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### Consular outreach at PAAC in West Haven, Connecticut

APRIL 2—The Philippine Consulate General's outreach services will be held at the Philippine Association of Connecticut (PAAC) in West Haven. A limited number of passport applications can be accepted as data capture alone takes 10-15 minutes per applicant. To streamline this, the Consulate requires passport applicants to submit documents and payment for pre-process by the Consulate at least ten (10) days before a scheduled outreach. This will allow time for data capture, and inform applicants by email of the time they are expected to show-up at the venue, reducing the waiting time during the outreach. Only a limited number of slots will be given. To secure a slot, e-mail the Consulate at least 10 days before the outreach. Visit [www.pcgny.net](http://www.pcgny.net) to download the appropriate forms. First-come-first- served for legalization of documents, notarization, authentication, report of marriage, report of birth and dual citizenship. Contact person for the West Haven outreach is Dr. Gino Ang 203.281.0716.

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### PIDCI Grand Marshals gala at Astoria World Manor

APRIL 2—The Philippine Independence Day Council, Inc. (PIDCI) will hold its Grand Marshals Gala honoring Nick and wife Dr. Edita Libramonte, grand marshals of the Philippine Independence Day Parade this June in New York City. The gala will be held at the Astoria World Manor at 25-22 Astoria Boulevard in Astoria, Queens, N.Y. 11102-2940. Reception from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and dinner and dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For information or invitations, call any of the chairpersons of the gala committee, Fe Martinez at (973) 222-0085, or Dr. Eleanor Parico at (908) 265-1293 or PIDCI President Joji Jalandoni at (201) 401-7559 or any member of the PIDCI board of directors.

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### Dita Sandico Ong fashion exhibit ongoing at PhilCenter

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APRIL 8—Fashion aficionados have until this date to catch the unique collections made out of natural and beautifully handmade textiles and innovative designs of distinguished Filipina fashion designer Dita Sandico Ong at the Philippine Center on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. With March as International Women's Month, the Philippine Center New York and the artist are dedicating the show "With a Twist of Green" to women and cultural empowerment. Entitled "With a Twist of Green," the exhibit runs from March 14 to April 8. Call Ms. Zeny Avila or Ms. Mel Capinpin at 212-575-4774 for particulars.

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Filipino mass at Immaculate Conception in Astoria, N.Y.

APRIL 9—The public is invited to attend a Filipino mass at Immaculate Conception Church on Ditmars Blvd. and 29th Street in Astoria, N.Y. Mass starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by light refreshments. For more information, call Fr. Joseph Hugo at 917.519.8823. MTA to the church: Take N or Q train to last stop, then walk to Ditmars and make left; church at your right.

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PAFCOM Grand Coronation Night

APRIL 9—All are invited to PAFCOM's Grand Coronation Night at Loews Theatre, Jersey City, NJ. For more info, pls. call: Gani 908-230-6468; Nena 917-528-1212; Helen 201-920-9441; Lita 201-232-1742; Resy 908-416-2732; Luchie 551-208-9829; Gerry 201-238-1785.

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PACCCSI 33rd Anniversary Celebration

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APRIL 10—Philippine-American Civic and Cultural Community of Staten Island cordially invites you to its 33rd Anniversary Party at Nicotra's Ballroom at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 South Ave. at Lois Lane, Staten Island, NY 10314, (718-477-2400) from 11am-3pm. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 11am followed by buffet brunch. Music by: DJ Carlo Castillo. Adult \$35, children \$30. Attire: semi-formal. Pls. make check payable to: PACCCSI, 215 Oakland Ave., SI, NY 10310. RSVP by April 3rd. For more info, call: Obet Angeles 646-209-6426; Manny/Tess Carreon 718-761-9763; Being dela Paz 718-948-8681; Renato/Edith Gomez 718-816-0190; Ben Gupit 718-317-9424; Tita Imperial 646-346-4264; Dr. Manny Lagmay 917-403-2762; Joe Medrano 718-816-4472; Evie Mejia 718-309-7710; Aurora Nazareno Ocampo 718-727-0619; Bert Olimpo 347-308-0426; Lourdes Panlilio 718-273-3567.

