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THRU DEC. 10—Come and view Annie Virata Hewes New York "Skyline in Glass" Solo Exhibit at The Philippine Center, Art Lobby, 556 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036 from Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm and Sat. by appt. For more info, e-mail: info@glassandraku.co.uk or visit www.glassandraku.com

Christmas concert in NYC with OPM icon Joey Albert
DEC. 3—Original Pilipino Music (OPM) superstar Joey Albert will return to New York City for a Christmas concert called "Christmas from Home, Live in New York" at St. Peter Episcopal Church at 346 West 20th Street (between 8th and 9th Avenue) in Manhattan. With special participation of Madz Alumni & Friends. Presented by Romeo Joven and ritzberries productions, the concert will start at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$38. For tickets and other info, call 917.513.5266, 914.346.9646, 908.906.9788, 347.738.3025 or 201.207.4654.

DEC. 3—All are invited to the Kalayaan Hall, Philippine Center, 556 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY at 6:30pm for an evening with Miguel Syjuco, author of *Ilustrado*. It's his debut-novel which won the 2008 Man Asian Literary Prize and the Palanca Award-the Philippine's highest literary honor. The book is a family saga of four generations tracing 150 years of Philippine history forged under the Spanish, Americans and Filipinos themselves. Copies of the book will be available for sale. However, for a more dynamic discussion, we suggest that attendees read the book ahead of the event. RSVP by e-mail to Mae Ermita at pcgnyevents@gmail.com. In view of space limitations, only those who respond positively to the above e-mail by Mon, Nov. 29 are assured of accommodations.

Saturday consular services with free health screenings
DEC. 4—The Philippine Consulate General in New York will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to provide convenient weekend hours to the Filipino community during winter. At the

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same time, the Philippine-New York Jaycees will offer free health screening services at the lobby of the Philippine Center on Fifth Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets) in Manhattan. For details, call (212) 764-1330.

Simbang Gabi at Saint Patrick's Cathedral

DEC. 4—Please join us at Simbang Gabi Sa Katedral - Mass of the Gifts - at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Fifth Ave. between 50th & 51st St., NYC starting at 6:30 pm. Theme: "Ang Belen: A Picture Perfect of Obedience and Humility." Prior to mass a procession of our Blessed Mother and Santo Nino Images starting at 5:30 pm from Archdiocese of NY (1011 First Ave. & 56th St.) culminating at St. Patrick Cathedral for the Simbang Gabi Mass.

Bohol Circle Family Christmas Party

DEC. 4—The Bohol Circle of Eastern USA invites you to their family Christmas Party at the Assyrian Orthodox Church of Virgin Mary, 644 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652. Admission is \$40/person. For more info, please call: Larry Galang 201-790-3358; Atoy Torralba 908-416-4341; Anita Borja 201-428-8107; Daday Magaso 718-344-7898; June Balista 845-269-5297; Bong Dejaresco 917-250-6078.

DEC. 4—A procession featuring the different images of Our Blessed Mother and Santo Niño will be held shortly before the 5:30 p.m. Simbang Gabi at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The procession will kick off from 1011 First Avenue near cor. 56th St. and First Ave. Have your group/participants register ASAP for the arrangement of the order of the procession. Also a whole day prayer will be held in Cathedral High School at 7-4 p.m. along 56th St. bet. 1st and 2nd Ave. Light snacks will be served outside to all marchers arriving at 4 p.m. and not joining the whole day prayer. You can bring Filipino desserts and drinks to share. The Cathedral High School Band will be leading the procession with Christmas songs going to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Call Aida Gamolo (917) 816-0530 or e-mail alg@bestweb.net

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Health fair, bazaar sale at St. Lucy Church NYC

DEC. 5—A health fair and bazaar sale will be held at St. Lucy Church on 104th St. (between 1st and 2nd avenues) in Manhattan from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free medical services such as blood, cholesterol and diabetes screening, EKG, BMI, dental screening, manual and electrical therapy, laboratory and stress management and others will be offered by medical practitioners and nurses in New York headed by Dr. Teofila Malanum Santos. Sponsored by the Our Lady of Manaoag Society in America. Contact Nida 718.393.0348, Lett 516.385.8238, Rene 646.831.9541, Sofia 347.453.8951, Anita 917.388.0906, Michael 516.616.5613, Msgr. Aquino 212.289.0730 and Dr. Malanum 516.569.6504.

