



Bali-Balita

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Easter Egg hunt & Fil-Am 33rd Anniversary Celebration

This year's celebration had the best weather that most of the members could remember for a long time. This picture shows me that even though some people were still inside the Can Do Inn, most of the people were outside enjoying the weather and games for the children. Do you remember last year's weather?



These youngsters were having a wonderful time. How about you? Did you have a good time?



Earth Day Celebration

On April 18th, Rene & Mimi Abadesco spearheaded the association's participation in cleaning up our environment. We cleaned up on City Beach, Flintstone Freeway, and Pioneer Way in downtown Oak Harbor.



These kids really cleaned up – that is a \$100 bill that our friend in the denim jacket found. Who says that it does not pay to clean up around the town?

Committee Reports:

Mother's & Father's Day – Lulu Santos, Vic Guerra, and Paul Brewer.

There was no report during the April 4th Board of Director's meeting as there had been nothing new to report and the event was still a month away. However I will repeat the information from the March meeting:

This year's event will be a combination of a Mother's Day & Father's Day Celebration. Mother of the Year and a Father of the Year will be selected. A question was brought regarding the time limit of the "paid up member" requirement. There has been questions regarding this in the past and it was brought up at this time in order to discuss any clarification that might be required. The tickets will be \$25 (donation). The scheduled date is May 1st. The proceeds from this event will be 50% for General Fund, 25% for the Charity/Sunshine Fund, and 25% for the Special Project.

Holland Happening



Holland Happening– Emma delaCruz. The food trailer had a consistent line in front of it all day long.



Nenette Nuqui & Mimi Abadesco were in charge of the parade and it looks like they got a lot of people to join in and show the town some traditional costumes.



Bibi Albornoza was in charge of the entertainment, which means that she spends a couple of weeks in a room full of children and young adults. It might have been a lot of work, but look at those smiles on the dancers – it must have been a lot of fun too.



They kept on practicing, even in the parking lot behind the stage on Pioneer Way. . . . Or maybe they are using the salakot as a Frisbee?



These youngsters did a wonderful job in front of an audience, for the first time. Perhaps the cheering section that followed them and were hooping and hollering in the front row helped them not be too shy and afraid.



Last year, we had an incident with the candle, handkerchief, and the flame at the NASWI O'club. Maybe we show a person standing by with a fire extinguisher when the youngsters do this dance. Even though the candles were not lit, the dancers did a beautiful job.

Easter Celebration & Membership Drive



There was also a Grand Prize drawing for any current and new member of the association. One of the rules for the drawing was 'Must Be Present to Win' – this was because of the size of the prize. It looks to me like these ladies came from work and won a VCR/Television! This event had the most people since 2000 – and the best weather too!

Special Project "Nayong Filipino" – Tabled.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tabled. From last month's meeting, we were supposed to get the recommendation of the Treasurer regarding the association's donation to the Santa Cruzan Association.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

They are just finishing the report; all of the attachments have been completed. The Annual Auditor's Report should be presented at the next meeting.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

Tabled. Paul Brewer brought up that the association needs a secure space to store the various items that belong to the association. Paul & Flo will be donating pots & pans to the association and the area that we use at the KofC Hall does not have enough room. A storage container, such as the SEA-LAND variety was suggested. It was suggested that a feasibility study be conducted to find the best solution. Paul will work with Rene on gathering the information. The target time for the presenting of their findings will be May or June, preferably June.

Correspondence:

Correspondence received before April 2004 meeting:

1. AlaskaUSA Federal Credit Union: Statement of Account – Feb 2 through Mar 7, 2004.
2. US Bank: Business Statement for Feb 26 through Mar 23, 2004.
3. Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce:
 - a. Business Voice newsletter – Mar 2004
 - b. Business Voice newsletter – Apr 2004
4. Midway Florist: Statement for flowers sent to Mila Burns
5. SmithBarney Money, Funds:
 - a. Annual Report
 - b. Client Statement – Feb 1 through Mar 28, 2004
6. State of Washington, Human Right Commission: Letter asking for inputs to develop the 2003-2004 strategic plan.
7. Scholarship Applications:
 - a. Danae Delacruz
 - b. Louis Draghi
 - c. Hazel Sapida
 - d. Curt Sendaydiego

The following were presented at this month's meeting:

1. Vic Guerra presented a letter from the Santa Cruzan Association. They are now a committee of Saint Augustine's Church. They will no longer have to file with the state of Washington for a non-profit status; they will now be under the umbrella of the church.
2. Sue Zylstra has asked to be a guest speaker at the May 2 meeting to tell us about the Community Sponsoring Program of Safeway.

Unfinished Business:

Oak Harbor High School Scholarship – There are eight seniors in OHHS that are children of members, however only four applications have been received so far. Dave will check the PO Box on Monday/Tuesday. The Scholarship Committee will be called to convene and pick the awardees. The deadline that has been set by OHHS is Mar 31. The question was raised about what the committee would do if an application is late – the committee will be using the guidelines set by OHHS. OHHS does not accept applications for the association; the applications will have to be mailed to the association by the applicant.

Annual Budget - Odie Sendaydiego. The practice of using the newsletter mailing expenses as the basis of determining the amount of the membership fees was discussed.

It was discussed that the monthly mailing has been approved to be a quarterly mailing.

It was also discussed that posters and a box for newsletters at local businesses could be used. It was also suggested that local businesses could sponsor the newsletter.

Rene asked about having the Santa Cruzan Association's donation in the Fil-Am budget – it was stated that we could not add more expenditures to this year's budget as it is already in the red.

Vacancy on the Board of Directors – Nominations were taken from those present and vote was taken which selected Cathi Baysa for the vacancy for Sergeant-At-Arms.

Donation to Santa Cruzan Association – A motion was made to donate \$200 to the Santa Cruzan Association. After some discussion, the motion carried.

Christmas Caroling – Odie Sendaydiego. Odie stated for the record the outcome of the carolers' efforts in this fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Odie extended a special thanks to Rene Abadesco for lending his talents with the guitar.

Open Forum:

1. Paul Brewer mentioned the idea of a perpetual scholarship fund, and suggested a couple of ways of establishing such a fund.
2. Sports Complex Coalition – David Morgan told about his meeting with the coalition during lunch. This group is trying to be a conduit for the local community and service groups to work together and positively influence the awareness of the voters in the community.

3. Paul Brewer brought up last month's discussion regarding the clothes that are available at NAS Whidbey Island Recycling. Discussion included a few years ago some computers were donated for the Philippines and they are reportedly still in customs waiting to be claimed and taxes paid. It was decided that this method of donation might not be the best due to the taxes that might be imposed on them.
4. Vicky Baldwin's condition still is such that people can still volunteer to assist her.
5. Bong Mallari is chairing the carwash to benefit the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce Fireworks display. At this time, it is scheduled for May 8 at Wal-Mart. Paul Brewer suggested that a portion of this fundraiser go to the General Fund.

Next Board Meeting

Next meeting will be at 1:00PM on Sunday, May 1, 2004 at Knights of Columbus.

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