

NewsLetter



Chicago 2004 - 14th Fiesta celebration



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It was August 21, 2004, the day when Bobonanons from all over the US once again came together to celebrate their annual fiesta to honor the Infant Jesus, Sr.

Sto. Niño. For many, this was the first time they have been to Chicago and they arrived as early as Friday. Some families even came as early as a week before the fiesta to spend

more time sightseeing and enjoy the many tourist spots of Chicago. Most attendees were billeted at the Marriott hotel where the fiesta was

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Fiesta 2005 will be in Arizona

The association's 15th annual fiesta celebration will be sponsored by Lenlen and Ronnie Omega and will be held in Avondale, Arizona on August 27, 2005. To make the fiesta celebration memorable and to raise funds for our various projects, Lenlen came up with a good idea of publishing a fiesta souvenir program. Details of the fiesta and the souvenir program are contained in separate announcements and everyone is encouraged to support this worthy cause.

If you cannot come to the fiesta, how about supporting the souvenir program?

Estela & Acit Cornillez turn over the image of the Sto. Niño to Lenlen & Ronnie Omega.



Fiesta 2004 Picture Gallery



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 held. It was good to see those Bobonanons we have not seen in a while. A block of rooms at the hotel was reserved by the sponsors for the *mamaratrons*. It was as if Bobon was transplanted in Chicago that evening.

The first part of the fiesta

was a dinner party on Friday (Vesper Day) at the home of the fiesta sponsors, Acit and Estela Cornillez in Riverside. Bobonanons were treated to a very sumptuous dinner and delicacies, including lechon and *pinangat* and *piñato* which came all the way from Bobon. Everyone had a good time. There was so much to talk about, nobody seemed to want to leave the place that evening.

The fiesta celebration the next day started with a holy mass at 3:00pm at the St. Mary's Catholic church in Riverside, celebrated by Fr. Robert Banzin. The mass was a beautiful celebration of worship and songs. Acit

Cornillez welcomed everyone, Grace Chan and Mydee Vergel De Dios read the first and the second readings respectively, and Louise Cornillez rendered a beautiful version of the Ave Maria during the Offertory.

After the mass, everyone proceeded to the Marriott Hotel in Oak Brook. For the first time after fourteen years, the fiesta was held in a hotel grand ballroom with a record

number of people in attendance - all dressed in their formal attire.

Grace Chan acted as the emcee for the evening and the DJ did a good job of putting everyone on the dance floor with the latest line dancing craze like the *otso-otso pamela mela wan*.

Couples Gannie and Neria Garcia and Marites Chan and her partner performed well-choreographed dance numbers. Liza Paredes and Louise Cornillez both wowed everyone with their song numbers. And, while the ballroom cha-cha, swing, boogie and tango reigned supreme, the *kuracha* was the evening's money maker.

A raffle to raise funds for the purchase of the Bobon church power generator was held in between dance numbers. The first prize of \$200.00 went to Elizabeth "Baby" Tobes Dickinson while Marit Celespara Antazo and Tita Carpina Cornillez won the second prize of \$100.00 and the third prize of \$50.00, respectively.

Of note, the association did not spend anything for the raffle. The hermanas, Acit and Estela, generously donated the raffle prizes. In turn the winners donated back part or all of their prizes to the association. Baby Dickinson gave back \$80.00, Marit Antazo gave back \$80.00 while Tita Cornillez gave back her \$50.00 prize thereby making the association and the church of Bobon the big raffle winners of the evening.

There were also door prizes donated by the hermanas which were given away to the lucky winners and added to the excitement of the celebration.

The evening was capped with the turn over of the image of the Sto. Nino from Acit and Estela Cornillez to the 2005 fiesta sponsors, Lenlen and Ronnie Omega.



