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**The Association
Wishes Everyone
A Happy and Prosperous 1999!**

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Bobonanons Celebrate Centennial Fiesta '98

The centennial fever hit not only the Filipinos in the Philippines but also those living abroad – and Bobonanons in the US were not spared from it. Thanks to Mrs. Rose Ford and family who sponsored Fiesta 1998 and who thought of having the Philippine centennial celebration as this year's fiesta theme. When Kathleen (Ford) Rosello suggested that we should have the Philippine centennial as the fiesta's theme, we agreed to it right away.

Fiesta '98 was held last August 8, 1998 at the Dana Point Community Center, Dana Point, California. Many Bobonanons and their guests came in barong tagalog and patadyongs but most notable were those who came for the first time that included Letty (Rodriguez) Cepeda and family, Acit



Inat and Steve Tobes and Terry and Fred Knoth doing a Filipino folk dance number

Cornillez, Jojo and Mydee (Cornillez) Vergel de Dios, Salve Cornillez, Christine Chan, and Francisca Gorgonia.

Fr. Juan Caboboy officiated the mass which started promptly at 11:00 am. Lunch followed after which the

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Bobonanons and their guests with the Hermana, Mrs. Rose Ford, seated in the center.

Fiesta '99 and Beyond

Next year's fiesta will be hosted by David and Rose (Lluz) Zats. It will be held in San Pedro, California on August 14, 1999. In the year 2000, it will be in Phoenix, Arizona with Mrs. Paz Encinares as our host; and in the year 2001, Eddie and Edna (Escareal) Unay will sponsor the fiesta in Hawthorne, New Jersey. Get ready for these, folks, and plan ahead as our Fiesta celebration goes from coast to coast!

David and Rose plan to have the affair catered which should save everyone the trouble of preparing for their potluck stuff. For this purpose, tickets costing \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children will be distributed to members and their families.

The Many Faces of Fiesta '98...

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, pictures used in this issue of the NewsLetter are courtesy of Dick and Epay Paredes.



Rose Zats, Epay Paredes, Letty Cepeda, and Tita Carpina

Ber Carpina with family and friends...



Acit Cornillez with family and friends...



Precy Bolhayon and friends...



Bobbie Cornillez with friends and relatives...
(Picture courtesy of Noel & Bobbie Cornillez)



Mrs. Rose Ford and friends...

More Fiesta Pictures



Vic and Precy Bolhayon and their guest performing a native Ifugao dance.



The Luzvimin Dance Troupe from Arizona... (Picture courtesy of Noel & Bobbie Cornillez)



Fred Knoth and Acit Cornillez doing the kuracha...

Treasurer's Report

By Bobbie Cornillez

Beginning Balance as of 10/97 **\$2,085.95**

Add:

Interest Income 11/97-11/98	41.34	
Fiesta '98:		
Membership Fees	160.00	
Food Donation	275.00	
Kuracha	500.00	976.34

Total Income 3,062.29

Less:

Fiesta '98 expenses		
Food	165.00	
Dancers	120.00	
Mailing and Printing	205.86	490.86

Ending Balance as of 12/98 \$2,571.43



Terry Knoth and Tony Hill doing the kuracha...



... and the cha-cha dancers...

Editor's Note:

With some minor changes, the following article is being reprinted for its relevance to the coming millennium. We would like to hear from you.

2000 Reasons to Join Us on New Year's Eve

By Brian and Lydee Hershey

It's less than 365 days until midnight, December 31, 1999. Do you know where you'll be? Would you like to be with your fellow Bobonanons?

The association is trying to find out

if there is any interest in sponsoring a New Year's Eve party in the Los Angeles area on that date. We can only begin to make arrangements — like choosing a site, paying a deposit to reserve a place, choosing entertainment, etc. — if we know that there's interest. Please let us hear from you, by phone, letter or e-mail, before April 30, 1999, so we can make our plans. We truly would like to welcome the new century in the company of family and friends.

The Paredeses will also be the Hermanos/Hermanas for the Bobon town fiesta in August 2000. Plan on going back home and come join us!

Bobon is still on the Internet

If you have internet access like America Online, Compuserve, or Microsoft Network, you can still visit Bobon on the Web! Yes, just point your web browser to:

<http://www.ih.jhsph.edu/rep/bobon/>

and take a look at the internet edition of this NewsLetter. You can also e-mail me at: rparedes@jhsph.edu for your comments, etc.

Happy surfing!



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Bobonanons celebrate...

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program began with the Luzvimin Dancers from Arizona (courtesy of Tony Hill) performing Philippine folk dances. The ever popular patriotic song *Bayan ko* and *Saan Ka Man Naroroon* were sung by Louise Mary Cornillez. The dancing team of Fred and Terry Knoth and Steve and Inat Tobes gave their own interpretation of a native Philippine dance while Elaine Raposas sung *They Can't Take That Away From Me*. Not to be outdone, Vic and Precy Bolhayon and their guest performed an Ifugao dance while Ber Carpina sung a Waray-waray song. Kuracha, cha-cha,

todo-todo, electric dance, and tango dominated the rest of the afternoon.

Did you know...

1. ... that Bobon was first settled by evacuees from Palapag in 1649 at the height of the Sumoroy rebellion in 1605-1606.
2. ... that the second wave of settlers came from the Bicol region.
3. ... that by 1697 Bobon had grown

enough to have a pastor to have a pastor to minister the place and the neighboring village of Catarman.

The above Bobon facts and trivia are taken from the article on Bobon that appeared in North of Samar Island 400 Years of Christianization, published by the Diocese of Catarman. If you have more information to share your fellow Bobonanons, please send them to the association's Maryland address.

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