



BALITAAN

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Editor's Brief — Linda Graham



I apologize to all for not producing the Balitaan in a more regular fashion. Patty and the rest of the officers have been so nice as not to bug me but of course the newsletter has to go out sometime. For reasons that most of you do not really care to know, I couldn't find the time to complete it. I would like to thank Patty for her understanding and for actually putting this issue together. Merle has been so nice as to having agreed to write a number of articles.

So much have happened since the last issue in December 2001. There had been a few more retirements, some weddings, a few more grandchildren, departures from Delaware and deaths in some families. We will try to update everyone in this issue and will complete the news in the next issue of Balitaan.

There is one very important matter that I do not want you to miss in reading this issue. PAAD, for the first time, is participating in the "Adopt a Family" program for Christmas. Please read the write-up inside. We hope that most of the members will become part of this very good cause. It is high time that we, as an association, serve the community in small ways that we can very easily do. Some of our members are already doing good community services on their own of which we should really be proud. Most, if not all of our members are in a position to help so we hope that you will participate.

Please mark December 13, Friday on your calendar. It is PAAD's Christmas dinner-dance and the induction of the upcoming set of officers for 2003-04. Attendance to this dinner-dance had been very good in the past. Hopefully, we will be able to get a good group again this time. As most of you already know, Cesar Aniceto has agreed to be PAAD president for the next 2 years. I know he needs good people to help him run the association so please consider serving the association as an officer when you are called upon.

Again, I am sorry for this very late issue of Balitaan and hopefully the missing updates will soon follow. Please send in information that you would want to be included in the next issue by sending it to paad00@hotmail.com or directly to me at lindagra@udel.edu

From the Prez



Greetings to all! While we have not contacted everybody through the newsletter for most of this year, I would like you to know that PAAD is alive and well! Due to unforeseen circumstances, there were a couple of changes in the composition of the officers for this year. While I hated to see some of my friends go I welcome the help of the others who took over the positions.

PAAD has continued to do the traditional activities we do during various times of the year. Our spring dinner-dance was a great success. Thanks to all those who participated, especially to those who presented numbers in the program. We again had a well-attended picnic this year. We also managed to raise some funds for the association through the activities favored by many such as mahjong. A barrio fiesta was discussed but given all the limitations we decided that it is not be a good profit making activity.

Over these past two years I had, as president of PAAD, the pleasure of meeting quite a few young Filipino families in the area, most of who are not at all familiar with PAAD. I was invited to attend the Christian Life Program seminar, sponsored by the "Couples for Christ". CFC is a movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life which began in 1981 in Manila. The local CFC in DE is still a small group that meets on Friday evenings, 8:00 pm at St. Andrews Church Social Hall in Newark. If you would like to learn more about CFC, contact Josie Aquino at (302) 322-0588 or Letty Tibayan at (302) 731-1145.

Many PAAD members joined me in representing the association in support of the Filipino Heritage and

Art Museum activity in May. I was also delighted to join the Filipiniana in their fund raising dinner for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. There are still some other small Filipino groups such as the Ogletown Baptist Church Gospel Concert group headed by Pastor Manny Serna whose performance I have the pleasure of attending this past July. While it is good to see old friends during these occasions I thought it is great to meet new ones to give these newcomers to the area the opportunity to know some of our members and learn a little more about PAAD.

I am delighted to announce that Cesar Aniceto has agreed to be PAAD's President for the next two years. Cesar and his wife, Jane, have been active members of PAAD for many years. The new board of officers will be inducted at the Christmas dinner-dance on December 13, 2002. Cesar looks forward to your continued support. He will be thrilled if you can volunteer to serve as a member of his board. Please contact him at (302) 286-6357.

Since this is the last issue of the Balitaan for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the officers for the significant support and contribution they have made during these 2 years of my tenure. I definitely couldn't have run the association without their help.

