

NewsLetter



Bobon Fiesta Goes To Hollywood



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The 19th Annual Celebration of Sto. Niño de Bobon

By Neria Garcia

From the time we decided to host the fiesta, we thought that Hollywood would make a good setting for it. So, as early

as two months before the 2008 fiesta in Baltimore, I started calling and visiting hotels in the Hollywood area and found the Holiday Inn as the most ideal setting for the occasion. This was the reason why we were able to distribute the fly-

ers and announce during the 2008 fiesta celebration that the next fiesta will be in Hollywood, California. After we decided on the venue, we invited Fr. Melanio Viuya from the Precious Blood Parish in

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Rene and Ninfa Bautista invite Bobonanons to Fiesta '10

By Rene and Ninfa Bautista

Have you ever been to St. Louis? Better yet, have you ever been to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows? This year's Bobon-USA fiesta in honor of the Sto. Niño is your best chance to see both places. It will be held at the Our Lady of Snows Shrine in Belleville, IL just 15 minutes away from downtown St. Louis, MO on August 20-21, 2010. This beautiful site offers a peaceful atmosphere on 200 beautifully landscaped acres with full modern facilities. It provides the opportunity for devotees to deepen their relationship with God and one another.



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Fiesta 2009 Picture Gallery



Fiesta goes to Hollywood (cont.)

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Los Angeles California to celebrate the mass with us which he willingly accepted.

Once we had the place and the priest, the other thing we had to worry about was the mamaratrons. As always, we had to figure out and estimate how many people will be coming to the fiesta since we are aware that Bobonanons are always late in deciding if they will attend or not.

With prayers to the Sto. Nino and with the help and support of some people, we are happy and blessed that we were able to host the fiesta which actually started on Friday with a dinner/pangiklop at our place and culminated at the Holiday Inn hotel the next day with a mass and the reception afterwards.

Georgio and Ganie join me in thanking Bobbie Cornillez for helping me do the beautiful invitation and program, Louise Cornillez Keller, and Jonathan and Ervin Paredes for the songs that they sang that night. We also thank the Kuratsa dancers for generating \$1,219.00 for the association. We thank our DJ, Boyd Elston for his music. We thank my sister-in-law and wife of my brother, Pepit, Alice Del Barrio Cornillez for doing a good job as master of ceremony for the evening.

We also thank Mayor Jim Dear of Carson for gracing the event and for his kind words and encouragement and honoring the Association with a Plaque of Recognition. And, lastly, we thank specially those who came and joined us in the 2009 fiesta celebration and made it a success. We pray that we may all continue to receive His blessings, guidance, and protection.

Editor's note: The lead article in this issue of the NewsLetter is written by Neria Garcia, one of our 2009 fiesta sponsors, who gladly responded to my request that she write her thoughts about the successful holding of the event in August 2009 in Hollywood, California.

Rene and Ninfa invite... (cont.)

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Bobon-USA Fiesta 2010 will be unique. For the first time, it will be held in a very special place. We will have the traditional mass & dinner dance but there will also be some additional religious activities (details to follow) in honor of the Sto. Niño. All fiesta-related activities will be held inside the shrine which boasts of its own hotel, restaurant, banquet/meeting facilities and various devotional areas, such as:

- Lourdes Grotto
- Way of the Cross
- Church of Our Lady of the Snows

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*We're on the web! At
www.bobon.us*

Carson's Mayor Jim Dear awards Certificate of Recognition to the Association

Mayor Jim Dear of Carson who came to the fiesta to join the celebration awarded a Certificate of Recognition to our Association extending the city's best wishes for a successful event and on all our future endeavors.



Rene and Ninfa invite... (cont.)

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- Main Shrine/Amphitheatre
- Millennium Spire
- Resurrection Garden , and, many more...

Airport Information:

The closest airport to the Shrine is St Louis International Airport (aka Lambert International). From the airport, you can either take a taxi straight to the Shrine or for cheaper fare, take the Metrolink to Fairview Heights (which is 10 minutes away from the Shrine) then take the taxi from there to Our Lady of the Snows. Please check Southwest Airlines <http://travel.southwest.com> for best rates available.

Hotel Information:

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Hotel
442 South De Mazenod Drive
Belleville, IL 62223
618 394-6300

Please mention Bobon USA Association when you make your hotel reservation. Seniors or AAA members may also be granted additional discount. Make early reservation as rooms are limited.

Dinner Ticket Information:

Adults = \$35.00
Children (5 -12 yrs) = \$15.00
Children Below 5 yrs. = Free

Please join us and the Sponsors in the **9-day novena** to Sr. Santo Niño scheduled as follows:

- Aug. 12 - Pacita & Estela Cornillez / Nnette Damicog
- Aug. 13 - Grace Adams/ Alice Chan / Nita Duarte
- Aug. 14 - Lily Cornillez and Family / Jovina Gladstein
- Aug. 15 - Filipinas Tobes / Terry Knoth / Elizabeth Percy
- Aug. 16 - Edna Unay & Myrna Escareal
- Aug. 17 - Tita Cornillez / Juvy Jao
- Aug. 18 - Elena Evangelista / Bonita McFarland
- Aug. 19 - Amparo Madeja / Gloria Emde
- Aug. 20 - The Paredes Family

Other important details will be printed on the program that will be mailed to members and will also be posted at our website at <http://www.bobon.us>. You can also call Neneng Paredes Bautista @ 502/314 5823 or 951/239 0457 if you have other questions or concerns.

Thanks and we hope to see you all at the fiesta.

Fiesta 2011 and Beyond

Amparo Madeja-Bongalos will be our fiesta sponsor for 2011. Lou and Josh Keeler will sponsor the event in 2012 while John and Grace-Chan Adams will host the celebration in 2015!

Please mark your calendars and note that 2013 and 2014 are still open!

Treasurer's Report by Bobbie Cornillez

BOBON-USA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual Treasurer's Report, Fiesta 2009
for the FY Ended August 31, 2009

Beginning Balance (September 1, 2008)		
Savings Account Balance	\$14,857.00	
Petty Cash	42.00	\$14,899.00
Income		
Fiesta 2009 Dinner-Dance Ticket Sales	\$5,645.00	
Fundraising Income from Curacha Dance	1,219.00	
Annual Membership Dues	470.00	
Donation from Georgio Cerenado	200.00	
Interest Earned from Bank	9.00	
Total Income	\$7,543.00	
Expenses		
Fiesta 2009 Dinner Expenses	\$5,645.00	
Church Donation for "Pentecostes"	2,006.00	
Petty Cash Replenishment	200.00	
Postage	88.50	
Bank Fees	7.00	
Total Expenses	\$7,946.50	
Ending Balance (August 31, 2009)		
Savings Account Balance	\$14,495.50	
Petty Cash	153.50	\$14,649.00