

NEWSLetter



The Percys host Fiesta '14 in California

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Oxnard/Ventura, California – Once again, we brought back the Bobon-USA Fiesta 2014 to the Golden State of California. The cool breeze of summer in the Central Coast ranging from 75-77°F, graced the sunny California days of August 22-23, 2014, as we celebrated our 24th fiesta honoring Señor Santo Niño de Bobon

The 9th day novena and the traditional vespera dinner was hosted by the Hermano/Hermana held at Esperanza Gorgonia Genne's residence in Ventura. Attended by 71 *kababayans* and friends, flying from other parts of the mainland, and driving near and far made it to

celebrate with us in the thanksgiving, sharing and fellowship among one another. Food served was catered by Kalea Grill of Oxnard. The 70- lb lechon was from Lutong Bahay of Eaglerock, and the rest of native dishes and desserts were prepared and cooked in the kitchen of Espie and Bernie. Dine, wine and dance, choir group singing practice, catching up with the latest news and updates of friends and families here and back in Bobon predominated the night's event. Indeed, seeing and meeting up with our fellow Bobonanons during this traditional occasion is a special

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John and Grace Adams Host Fiesta '15 in New York



New York, here we come!

After the turnover of the image of the Santo Niño at the 2014 fiesta in Ventura, California, John and Grace Adams lost no time in announcing that the next fiesta will be in New York.

Here are some details of the celebration:

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event that we continue to look forward to yearly.

The Special Holy Mass was officiated by Fr Matthew Rios,



OSB, from Valyermo, CA (St Andrews Abbey), at the historical San Buenaventura Mission Church. Built in 1782, the church is the ninth of 21 California mission churches and the last to be established by Blessed Fr. Junipero Serra. The Holy Mass was well attended and we gratefully thank our Association president, Butch Paredes for leading the choral group, with the participation of our fellow kababayans: Acit & Estella Cornillez, Dr. Myrna Escareal and Edna Unay, Lily Cornillez, Mydee Vergel de Dios, Totoy & Tita Cornillez, Neneng & Rene Bautista, Melinda, Epay, Dick and Tez Paredes, whose lovely voices animated the solemnity of the holy mass.

The Dinner and Dance reception was held at the Marriott Courtyard in Oxnard with 115 attendees. The music was rendered by The Massive Productions, from Palmdale owned



by Domie & John Borillo. We sincerely thank and appreciate our raffle sponsors for their cash/gifts donations, namely: The Santo Niño prayer group of Antelope Valley; the Divine Mercy prayer group of Antelope Valley; the Legion of Mary, Palmdale St Mary's Parish; The Healing Hand Ministry of Palmdale; Ms Filomena Martin; Mr & Mrs Randy (nee Cynthia Gorgonia) Genne; Judegor Aim Global Aimers (Mr Bailon Jude Gorogonia); Rightlink Realty (Mr. Leo Gorgonia); Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Percy; Mr & Mrs Michael (nee Bianka Gorgonia Menzel) Morrison; Mr & Mrs James (nee Mae Gorgonia Raposas) Morrison; Mr & Mrs Artin (nee Elaine Gorgonia Raposas) Sepani; Mr & Mrs Rodolfo (nee Alicia Gorgonia) Clemente.



The give-aways of wooden and luminous rosary bracelets were donated by Architect Virginia Raposas Domingo, originally crafted from Manaoag, Pangasinan. The Sto Niño medal & luminous Sto Niño statues were from Tayu-

man, Manila and the Sto. Niño novena booklets were originally made and printed out by John. Thank you all for all the gifts of

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Fiesta 2014 Picture Gallery



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New York

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of **Señor Santo Niño** (Holy Infant Jesus) will be on Saturday, August 22, 2015.

The **Holy Mass** will be at 2 pm at the St. Augustine's Church located at 381 N. Highland Avenue, Ossining, New York 10562, followed immediately by a procession, the traditional prayer dance *Sinulog*, and our group photo (with the Hudson River in the background, weather permitting).

Reception starts at 6:30pm at the Plaza Ballroom, Crowne Plaza Hotel in 66 Hale Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601. Registration from 6 – 6:30 pm. Dinner/dance \$55 per person. \$25 per child 3-11 years old.

Attire: Formal - Filipiniana/Barong Tagalog
Please visit cpwestchester.com for detailed directions and area information.