Patty Delos Santos

Spring Dance at Christiana Hilton by Merle Smith

The evening took everyone back in time with flashy costumes, to the genre of familiar songs provided by PowerTech from New Jersey, and rhythmic steps, not to relive the Oldies, but to make new memories together. Fun-loving PAAD members and friends danced, hopped, shimmied, grooved, swayed, twisted and boogied to the 1960s and 1970s-themed Spring Dance on April 27, 2002.

Cesar and Jane Aniceto were the emcees for the evening. Bill Graham led the blessing, thanking God for the opportunity for being together, bonding, new friends, good food, good music and good time.

Elvis, a.k.a. (Dave Carter), donned the snug-fitting blue denim jeans and collared shirt to shake his hips and clutch the microphone for a rocking rendition of "Don't Be Cruel."

Jonathan Holston, son of Cecil and Arch Holston skillfully and gracefully moon walked across the

ballroom dance floor as he sang "Billie Jean" amid the euphoric, swaying, awe-struck audience.

The cool night brought us together for a dinner of prime rib and salmon, and eye-candy spectacle of men dressed as James Dean and women as Gidget. The Midtown Girls (Angela, Britney, Gayle, Mary and Whitney) organized by Cecil Holston flashed in from the 60s, sporting the "Grease" look with shiny jackets, scarves tied around their necks and hair, soft-colored blouses and long skirts that chased their bodies that twirled to the dee-jay-spun tunes.



Couples bent knees and crouched lower and lower for Chubby Checker's "Twist." Wow, and Guess Who? There was Linda Graham twisting –lower, lower and lower- and then magically bounces back up and starts all over.

Men in blue jeans -- and without Village People's signature Indian headdresses, construction man's tool belt or policeman uniforms -- threw their hands in the air to spell Y-M-C-A.

Women in shirts knotted above the waist and Capri pants boogied to Gloria Gaynor's disco anthem, "I Will Survive."

And everyone survived and smiled and laughed and danced through the evening that led us back to the days of The Platters' "Only You" and Fats Domino's "Blueberry Hill" and songs we first heard when we were younger.

While some of us had to catch our breath, rest our knees, or simply "cool off", Ivy Baluyut serenaded us with her angelic voice with our patriotic song "God

Bless America" and the tender song "I Honestly Love You".

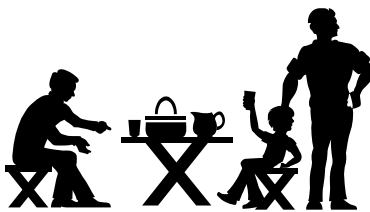
It was also an opportunity for Letty Tibayan to let us know that Rose, her daughter, the Journalist is doing very well, continuing her writing, remains very positive and courageous, and has received potential offers for the publication of her book. She was very appreciative of everyone's continued support.



And there were even some lucky folks who were raffle winners, and then, some who went home with special gifts and mementos donated by Felix & Virgie Vergara, Christine Buensuceso, Art and Zeny Quiroz, Yoly Taurozzi, Steve and Marylene Permut.

What an exhausting but refreshing, fun-filled, free-spirited Spring Night it was!

Summer Picnic



PAAD's annual picnic was once again a one big party attended by over 150 members and their families! It was held in

Banning Park on July 14. PAAD reserves this occasion for the members to get together to just eat, relax, and have fun. As it has been in the past many years, there was Ted Godsell, our expert lechon chopper, chopping away. The food was great as always with the added treat of sago and gulaman malamig drink donated by Malou Singson and sold for \$1.00 per cup- a mini fund-raising for the association. It is also the once-a-year chance to play Bingo lead by Grace Manalo. The rain from the previous day did not stop the children as well as some adults from vying for the prizes from the games coordinated by no one else than our in-house game leader Eva Godsell.

2002 Mother of the Year

In spite of Virgie's professional accomplishments over the years, she received earlier this year the best compliment one can ever get. Last May, Virgie was awarded the 2002-2003 Mother of the Year Award by the Filipino-American Association of Philadelphia. The award is given to someone chosen from nominees in the Delmarva Peninsula area.

Virgie has long been an active member of PAAD. She and Felix had served PAAD in various capacities. She was a vice president in the late 1970s and became president for 2 terms in the 1980's. She is currently the executive director of the association.



