

BALITAAN

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Editor's Brief

Welcome to the Fall edition of Balitaan in this new millennium! As I prepare this issue, I surely miss Bessie Schiroky, who has done a wonderful job for the last 3 ½ years as PAAD's newsletter editor. I realize that I have been at one time an editor during Virgie Vergara's term, but after reading Bessie's work, there is just no comparison. When I was asked to take over the Fall edition, I hesitated for a moment and was hoping that there would be someone out there to voluntarily do it. I must say that it is pretty tough to follow Bessie's work, but each of us has our own unique writing style. What is important is that the message is conveyed to all PAADers and that the newsletter does serve as an important vehicle of communication between PAAD, the members and the officers. I then agreed to do it with Marita's approval. *(what the heck, it ain't that bad with easy access to a PC and Word '97!)*



I've asked the help of others to contribute articles for this newsletter. I myself was not present or involved in all the activities, so together, we bring to you the latest in PAAD.

I do would like to thank those who took the time to write and drum up items for this issue.

Marita Fallorina-Rubio, M.D.
Reuben Rubio
Alice King
Tita Medenilla, M.D.
Bessie Schiroky
Linda Graham

For future publications, please feel free to submit any items of interest to the editor via email to paad00@hotmail.com. Balitaan is published at least twice a year. (Spring and Fall) editions.

Patty Delos Santos
Editor (Interim)

Message from the Prez

On behalf of PAAD, may I take this opportunity to extend my profound gratitude and appreciation for your continued support in promoting our Filipino heritage by way of various activities that we present. I have been fortunate to serve as a member and concurrently as the president of PAAD. By way of our newsletter, I would like to congratulate all our hardworking officers and members for the cooperation shown during our last Filipino Festival 2000 (Barrio Fiesta). Their commitment to enhance the beauty and significance of our affair made it a success and for this, they deserve much praise. The Barrio Fiesta day unified us in our community and this only proves one thing - we can go forward in achieving our collective goals. May God bless all of you in your continued artistic and inspirational support to our organization for more years to come.



Marita Fallorina-Rubio, M.D.

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Thanks A Million!

by B.E.S.

Auf Wiedersehen!

Paalam na!



Last June 24th is a special day I'll always remember. A "despedida" party for the Schiroky family was held in the social hall of Grace Lutheran Church in Hockessin. And what a warm send-off it was! About a hundred people came to convey their good wishes and

farewell to the Schiroky's. This show of affection made us more cognizant of the infinite friendships we've made with many Delawareans!

The party started with a sumptuous dinner complete with "lechon" and different varieties of dishes and desserts. All the good cooks seemed to have made special appearance that night! And they brought their specialty dishes...everything I ate was delicious! Our Hungarian, Indian and Chinese friends repeatedly complimented how tasty Filipino food was and they went for second servings. When everyone was feeling satiated, the emcee (Patty Delos Santos) started the program with her own sentimental speech. Then she read an insightful statement from the Vergara's (Felix and Virgie had a prior engagement). After that, other brave souls (Danny Singson, Merle Smith & Marita Rubio) articulated their thoughts and feelings too, with regards to our moving. All the lines read and spoken were touching and full of words of praise and endearment that I started feeling uneasy on my seat! I've never felt so appreciated in my life! At the same time I was almost embarrassed to look up as the speeches went on! In my mind, I was thinking if everything being said was true. But when I took a quick glance at my hubby sitting across me, I saw him listening intently and nodding in agreement. That was the important validation I needed! Of course the applause from everyone in attendance helped too!

After the speeches, Lourdes King and Mike Labrague had solo performances and dedicated their songs to us. Then the PAAD choral group sang "We'll Be Seeing You" with modified lyrics accurately describing the activities I usually engaged in with friends. It was during the choir singing that melancholy flooded me. It suddenly dawned on me how imminent our departure is and how I value our friends we'll soon leave behind. When Patty asked Gerhad and I to come to the front, my hubby took the lead on the microphone without hesitation. He delivered an extemporaneous speech

that was heart-warming, and also managed to occasionally have his natural sense of humor show making the audience laugh. Since I wasn't prepared to speak, I intended to "improvise". But "improvisation" couldn't mask my real feelings at that moment. As I started speaking, my emotions overcame me and I was suddenly at a loss for words! As I stood there speechless, sadness was palpable in the whole room. I'll never forget how awfully quiet it was and I saw the pensiveness in everyone's face when I looked around! Before I knew it, I was in tears and I saw many others shed tears with me. I will always cherish this unpretentious show of affection and gesture of friendship! It was good I had in my hands the Delaware shirt with everyone's signature on it to wipe my eyes with!

