

# NEWSLetter



## Father Tan Graces Fiesta 2024 in Arizona Celebrating 34 years of Bobon-USA Traditions

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**Merry Christmas!**  
and a  
*Blessed New Year*

By Sheena (Tata) Hill-Dilla

It is that time of year again when all the Bobonans and their families, near and far, gather to celebrate our town fiesta. As we prepare to commemorate the 34th year of the Bobon-USA Association town fiesta, I can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of nostalgia as I remember being a kid and reflecting on how this organization came about. It is a blessing and an honor for my family to sponsor this year's fiesta here in Arizona.

We are incredibly thankful that the preparations went smoothly, especially since we have been waiting for this event for five years. We chose the theme "Pista Sa Nayon" to bring back the traditions we cherished while growing up in Bobon and share that

experience with our new generations. During the planning process, the first thing that came to mind was the *ati-atihan* festival in honor of Señor Santo Niño de Bobon. We wanted this to be the highlight of the fiesta. The *ati-atihan* costumes were purchased 19 months earlier from our beloved hometown of Bobon and were hand-carried to our home here in Arizona. To ensure convenience for our guests, we decided to hold both the meet and greet and the fiesta day at the same venue, which was held at the Hilton Garden Inn; the ballroom was decorated with *banderitas* and native centerpieces of *nigo* filled with fresh fruits to enhance our "Pista Sa Nayon" theme.

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## Fiesta '25 will again be in Arizona



### Fiesta 2025 will again be in Arizona

In 2025, our fiesta celebration will be held in Arizona again and it will be hosted by Matt and Juvi Tiberio-Lindsey and Family.

Preliminary details of the fiesta are posted here and more will come in the next issue of our NewsLetter.

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## Fiesta '24 Picture Gallery





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## Fiesta '24

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### \*Meet and Greet/Vesperas Day:\*

Many familiar faces started to arrive, and we couldn't help but feel overwhelmingly happy. After completing the registration process, we started off the evening with our 9th-day novena, followed by a solemn holy mass officiated by Rev. Father Pompeyo Tan, the parish priest of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Springfield, Missouri, who traveled from there to join us in this joyous occasion. After the mass, it was time to enjoy a buffet dinner, talk, reminisce, and celebrate. It was a night to have fun, mingle, and catch up, as many only see each other once a year during fiesta time.

During the evening, we were treated to a special performance by the Island Girls LLC Dancers, led by Julia Gibbs and my sister Shirleen "Len-Len" Hill,



who showcased their talent in hula dancing (it looked easy, but it was quite challenging!). While we enjoyed dinner, we were serenaded with *Waray-Waray* songs by our very own Bobonanon singer, Cecilia "Enday" Cardenio Gorda, whose voice was beautiful. The night was filled with laughter, fun, and lots of dancing as we cherished each other's company.

### \*Fiesta Day:\*

This was the day we had all been waiting for. The event began with a procession in the ballroom led by our *ati-atihan* performers, followed by the hermano, hermana, and family carrying our beloved Señor Santo Niño de Bobon and Father Pompeyo Tan. After this touching procession, we participated in a solemn holy mass officiated by Rev. Father Pom-



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## Bobon-USA Association—Treasurer's Report

Bobon-USA Residents Association		
Fiesta 2022 Chandler, arizona		
Hosts Pacita and Estela Cornillez		
Treasurer's Report		
as of December 31, 2022		
<b>Beginning Balance (January 1, 2022)</b>		<b>\$ 23,741.82</b>
Petty Cash Balance: \$17		
Less: 6.00 card and postage		
<b>Ending Balance: \$11.00</b>		
<b>Income Fiesta Income</b>		
Membership	\$ 360.00	
Dinner	\$ 5,690.00	
Curacha	\$ 4,632.00	
Less: Dinner Expenses	\$ (5,690.00)	
<b>Total Fiesta Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,992.00</b>	
Interest Income June 2022-December 2022	\$ 7.23	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,999.23</b>	
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
Memorial Gift for Miss Pacita Cornillez	\$ (200.00)	
Memorial Gift for Mrs. Bonita McFarland	\$ (200.00)	
Butch Paredes for Bobon-USA Website	\$ (427.51)	
Federal Tax Withheld January 2022-December 2022	\$ (1.67)	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (829.18)</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 4,170.05</b>
<b>Ending Balance (December 31, 2022)</b>		<b>\$ 27,911.87</b>

## Fiesta 2024 and Beyond

Our current line-up of *Hermanas/Hermanos* for our annual fiesta is as follows:

- 2024 - Ronnie & Sheena-Hill Dilla
- 2025 - Matt & Juvi Tiberio-Lindsey
- 2026 - Puey Quiñones, Nuncia Tiberio, and Florissa (Tot-tot) Balite
- 2027 - Yturriaga Family
- 2028 - Grandchildren of Pedro and Eugenia Paredes Cardeño
- 2029 - David And Khim Jaldo-Malley

If you feel like Sr. Sto. Niño is asking you to honor Him by sponsoring any of our upcoming fiesta celebrations, just let us know.