Crowned Mother of the Year, Virgie Vergara, M.D. escorted by hubby, Felix Vergara, Jr., M.D.

Virgie grew up in Ilocos Sur with 2 other siblings. Her parents were both educators in their town of Cabugao. Even at a very young age she excelled in school, graduating with distinction from a local high school. She moved to Quezon City for her higher education to attend the University of the Philippines, eventually receiving her medical degree in 1963. She came to the United States as an exchange foreign medical graduate, did her internship in Pennsylvania and her residency in New York City. In 1968 she wed Felix who at the time was also doing his medical residency in Connecticut. Felix came from the same hometown in Ilocos Sur. Three children later, having been board-certified in a few states, having served a few more years as resident and attending physician in psychiatry, the family moved to Delaware. From 1972 to 1997 she worked as a full time emergency physician in now the

Christiana Care and in the Memorial Hospital of Salem County in New Jersey. Virgie also, had for 25 years, been a corporate member of the Doctors for Emergency Service that serviced emergency hospitals in the Wilmington-Newark area.



L to R: Trely Vergara-Shaikh, M.D., Felix III and daughter, Alexa, Virgie, Felix II, Mariza Vergara-Barbe and son, Matthias.

While all these show that Virgie is an accomplished physician, the reason she got this very special award is simply by being a mother. The concept might appear rather simple but as all mothers know, being one is not that easy and becoming a real good one is actually very hard to do. Virgie and Felix raised their three children, Maria Esperanza (Mariza) born in 1969, Felix III (Lex) born in 1970, and Maria Estrella (Trely) born in 1971. All three attended The Wilmington Friends School and proceeded to attend prestigious universities, each one of them ultimately obtaining their medical degrees. Mariza is a pediatric ophthalmologist currently practicing in Pottsville, PA. She is married to Mark Barbe, an environmental engineer. They recently welcomed Matthias, born in December 2001. Lex has recently joined a private practice in obstetrics-gynecology in Woodstown, NJ. He and wife Ginny, also a physician, have a one-year old daughter. Trely, is an attending ER physician in Winnipeg, Canada while her husband Saeed is serving as a senior fellow at the University Hospitals in the same city.

All three children have great admiration for their parents. Trely sums up her feelings for her Mom in these words: "My mother has worked incredibly hard for many years in order to provide for her family. At the same time, she has always been a kind, affectionate, and selfless person – an amazing role model." Lex wrote: "My Mom worked long hours, and she was always so tired. But she always made time for us. She is a special mother." Mariza says that her Mom is "the most loving and caring person she knows". She added that her Mom is intelligent, funny, humble and a "peacemaker". Now that Mariza is a mother herself, she says that she does

not know how her Mom was able to do all what she did for them. She hopes that she can give her children the same experience and values that she got from her parents.

There is a saying that there is always someone behind anyone's success. I know Virgie will agree that her one good kept secret is having Felix by her side all through these years.

Please join me and the PAAD officers in congratulating Virgie on this very special award.

The 2002 Retirees

Milo Gopez - After almost 30 years of private practice, Milo retired from his Neuro Surgery practice. It was in 1970 when Milo joined the staff of Saint Francis Hospital after spending the previous year doing his residency in Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia. He brought along his wife, Marisol, and their then 6-month old baby Melissa. Milo left Saint Francis Hospital a year later to join a private practice. And it was after another year or so that he established his own private practice in Wilmington.

Since early 1980s, Milo has been very much involved in bringing medical care to the poor in his hometown in the Philippines. Now that he is retired he will continue to do so and this time perhaps to a larger extent. For the time being, however, he hopes to serve the Filipino community in Delaware and surrounding states by acting as the honorary Philippine Ambassador.

Tita Medenilla - Tita retired from Saint Francis Hospital in May. She has been a house physician for the hospital since 1974 when she and the family relocated in Wilmington from California. Previous to their move to California, Tita was a GYN and a pediatrician in the Philippines. The uncertainty of the political situation in the Philippines after the imposition of martial law in 1972 made her and Rene decide that life in the USA is best for the family. The family joined relatives in California and ultimately moved to Delaware to join Gloria Suazo, Rene's sister.

