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New Director of Outreach Committee

By Liezl Argente

Congratulations to Irva Strobel, new Mabuhay, Inc. Board Member and Director of Outreach Committee. Irva Strobel has been a member of Mabuhay, Inc. since 2011. Irva and her husband Eric Strobel has been a supporter of Mabuhay, Inc. and their daughter Elvicha Joy is a student MICS.



2013-2014 Mabuhay Inc., Culture School

By Austin Conaty

The Mabuhay Inc Culture School (MICS) had an enriching and busy First Quarter. Our students are eager to learn about Filipino American history and Filipino culture from Tito Moks. We have learned about the history of Ati-Atihan, early Filipinos and Filipino Americans as they had lived the United States, Filipino Fiestas. We have also learned how to make Polvoron, and read and shared some Filipino poetry, as well as our own made ones. Kuya Kevin has been broadening the vocabulary and phonetic development of our students as well. Our students are learning Sakuting and a Muslim Fan dance and re-learning Subli and Tinikling from Titia Liezl in preparation for several performance requests already on our calendar.



Tita Mencie Hairston teaching the colors of the Filipino flag to the younger students of MICS

Sonia Aranza wows Maryland Summit Attendees

By Mencie Hairston

Sonia Aranza, an award-winning public speaker and long-time member of Mabuhay, Inc., elicited a standing ovation from representatives of various Asian American organizations during the Pan Asian Community Summit held last February 28 in Annapolis, MD. Speaking on the Summit's "Empowerment" theme, Ms. Aranza stressed the need for our communities to work together for the sake of those 'who came before us and those who will come after us.'

Representatives from the Maryland State Government led by Lt. Governor Anthony Brown addressed and greeted the attendees as well during the Legislative Luncheon portion of the Pan Asian Summit. Workshops on Civil Rights, Human Rights, Healthcare, Mental Health, Senior Care, Career Development and Legislation were held in the afternoon.

A joint undertaking of the Governor's Commission on Asian and Pacific American Affairs and the Governor's Commission on South Asian American Affairs, the Summit provided a wonderful networking opportunity for the attendees as well as an opportunity to express concerns and needs to representatives from the State Government. Approximately 200 people were in attendance.



Sonia Aranza delivered an inspiring Keynote Speech



Lt. Governor Anthony Brown delivered remarks at the 2014 PAN Asian Summit.



Networking with Mabuhay, Inc. members and friends. L-R: Yolly dela Cuesta, Christine Mortejo, Claro Salvador, Mencie Hairston, Jon Melegrito, Paulettee and John Cabrera.

"Damit para sa mahihirap" (Clothes for the poor)

By Kayla Argente

Mabuhay, Inc. Youth Officers and Youth Members gathered assorted clothing, toys and books for the unfortunate children at the Batang Pingga orphanage. I encourage other youth members to give some of their unwanted clothing, books and toys. It is very important to sacrifice what you have for the benefit of the unfortunate children in the Philippines.



Storm Haiyan/Yolanda

By Lita Dialino

Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda was the most powerful storm to reach the land according to experts. Thousands died and 4M people lost homes. Thank you to numerous nations who poured aid to our kababayans. Once again, Mabuhay Inc had the chance to give monetary help to the affected families of the members.

Each recipient was given a check of \$167.00. The recipients were the families of the following members: Jun Cortez, Nenita Richardson, Mely Alcazar, Rory Jao, Lynette Aspillera, and Wilma Bandong.

Million thanks to all the supporters of Mabuhay Inc., who donated to the cause. This included the Youth T Shirt Sales, Christmas Raffle sales. These are the pictures taken during handling of the checks for our MI Family Members that are affected by the Typhoon Yolanda. The other checks were mailed out except for Rory Jao.



Lynette Aspillera



Wilma Bandong



Nenita Richardson

MI meets the PBA Young Legends

By Liezl Argente

Sunday March 30, 2014, Mabuhay, Inc. supported the Pinoy Baltimore Sport League (PBSL) in watching an Exhibition game between the PBSL and The PBA Young Legends. MI had the opportunity to have a photo op with The PBA Legends Team (Jerry Condinera, Rodney Santos, Kenneth Darembes, Noli Locsin, Vince Hozin, Benjie Paras and Marlou Aquino). Special thanks to Monette Roxas-Tharp in organizing this event and MI thanks all those who participated in this event.



Mabuhay, Inc. at Verizon Center basketball game of Wizard vs. Miami for the benefit of Typhoon Yolanda victims, January 15, 2014

Mabuhay, Inc., Celebrate “Misa ng Bayan”

This is the 9th Annual People’s Mass celebrated on March 2, 2014



Photo taken by Manny Lopez



Kayla Vandeleon and Melissa Dela Cuesta performed on March 15, 2014 at DC Hip Hop Dance 5th Annual Youth Showcase. Ang galing galing!



March 8, 2014 - Senior members attended a Nutrition talk at the PNADC Event and Tess Valencia hosted a line dancing session. Senior Activity for the month of May is to be announced.

Announcement of MI 2013 Cash Raffle Winners

By Zeny Juanitez, Mencie Hairston, and Mely Alcazar

GRAND WINNERS:

Ticket No. Winner Sold By
 3rd PRIZE - # 1631 - Art Caliguiran (Mencie Hairston) ---\$250.00
 2nd PRIZE- # 2330 - Zeny Juanitez (Bong Juanitez) --- \$500.00
 1st PRIZE - # 0142 - Arnedo Valera (Lulu Alexander) ---\$1000.00

CONSOLATION PRIZES:

Ticket No. Winner Sold By
 1. # 2082 - Robert Bagtas (Lita Dialino) -----3 sets of puzzles
 2. # 1085 - Gertrude Quibote (Alex Belvis) ---bottle of wine
 3. # 2081 - Robert Bagtas (Lita Dialino) -----bottle of wine
 4. # 1382 - Terry Fitzpatrick (Tess Valencia) ---picture frame
 5. # 1378 - Ron Brown (Tess Valencia) -----9 piece kitchen utensil set
 6. # 2094 - Agnes Quisumbing (Lynette Aspillera) -Inah's \$25 gift certificate
 7. # 2196 - Dr. Myrna Ortega (Lulu Alexander) -Inah's \$25 gift certificate
 8. # 0366 - Lei Laureles (Moks Laureles) ---Ash Maids Cleaning Service \$100 gift certificate
 9. # 1354 - Rachela Zamora (Tess Valencia) --- Ash Maids Cleaning Service \$100 gift certificate
 10. # 1363 - Tess Valencia (same) ----- Ash Maids Cleaning Service \$100 gift certificate
 11. # 2281 - Perfecto Santiago (Zeny Juanitez) Serving platter
 12. # 0150 - Leo Argente (Liezl Argente) -----Car cover
 13. # 1501 - Francisco Escalante (Mencie Hairston) - Hamster kit

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING AND PARTICIPATING TO OUR CASH RAFFLE FUNDRAISING, AND THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS FOR OUR CONSOLATION PRIZES.

Mabuhay Inc. Youth Fundraiser

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11TH ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 17, 2014

MARLTON GOLF CLUB

9413 Midland Turn

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Phone: 301-856-7566

Registration starts at 6:30 a.m.

Shotgun @ 8:00 a.m.

**Registration Fee: \$95* per player (\$360
foursome†)**

*Includes: Green Fee & Cart Fee • Range Balls •
Light Breakfast and Lunch • Giveaways and Door Prizes
† Must register a foursome to avail of this discount

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