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NEWSLETTER

*“Strength
In
Diversity”*

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Group picture of the APOGLA Family in attendance during January GMM held at the Rosemead Masonic Temple in Rosemead, CA last Saturday, January 20, 2024

BIG BANG START TO A NEW YEAR

By Bro. Dony Rondilla

APOGLA had a fantastic start to the New Year with a vibrant meeting and a strong turnout of over 80 members. Brod President Joel Carbon's vision to empower members with leadership skills indicates a proactive approach to the organization's growth and development.

Brod President Joel presented the audience with a broad overview of his plans for the year 2024 that reflects a commitment to building a strong community within APOGLA. The commitment to keeping meetings concise to allow for more fellowship time reflects a thoughtful approach to balancing business and camaraderie. It's also noteworthy that Judge Brod Pocholo Del Rosario (Eta) from the Philippines expressed admiration for the way APOGLA conducts its business, providing positive feedback and a unique perspective.

Brod Mandy Javierto, taking on a more serious role as Vice-President, adds an interesting dynamic to the organization's leadership, showcasing his versatility as the head of the Membership Committee. This was a far cry from his usual playful role as our entertainer.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Navigating Change: Mission Realignment and Resetting Priorities

In the dynamic landscape of today's world, nonprofit organizations (NPO) often find themselves facing the need for mission realignment and the reassessment of priorities. APOGLA isn't immune to this. Whether prompted by shifts in trends, technological advancements, or unforeseen events, the ability to adapt and recalibrate becomes crucial for sustained success.

Understanding Mission Realignment:

Mission realignment involves revisiting our core purpose and goals, ensuring they remain relevant and aligned with the evolving NPO environment. This process requires a thoughtful examination of the external factors influencing the way we do business, as well as an internal reflection on the strengths and capabilities of our organization.

To initiate a successful mission realignment, we must engage in open communication with each other. Gaining insights from diverse perspectives fosters a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The Importance of Resetting Priorities:

Resetting priorities goes hand-in-hand with mission realignment. As the organizational mission evolves, so must the priorities that guide daily operations. This involves a strategic review of projects, resource allocation, and goal setting to ensure they align with the renewed mission.

APOGLA will prioritize initiatives that not only contribute to short-term success, but also lay the foundation for long-term sustainability. This may involve letting go of outdated practices or reallocating resources to embrace emerging opportunities.

Key Steps in Mission Realignment and Priority Resetting:

1. Environmental Scan: Conduct a thorough analysis of the external environment, considering trends, competitive landscapes, and global influences.
2. Internal Assessment: Evaluate the organization's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT analysis) to identify areas for improvement and leverage.
3. Stakeholder Engagement: Foster open communication with employees, customers, and other stakeholders to gain diverse perspectives and insights.
4. Define Clear Values and Objectives: Clearly articulate the organization's values and set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) objectives that align with the renewed mission.
5. Prioritize Initiatives: Assess existing projects and initiatives, reprioritizing based on their alignment with the revised mission and long-term goals.
6. Resource Reallocation: Adjust resource allocation to support strategic priorities, ensuring optimal utilization for maximum impact.
7. Continuous Monitoring: Regularly assess progress and be prepared to adapt to changing circumstances, maintaining flexibility in the face of evolving challenges.

Challenges and Benefits:

While mission realignment and resetting priorities present challenges, such as resistance to change and potential disruption, the benefits far outweigh the difficulties. Embracing change allows organizations to stay agile, responsive, and better equipped to navigate uncertainties.

Bottom Line:

APOGLA will embrace mission realignment and prioritize adaptability to position ourselves for long-term success. By engaging stakeholders, defining clear objectives, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement, we can move seamlessly through our transformation, ensuring what we do remains relevant and resilient in the face of evolving challenges.

*In LFS,
BRO. JOEL CARBON
APOGLA, President 2024*



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Statesmanly Commanding . . . GLA Admin is UP!

by **Bro. Ferdie Yambot**

With a well-attended January GMM, we could not help but sense the commanding stature of the 2024 administrative team. With Prez Joel Carbon eloquently speaking of ideologies and convictions, all ears were glued and resonant to the current year's goals and mission; all in accord with GLA's By-Laws.