She and Rene, who retired from Dupont in 1995, are building their new home in Destin, Florida, known as the Emerald city on white sand, to be with their daughter and her family. Tita plans to spend most of her time babysitting their 3 grandchildren but hopes to be back to DE to visit with friends.

Presenting: Dr. Basilio Bautista, Physician and Artist

Compiled by Merle B. Smith

PAAD is very proud to present Dr. Basilio Bautista-Physician and Artist. He is the epitome of talents- an exquisite blending of science and arts.

Dr. Bautista has been enjoying his retirement from active practice in Plastic Surgery and Reconstructive Surgery since March. The Laser and Plastic Surgery Center of Delaware that he founded in 1987 includes the non-hospital based day surgery center. The center, his legacy, is not a state institution and will continue to operate. This is a testimonial to his successful career as a Plastic Surgeon.

He is married to Amy, also a Physician. They have mutually agreed to devote their time to raising their children, Basilio Nicolo III (3 years old), their twins, Basilio Nathaniel IV and Bernadette Nazarie (2 years old). Their third child was born in August.

His love for the arts, has produced a repertoire of artistic endeavors. He composed lyrics for his love songs. He is collaborating with Teresa Emmons of the Ballet Theater of Dover for the production of a ballet suite featuring his music- Love Songs in 2003. He is a member of the Board of Directors in the Schwartz Center for the Arts. He is involved with the production of Sally Harmon concert in October 2002, and is working with APAPD to sponsor a concert by a U.P concert pianist at the Schwartz Center. As an accomplished photographer, is hoping to have his work exhibited at the Schwartz Center during the Sally Harmon concert. As a writer, he is looking forward to someday writing his memoirs.

Kudos to Dr. Basilio Bautista for the following achievements :

- One of twenty outstanding Filipino Americans in North America to be honored in Washington , DC in Dec. 2001
- His full "Concerto in A minor" was featured by the Dover Symphony Orchestra, Spring concert in May during the Dover Days Celebration. The first part of the concerto was played in March 1999 and was very well received.
- The Ballet Theater of Dover danced to his "Love Songs" and "Bernadette's Lullaby." And more dances are being planned based on his CD.

Indeed we should all be proud to have him as one of our own. He is hoping that more Filipinos will have the opportunity to experience and appreciate the magic of his art.

UPDATE on Eric Ocampo

by Merle B. Smith

We recently received an email from Dennis Ocampo updating us about Eric. Since many of us cared, we thought you would like to know Eric's recent status.

Lori and Dennis make their weekly visits to Eric who has been transferred in March to Sussex Correctional Institute in Georgetown, DE. Prior to that Eric was at Gander Hill in Wilmington where he, for his own protection, was placed under maximum security. At Gander Hill, Eric had no privileges like TV, telephone, or radio. A trip to the commissary was not even advised for him by people who cared for his safety.

Visits with Eric at Gander Hill were behind bulletproof glass, which, while customary at the place, had proved to be heart wrenching, tearful moments for Lori and Dennis.

At Sussex Correctional Institute he was initially placed under medium security but as of August he was transferred to minimum security where he belongs. He is now able to walk out into the sunlight and walk or jog outside an area the size of 2 football fields. The guards protect him and his counselor keeps a keen eye out for him. Even his cellmates shield and keep a good watch on him.

Lori and Dennis are now able to visit Eric face to face, embrace him and hold his hands as they pray together as a family. And Eric is now able to smile during those visits. Dennis and Lori are comforted by the assurance that Eric is safe in his surroundings at the Georgetown facility.

Lori and Dennis continue to pray for Eric and are asking friends in PAAD to continue to pray for him as well.

In his note to PAAD, I quote: "Once again we express our gratefulness to you guys for reaching out to us, for opening your hearts not to judgment but to compassion, for pushing the envelope and walking out of the confines of your 'safety' zones. God Bless and Be Well- to all of you!"