The surprise performance of the evening was the Irish dancing by Nicole McHugh (Gigi & Bob's daughter) and Alicia Guckin (Zorina's friend and classmate in Corpus Christi). They were both beautiful in their costumes and they danced with so much energy and precision. Everyone enjoyed their unique presentation. Thanks Gigi for encouraging the girls to perform!

On behalf of the family, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who took the time to attend the affair. Thank you all for the nice going away present - the Buddha fountain will be nice addition to my decor in our new home in Ohio. Especial thanks go to the tireless lead organizer of the event - Malou Singson. I'm well aware of the magnitude of work she had done to assure success of this event. For this, I'll forever be grateful! Many thanks to Zeny Quiroz for helping in making phone calls to everyone, to Alice and Lourdes for helping with the program and preparation of the hall, to Rose Finney for providing all the fresh flowers for the table centerpieces, to Grace Manalo for providing the party music, to Patty for emceeing and to Ruben Rubio for taking care of purchasing the gift for us. What will I do without many caring and good friends like you!

As we embark on a new beginning in Ohio, the fond memories of experiences we lived through for more than 14 years in Delaware will never be forgotten. You will all be missed and we'll be delighted if you pay us a visit when you can. Our new address is 945 West Parkway Blvd., Aurora, OH 44202. Our phone number is (330) 995-2362. Until then, take care everyone and God Bless!

To the Schirokys' - we all will miss you, most especially Bessie, who has been a very active member of PAAD for some 12 years! Their three children, Preston, Zorina and Tamara were regular folk dance performers. They have mastered dances like the Tinikling and the Singkil. And of course, Bessie's ever-loving hubby, Gerhard, who is such a good sport, has also participated in a few folk dance performances and ballroom dancing as well. By the way, he also enjoys the game of mahjong!



Filipiniana Dinner-Dance

The Filipiniana Dinner-Dance kicked off with a big bang on June 10, 2000 with its venue at the Hockessin Memorial Hall. The invite called for a Filipino affair; hence, almost everyone came in all forms, size and shape of authentic Filipino attires. The show started with the singing for the first time of the PAAD hymn, which was composed by our President herself, Marita. Everything came out wonderfully thrilling - it sure was a night to remember from the band, Friends Of Mine clad in striking Barongs especially made for the occasion who kept us alive with Filipino danceable hustles to American contemporaries to the guests who gleefully danced all night.

Partners Dr. Emilio Valdes and Wendy were the perfect emcee, what with Loy's ERAP jokes blended by Wendy's dazzling rendition of "Dahil Sa Iyo". That was a revelation! As in anything, it does not seem that long when you're having fun and loving and enjoying it despite the hard work that goes with it - I'm talking about our folk dancers in the Muslim dance number called the "Kapa Malong" performed by our youth dancers under the tutelage of Estella Trader and the "La Jota Moncadena" number gracefully blended by the Artemio Espiritu & Estella Trader tandem. Practices were held at our President's residence where everybody was served, of course, with meriendas galore.

Just as hardworking as it may be but extremely fulfilling was the mini-fashion show which showcased various Filipina costumes from different eras while being serenaded by Dr. Mike Labraque. Zorina Schiroky was dazzling as a Muslim princess complete with the colorful headgear and fans escorted by equally dashing brother, Preston in his Muslim prince attire. Marilyn Nicolas escorted by Ed was a personal of elegance in a Filipina terno accentuated by matching necklace and bag. Truly ravishing were the ternos of 1800 era worn by Joy Singson and Marilyn Ting. Cynthia Betia glided down the hall like a real queen in an early 1900 Carnival Queen Maria Clara inspired terno escorted by debonair Jay Medenilla. The finale was the entrance of our President, Marita F. Rubio in a black and white Maria Clara ensemble escorted by hubby, Ruben in a matching black Barong Tagalog.