Bobon Elementary School Requests for Donation

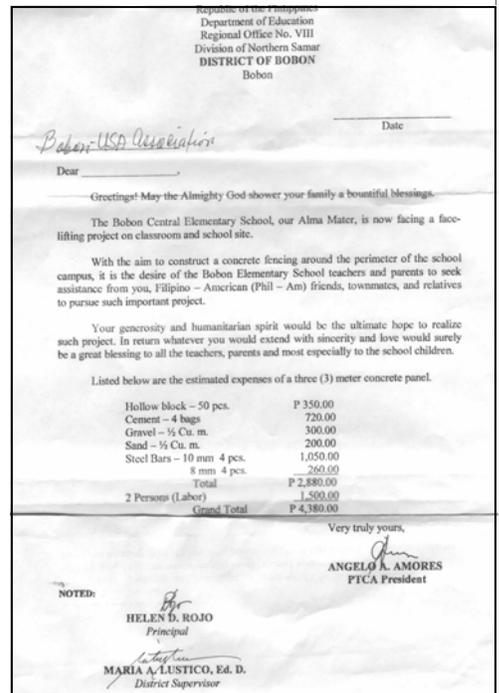
*We're on the web! At
www.rparedes.com/bobon*

During our last fiesta in Chicago, the Bobon Elementary School informed us through one of our members, Mrs. Terry Knoth, that they are embarking in a big fencing project for the beautification and security of the Bobon Elementary School, which is alma mater to most, if not all, Bobonanos; and that the school officials are requesting the association and the membership for donations.

The association would like to donate 10 spans costing P4,500.00 per span or a total of P45,000.00. We are appealing to all members to respond positively to this request.

Fiesta Souvenir Program

This year, we are soliciting advertisements and greetings in our first ever fiesta souvenir program to raise funds for our various projects in Bobon one of which is the fencing of the Bobon Elementary School. Please be generous and support this worthy cause.



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Fiesta 2006 and Beyond

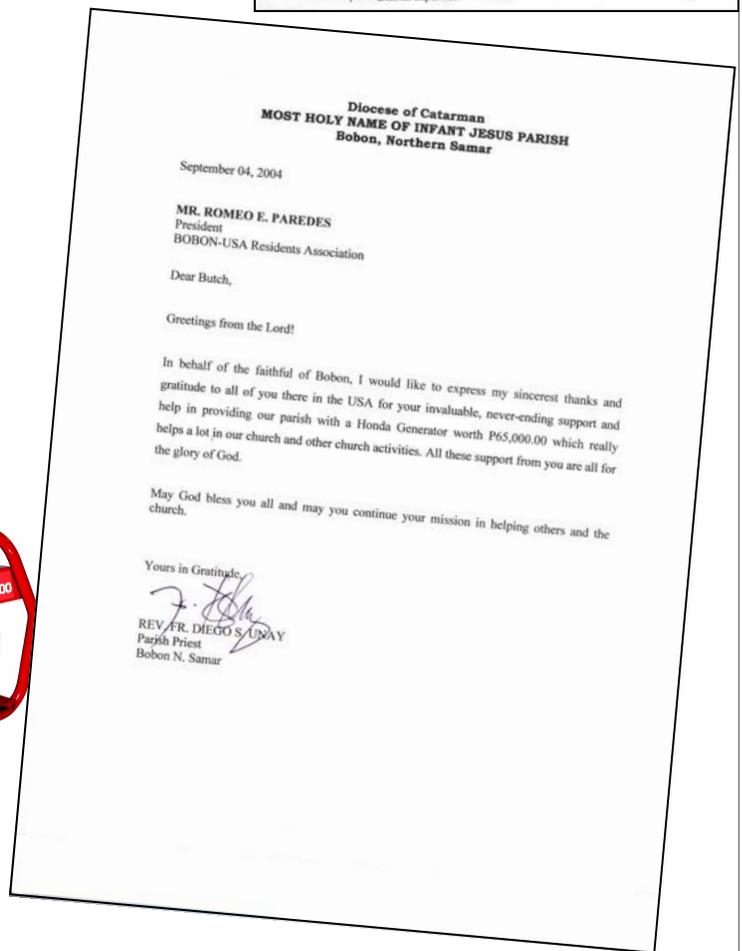
Fiesta 2006 will go back to our first venue in the Eastcoast - New Jersey - and it will be hosted by Dr. Myrna Escareal. In 2007, we will have a California celebration with Mr. and Mrs. Esteban Tobes as our sponsors, and in 2008, we will celebrate it for the first time in Baltimore, Maryland with Totoy and Tita Cornillez as sponsors.

So, make your plans now!

Association Donates Power Generator to Bobon Church

In a letter dated September 4, 2004, Father Diego Unay has acknowledged receipt of the association's donation of a power generator worth P65,000.00.

Father Unay says that the power generator should be able to service the electrical needs of the Bobon church should there be a need for a back-up generator like during brown outs and the like.



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