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Farewell Message

by *Lucy Bonman*

As some of you already know, my family and I have moved to Idaho. Mike resigned from Dupont and accepted the position of Research Leader at the Agricultural Research Station, US Department of Agriculture in Aberdeen, Idaho. This is a great career opportunity for him and a big challenge for me and our teenagers, Ted (16) and Tricia (14).

We are building our new home in Pocatello, Idaho the home of the University of Idaho. Our new home has a very good view of the mountains and is close to the Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons National Park, the Snake River, the Sawtooth Mountains, the Lava Springs, Jackson Hole, etc. As you can tell from our new location, we will be doing a lot of outdoor activities from fishing to skiing. In a sense, I feel like I am going home because the mountains and the Lava Springs remind me so much of Maria Makiling mountains and the hot springs in Los Banos, Laguna.

We have enjoyed knowing you and sharing some fun times with you. Sadly, we bid you farewell and hope you will come and visit with us should you happen to be in our little corner of the world.

Until we meet again!

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Church Fund Raising - Filipino parishioners of St. Mary's Assumption Church in Hockessin are organizing a dinner-dance to raise funds for the church. The dinner-dance will be held on November 30 at the church's social hall from 6 to 12 in the evening. Tickets are selling for \$20 each and they are available from any of the following organizers: Bob and Aida Nye, Danny and Malou Singson, Art and Zeny Quiroz, Ruben and Marita Rubio, Jun and Perla Tabangin, Josie Magalong, Tim and Telly Gabriel, Nap and Carmelita Manubay, Noli and Lita Salameda, and Pal and Tess Francisco.

Volunteers Needed - Eva Godsell would like to ask PAAD members to help her and her church, the Holy Family, serve dinner at the Emmanuel Dining Room South every second Thursday of the month. She will appreciate very much having volunteers from our group to serve dinner to 120 people. If you can help please let Eva know by calling her at (302) 376-8252.

Adopt a Family for Christmas

Christmas is forthcoming and it is time for all of us to get into the Christmas spirit of giving. The PAAD officers have agreed that we will start a tradition of sharing our blessings with those who are less fortunate. The state of Delaware has a program called "Adopt a Family" that allows those who care to share their blessings with others. The program identifies families who, without help from others, cannot celebrate Christmas the way we traditionally do. Each family produces a list of items that each member wishes to receive for Christmas. To adopt a family means that these items will be purchased and given to them as Christmas presents. As a start we thought that PAAD can adopt 3 families this year with funding coming from members who would want to share. For the feasibility of the project the following individuals were assigned as the leader for each family: Marylene Permut (992-4989), Patty Delos Santos (292-2486), and Linda Graham (368-1513). If you want to help, please call any of the above and pledge that you will purchase one item on the list. The leaders will be responsible for collecting the items that in turn will be forwarded to the families before Christmas.



Eva Godsell will contact the organization to get the project started. Please call in your pledge by November 30. Depending on the number of pledges, we hope to be able to help 3 families, if not more. Thanks to all!

End of the Year Mass

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There will be an end of the year mass on the weekend after Christmas at the Holy Family Church. You and the whole family are invited to come and to bring a dish for the get-together that will follow in the church's social hall. We will use this occasion to further celebrate Christmas with the children. If you are joining the party, please bring a small present for each of your children who are 12 years old or younger so they may open their presents at the party. Please label each present. If you are coming but cannot bring presents for your children, please contact any of the people listed below to let them know. We will need your child's name and age. If you want to invite a Filipino family who will be glad to

join in whose children will need presents, please contact any of these same people.

This occasion is being planned by the Pilipino-American Youth Association of Delaware (PAYAD). At this time **Crystal Aniceto**, daughter of Cesar and Jane is heading the group. You may call Crystal (302) 286-6357, **Perla Tabangin** (302) 234-1485 or **Marilyn Vallejo** (302) 737-5233 for specific information as to the date and time of the occasion and to give the children's information needed. Hope to see most of you there.