Line dancing was at its best that night and just as entertaining as it was appealing, the tepsichorean abilities of Ruben were tested at its fullest. He demonstrated with gusto the latest and most requested line dance originating from Manila - it's called "Caramba" which is currently sweeping the New York scene. Equally popular was another line dance called "Cha-Cha Twist" where the dance floor was filled up by line dancers swaying and gyrating to the tune of Luv Potion No. 9. The old reliables such as the "Todo-Todo" and the "Mambo No. 5" were not to be outdone as well.

As a whole, it was a night to remember what with the impressive and elegant floral arrangements on each table some of the officers mastered. As the night swept away the hours, everybody stayed in until the last dance and the Filipiniana Dinner-Dance became just a memory, one that is to linger for a long time.

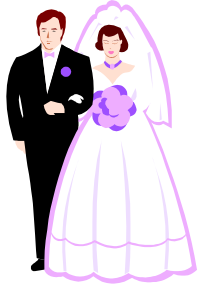
**Christmas Dinner Dance
December 8th, 2000
Wilmington Country Club**

Mark your calendar!



**Please send any comments,
suggestions or address changes to PAAD's
new email address: paad00@hotmail.com**

***Please note that the characters after paad
are the number zeroes!***



Congratulations to the Newly Weds

April - Remy Dimaano & Ike Umali. Wedding held at Las Vegas and a post wedding reception held at the Christiana Hilton last May 7th.

May 28th - Dr. Maria Estrella [Trelly] Vergara & Dr. Saeed Shaik. They were married at Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic, attended by their families and close friends. Reception was in Toronto, Canada, where the family of Saeed lives. Trelly just started working as an attending physician in Emergency Medicine at Prince George, MD, and Saeed is finishing his 2-yr-fellowship in Rheumatology at Georgetown. They live in Bethesda, Md. Trelly is the daughter of Drs. Felix & Virgie Vergara.

May 28th - Peachy & Chris Griffin. Peachy is the daughter of Mr & Mrs. Jun Tabangin. Wedding held at St. Mary's of the Assumption in Hockessin. Reception at Three Little Bakers.

June 10th - Donna & Seth Eilberg. Donna is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Graham. Wedding held at the Brantwyn in Wilmington.

June 17th - Laura & Andrew Sparks. Laura is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Steve Permut. Wedding held at the Rose Garden, at the Morris Arboretum, Chestnut Hill, PA.

August 5th - Barbara & Sam Bieri. Barbara is the daughter of Patty Delos Santos. Wedding held at New Lisbon, WI.

August 19th - Doris and Scott Kerr. Doris is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Floro Resurreccion. Wedding held at St. Thomas the Apostle. Reception was held at the First USA Riverfront Arts Center in Wilmington.

Pintig - Pulse of Philippine Culture, Inc. presents Alunsina

Pintig is a non-profit, New Jersey-based organization committed to promoting greater awareness and deeper appreciation of the Philippine culture in the American mainstream through the performing arts.



Pintig proudly presents **Alunsina**...an innovative stage musicale, in narrative format with puppets, masks and symbolic costumes, to animate the myth of creation; as well

as to unearth long forgotten children's songs from our non Spanish-influenced traditions.

This performance was held last July 22, 2000, at Dickinson High School Auditorium.

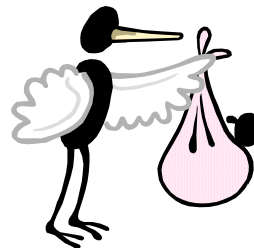
Many thanks to Ruben Rubio, the better half of the prez, who organized this event to help raise funds for PAAD's building fund.



Congratulations Graduates!

Jed DeVotta - son of Dr. & Mrs. Manny DeVotta, graduated from Tower Hill. Jed was accepted at Temple University this Fall, under the Scholars' Program.

Michelle Labrague - daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Miguel Labrague, graduated from Fordham University (Magna Cum Laude) with a degree of Bachelor of Arts, major in Art History. She is presently employed with Christies International as head of Client Services Department.