While in the interest of time, not many details were laid out, the delivered message embodied APOGLA's continuing commitment to progress. Open-mindedness from every aspect of governance was emphasized; on Memberships, on Partnerships, on Collaborations, on Mutual Agreements, etc.

On the angle of character quality, an unmistakable CHIVALRY is in the air! From the ancient times knighthood trait, it transcended into modern lingo descriptive of behaviors showing courtesy toward women.... You GOT IT, Prez Joel! Do it by force of habit! Your kind words resonated very graciously with all GENTs of GLA! Keep it going.

Never was these a dull moment, as upon conclusion of Prez Joel's optimism spill, a round of favorable comments (even concerns) came in. "We're all in good hands!". On the concerns side though, while feeling proud of GLA's history and accomplishments is encouraged, most-silent humble pride must always prevail....it's better left UNSAID!

Lastly, it was noted that many of us are now in our twilight years and therefore, thinking logically while we still can, it is only wise to write our Wills, as no one wants to end in probate when gone. Hence, a Wills seminar must be in the offing sometime soon.

And YES, my PEN (not as mighty like it used to be) got awakened from a long deep slumber; I can only blame all the above for it.

God speed. **Bro Ferdie MY**

*Valentine's Day Is Not Only For Lovers . . .
But Also For Those Family & Friends
Who Care For Each Other
Through Out The Year!!!*

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY**



Big Bang Start - Pictures from APOGLA January 2024 GMM

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Sis Malou Fajardo reported on behalf of the Board of Directors. Their decision to increase membership annual dues and new member fees is a significant move that will likely be carefully considered by the membership.

Food and celebration is an integral aspect of APOGLA meetings, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The acknowledgment of January birthday celebrants and the generosity of APO and family members contributing to the festivities contribute to the sense of camaraderie.

Lastly, the addition of new members, Brods Edward Rodriguez (Delta Kappa '09), Derek Segarra (Beta Chi '90), Jeff Guevara (Eta '92), and the returning Brod Richard Villamin (Eta Kappa '84) highlights APOGLA's ability to attract and retain members, further solidifying its role as a beacon in the community.

Overall, APOGLA is off to a promising start for the year, with a focus on leadership, fellowship, and stronger APOGLA.



Pictures from APOGLA January 2024 GMM @Rosemead Masonic Temple



Pictures from APOGLA Superbowl Watch Party



**CONGRATULATIONS
to All APOGLA
Superbowl
Pool Winners!**

**1st Qtr. - Sis. Bicbic Ford
\$150**

**Halftime - Bro. Nards Castillo
\$200**

**3rd Qtr. - Bro. Nards Castillo
\$150**

**Final - Bro. Ogie Jaranilla
\$480**



Our Friend May Sy Turns 65! Cheers!

By Winnie Calvario

Bubbly . . . Vivacious . . . Funny . . . Friendly . . . Blunt . . . Maritess (?) . . . all adjectives to describe the newest member of our “Medicare” Club . . . no other than our lovable, most vocal APOGLA wifey, Guillermmina “May” Aragones Sy! Everyone enjoyed the “surprise” 65th birthday party thrown by her beautiful family, led by her grown children, Sanch Gerald “Chowee” (an APO brother himself) and Kristin Mae; as well as of course, May’s very well-respected and unassuming hubby, Mr. Sancho Sy (APOGLA’s mainstay brother and himself a past president.)



It was a lovely, crisp, evening on January 26, 2024, at Knollwood Country Club where 100 of May’s closest family and friends gathered to celebrate her! All kinds of drinks and beverages flowed as the party had open bar service - - - the Sy family certainly knew their audience.

The evening was hosted by none other than, the official Sharon Cuneta impersonator (according to him/her), “Ate Shawee”! There was singing, dancing and games and prizes! A fun time was had by all!