Line dancing around the globe



If you have not attended any of the PAAD social activities for the past few years then you have been missing the fun of line dancing. **Ruben Rubio** is our in-house line dancing leader who is always willing and able to show

the fun of line dancing, even to those who are "dance-step challenged" or "2-left footers". So, it is not surprising that at the recent birthday celebration of Marita, the evening turned out to be one of Todo-todo, Chili-chili cha cha, Mambo # 5 and the like. It is also not surprising that Ruben has been invited by a consulting group to the United Nations to accompany a global delegate of 150 people to workshops in Manila, Beijing, and New Delhi early next year. The workshop deals with promoting gender equity. Part of his assignment is to help entertain the group with what else but line-dancing. Incidentally, Ruben's retirement has been interrupted as he is once again duly employed till the end of the year at the United Nations only this time as a member of their training department. His next line-dancing stop later next year will be Johannesburg, Santiago, and Chile. Maybe Ruben needs an assistant - that is if Marita has not yet declared herself as the chosen lucky one! Have fun dancing around the globe, Ruben!!!

Announcements

- Felix Vergara III, M.D. has his own private practice in Salem, NJ. He took over the practice of Dr. Muzalffar. He is accepting new patients. His new office address is:

Medical Arts Building
330 Salem-Woodston Road #6
Salem, NJ 08079
(856) 935-8300

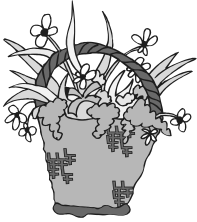
- Since earlier this year, the Mosqueras have moved their **Pilipino Grocery and Restaurant** from Silverside Rd to Westside Plaza, 2801 Lancaster Ave. Their new telephone number is 428-6121. They are open for business from 10-7 everyday except Sunday when they close at 5. A buffet is served everyday starting 10 AM.
- Casa Filipina**, a forthcoming Filipino restaurant, is scheduled to open for business before Christmas. The restaurant at 110 North Old Avenue (Maryland Avenue) is owned by Malou and Danny Singson and will offer Philippine cuisine buffet lunch and dinners everyday except Mondays.
- Blue Willow Flowers** is now open for business. Owned and operated by Linda Seneres, certified floral designer. Specializes on weddings and gift baskets. Call (302) 323-1968
- NCI Tours & Travel, LLC** is offering the following tours for 2003:
 - Central Europe – May 24-June 08
 - South America include Peru – September 23-October 09
 - Splendors of Italy – November 01-10

For more information, call Myrna Soberano at (856)321-0419, (856)667-6130, fax at (856)321-9313 or via email at ncitourstravel@hotmail.com

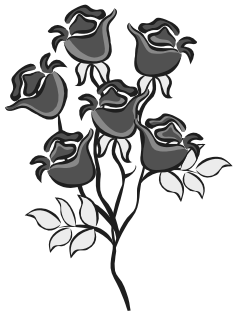
Christmas Dinner Dance
Friday, December 13, 2002
Wilmington Country Club

The Filipiniana Group will be perform choral numbers for the Christmas eve mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The choir starts singing at 6.00 PM for the 6:30 mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunshine Committee



If you know of any member who is hospitalized or who has a death in the family, please call **Marylene Permut** at (302) 994-4989 or email her at marylene.permut@gte.net.



Sympathy

Conrado S. Quiroz of Santa Ana, CA died on April 16. He is the father of **Art Quiroz**.

Loretta P. Ocampo of Arlington, VA died on April 16. She is the mother of **Dennis Ocampo**.

Teresita Kelly of Aruba died on August 27. She is the mother of **Robert Kelly**. Robert and Esther joined the family in Aruba for the funeral.



Congratulations

Bob and Aida Nye on their 35th wedding anniversary in August. Many friends joined the Nyes for a Hawaii Luau at Saint Mary's social hall in Hockessin on August 3.

Milo Gopez on his recent retirement. Marisol and the children surprised Milo with a grand party at Harry Savoy's on August 24.

Tita Medenilla on her recent retirement. She and friends celebrated the occasion with a party at the RiverFront in Wilmington.