Silliman University Christmas Party

DEC. 5—Silliman University Alumni NY/NJ will hold its annual Christmas Party and Fund Raising (for SU Student Center) from 3pm to 8pm at Step by Step Dancesport USA, 24 Newbridge Road, Bergenfield, NJ, 07621. Donation \$40. Contact persons: Dely Po-Go 973-754-9035; Proscy Sevileno-Dagdayan 718-224-4126; Jen Villanueva-Pal 914-245-6142; Daday Kiamco-Millman 908-317-9719; Dr. Lowell-Taclob 201-652-3364; Dr. Vangie Bravo-Manjares 631-948-0269; Jingjing Dagpin-Merecido 646-639-4632; Joji Juele-Jalandoni 201-401-7559; Noeta Silva 718-224-2370; Lily Wysocki 848-203-2394. RSVP by Nov. 27, 2010.

St. Patrick's Church LIC hold early Christmas party

DEC. 5—The staff and members of the Filipino Apostolate of St. Patrick's Church are inviting friends and parishioners to join their early Christmas party at 39-38 29th Street (40th Avenue) in Long Island City, N.Y. 11101. Fun begins after the 12:15 p.m. mass. There will be lots of games and dancing. For inquiries, call Cora Cortez (646) 515-0842; Nina Borja (917) 443-2239; Angie Arguelles (646) 240-0494; Nena Matela (718) 2684215 and Carmen Martinez (718) 909-4228.

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NYC staged reading of Amy Hartman's play 'Mad Money'

DEC. 6—The public is invited to watch a staged reading of "Mad Honey," Amy Hartman's provocative new play, directed by Victor Lirio, at 7:30 p.m. at June Havoc Theatre at The Abingdon Theatre Complex, 312 West 36th Street in Manhattan. Presented by Diverse City Theatre Co. as part of its Green Room Series. Featuring Paul Ford, Laurie Klatscher, Nick Lehane, Teresa Stephenson and Bree Michael Warner. Admission is free. Visit www.diversecitytheater.org

Kalayaan concert

DEC. 8—Felipe P. de Leon Foundation Inc. proudly presents Katrina Saporsantos, soprano, Anthony Lim, tenor and Cynthia de Leon, pianist. 7 p.m. at the Kalayaan Hall, Philippine Center, New York. Donation: \$20. Seating is limited. For tickets, please call Fatima Griffith at 201-902-0978 or Cynthia de Leon at 201-790-2735 or 201-652-4435.

9-day Simbang Gabi at PhilCenter's Kalayaan Hall

DEC. 9-17—The traditional nine-day Simbang Gabi will be celebrated at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Center on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. It will be from 7 p.m. on weekdays, and 3 p.m. on weekends. For details, call (212) 764-1330.

NaFFAA's 3rd Annual Poinsettia Grand Ball

DEC. 11—The National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA-Region 1) hosted by NAFFAA-Connecticut Chapter invites you to their 3rd Annual Poinsettia Grand Ball - Salute to the Filipino-American Achievers - at the Holiday Inn Stamford, 700 East Main St., Stamford, CT 06901, tel #203-3580-8400 starting at 6:30 pm. Donation: \$85 per person, \$100

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at the door. Attire: Men in Tuxedo (Red bow tie) or optional red tie, women in red or red accented long gown. For more info, call Debbie Magno 203-933-1661; Marlene 203-912-8293; Frank 617-755-3948; Aida 610-416-0746; Merit 973-680-1533; Nena 212-799-1847 or Roger 516-807-2882.

'Lessons and Carols' concert at St. Catherine's of Siena
DEC. 11—One of St. Catherine of Siena's most loved celebrations — "Lessons and Carols" — with readings, candlelight and music of the season of advent and Christmas. From 7 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 411 E. 68th St. (between 1st and York Aves.). For more info, call 212-988-9800.

Placer International's annual Christmas party
DEC. 11—Placer International will celebrate its annual Christmas celebration for the benefit of the children of Placer and sports program. At St. Edmund's R.C. Church, 2450 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, NY, from 5 pm to midnight. Donation is \$20 per person, \$30 per family. New and old toys, books and used clothing are welcome. Please RSVP no later than Dec. 4. To RSVP, call Noli 347-415-6428; or Judy 718-404-2238.

DEC. 11—"OYAYI: A Christmas Story" will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Pompei Church at 25 Carmine St. (cor. Bleecker St.) in Manhattan, after the 5 p.m. mass, featuring the San Lorenzo Ruiz Choir. To be performed are excerpts from Lloyd Larson's "Holy Night of Miracles" and original Filipino Christmas songs by Ryan Cayabyab, Lucio San Pedro, Manoling Francisco and more. General admission is \$10 (advance) and \$15 (at the gate). VIP tickets at \$25 (advance) and \$30 (gate). Call (646) 483-4465 or (561) 568-8871 or e-mail slrc.1000@gmail.com

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Alpha Phi Omega Anniversary & Induction Ball

DEC. 11—The Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity/Sorority (Alumni) will hold its 85th founding anniversary & 23rd induction of 2011 officers of Great NY Alumni Assoc. at Bistro Filipino in Richmond Hill, Queens. For details, call Ramon Barrameda 516-652-0831; Paul Hipolito 201-660-0743 or Mailen P. Gaudite 646-884-1048.