Accommodations: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 66 Hale Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601. A preferred rate of \$119+ tax has been arranged by this year's sponsors. Number of rooms at this rate is limited so please reserve before July 15. Booking website:



https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=12489542

If you prefer to call the Hotel directly at 914-682-0050, please mention Bobon-USA (Group Code: Z6F) to get the rate.

Novena schedule by location:

- Day 1: August 13—San Francisco
- Day 2: August 14—Los Angeles
- Day 3: August 15—Canada
- Day 4: August 16—Arizona
- Day 5: August 17—San Diego & Arizona
- Day 6: August 18—Texas
- Day 7: August 19—Florida
- Day 8: August 20—New Jersey

The 9th day Novena will be on Friday, August 21, 2015 at 4pm followed by the welcome party from 4:30 – 8 pm at the residence of John and Grace.

Travel information: White Plains is conveniently located approximately 35 minutes to/from Grand Central Terminal in Midtown Manhattan via the Metro-North railroad. Visit

<http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/planning/schedules> for weekday and

weekend schedules.

Nearest airport: Westchester County (HPN) airport – approx. 8 miles from Crowne Plaza

Other area airports:

JFK International (JFK) approx. 32 miles to hotel

La Guardia Airport (LGA) approx. 25 miles to hotel

Newark International (EWR) approx. 43 miles to hotel

Airport Transfers: Shuttle and airport transfer desks are located near the baggage claim areas. You may also visit airport websites to obtain recommended transport information.

- From La Guardia or JFK airports, express shuttles are available to Grand Central Terminal (GCT) midtown Manhattan. From GCT, take Metro-North train (Harlem line) to White Plains. Please remember to purchase at the station. Visit <http://web.mta.info/mnr/html/planning/schedules> for weekday and weekend schedules. Trains are slow on weekends. Shuttle (starts at \$14) -> Train (station rates are \$11.75 Peak/\$8.75 Off Peak/5.75 senior) -> taxi from station to Hotel (starts at \$5). Also check the web for shuttle service between La Guardia or JFK Airports to Westchester airport.

- If 3 or 4 people are travelling together, it may be more convenient and economical to take a car service or shuttle from JFK or LGA to Westchester County. Please check deals online.

Car rentals: Car rental is available at all the airports and in White Plains. Check rental companies' websites for deals. Prices may be lower in White Plains.

Westchester County is far from the hustle and bustle of New York City, yet close enough by train to enjoy its many exciting sites. Driving in Westchester County & Hudson Valley area is quite pleasant as one can choose scenic routes.

Places of interest and distances from the Hotel:

- Kykuit Rockefeller Estate—15 miles
- New York Botanical Gardens—20.9 miles
- Bronx Zoo—21.4 miles
- Empire City Casino (Yonkers)—12 miles

and more....

Shopping:

- Westchester Mall food court—adjacent to Hotel
- Woodbury Commons Outlet—25 miles

Dining near Hotel:

- Westchester Mall food court—\$
- Cheesecake Factory—\$ to \$\$
- Outback—\$\$
- Morton's Steak House—\$\$\$

Happy Fiesta and see you all in New York!!!

John and Grace Adams

Fiesta 2015 Hermano/Hermana

Fiesta 2014

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love and labor.

We also thank and appreciate the special participation of our very own Ms. Louise del Monte Cornillez- Keeler . Her beautiful voice had graced our fiesta and captivated our hearts. She readily agreed to render us a solo rendition when I asked her personally at the registration desk....Super! The presence of the president of the Palapag-USA-Canada Association, Dr. George Espinosa, and his poetic renditions taken from his newly released poetry book had kept our feet on the ground for our own love of arts and poetry. Thank you Mano George!

Our 9-day novena were graciously hosted with full support and participation of our ever loyal and devoted members of Bobon-USA Association. We thank you very much. I started asking them via e-mails, facebook messages and telephone calls as early of March 2014. Truly grateful for all their cooperation, recommendations, and willingness to host the novenas. John and I would like to acknowledge them again in this section for without your support, logistically, spreading the 9-day traditional novenas across mainland USA would have posed an issue.