It was a night wherein we learned more facts about May: how she is the youngest daughter of 13 children; how her parents were originally from Batangas (father) and Bulacan (mother) but moved to Dipolog City in the ‘50s wherein May grew up and eventually met the love of her life; how it only took Sancho and May, 11 days to meet, fall in love and get married! I love how Sancho put it: “Love doesn’t have to be a long proposition!” Sure enough, 37 years of marriage later, we are all privy to how her loving family especially her children, their spouses and all the grandchildren, yes, all

boys, showered her with the special treatment she deserved on her very special day. The celebration was capped by her oldest grandson Ori, leading the Happy Birthday tune!

We’ve never seen May happier – with tears in her eyes, somewhat tipsy, stealing kisses from Sancho and being forever grateful for the overflowing love that we all gave her! Well-deserved May! Happy Birthday, indeed!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

FEBRUARY 17 GMM & FELLOWSHIP @B NUTRITIOUS - El Monte, CA.

MARCH 17 BRO. BONJIE INGCO ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE - 39th LA MARATHON, Mile 13 Water Station at Sunset Blvd & Laurel Ave. in Hollywood, CA (5:30 am to approx. 12:30 pm) 2:00PM-6:00PM, GMM AND FELLOWSHIP, Los Angeles

MARCH 30-31 APOGLA LADIES' WEEKEND AND EASTER CELEBRATION, Temecula

APRIL 20 GMM & FELLOWSHIP @GAPIDO BAR & GRILL - West Covina, CA. (Confirmed)

MAY 25-27 ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND FAMILY CAMPING and GMM, Lake Perris, CA

JUNE 22 APOGLA GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER - Soboba Springs GC 6 PM - GMM & FELLOWSHIP, Jaranilla Spa & Resort, Moreno Valley

JULY 20 JULY GMM & FELLOWSHIP - JAVIERTO'S MANOR - San Bernardino, CA.

AUGUST 24 GMM & FELLOWSHIP, EL CASA GRANDE DE SALVADOR - Santa Clarita, CA

SEPTEMBER 21 2nd BRO. GEOFFREY ARROYO HEAL THE BAY SERVICE EVENT, Seal Beach 2:00 - 5:00 PM GMM & FELLOWSHIP - Seal Beach, CA

OCTOBER 12-13 APOGLA LADIES WEEKEND II

OCTOBER 19 GMM, 2025 PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES & FELLOWSHIP, Amon Ranch, West Hill

OCTOBER 26 APOGLA ELECTION & FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 23 GMM, STATE OF APOGLA REPORT, THANKSGIVING AWARDS & FELLOWSHIP

DECEMBER 14-15 2025 LEADERS' INDUCTION & ANNIVERSARY FELLOWSHIP, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Ontario BRUNCH, Emperado Chalet - Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

DECEMBER 31 NEW YEARS EVE EVENT

**SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER
MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!**



APO NORTH VS SOUTH RYDER CUP 2024

**Hosted by
APO LAS VEGAS
Alumni Association
at
ANGEL PARK
GOLF CLUB
Playing Palm &
Mountain Courses
April 5 - 6, 2024**



**in conjunction with the
APO-ACNA Spring Meeting
April 5 - 7, 2024
Suncoast Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV**

FROM MY POINT OF VIEW

A Tribute to your Presidency, Brod Rene

By Bro. Dan E. Nino

In every president of our APOGLA family, there's always a unique leadership style that a leader brings to the table that really stands out.

He may be following a management tradition or just implement projects that have been in place for so many years since our alumni organization has been founded.



But I've been amazed by the creative approach that was adopted by Bro. Rene Diaz Calvario when he embarked early on, to reach out and visited our brethren who for some reasons have not been seen or heard for so many years due to several factors like disabilities, family duties, professional obligations, inability to drive and what have you!

Implementing the advocacy of Brod Bobet Lara, they visited: Brods Tony Amon, Reggie Martinez, Gil Magno, Jimmy Venturina, Bobby Antonio, Virgil Junio, Sancho Sy (after his neck surgery) and Sis. Letty Esquivel (Alpha '63 batchmate of Sis. Fely), *et al* with some volunteer brods in tow: to spread cheers, break bread and see how they were doing and how the "sunshine team" of Brod Rene could be of help.