Congratulations to the new Grandmom!

Josie Magalong is the proud grandma! Her daughter Leslie Killion, M.D., gave birth to a baby girl named Jade Victoria, 6lbs. 8 oz., born at Lankenau Hospital on 7/26/00 at 7:21 p.m.

Annual Family Picnic

The Banning Park Picnic After the big hoopla from the celebrated Filipiniana Dinner-Dance came a repose for tired souls - that is, a "pilgrimage" to Corey Pavilion at the Banning Park for our yearly picnic potluck on June 18, 2000. The place was serene and relaxing which is truly an inviting picnic ground and the magnificent weather only complemented its luster.



The best culinary expertise by the picnic-habitués only wowed us to dizziness, the food a lot better than most fast-food restaurants have to offer. Ruben started chopping the "lechon" into small pieces as per instructions from Marilyn Ting to accommodate everybody. But were they so chopped into small pieces they ended up looking like buying ground pork from the grocery. Dishes started pouring in by leaps and bounds and the festive air was just a site to behold and breathe. The food extravaganza was both highly competitive and commendable; after all, where could you find in a single party two desserts of the same kind seemingly just as palatable as one another but with two different secret mixes.

Fun and laughter dominated the picnic and while a few would exit in the day, another few would make an entrance. The Singson and Schiroky kids energized the picnic scene with their fresh perspective of life by their usual teen topics while the oldies but goodies remained glued and huddled their daily life's happenings. It was just a day without pretensions. Tim Gabriel with cell-phone by his side while on-call enjoyed the sumptuous lunch with his wife, Telly and their kids; ditto with Nene Abad who had to leave earlier leaving hubby, Pruding for her afternoon duty at St. Francis. As the dusk of the dawn was almost coming to an end, Camilo and Marisol Gopez popped in carrying another merienda at the same time Tita Medenilla was arriving from work.

The picnic not only duplicated the attendance of last year but in totality, it was the message of friendship and good camaraderie among our hearts which prevailed that day.

Membership renewal forms will be mailed out in January 2001!



New Executive Board

With the end of the year fast approaching, we must elect a new executive board for next year. Unfortunately, elections will not be held this year, as there are not enough candidates.

However, there are those who volunteered to fill-in the positions, as one realizes that PAAD can not exist without the leadership of the officers. *(We're still quite loyal to PAAD no matter what!)* As you can see on the list below, the position for Secretary - Membership is still open and another PRO is needed. Please feel free to nominate yourself or you can also nominate someone via email to paad00@hotmail.com by October 30th. A description of this position will be mailed to you upon request.

The Board of Directors for 2001-2002:

President - Patty Delos Santos

Vice Presidents:

Cultural - Alice King

Humanitarian - Marylene Permut

Social - Aida Nye

Treasurer - Nilda Resurreccion

Assistant Treasurer: Letty O'Neal

Secretaries:

Correspondence - Zeny Quiroz

Recording - Merle Smith

Membership - (open)

Auditor - Robert Kelly

Appointed Officers by the Incoming President:

PRO - Eva Godsell, (1 more needed)

Executive Director - Marita Fallorina-Rubio, M.D.

Editor - Linda Graham

For those who are suffering from severe PAAD withdrawal, its not too late. Come on board! Without you, there will be no PAAD!



Coming soon our very own PAAD Web site!

PAAD Festival

(aka Barrio Fiesta)



As part of the PAAD millennium activities, the Philippine Festival was held on August 26, 2000. An impressive and thoroughly enjoyable program was presented. A variety of folk dances was performed; From Mindanao - Fan Dance; From Visayas - Jota Bal, Kuratsa, Traditional Tinikling; From Luzon - Parasol dance, Ifugao dance, La Jota Moncadena, Pandanggo sa Ilaw, and the Modern Tinikling. The UP alumni and friends Rondalla from New Jersey played several pieces ranging from popular Philippine songs such as Lawiswis Kawayan to the semi-classical pieces such as "Hating Gabi". In front of the "nipa hut" (a labor of love by Art and Pal), Mike Labrague, Pruding Abad, Jeff Myers and Jay Medenilla did a typical Philippine serenade. Martin Avila, sang several Philippine songs such as Osajay. A fashion show was presented to show typical and lovely Philippine costumes. Many thanks to all the dancers, singers, musicians, emcees and all the participants for their contribution in making the program successful and memorable. Kudos to everyone! The Festival was truly a showcase of our Philippine culture.

