

NewsLetter



Fiesta '13 Held in New Jersey

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Totowa, NJ—For the third time, *Bobonanos* gathered in New Jersey, August 9-10, 2013, for their 23rd annual fiesta celebration in honor of Sr. Sto. Niño which was hosted by Tony “Nonong” Abellar, Bernard and Neneng-Abellar Purisima, and Ben and Neneng-Ocastro Solano.

The fiesta started with the usual Friday evening *vespera* dinner at the residence of Bernard and Neneng Purisima in Hamburg.

Neneng proudly remarked that all the dishes served on that day were prepared and cooked in her own kitchen. With the helping
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John and Elizabeth Percy Host Fiesta '14 in California



John and Ely Percy will be hosting the 2014 Annual Fiesta celebration in honor of Señor Santo Niño.

After the turnover ceremony during the 2013 fiesta in New Jersey, John and Ely announced that the celebration will be held in Ventura, California

So, folks, our fiesta is going back to California. It will be on Saturday, August 23, 2014.

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hands from her co-sponsors Neneng Ocastro-Solano and Husband Benjie, and Uncle Nonong 'Tony' Abellar, they were able to please everyone's palate with only the best home-cooked meal.

At the fiesta celebration the next day, Father Vidal Roberto Gonzales, Jr. of St. Jude Catholic church in Lake Hopatcong, NJ celebrated the holy mass in honor of Sr. Sto. Niño assisted by Fr. Anle Galias. After the mass, the sumptuous dinner-buffet followed while the judging for the best in *terno* for the ladies and *barong* for the gentlemen competition was happening. The following were judged as winners in the best in *terno*: 1. Terry

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The Holy Mass will be at 2pm at the San Buenaventura Mission Church, 211 E. Main St., Ventura, CA 93001, Tel # 805-643-4318.

Reception (Dinner & Dance) will be from 5-12 midnight at the Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard/Ventura, 600 Esplanade Drive, Oxnard, CA 93036, Tel # 805-988-3600.

Courtyard by Marriott of Oxnard/Ventura offers a group room rate of \$159/night for single King. Ten (10) rooms are available, breakfast is not included, and there is free parking. Cut off date is July 25, 2014. The reservation name is under Bobon-USA Fiesta.

Another nearby hotel is Oxnard Grandstay Residential Suites Hotel which offers a group room rate at \$139/night (Friday and Saturday only), one bedroom, with a kitchenette, occupies up to 4 people. There are 15 rooms available and includes buffet breakfast, free wifi, and free parking. You can make a reservation even until one week before the event. The reservation name is also under Bobon-USA Fiesta.

Here are some more details on the fiesta:

1. Dress for the event is Semi-Formal Attire
2. Donation: \$50.00/adult, \$25.00/child - 10-5 years old.
3. Our traditional Vespera Get Together will be held on Friday, Aug 22, 2014 at Ms. Esperanza Gorgonia Genne's residence at 6304 Merlin St. Ventura, CA 93003; Tel # 805-654-8833 (home); 805-889-9855(cell). 5pm-6pm -9th day novena; 6pm -till midnight -dinner/get together. The Vespera Dinner/Get Together is hosted by the Hermano & Hermana. John (661-202-9692 cell) & Ely Gorgonia Percy (661-492-8572 cell).
4. The 9-day Novena in honor of Señor Santo Niño and the Sponsors are as follows:

August 14 (Thursday) (1st day) (Illinois)

Pacita & Estella Cornillez

August 15 (Friday) (2nd day) (New Jersey)

Dr. Myrna Escareal

Dr. Eddie & Edna (Escareal) Unay

Zeny (Jao) Escareal & Children

Ramil & Cleofe (Escareal) Espenilla

August 16 (Saturday) (3rd day)

John & Grace (Chan) Adams & Family (New York)

Ben & Neneng (Ocastro) Solano (New Jersey)

Dalisay (Duran) Espina & Family (North Carolina)

Lynn (Escareal) Gennett & Family (Utah)

August 17 (Sunday) (4th day) (Arizona)

Tony & Nelly (Batiles) Hill & Family

Ber & Fatima (Yturriaga) Carpina & Family

Bartolome & Lily Cornillez and family

August 18 (Monday) (5th day)

Shirley (Alvarez) Roxas (Alberta, Canada)

Bridgette Alvarez (Alberta, Canada)

Florissa (Quinones) Balite & Family (Texas)

August 19 (Tuesday) (6th day)

Mana Sayong Paredes & Children (California)

Rene & Ninfa (Paredes) Bautista

Butch & Melinda Paredes

Brian & Lydee (Paredes) Hershey

Dick & Epay Paredes

Tez Paredes & Children

Totoy & Tita (Carpina) Cornillez (Arizona)

Tony (Nonong) Abellar (Arizona)

August 20 (Wednesday) (7th day) (California)