He encapsulated his administration's leadership style in his valedictory speech when he said, "It was such a humbling and rewarding experience as your president for 2023. I learned a lot from you and about myself — and how to be more patient, be more confident, to be kinder and be more compassionate and decisive."

"As your outgoing leader, I will treasure and never forget our accomplishments, our stronger connections and relationships that I made with each of you."

"I can't thank enough our executive team for their engagement and dedication to our organization. This strong team had worked very hard and had made contributions throughout the year"

"To the Board of directors, my advisers, volunteers, and family members — from the bottom of heart — ***Maraming Salamat sa inyong lahat.*** To my most precious children: ***Lauren, Gray and his wife Diane, I am very grateful for your love and support. At sa aking pinakamamahal na 'personal hearing aid' and kapuso, Winnie.***"

"I am so excited and looking forward to my '***apostolic duties***' and take my first APO Jayden Myles Calvario to Disneyland."

He concluded his brief speech, "***Let us show our support to our upcoming Administration led Bro. Joel Carbon.***" Taking a cue from Brod Bobet Lara, I'm not surprised that Brod Rene was a Dr. Librado I. Ureta awardee in 2016.

His heart and soul were with APOGLA even when he was assigned temporarily in Washington State as a Boeing employee then came back to Los Angeles for good.

Mabuhay kayo Brods Bobet and Rene, Winnie and your children for a job well done. May your tribe increase!
— denino1951@gmail.com



GOINGS ON by Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

Kung Hei Fat Choy! This is the traditional New Year Greeting which was celebrated February 10. And this year is considered very lucky by the Chinese astrology as this year is the year of the dragon! In Chinese astrology, there are lucky colors associated with the zodiac sign. This year, the auspicious color is gold which signifies success, wealth and honor. Yellow is another color which represents solidity and stability. Many believe wearing yellow clothes and accessories brings luck to one.

So let's hope the Year of the Dragon will bring us the luck we all sorely need!

For the month of February, those born from the first of the month to the 18th fall under the sign of Aquarius. They are clever, analytical, technical, truthful, assertive, confident, progressive and innovative. Those born February 19 to March 20 are under the sign of Pisces. They are flexible, open to going with the flow, and typically willing to hear all sides of an issue before making the final decision.

So to all celebrants this month, here's to another year of good health and happiness! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

And yes! It's February! The month for love and lovers! It's the month of Antony and Cleopatra, Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal, Marie and Pierre Curie, Napoleon and Josephine, and Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

Other notable days of the month are: the Federal holiday President's Day. It's also the time we honor Black History Month. This year, Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) and Ash Wednesday also fall this month.

Our ever efficient VP Brod Mandy Javierto proudly introduced to us our new members accepted last January 20: Brods Jeff Guevara, '92 ETA; Derek Segarra, '90 Beta Chi, and Edward Rodriguez, Batch 2009, Delta Kappa. We also have a returnee in good standing, Brod Richard Villamin, Batch '84 ETA Kappa.

We're sure Brod Mandy will be able to bring in more new members at the rate he's going! Good luck Brod VP!

The entire APOGLA is so grateful to the food brigade as they satisfied us no end for the delicious food they served during our maiden GMM. Thanks to: Brod Tony & Ella Gomez, Brod Francis & Oyet Mejia, Brod Mandy & Naty Javierto, Sis Irma & Brod Alex Almazan, Brod Oca Angeles, Brod Paulo Carbon, Brod Ferdie Yambot, Brod Melvin & Eleanor Villaver, Sis Rebecca Ford, Brod Buddy & Eva Salvador, Brod Ogie & Weng Jaranilla, Brod Domel Evangelista, Brod Shane and Gemma Miranda, & Brod Jay and Luvie Vinluan. Brod Edgar Rodriguez brought wine. A big portion of the food was donated by APO-SRB global. The First Lady and the VP's wife coordinated the chow portion of the meeting bringing all the utensils etc. without which dinner would have been impossible.