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Memorial mass for Monina Latuja at San Lorenzo Chapel

APRIL 10—A memorial mass for the late civil leader Monina Latuja will be held at San Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel, 378 Broome Street in Manhattan starting at 2:15 p.m. Tribute and reception to follow. Sponsored by the Philippine-American Communities Executive Council, Inc. (PACEC) led by Araceli Mendoza. For particulars, call 973.815.1299 or e-mail [PACEC2010@yahoo.com](mailto:PACEC2010@yahoo.com)

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Consular outreach at FAAR in Rochester, New York

APRIL 16—The Philippine Consulate General's outreach will be held at the Filipino-American Association of Rochester (FAAR) in Rochester, N.Y. A limited number of passport applications will be accepted as data capture alone takes 10-15 minutes per applicant. To streamline this, the Consulate requires passport applicants to submit documents and payment for pre-process by the Consulate at least 10 days before the outreach. This will allow time for data capture, and inform applicants by email of the time they are expected to show-up at the venue, reducing the waiting time. To secure a slot, e-mail the Consulate at least 10 days before the outreach. Visit [www.pcgny.net](http://www.pcgny.net) to download the appropriate forms. First-come-first- served for legalization of documents, notarization, authentication, report of marriage, report of birth and dual citizenship.

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Contact person for the Rochester outreach is Amy Maravilla-Rivera 585.415.6985.

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'Till We Meet Again' party for Dep. ConGen Thomeczek

APRIL 16—Deputy Consul General Millie Sta. Maria-Thomeczek will be feted by the Filipino-American community with a "Till We Meet Again" party from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, 135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing, N.Y. 11354 (718.670.7405). Attire: formal. Music: DJ. Donation is \$55 per person (prepaid reservation only on or before April 10). Make check payable to The Filipino American Community (indicate names of your guest/s on the memo) and mail to Aida Ramos, 161-09 28th Ave., Flushing, N.Y. 11358-1022. For particulars, call Cora 646.789.6788, Aida 718.767.8926, Lolit 212.777.6423, Nelsie 201.960.7965, Lita 201.232.1742 or Juliet 718.267.0221.

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Tanglaw's benefit spring dance

APRIL 16—The Tanglaw Filipino American Society of Long Island, New York, Inc. is inviting everyone to its annual spring dance with theme "Wear Your Brightest Whites" at the VFW Post 4927 located at 31 Horse Black Road, Centereach, N.Y. 11721. Donation is \$38, dinner starts at 7 p.m. All net proceeds will go to the "Kababayan Sharing Program" to be donated to charity organizations in the Philippines. For more information, visit [www.tanglaw.org](http://www.tanglaw.org) or call Melojane Valisno (631) 846-6446, Tony Enriquez (631) 942-2850, or Art Protacio (631) 645-6365.

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Star Magic artists in NYC concert at Lincoln Center

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APRIL 23—Ritzberries Productions is bringing to New York City the much- anticipated Star Magic 18 concert featuring the Star Magic artists - Sam Milby, John Lloyd Cruz, Bea Alonzo, KC Concepcion, Gabby Concepcion, Gerald Anderson, Kim Chiu, Angelica Panganiban, Diether Ocampo, Rafael Rosell, Maja Salvador, Shaina Magdayao, Zanjoe Marudo, Enchong Dee, Erich Gonzales, Pokwang, Chokoleit and Jovit Baldovino. It will be held at the prestigious Avery Fisher Hall of the Lincoln Center (65th Street and Columbus Avenue). Show starts promptly at 6:30pm. Ticket prices: \$50, \$75, \$100, \$125, \$150 and \$195. For tickets, call Burt at 914.346.9646.

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'Thrilla Day' in Banga, Aklan for Banganhons worldwide

APRIL 26—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](mailto:armacahilig@yahoo.com)), Reuben 718-210-3206 (or [reuben\\_ibarreta@yahoo.com](mailto:reuben_ibarreta@yahoo.com)), or Baby Coroy 516-358-7480 (-or [arteofilo@aol.com](mailto:arteofilo@aol.com))

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St. Joseph's Academy Alumni Assoc. of Malinao, Aklan reunion

APRIL 26-27—Call all friends and alumni of Saint Joseph's Academy Alumni Association of Malinao, Aklan to attend its 64th Anniversary and grand homecoming on April 26-27, 2011. To commemorate the event, they are asking from generous and kind-hearted people to put an ad to a special journal, proceeds of which go to SJA and its gym construction damaged by Typhoon Frank and other elements. For more info, contact: NY/NJ area-Elna Tamayo-Prado, MD 718-454-2041; Fr. Jake Beltran 917-547-6638; Emelyn Iguban-Rios 856-751-3631 or

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California area: Peter S. Yatar, MD 909-839-0808; Nellian Inobe-Figueros 415-587-1366; Conrado C. Reloj, Jr. 619-618-9689 or Giovanni Ili 909-792-5143.