9- Day Novena Sponsors:

Aug 14 (1st day) - Illinois
Pacita & Estella Cornillez

Aug 15(2nd day) – New Jersey
Dr Myrna Escareal
Dr Eddie & Edna(Escareal) Unay
Zeny Jao-Escareal & Children
Ramil & Cleofe(Escareal) Espenilla

Aug 16 (3rd day)
John & Grace (Chan)Adams & family – New York
Ben & Neneng (Ocastro) Solano & family- New Jersey
Dalisay (Duran) Espina & family-North Carolina
Lynn (Escareal) Gennett & family- Utah

Aug 17 (4th day) – Arizona
Tony & Nelly (Batiles) Hill & family
Ber & Fatima (Yturriaga) Carpina & family
Bartolome & Lily (Ching) Cornillez & family

Aug 18(5th day)
Shirley (Alvarez) Roxas - Calgary, Alberta
Bridgette Avarez – Calgary, Alberta
Florissa (Quinones) Balite & family – Texas

Aug 19 (6th day)
Mana Sayong Paredes & Children
Rene & Ninfa (Paredes) Bautista – California
Butch & Melinda Paredes
Brian & Lydee (Paredes) Hershey
Dick & Epay Paredes
Tez Paredes & Children
Totoy & Tita Carpina - Arizona
Tony (Nonong) Abellar – Arizona

Aug 20 (7th day) – California
Jovita (Obedoza) Gorgonia
Noel & Bobbie (del Monte) Cornillez
Steve & Bernie (Gorgonia) Guertin
Michael & Myrna (Lapuz) Arboleda

Aug 21 (8th day) – California
Francisca (Escareal) Gorgonia
Rudy & Alice (Gorgonia) Clemente
Fred & Terry (Yturriaga) Knoth
Steve & Fil (Yturriaga) Tobes

August 22 (9th day) – Ventura, California
John & Elizabeth (Gorgonia) Percy & family
Hermano/Hermana

The 24-year old Bobon-USA Association would have not reached this far without the strong and active leadership of our ongoing president, Mr Butch Paredes. He made himself available for John and I for consultation re: program and missalette. We asked him to emcee the program event at the venue site which he graciously accepted.... what a trooper! A real leader! We appreciate the presence and support of Mr. Ber Carpina , our Vice President. The consistent safe keeping of our association funds by our Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Bobbie Del Monte Cornillez had secured us a strong financial backbone. The hard work of auditing the ins and outs of that money and expenditures incurred in every event, occasion or project proposal/disbursements were tediously done by Ms. Nelly Hill. These are the people we continuously worked with in keeping our annual tradition of fiesta celebration. John and I truly look up to them for all their assistance in one way or another, for without these people behind us, it would have not been a pleasant experience.

For our family, friends, fellow Bobonanons and guests, we thank you very much for your support, sacrifices, presence and donations . Each one of you has contributed a share of your precious time, money and efforts in making our fiesta a success. Kudos to all of you.

To our dear Señor Santo Niño de Bobon, we continuously give homage to You for all the blessings and graces we receive. The tedious preparation, stress and anxiety, time and money, and any tidbits associated with being the Hermano/Hermana, we offered to you, for all of these, are for your praise and glory. John and I are humbled and honored for giving us the opportunity to host your feast day.

Viva Santo Niño de Bobon Fiesta 2014 !!!

John and Elizabeth Percy
Fiesta 2014 Hermano/Hermana



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In Memoriam

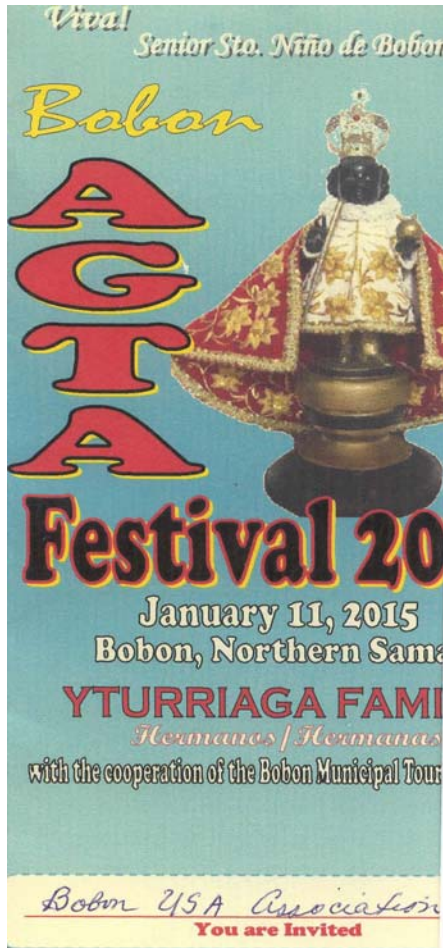


Manuela Anazeta L. Agus
Wife of Benjamin Ballicud Agus
Birth: May 29, 1937
Death: April 27, 2015



Bernardo Gepollo Carpina:
Birth: July 23, 1947
Death: June 13, 2015

Thank you letter from the Yturriaga Family



Viva Senior Sto. Niño!!!