Mike Bonman on his new position as the Research Leader at the Agricultural Research Station, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in Aberdeen, Idaho.

Felix and Virgie Vergara are once again proud grandparents! Felix James Zulueta Vergara IV was born on August 2 to Ginny and Lexi Vergara III.

Note of Thanks

Alex and Ness Faustino sent their thanks to PAAD for helping them when their 8-month old son Ira Albert died in January. Many PAAD members were very kind to contribute to help pay for the funeral expenses.

Recovering

PAAD wishes a speedy recovery to **Rene Medenilla** who at the request of wife, Tita, had to be flown in from Florida so that Alex Balan can perform the operation right here in Delaware.

Speedy recovery to **Milo Gopez** who recently had a gall bladder operation.

Get well wishes to **Mrs. Lilia Segario**. She is the mother of Letty Oneal.



Birthdays

Robert Kelly celebrated his big 50th on October 12 with friends at their residence, hosted by his wife, Esther.

Marita Fallorina-Rubio celebrated her birthday in July at the Christiana Hilton, hosted by hubby, Ruben.



Dionne Graham, daughter of **Bill and Linda Graham** is engaged to Michael Manning. Dionne is working on her Ph. D. in Biostatistics at Harvard University. Michael, a native of Amherst, Mass with family roots in Delaware, is a journalist with the Boston Globe. They plan to wed in summer 2003.

Rica Gueco, daughter of **Ely and Joe Gueco**, married Morten Mortensen in June 29 at Gibraltar Garden. The reception followed at Mendenhall Inn. The couple now resides in Tromso, Norway.

We need to keep our membership directory current. For address change, please email paad00@hotmail.com



Hats off to the Class of 2002!

Terrence Gabriel graduated from the University of Delaware in June with a B.S. degree in Hotel & Restaurant Institutional Management. He is 22 years old and the oldest son of **Tim &**

younger siblings, Joelle & Jon. Terrence is currently working for Embassy Suites in Newark. His future plans, while still a bit uncertain, are to pursue graduate studies in Geology.

Monica Lea Smith, daughter of **Karl and Merle Smith**, graduated from Duke Medical University in May 2002. She is now a resident in General Surgery at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, DC. She resides in Arlington, Virginia.

PAAD Officers for 2003-2004

President	Cesar Aniceto
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Social	Ruben Rubio
Cultural	Teng Espiritu & Estella Trader
Humanitarian	Marilyn Vallejo
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Correspondence	Rosie Elazegui
Recording	Merle Smith
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Newsletter Editor	Linda Graham
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Sunshine	Perla Tabangin
Fundraising	Patty Delos Santos
Sports Activities	Grace Manalo
Choir	Mike Labrague

**Membership renewal is enclosed in this issue.
Please send it in with your dues!**



Treasurer's Report

Account balance as of October 18, 2002	
CD # 1	\$ 4,099.28
CD #2	\$ 1,457.06
CD #3	\$ 5,840.05
CD #4	\$ 10,078.13
Money Market	\$ 6,753.31
Checking	\$ 4,753.31
Total:	\$ 38,981.14

Meet Some PAADers



Angie and Roby Diaz



L to R: Esther Ringoen-Kelly, Linda Graham, Marilyn Vallejo, Ted and Eva Godesell



Lilia Mosquera, owner of the Pilipino Grocery and Restaurant.



Some PAADers enjoying an after lunch chat at the Pilipino Grocery and Restaurant. L to R: Letty Oneal, Drs. Nieva and Jimmy Salva, Drs. Joe and Ely Gueco.



Eva and Ted Godsell enjoying an afternoon stroll at Penns Landing.



Marita and Ruben Rubio, Malou and Danny Singson



Terrence Gabriel Graduation party! That's Steve Permut dancing away with the D.I. (dance instructor)



Seated L to R: Edna Ocampo, Rosie Palines, Remy Dimaano-Umali, Jennifer Pangilinan. Standing L to R: Patty Delos Santos, Ike Umali, Letty Oneal