Kuratcha - Estella Trader, Teng Espirity, Charito Quirlos, Romy Seneres

Jota - Malou & Danny Singson, Esther & Robert Kelly, Marisol Gopez, Ruben Rubio, Ching Dayrit, Mike Labraque

Fan Dance - Papple Singson, Joy Singson, Barbara Welsch, Jeanette Flitcraft, Cathlyn Price, Nguyen Trader, Kim Chapman, Cristine Chapman

Parasol Dance - Cristine Chapman, Kim Chapman, Jeanette Flitcraft

Traditional & Modern Tinikling - Joy Singson, Papple Singson, Christine Chapman, Kim Chapman, Jeanette Flitcraft.

Pandanggo sa Ilaw - Alice King, Ching Dayrit, Malou Singson, Ester Kelly, Marilyn Ting, Malyn Welch, Maiké Labrague, Ruben Rubio, Danny Singson

Jota Bal - Charito Quirlos, Romy Seneres

Fashion Show Models: Estella Trader, Joy & Ryan Singson, Jed DeVotta, Jeff Myers, Jay Medenilla, Donald Finney, Ed & Marilyn Nicolas with children, Kathryn, Christopher and Michael, Danny & Malou Singson, Nestor & Vicky Ang, and Ruben & Marita Rubio.

A **BIG THANKS** to those who helped with the food (preparing, cooking, serving) and the bake sale! We truly appreciate your time, effort and good heart!

What is a Barong?

Barong is actually short for Barong Tagalog, which describes the formal men's wear of the Philippines. It is properly referred to as the "Baro ng Tagalog" (dress of the Tagalog). Contracting the first two words produces "Barong", which literally means "dress of". So, if we want to be correct, we wouldn't say just Barong. But, the slang way of referring to one of the beautiful formal shirts is simply Barong. Yes, the Barong Tagalog is a dress, a garment, a coat in itself. It is not merely a shirt. If it were, then it would need a coat or a jacket over it to qualify as formal wear and would have to be worn tucked inside the trousers.

Different fabrics are used to make the Barong. The Jusi fabric is made from raw silk. It is widely popular for use in the Barong Tagalog because of its beauty and relative durability. Compared to the very traditional Piña fabric, Jusi is much less costly and much more durable.

Organza is a synthetic material with a sheen finish and good durability. There are Organza fabric Barongs that have been made to resemble jusi, piña, and pinukpok fabrics.



There are different embroidery styles in making the Barong.

- **Pechera embroidery** - styling features the main embroidery design on the chest of the Barong along both sides of the button line. There are scattered small embroidery patterns on the back and sleeves.

- **Pelaez embroidery** - embroidery patterns boast an extra wide design field on the chest. More complex embroidery techniques, including some accents done by hand, are a hallmark of this line. There are "scattered" small embroidery patterns on the back and sleeves.
- **Raya embroidery** - designs feature beautiful embroidery in the "all-over" styling that covers the front, back, and sleeves. Typically reserved for the most special of occasions, the Raya styling makes for a bold fashion statement.
- **Chanepa embroidery** - styling features the main embroidery design in a wide band around the entire bottom border of the Barong . A more contemporary look, this style offers a fresh alternative to the more traditional designs. There are "scattered" small embroidery patterns on the back and sleeves.

Know your Barong the next time you buy one!

Volunteering your time to PAAD is a great way to relax and to meet new people. It will also provide you with a great experience and an opportunity to engage in a variety of activities.

Another ERAPtion...

Joseph Estrada goes to Washington for a meeting with Bill Clinton. After dinner, Bill says to Joseph " Well Joe, I don't know what you think of the members of your Cabinet, but mine are all bright and brilliant."

"How do you know?" asks Joseph Estrada. "Oh well, it's simple", says Bill. "They all have to take special tests before they can be a minister. Wait a second". He calls Madeleine Albright over and says to her.