Lady of Manaoag Society induction, Christmas ball

DEC. 12—The Our Lady of Manaoag Society in America will have its induction and Christmas ball at Astoria World Manor at 25-22 Astoria Blvd., Queens, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Highlight is the coronation of Hiyas Ng Manaoag USA 2010 and other beauties. Donation is \$70 with proceeds to support projects of Msgr. Aquino at St. Lucy Church. Everyone is invited. Call Nida 718.393.0348, Lett 516.385.8238, Rene 646.831.9541, Sofia 347.453.8951, Anita 917.388.0906, Michael 516.616.5613, Carmen 516.569.6504 and Bing 917.375.9344.

DEC. 12—Come enjoy the food, drinks, music, dancing & Holiday Spirit together. Everyone is welcome to bring any additional food or dessert to the party. At the Ascension Church, 256 Azalea Drive, New Milford, NJ. Party to begin at 5 pm in the auditorium. Donation: \$30 per person, Ages 8-12 are \$15 per person and Ages 7 and below are free. For More info contact Dr. Epifania Cruz (609) 284-7968, E-mail: epifania.cruz@maharajahusa.org ; Antonette Y. Chester (201) 647-8394, E-mail:

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DEC. 12—All are invited to a "Salute to Levi Celerio"-National Artist and Poet of Philippine Music in celebration of his 100th birthday anniversary at St. Peter's College, Roy Irving Theatre, 2641 Kennedy Blvd, Jersey City, NJ 07306 starting at 3pm. . Sponsored by the Philippine Chamber Rondalla of New Jersey, Inc. (a 501-C3 organization). Tickets: \$15 advance general admission (\$20 at the door); \$5 for kids 10 and younger. It will also feature very entertaining rondalla music interspersed with skits, some dance sequences, songs by acclaimed vocalists and more!! For more info, call Tarit at 908-359-3297 or Del at 732-207-3284 or e-mail: PhilChamberRondalla@yahoo.com

4 Fil-Am artists in one show at PhilCenter NYC

DEC. 12—Four noted Filipino-American artists will stage a group exhibit at the Philippine Center on Fifth Avenue from December 13 to 29. A ribbon cutting ceremony to formally open the show will be held on Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. The four artists are Luis Amat Caraos, Cesar Delos Santos, David Temperante and Rey Reyes. For particulars, call Zeny Avila or Mel Capinpin at (212) 575-4774.

Simbang Gabi at St. Sebastian's

DEC. 15-22—All are invited to join our Filipino tradition "Simbang Gabi" at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Sebastian-58th St. and Roosevelt Ave., Woodside, NY in cooperation with its Filipino Ministries. Mass begins at 7:30pm. Dec. 23rd-6:30 pm - "Panunuluyan" followed by Holy Mass. Reception follows in the School Auditorium. All masses in the main church. To sponsor a mass, pls. call: Juliet 718-429-1167; Belinda 718-304-3267; Mely 718-424-3373. For more info, call: Hilda 646-508-4871; Beth 646-281-0595 or Brenda 718-397-7344.

Simbang Gabi at St. Aedan's

DEC. 15-23—Welcome everyone to Simbang Gabi at St. Aedan's Church, 800 Bergen Ave.,

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Jersey City, NJ 07306. Halina Hesus Halina! Join us for a 9 day novena masses. Weekday masses start at 6 a.m.-weekend masses at 8am. Refreshments will be served.

Simbang Gabi at Most Precious Blood Lower Church NYC

DEC. 16-24—The annual Filipino mass Simbang Gabi will be held for nine-days at Most Precious Blood Lower Church at 32-23 36th Street, Long Island City, Queens, N.Y. (R train to Steinway stop. Church is between 34th Ave. and Broadway) Weekdays and Saturday masses start at 7:30 p.m. Sunday mass starts at 5 p.m. There is an ongoing Filipino healing mass, the only regular mass in Filipino, regularly being held every Sunday at 5 p.m. in the same lower church. Sponsor of the masses is the Filipino community in Astoria (Bro. Amerito, coordinator).

Fil-Am accountants' Yuletide party in Astoria World Manor

DEC. 17—The Association of Filipino American Accountants New York (AFAA-NY) will hold its 2010 Christmas party at the Astoria World Manor, 25-22 Astoria Blvd., Astoria, N.Y. 11102, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$50 (includes a sumptuous dinner). Sponsored by AF Paredes and Company LLP, Dadia Valles Vendiola LLP, and Padilla and Company LLP. RSVP Jennifer Joaquin (718) 558-5858 or Shirley Patapat (718) 206-1218 or Ms. Jaena Valles (718) 275-1422.