Jovita (Obedoza) Gorgonia

Noel & Bobbie (Del Monte) Cornillez

Steve & Bernie (Gorgonia) Guertin

Michael & Myrna (Lapuz) Arboleda

August 21 (Thursday) (8th day) (California)

Francisca Escareal Gorgonia

Rudy & Alice (Gorgonia) Clemente

Fred & Terry (Yturriaga) Knoth

Steve & Fil (Yturriaga) Tobes

August 22 (Friday) (9th day) (Ventura, California)

John & Elizabeth (Gorgonia) Percy & family

Hermano & Hermana



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Knoth, 2. Farida Aquino, 3. Estella Cornillez, 4. Edna Unay, 5. Maydee Vergel de Dios, 6. Arlene Ching Tan, 7. Mae Afafe 8. Myrna Arboleda, 9. A guest of Lala Celespara Garalde and 10. The daughter of Zeny Escareal. For the gentlemen, the following were judged as winners: 1. & 2. Jude and Leo Gorgonia 3. Dr. Eddie Unay 4. Mr. Burks 5. Ronnie Dilla 6. Steve Tobes 7. Mr. Tan (Arlene's husband) 8. Mr. McFadden (Juvy Jao's husband) and 9. Mr. Lindsey (Juvy Tiberio's husband).

The rest of the evening was dominated by line dancing, cha-cha, tango, swing, an exhibition dance, and of course, the *curacha*.

Speaking for her Uncle Nonong (Tony) and Ben and Neneng Ocastro-Solano, Neneng Abellar-Purisima has this to say: "Our experience as Hermanas and Hermanos Mayores (Hosts) is worthwhile and we will treasure this for a life time. Again, we congratulate everyone for their well-spirited attitudes and unreserved commitments to attend the Fiesta especially to those who travelled far from long distances like Philippines, France, Canada, California, Arizona, Illinois, North Carolina, Maryland, VA, PA, CT, NY, North & South NJ and other parts of the world."

Dear Butch,

2/10/14

As you know, the Yturriaga family is the host for the 2015 Sto. Nino festival celebration. With this significant event, the family has started planning for the activities and one of the activities that we wanted to share with our friends and fellow Bobonanons is to sponsor the prizes for the contests. Below are the list of contests and the designated prizes set by the Bobon Sto. Nino festivities committee:

Tribal Dance: 1st prize – 30,000 pesos; 2nd – 20,000; 3rd – 10,000

Balza: 1st prize – 10,000 pesos; 2nd – 8,000; 3rd – 5,000

Barangay Decorations: 1st prize – 10,000 pesos; 2nd – 8,000; 3rd – 5,000

We would like to request from the president and members of the Bobon USA Residents Association be represented during the festivities. The sponsors will be listed in the program and will be announced during the contest and awarding of prizes. We would greatly appreciate if the association would sponsor the first prize (30,000 pesos) for the Ati-Atihan contest.

Thank you for the support and with warmest regards,


Terry Knoth

Fiesta 2015 and Beyond

John and Grace-Chan Adams will be hosting Fiesta 2015 in New York while Rosario "Sayong" Paredes and children Butch, Dick, and Tez and their families will host Fiesta 2016 in Northern California. The Alvarez family on the other hand will be hosting the annual fiesta in 2017 in Florida!

Fiesta 2018 and beyond are still open. Just let us know if you are interested in sponsoring them.

Projects

The association is soliciting ideas and suggestions on what projects in Bobon can the association undertake—one that would benefit the people of Bobon.

One idea that comes to mind is setting up a scholarship fund that will support deserving students who will be selected by a scholarship committee.

Another idea is in the area of information dissemination like having a people's library that will provide books and information materials for students and the general public.

Still another idea is helping the local government or any interested community organization dedicated to preserving what are left of Bobon's historical, religious, and natural landmarks and structures and saving them from destruction for future generations of *Bobonanons*.

Any more ideas?

Treasurer's Report by Bobbie Cornillez

BOBON-USA ASSOCIATION FIESTA 2012 TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 31, 2012

Beginning Balance (September 1, 2011)		\$ 16,350.80
Petty Cash		\$ 78.80
Total Beginning Balance		\$ 16,429.60
Income		
Membership Dues		\$ 383.00
Dinner Dance Ticket Sales		\$ 5,417.00
Curacha Dance Fundraising		\$ 2,438.00
Interest Earned from Savings		\$ 2.45
Total Income		\$ 8,240.45
Expenses		
Dinner Dance		\$ 5,417.00
Bank Fees (Per Item Deposited Fee)		\$ 3.80
Petty Cash Expenses		
Petty Cash Beginning Balance	\$ 78.80	
Newsletter 2011 Printing (10 sets-4 pages each)	\$ (25.45)	\$ 25.45
Petty Cash Ending Balance	\$ 53.35	
Total Expenses		\$ 5,446.25
Net Income		\$ 2,794.20
Ending Balance (August 31, 2012)		\$ 19,223.80