"Tell me Madeleine, who is the child of your father and of your mother who is not your brother and is not your sister?"

Ah, that's simple Mr. President", says Madeleine, "it is me!"

"Well done, Madeleine," says Clinton.

Joseph Estrada is very impressed. He returns to the Philippines and wonders about the intelligence of the members of his Cabinet. He calls in Defense

Secretary Orlando Mercado and says:

"Orly, tell me, who is the child of your father and of your mother who is not your brother and is not your sister?"

Orly thinks and thinks and doesn't know the answer. "Can I think about it a bit further? May I let you know tomorrow?"

"Of course," says Estrada, "you've got 24 hours."

Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado goes away, thinks as hard as he can and calls in his team, but no one knows the answer. 20 hours later, Orly is very worried - still no answer and has only 4 hours to go. Eventually Orlando Mercado says, "I'll ask Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno. He's clever, he'll know the answer." He calls Puno.

"Interior Secretary Ronaldo," he says, "Tell me who is the child of your father and of your mother who is not your brother and is not your sister?"

"Very simple", says Ronaldo, "it's me!"

"Of course" says Orly and calls President Joseph Estrada.

"Mr. President", says Orly, "I've got the answer: "It's Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno.

"No, you idiot", says President Estrada, "It's Madeleine Albright".

Tawa naman dyan!

The PAAD dancers were invited to perform at the BTL Foundation for International Services, celebrating its 20 Years of services to the needy in USA, India and other parts of the world. This event is scheduled for:

**September 16, 2000
Mc Kean High School
Wilmington, Delaware
4:00pm - 5:00pm
(time slot for our PAAD dancers)**

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

Welcome New Members

Mr. & Mrs. Jonas Rodulfa
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Smith
Mr. & Mrs. James Short
Mr. Bernard Cosalan

Benefits of PAAD Membership

1. A special kind of fellowship; an extended and close-knit social circle
2. A sense of cultural identity; a celebration of a common heritage
3. A support network in times of need
4. Member rights and privileges as listed below:
 - Inclusion in the PAAD directory; free copy for personal use
 - Free copy of PAAD newsletter
 - Participation in sports events and outings
 - Participation in musical group activities
 - Participation in community-oriented activities; an opportunity to help others and to improve the value and image of Pilipino Americans in the community.
 - Free attendance in sponsored educational, instructional and cultural activities for adults and children
 - "Sunshine" flowers in times of hospitalization or death of a loved one



Treasurer's Report as of Sept. 1, 2000

I. INCOME - Pilipino Festival - August 26, 2000

Food	\$ 1,829.10
Baked Goods	\$ 450.35
T-Shirts	\$ 140.00
Books	\$ 48.00

TOTAL \$ 2,467.45

(Note - expenses for the festival has not been compiled yet)

II. Checking Account Balance as of August 31, 2000

\$ 3,544.94

III. CD & Money Market Account Balance

\$ 19,203.06



REMINDERS

- ❖ The PAAD choral group will start rehearsing the Christmas carols in October. If you can sing, lip-sing (just kidding) or carry a tune and would like to join the choral group, please contact Lourdes King at 239-7819. We are in need of male singers.
 - ❖ Calling all generous donors! Door prizes needed for our upcoming Christmas Holiday Dinner Dance. If you would like to donate a door prize, please call Marita Fallorina-Rubio at 234-3074.
 - ❖ Would you like to be part of the Board of Officers under Patty Delos Santos' term next year? Do you have access to a PC and know how to use Word or Excel? If so, she desperately needs you to be the Secretary for Membership. Will train if need be! Call Patty at 995-3758 or 292-2486 or email at paad00@hotmail.com
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- Right to elect officers; right to run for and be elected to office; or be appointed to office; or be appointed to chair a committee
 - Right to vote to approve revisions to constitution, by-laws and operating procedures



A Big 60 for our Prez!

A birthday bash was held last July 22nd to celebrate Marita's big day. Ruben hosted the affair and as usual, it was an evening of good food, good music and lots of dancing. The DJ was from New York and he played some darn good music.

Ruben and Marita showcased a dance exhibition to a salsa beat and boy, did they look good on the dance floor!