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### Gawad Kalinga's Philippine Hope Ball in Las Vegas

APRIL 30—Gawad Kaling USA is honored to be the cause of one of the most inspiring social events of the year - the Philippine GK Hope Ball. This gathering of the most eminent and prominent leaders in continental USA will list who's who among the Fil-Ams who have had a longing to give back but may not know how. This campaign will also highlight the new breed of Filipinos in America who fuel their love for our beloved Philippines not with words but with actions. For further inquiries, please contact: Mike and Luz Micabalo (702) 375-7874; or Maggie Villanueva email: [gkusainfo@gk1world.com](mailto:gkusainfo@gk1world.com) (949) 464-7230. Toll Free: (866) 543-8026.

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### Philippine fiesta in Louisiana set

APRIL 30—The town of Shreveport, Louisiana will celebrate Philippine festival and transform its Asian Gardens into a town fiesta complete with a town plaza featuring serenade performances, karaoke singing and dancing. The event is part of ASEANA Spring Festival from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Asian Gardens in downtown Shreveport at the corner of Milan and Common streets. Admission is free and open to the public. This year's theme is "Northern Louisiana" "Pista Sa Nasyon" (Town Fiesta) Philippine Festival. Exhibit tents and displays will open at 9.am., showcasing arts and crafts for sale, as well as Filipino cuisine, including a lechon (roasted pig). At 1 p.m., cultural numbers and activities will begin with Filipino folk dances and traditional fiesta games. Grand finale is the traditional Santacruzán. For details, call event chairperson Mary Grace De Joya-Vea at (318) 797-4258 or (318) 401-8078 or e-mail [mdejoyavea@yahoo.com](mailto:mdejoyavea@yahoo.com)

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### Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA

MAY 1—Bus pick up at 7 a.m. at the corner of 179 Street and Fort Washington Ave. in Manhattan, 7:15 a.m. at St John's Church, 470 Broad Ave. Leonia, New Jersey, 7:30 a.m. at St Joseph Church, 40 Spring St. Lodi, N.J. Donation is \$35. Checks payable to "The Adorno Fathers" and send to Mrs. Gloria Ramos at 100 E. Palisade Ave. #A44 in Englewood, N.J. 07631. For the benefit of The Adorno Fathers Seminary in Ramsey, N.J. For info., call The Adorno Fathers (201) 327-7375, Ramon & Gloria (201) 776-8288, Gerry & Naning (718) 931-4254 or Bety Tancio (201) 592-0017.

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### Divine Mercy pilgrimage to Stockbridge, Massachusetts

MAY 1—The Immaculate Conception Prayer Group, Astoria N.Y. will host a Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Stockbridge, Ma. Donation is \$40 round trip (to benefit God the Father Chapel in Bîan, Laguna, Philippines). Meeting place is front of Immaculate Conception Church on Ditmars Blvd. and 29th Street in Astoria. Take N or Q train to the last stop, walk to Ditmars Blvd make left. To reserve, call Linda 718.726.0674 or Lydia 516.587.0981.

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### 3rd Asian-American Month celeb in Stony Brook, N.Y.

MAY 14—The Suffolk County Executive's Asian American Advisory Board, Suffolk County Office of Minority Affairs, Wellbrook Foundation, Inc. and the Charles B. Wang Center are inviting the public to the 3rd annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration, at Stony Brook's Charles B. Wang Center from noon to 6 p.m. There will be multi-cultural booth display, arts and crafts, costumes, dance, featured presentations, vendor and corporate displays and workshops multi-cultural dance and musical performance, induction of new AAAB board

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members, presentation of awards for distinguished individuals and for the social harmony contest. There is a \$5 admission fee for the 2 p.m. cultural presentation, and \$10 for the 4:30 featured presentation. The rest of the event is free. Visit website at [www.scaaab.org](http://www.scaaab.org). Contact Ramon Villongco at (631) 742-3479; Jim Liu (631) 675-6504 or Jim Young (631) 949-0313.