Tanglaw Simbang Gabi in Central Islip, N.Y.

DEC. 24—The Tanglaw Filipino-American Society of Long Island, N.Y., Inc. will hold its annual Simbang Gabi at the Berkeley Interfaith Chapel, NYIT Central Islip Campus, 300 Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, NY 11722. The Tagalog-English misa cantada will start at 8 p.m. Celebrant is Rev. James Dineros. Music by Tanglaw Choral Group. Kakanin refreshments will be served after the mass. For particulars, visit www.tanglaw.org or call Manny Dador (631) 385-4656, Robert Zarate (631) 816-4372, Dr. Fred & Eva Roque (631) 868-0730, Rene & Lettie Compas (631)942-2850, Tonih & Baisy Apostol (646) 286-0688 or Cindy Hom (631) 897-7961.

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14th Sto. Nino & Ati-Atihan Festival in Chesapeake, VA

JAN. 8—The Aklan Ati-Atihan of Virginia celebrates its 14th Sto. Nino & Ati-Atihan Festival at the Chesapeake Conference Center, 900 Greenbrier Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320. This event enables the participants to renew their devotion to the Holy Child (Sto. Nino) while they celebrate the feast of the Sto. Nino and Ati-Atihan Festival. Everyone is invited to attend this colorful, fun-filled, exciting festival as we celebrate the feast of the Sto. Nino. Please contact the following members for tickets and additional information: Astro & Lyn Tejada (757.547.4813), Rey & Emma Apolonio (757.229.3733), Emma Panagsagan (757.588.4193), Joy Asban (757.216.2094), Joe & Vivian Sola (703.505.6548).

Calling all CHS Class of 1966 alumni residing in USA and abroad. We are having our Grand 45th Reunion in Roxas City on June 25-26, 2011. Contact us for details by email at capizhighschoolclass1966@yahoo.com

and/or by phone, in Roxas City: Orlandz Bigcas-Lumawag at 011-6336-621-2420, Vicky Ponsaran-Villarosa at 011-6336-621-1223, Charlie Robles at 011-6336-6211409, Luz Almanzor-Borres at 011-6336-6210132; in Manila: Adrian Buensalido at 011-639-175340310, Evelyn Yap-Paz at 011-632-417-4420; in USA: Medy Jimenez-Antonio in CA at 1-818-339-7471, Andy Quisumbing in OH at 1-740-363-7378, Eduardo Quiampang in New Jersey at 1-856-304-3317; Allan Chu in Canada at 1-514-685-8647.

UST High School Call 1961-Alumni Homecoming

We are the Golden Jubilarian for the USTHS Alumni Homecoming of 2011. Your batchmates are awaiting for you, after 50 years. See you all on Feb. 5, 2011 at the UST Plaza Manor, in front of the main building. Be present too at the Batch '61 Golden Jubilee reunion, a 4 day outing on Feb. 8-12, 2011. Also UST celebrates 400 years, Grand Celebration on Jan.27-28, 2011. For details, contact the following: Miroan Sison Sy 571-2239, CP 0928-383-5609; Alex Costales 844-4755 or 0905-319-2213; Erlinda Co-Sarno 562-402-0418; Cora Tanega-Bernardo 510-459-5411 or 510-489-0346; Mita Zamora Olasso 973-801-8001 or 843-492-7433 or Corky Coronel Ledesma 516-759-9262.

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The Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippines Development (PCAFPD) is preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps in 2011 by collecting stories from Filipinos about Peace Corps Volunteers who served in the Philippines. If you have memories of a Peace Corps Volunteer who was your friend, colleague or neighbor when you or your parents or grandparents were living in the Philippines, we'd like to hear from you. Please send your submissions by email to (if you want to be the point person on this you can enter yours — or use board1@rpcvphilippines.org). Also, for those who do not use e-mail, submissions can be sent to PCAFPD, P.O. Box 100114, Arlington VA 22210.

APRIL 26, 2011—Banganhons across the globe will gather in Banga, Aklan on this Easter Sunday designated as "Thrilla Day." Event will start with a 7 a.m. mass followed by colorful tricyclecade to Aklan State University for brunch. A Filipiniana gala will take place at 7 p.m. featuring 12 reigning beauties. For details call Anthony at 973-845-6292 (or armacahilig@yahoo.com), Reuben 718-210-3206 (or reuben_ibarreta@yahoo.com), or Baby Coroy 516-358-7480 (or arteofilo@aol.com)