*Viva Sr. Sto. Niño!*

## In Memoriam:



**Atty. Bartolome Balite Cornillez**  
August 25, 1931 - November 20, 2024

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May the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



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peyo Tan. At the end of the mass, the Santo Niños prepared as souvenirs were blessed and the mass was concluded by singing "An Iroy nga Tuna."

Following the mass, the *ati-atihan* performers surprised us with a performance to honor Señor Santo Niño de Bobon which brought tears, emotions and nostalgia for many who have not been back home to



Bobon for many years; shortly after, everyone joined in for our traditional *sinulog* dance. After the *sinulog* dance, a group picture was taken. It was an emotional experience to witness. As our emcee, Ronnie Dilla, Jr., began the evening program, it

officially started with the singing of the U.S. National Anthem by Carter Tobes Hill, followed by the Philippine National Anthem sung by our DJ, Jude Basiga. Our President, Mr. Butch Paredes, delivered the welcome address. I also presented a story about the origins of Bobon-USA Association and honored the previous hermanos and hermanas from the past 33 years and present. In addition, we acknowledged our officers who have held their positions for the same length of time. Dinner was served, and once again, we were serenaded by our Bobonanon singer, Cecilia "Enday" Gorda Sanchez. Later in the evening, we enjoyed a surprise dance performance by our own Magsarang Bobon Dance Troupe who brought us so much joy (Yes, the name is intentional). The night was filled with dancing, and of course, our fiesta wouldn't be complete without our fundraising *kuratsa!* The program was concluded with the turnover of Señor Santo Niño de Bobon from our family, Ronnie and Sheena "Tata" Hill Dilla to the upcoming 2025 Hermano/Hermana Matt and Juvi Tiberio-Lindsey. What a night to remember!

Many behind the scenes preparations and thank you all who assisted, participated and made our fiesta memorable. We would like to acknowledge our performers as they worked very hard with no time to practice. The *ati-atihan* performers consist of the youngsters because we wanted them to experience the *ati-atihan*. Performers were Ronnie Dilla, Jr., Roneel Omega, Kyle Perez, Timmy Carpina, Carter Tobes Hill, Creux Tobes Hill, Nathan Cornillez Labro, Chris Dayao, Trisha and Tristan Leslie, AJ Carpina, Bernadette Carpina and Rommel "Romo" Viray, led by Shirleen "Len-Len" Hill and especial thanks to Frances "Antet" Tiberio who volunteered to be the lead drummer. The Magsarang Bobon Dance Troupe participants were Shirleen "Len-Len" Hill, Juvi Tiberio-Lindsey, Floresa "Tot-Tot" Balite, Nuncia Tiberio, Pia Tobes, Teresa "Tess" Leslie, Auntie Tita Carpina-Cornillez, Salve Labro, Lynn Tabique, Cecilia "Enday" Gorda Sanchez with especially mention to their choreographer and seamster of their folk-dance customs, Tito Tony "Nonong" Abellar. Considering the time constraints for all per-



formers and they only practice a couple of hours before their performances, they did an amazing job! Thank you all for such memorable performances!

Our heartfelt thank you to each single one of you who came to celebrate the fiesta with us. We're extremely grateful for making this event a memorable one. May our beloved Señor Santo Niño de Bobon continue to Protect, Guide and Bless all of us!

## Fiesta '25

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Some of the information that have been posted by Juvi are as follows:



### Vespera and Fiesta Venue:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix Tempe  
4400 South Rural Road  
Tempe, AZ 85282, USA  
Phone +1 480-897-7444

For the link to the hotel website to make your discounted room reservation, please visit our website at: <https://bobon.us/news.htm>

### Fees:

Adult: \$65/person  
Children, 4-6 years old: \$25/person  
(Must RSVP by 6/22/2025)

### Activities:

#### Vespera:

Friday, August 22, 2025

Attire: Casual Hawaiian

#### Venue:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix Tempe  
The Tempe Ballroom (2nd floor)

- 4PM-The Rosary and Last Day Novena to Sr. Sto. Niño de Bobon
- 6PM-Dinner-Bufferet for members of the Bobon-USA Association courtesy of the Sponsors (must RSVP by 6/22/2025)
- 7-11PM-Meet & Greet and Presentations

#### Fiesta Day:

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Attire: Formal Hawaiian

#### Venue:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Phoenix Tempe  
The Grand Ballroom (1st floor)

- 4PM-The Holy Mass, officiated by Fr Rey Clutario, Parish Priest, Corpus Christi Parish, Ahwahtukee
- 6PM-Sit-down dinner