A guest DI (dance instructor) from New York was there and he danced with almost every woman present (including yours truly), showing off his talents to the rhythm of the meringue, salsa, tango, disco hustle and more...

Congratulations to the Retirees!

Ruben Rubio – has elected to take early retirement after 21 years of service with the United Nations, In New York City.

Ester Ringoen-Kelly (R.N.)– has retired after 30 years of service with Christiana Hospital.

HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Eggrolls Anyone?

It was August 19, 2000, about a week before the big event. Time to make the eggrolls! I was assigned to head a group of ladies to make 800

eggrolls to sell at the Filipino Festival. I don't know why I agreed to it, having gone through the same process 3 years earlier. Perhaps it is because Bill made me promise before I went to the planning meeting not to cook adobo. After the Barrio Fiesta of 1997, I did not cook adobo for 6 months or so. The smell that lingered in my house was enough to satisfy Bill's appetite for adobo for the months that followed.

After a few telephone calls, my usual dependable friends agreed to do the 'wrapping'. They are great! They agreed to help knowing that when they come to my home to 'wrap' they will also have to slice and chop vegetables before they can do what they came for. And it cannot be that hard since we all consider ourselves 'experts'. We perfected the art of wrapping 3 years earlier. It is about time to put our expertise to work once again.

I made some of the fillings a couple of days before the first scheduled wrapping session. The first of 3 sessions was on a Friday night. This should be a good way to end a hectic workweek for most of us who still work for a living. For the retirees, it too is a good way to gear up from a week doing whatever retirees do. We knew we're in for a long evening's work that first night - but first things first! A tip for everyone: If you want your friends to come to do work for you, ask them to dinner and feed them 'binabad na bangus'. (You can get the best bangus from Chow's Farm for about \$6.00 a piece. The owner usually is hiding some in the freezer upstairs so if he knows you

well enough, he might just sell you some.)

I have an 11-cup Cuisinart food processor and have watched the instruction tape that came with it maybe 10 times. Has yours cut onions the way you would like it to look? If you are like me - probably not. Carrots in particular are tricky and I would not even think of using the processor to julienne green beans. Needless to say, out came the chopping boards and knives from my kitchen and we all embarked on a long vegetable quality cutting session.

As it was 3 years ago, there is the question of how much cabbage, among other things, should we put into the filling. Two options: a) put in lots of cabbage, make the roll bigger and sell it for \$1.00; b) put in less cabbage, make the roll smaller and sell it for \$1.00. Why \$1.00? Has it ever occurred to you how much coins one will need to break a dollar for every customer?

We finished only 150 eggrolls that first night. As I was transferring the frozen pieces into freezer plastic bags the next day, I was saying to myself- so much for quality control. It appears that the rolls got smaller and smaller as the evening wore on or maybe as our conversations became more and more interesting. At the end of the third session, we were the proud makers of 600+ eggrolls. We thought we might not miss the other 200, after all, we are having 800 adobo drumsticks to serve. Thank you Flor, Patty, Aida, Zeny (Moccorro), and Esther for all the help.

Since several of those who attended were not able to buy the uncooked, left-over eggrolls, maybe the recipe below will help next time you want to throw a big party. Happy cooking!

Recipe for 600 eggrolls

35 lbs. pork loin boneless -ground
35 lbs. boneless chicken - cut in small pieces (no store will grind chicken you)
15 lbs. onions- chopped
2 lbs. garlic- minced
4-5 lbs. ginger root - grated
20 bunches of scallions - chopped
3/4 cup ground pepper

Sauté garlic, onions and ginger in oil. Add pork, chicken, and seasoning. Cook until very dry. Add scallions. Refrigerate until ready for wrapping.

25 lbs. carrots- cut in thin strips
50 pounds cabbages- shredded
20 lbs. green beans- julienne
Salt/pepper

Gather friends to cut vegetables. Cook vegetables separately in oil, season with salt and pepper. Let cool. Mix with prepared eggroll mixture. Wrap and freeze individually. Transfer into freezer bags to keep.

Recipe for 800 eggrolls:
Make recipe above but use 75 lbs. of cabbage instead of 50.

Linda Graham

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