

NewsLetter



Bobonanons Celebrate Fiesta 2003 in Santa Barbara, California

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The association's 13th annual fiesta celebration was held last August 25, 2003 in Santa Barbara, California. Lee Anthony and Esper (Gorgonia) Genne, along with Mrs. Jovita

Gorgonia and the rest of the Gorgonia clan, were the fiesta sponsors.

The celebration started with a mass in honor of Señor

Sto. Niño, officiated by Rev. Fr. Stephen Gregory. After the mass, a sumptuous dinner followed. It was a feast complete with lechon and other

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Fiesta 2004 will be in Chicago

Our next fiesta celebration will be on August 21, 2004 in Chicago, Illinois. This will be sponsored by Pacita and Estela Cornillez shown in the right photo receiving the image of the Santo Niño from last year's fiesta sponsors, Lee and Esper (Gorgonia) Genne. Mass will be at 3:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish church, Riverside, Illinois and reception will follow at the Chicago Marriott of Oak Brook. Watch out for more fiesta details in separate communications.



Fiesta 2003 Picture Gallery



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Filipino delicacies.

A short program followed the dinner with the usual performances from Louise Cornillez and Ber Carpina and his group with their vocal rendition of Broadway and Visayan popular songs; while the husband and wife team of



At the Goleta Park

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Gani and Neria Garcia once again wowed everyone with their inimitable dance performance. An inspirational talk was given by Leticia Villar, Director of the Apostolate of the Holy Family Foundation in New Jersey who talked about how the Sto. Niño has affected her life. The program was capped with the community singing of the immortal *An Iroy Nga Tuna*.

The fiesta celebration would not be complete with-

out a dance floor full of people, so right after the program, DJ Jimmy Guintu took the center stage with his ballroom dancing and disco music. All-time favorites cha-cha, boogie, swing, and tango competed with the modern day line dancing where you don't have to have a partner to go to the dance floor and dance. In between dances, the kuracha ruled which netted a hefty \$1,772.00 for the association.

Before the celebration ended, the image of the Sto. Niño was then turned over to

the Fiesta 2004 hermanas, Pacita and Estela Cornillez. And if you noticed that the image looked regal it was because of His new outfit donated by Charlie and Letty (Rodriguez) Cepeda.

The day after the fiesta, *mamaratrons* were treated by the Gorgonia family to more food at a beach party at the Goleta Park. For many of us, it was just like going to Calirocan or the Dancalan Beach for a picnic after the town fiesta. Kids and adults alike really had a good time.

Treasurer's Report

By Bobbie Cornillez

Beginning Balance as of August 2002		\$7,616.90
Petty Cash		115.25
Add:		
Fiesta 2003 Income:		
Membership Fees	425.00	
Food Donation	2,450.00	
Kuracha	1,772.00	4,647.00
Less:		
Fiesta 2003 Food expenses	2,450.00	
Postage	111.00	
Sound System Donation	3,038.00	5,599.00
Ending Balance as of October 2003		\$6,780.15
Bank Balance as of April 2004		\$6,841.11
Petty Cash Balance		4.00
Total Cash as of 4/2004		<u>\$6,845.11</u>

Set of Officers Elected

In the election conducted during the Santa Barbara fiesta celebration, Butch Paredes was re-elected as President with 49 votes out of 57 ballots cast, Bobbie Cornillez was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer with 51 votes and Precy Bolhayon as Auditor of the Association with 43 votes. The above officers will continue to serve until the next election of officers.

In an unprecedented gesture, the Gorgonia family presented the above officers with plaques of appreciation for the services they have rendered the Association these past 13 years.

Fiesta 2005 In Arizona

The Association's fiesta celebration in 2005 will be hosted by Ronald and Len-len (Hill) Omega in Phoenix, Arizona. This will be the third time the fiesta will be celebrated in Arizona. The first time was sponsored by Tony and Nelly Hill (Len-len's dad and mom) and the second time was in 2000 sponsored by Mrs. Paz (Esquillo) Encinarez.

It's never too early to plan for this event, so start planning now and see you all in Arizona in 2005.

**Support Your Association
Pay Your Dues!**

Email Corner

*We're on the web! At
www.rparedes.com/bobon*

Note: The following email is a feedback from a Bobon website visitor:

Dear webmaster,

My mother is a Bobonanon (the late Adela Evangelista). It seems you missed the old bridge "Colgante". Aside from the church I find the bridge one great landmark of Bobon, Please tell us something about it. I'm hungry to know its history! The last time I visited Bobon, it was already falling. The local government doesn't seem to care (at least to preserve its present state and prevent its oblivion from drowning under the river) about its value as a tour site. This is one of the old Bobon heritages that can be imparted to all generations of Bobonanons to come. Ma-o na gudla ini an akon naiimdan tikang sa Luzon ngadto sa Samar nga nahitutura san mga tulay nga mihuras sa panahon pa san mga colonizer.



To my son, daughter, wife, friends and relatives (who are not from the place) accompanying me from my previous visits I always stop a little while and say proudly "this is Colgante the oldest bridge perhaps in RP located in Bobon". I hope it is still there today and was not cut into pieces for junks.

Very seldom I visit Catarman, my birth place in Samar Island, and from Manila I know it's Bobon the moment I see Colgante! I hope someday I'll be drinking a cup of coffee or beer perhaps in one of the shops in the vicinity of a nice park called Colgante.

Mga Bobonanon, ayaw gad niyo kahingalimti an Colgante sa mga plano pagpapakaupay sa Bobon...

*Eto Mora
Dhahran, KSA
January 8, 2004*

"... and from Manila I know it's Bobon the moment I see Colgante!"

Note: Pictures of what remains of Colgante today were taken lately by the Editor's mom, Sayong Paredes.

Association Donates Sound System to Bobon Church

In a Certificate of Appreciation dated September 26, 2003, Fr. Diego Unay, parish priest of Bobon, acknowledged receipt of the sound system which the Association donated recently.