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### ZDNPHS Class 1961 Golden Homecoming

MAY 18—Calling all classmates Class 1961 alumni of ZDNPHS. We are celebrating our Golden Grand Reunion in Dipolog City. For further info...please call Atty. Thelma Mata-Carpio 011-63-919-493-0631; Edita Cunanan-Domingo 1-909-981-1457; Dr. Emma Franco-Gonzalez 1-847-664-5831; Grecinda Acas-Anderson 1-702-395-2274; Elma Mata 1-773-728-0922; Prossy Sevelleno-Dagdayan 1-718-224-4126.

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### Feast and Enshrinement of Our Lady of Manaoag

MAY 29—Our Lady of Manaoag has finally found a home where devotees can gather and pray together for the intercession of the Blessed Mother of God. The Feast and Enshrinement will be held at the Church of St. Lucy, 344 E. 104th St., NYC where Rev. Msgr. Oscar Aquino, JCD is the pastor and administrator. The Holy Mass starts at 1:00 pm, then the enshrinement, followed by the reception at the social hall. We encourage individuals to take part in this historic event by being patrons, sponsors or hermana/hermano.. Every second Sunday of the month beginning in June will be sponsored by the Our Lady of Manaoag Society in America (OMLSA) Please contact the following for more information: Nida Cortez 718-393-0348, Linda Castro 917-288-0192, Rene Balenas 646-831-9541, Lett Dayao 516-365-8238, Anita Afante 917-388-0906, Michael Calicdan 516-859-7366 or Dr. Malanum 516-569-6504.

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### PAFCOM Flag-Raising Ceremony

JUNE 10—Join us for our flag raising in Jersey City, NJ at 3pm. For more info, pls. call: Gani 908-230-6468; Nena 917-528-1212; Helen 201-920-9441; Lita 201-232-1742; Resy 908-416-2732; Luchie 551-208-9829; Gerry 201-238-1785.

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### PAFCOM Friendship Ball

JUNE 11—Please join us at our Friendship Ball being held at the Sheraton Hotel, Newark, NJ. For more info, pls. call: Gani 908-230-6468; Nena 917-528-1212; Helen 201-920-9441; Lita 201-232-1742; Resy 908-416-2732; Luchie 551-208-9829; Gerry 201-238-1785.

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### FEUDNR School of Medicine 32nd reunion in Las Vegas

JUNE 15-18—The FEUDNR School of Medicine will hold its 32nd annual reunion and scientific convention at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Deadline for reservation is May 15. Call (888) 529-4828 or (702) 730-7000. Hotel room rates: June 15 & 16 - \$50/night, June 17 & 18 - \$115/night. Contact Dr. Oscar Tuazon at (626) 926-6372 or e-mail [ot\\_uazon48@aol.com](mailto:ot_uazon48@aol.com)

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Knights of Rizal NY marks Dr. Rizal's 150th birth anniv.

JUNE 19—The Order of the Knights of Rizal New York Chapter will celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Riza; from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Astoria World Manor at 25-22 Astoria Blvd., Astoria, N.Y. City Comptroller John Liu will be conferred honorary degree Knight of Commander of Rizal. Dinner-dance will follow. For details, call Allan Matamis 917.566.7567, Rene Ballenas 646.831.9541, Dean Suba, Esq. 917.470.2400 or Joe Ramos 646.421-0120.

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CAPIZ HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

JUNE 25-26—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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:capizhighschoolclass1966@yahoogroups.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 NJ at 1-856-304-3317; Allan Chu in Canada at 1-514-685-8647.

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PAFCOM Grand Parade and Festival

JUNE 26—Don't miss our biggest event of the year being held in Jersey City, NJ. For more info, pls. call: Gani 908-230-6468; Nena 917-528-1212; Helen 201-920-9441; Lita 201-232-1742; Resy 908-416-2732; Luchie 551-208-9829; Gerry 201-238-1785.

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### San Pablo City (Seven Lakes) picnic at Liberty State Park

JULY 30—The San Pablo City (Seven Lakes Association) East Coast is inviting everyone to its annual potluck picnic at Liberty State Park, Jersey City, N.J. from 11 a.m. to late evening. Contribute food, desserts or drinks. Theme is "Lutong Bahay, Lasang Babalikan." Call Abie Elarmo at 973.748.4919, Dodie Cortez 201.920.1248, Luchie Rodriguez 201.463.8413, Jocelyn Devanadera 201.281.9061, Peebles Castillo 201.238.9330 or Tina Mercado 347.965.9330.

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### Peace Corps 50th Anniversary

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](mailto:board1@rpcvphilippines.org)). Also, for those who do not use email, submissions can be sent to PCAFPD, PO Box 100114, Arlington VA 22210.