The birthday celebration of May Sy at Knollwood Country Club last January 26 was a blast! So many attended to join her in the celebration of her feast day. This is not surprising for May is well loved by so many. It was indeed, a night of affection blatantly displayed for May from husband Brod Sancho and family, friends and relatives.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Sis. Emma Rubina-Galang

1. Almazan Alex**
2. Almazan Irma**
3. Amon, Ophel
4. Amon, Tony
5. Ang Gayon, Melody
6. Ayo, Toti
7. Cajucom. Wilfredo
8. Calvario, Rene
9. Carbon, Joel
10. Cervania, Paul
11. Chin, Jhun
12. Chua, Michael
13. Cobarrubias, Bob
14. Conferido, Reuben
15. Cordova, Jimmy
16. Cristobal, Lope
17. De Leon Vince*
18. De Leon, Leslie Ramos*
19. Duldulao, Gieldy
20. Emperado, Rudy
21. Evangelista, Jen**
22. Evangelista Domel **
23. Fajardo, Marilou
24. Franco, Rolly
25. Galang, Emma Rubina
26. Gomez. Tony
27. Guevarra, Jepoy
28. Guevarra, Jing
29. Javierto, Mandy
30. Junio, Virgil
31. Lautchang, Wilson
32. Layno, Mary Ann
33. Mamaril, Ferdinand
34. Mansilla, Beeboy
35. Mejia, Francis
36. Mendoza, Armand
37. Ninofranco, Edgar
38. Paggao, Jerome
39. Pangilinan, Angel
40. Paredes, Vic
41. Pastores, Alex
42. Picazo, Bobitte
43. Reyes, Roehl
44. Rodriguez, Edward*
45. Rondilla, Dony
46. Salvador, Buddy
47. Segara, Roderick*
48. Silao, Benjie
49. Sipin, Perry
50. Solis, Tess
51. Sy, Sancho
52. Tarculas, Josie
53. Tarculas, Lito
54. Valentino, Hero
55. Valera, Liza
56. Villamin, Richard
57. Villaver, Eleonor
58. Villaver, Melvin

As of February 16, 2024

* *New members*

** *Paid extra year/s*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY CELEBRANTS



MEMBER:

- 01 - Bebot Mercado
- 02 - Marc Bundalian
- Pam Enguero
- 03 - Armand Mendoza
- 04 - Jennifer Evangelista
- 05 - Ramon Robillos
- 06 - Megan Ninofranco
- 09 - Malou De Leon
- 11 - Alvin Nonato
- 12 - Bonjie Ingco[†]
- Nestor Jove, Jing Guerrero
- 17 - Petchie Petreaca
- 18 - Caloy Enriquez
- 19 - Conrado Lazo, Danilo Masaya
- 24 - Gerry Arante
- Beatriz Ventura
- 26 - Dom Pascua
- 27 - Alex Exconde[†]

SPOUSES:

- 02 - Mercedes Cabral
- 05 - Rollygen Posadas
- 06 - Precy Marte
- 09 - Nida Nonato
- 21 - Roland Gayon, Allyn Pablo
- 24 - Jeanette Clarette
- 26 - Chiqui Ramos

APO KIDS:

- 01 - Ardina Morallos,
- Rheene Yambot
- 02 - Matthew Madrigal,
- Mae Robles, Merek Bundalian,
- Jazper Chin
- 03 - Janine Tarculas
- 04 - Bea Fisico
- 06 - Jonathan Maddela
- 07 - Jeffrey Gomez, Jamie Bautista
- 08 - Dainty Amon, Justin Pastores
- 09 - Joseph Duldulao, Keith Pascua
- 10 - Ellie Rondilla
- 11 - Josemarie Fajardo
- 12 - Janelle Alejandria
- 13 - Mikael Ang-Gayon, Daryl Amon
- 15 - Aden Fajardo
- 17 - Joe Cobarrubias, Josh Parayno
- 18 - KC Ingco, James Valentino,
- Jay Henry Valentino
- 24 - Lean Noche
- 25 - Howard Paras
- 27 - Kayla Williams, Nicole Ilagan



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FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024
5 pm to 11 pm**

5:45pm - Dinner

6:30pm - Meeting start promptly

**7:30pm - Meeting ends, unless extended by membership
via majority vote**

**Fellowship 'til 11pm at the
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