was recognized for her efforts.

Transportation: The committee will be needed during the UP Choir festivities.

Finance: Paul de los Santos shopped for a riding mower, however he said that it will not fit through the doorway of the Phil. House. He will get a hand self-propelled mower instead.

Seniors Group: Roger Campbell reported that they will have meeting on July 2 at the Labayen's. Everybody is invited to join. He is working on getting the OP Police to talk about home security during their meeting.

July 4th Picnic: Dr. Labayen reported that it will start at 11:00 at the Phil. House. Lechon will be provided by the association. It will be potluck. There will be games.

Youth Group: The next meeting will be July 17 at 4pm at the Phil. House.

Hospitality: Cito Jalbuena thanked those who brought food: M/M Campbell, M/M Carey, Carmen Chico, M/M Erb, M/M Medel, Drs. Labayen and Tacing Quinones.

September Affair Committee: Dr. Nita Labayen reported that they had met 3x already. A menu tasting was done at the Hyatt. The cost of the affair is \$55.00. The Sinag-Tala and the Filipinettes will perform.

Old Business:

Karen Lisondra thanked the association for sponsoring her on the Miss Teen America Pageant. She won 3rd place, a public speaking trophy and a medallion.

Annulment of passed motion:

Pres. Labayen annulled 1) increase in membership fees because it did not follow the procedure set by the constitution, 2) change of the Scholarship committee into Education committee because it did not follow procedure set by the constitution. Dr. L Pardo made formal announcement and motion that increase in fees will be included in the agenda on the next meeting of the Board of Directors, July 23rd. Roger Campbell seconded. Approved.

Announcement:

More information on the UP Concert Chorus will be available after the committee meeting.
CityNet is now on line and anybody who is interested to try it may give their name and address to Larry Lee.
Mini raffle : Bottle of wine donated by Ric Labayen . Karen Lisondra won it.
Meeting adjourned: 8:45 PM

**ETHNIC FESTIVAL
SWOPE PARK**

August 19 - 6:00 PM to 11 PM
August 20 - 12 Noon to 11 PM
August 21 - 12 Noon to 5 PM

HELP! HELP! !!! The Committee is in need for more hands to prepare, cook and sell food and for after sale clean-up. Please call Marietta Tungol, 373-5036 or Irma Carey 381-2022.

TIDBITS.....

Congratulations to Jason Robert I. Arribas, who did his recital at the Music Arts Institute in Independence, Missouri, last July 9. Jason, from the studio of Jean Dexter did his rendition of the Suzuki Violin Book III to the listening delight of about fifty guests. Drs. Romy and Monet Arribas, proud parents of Jason gave a reception at the School after the recital.

Congratulations to Al and Angie Agustin on their 2nd wedding anniversary. They were treated to a surprise party by about 75 friends and family.

Congratulations to Kristine Covillo for having been accepted to the Academy of Colorado Ballet. Kristine attended an intensive two-week summer program at the Academy in Denver, Colorado early this summer.

Good Luck to Lara Puno. She will compete at the Mid-America Music Association in St. Louis , Missouri on Saturday, July 30. Her piano teacher submitted her name as contestant due to her exceptional piano skills.

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