SPONSORS OF PRIZES

A. TRIBAL DANCE COMPETITION
 1st Prize - P 30,000.00 - BOBON USA ASSOCIATION
 2nd Prize - P 20,000.00 - RENATO ENERIA & FAMILY
 3rd Prize - P 10,000.00 - ALFREDO & TITA CORNILLEZ
 Consolation Prize - P 5,000.00 - ELIZABETH DICKINSON
 Consolation Prizes & Minor Awards - C/o BOBON MUNICIPAL TOURISM COUNCIL

B. MOTORIZED BANCA/BALSA CONTEST
 1st Prize - P 10,000.00 - FARIDA YTURRIAGA - AQUINO
 2nd Prize - P 8,000.00 - PHILIP & ELLEN YTURRIAGA
 3rd Prize - P 5,000.00 - BETTY OBEDOZA - GORGONIA
 Consolation Prizes - C/o BOBON MUNICIPAL TOURISM COUNCIL

C. INTER-POBLACION BARANGAY STREET

*Bobon - USA Association
C/o Butch Pardeis, President*

Dear Friends and Townmates,

Thank you very much for sponsoring the 1st place prize of the Agta Tribal Dance Contest.

There were around 10 tribal groups with each own calamfully designed costume. It was exciting to watch as they all did great in their presentation.

Once again our appreciation for your help in the success of the contest.

"Thank you very much for sponsoring the 1st place prize of the Agta Tribal Dance Contest. The Yturriaga Family"

More Fiesta 2014 Picture Gallery



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Fiesta 2016 and Beyond

In 2016, our annual fiesta moves to Northern California to be hosted by Rosario "Sayong" Paredes and children Butch & Melinda, Dick & Epay, and Tez. Then, in 2017, the Alvarez family will welcome us all in Florida while Jojo and Mydee Vergel de Dios and family will host 2018 in Arizona.

Fiesta 2019 and beyond are still open. Any takers? Just let us know.

Projects

The association is soliciting ideas and suggestions on what projects in Bobon can the association undertake—one that would benefit the people of Bobon.

One idea that comes to mind is setting up a scholarship fund that will support deserving students who will be selected by a scholarship committee.

Another idea is in the area of information dissemination like having a people's library that will provide books and information materials for students and the general public.

Still another idea is helping the local government or any interested community organization dedicated to preserving what are left of Bobon's historical, religious, and natural landmarks and structures and saving them from destruction for future generations of *Bobonanons*.

An FB posting from Dr. Myrna Escareal states: "*Hi mga igkasi Bobonanon. Maopay na adlaw sa iyo ngatanan. Si Padre Dulay nagkikinahanglan bulig para sa duha nga ventana sa altar. Con sino a interesado magcontibusyon ig padara sa ac aiyo cheque ngan ako a magpapadara can Padre. An sayo nga ventana harani \$800.00.*"

Let's talk about this more at the fiesta on August 22, 2015 in New York

**Don't forget to pay for
your \$10/family
annual dues....**

**More fiesta pictures are available for viewing and download at our website:
<http://www.bobon.us>**

Treasurer's Report by Bobbie Cornillez

BOBON-USA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report - Fiesta 2013

Beginning Balance (September 1, 2012)	\$ 19,233.11	
Petty Cash	\$ 53.35	
Total Beginning Balance		\$ 19,286.46
Income		
Membership	\$ 230.00	
Dinner Dance	\$ 6,466.00	
Curacha Dance Fundraising	\$ 1,953.00	
Cash Donations: MydeeVergel de Dios \$25, Sheena Dilla \$25, Eddie Unay \$25, Edilane Lim, 25, Greg Ariz \$25, Unknown \$25, Unknown \$25	\$ 175.00	
Interest Earned from Savings	\$ 2.03	
Total Income	\$ 8,826.03	
Expenses		
Dinner Dance	\$ (6,466.00)	
Bank Fees (Online Deposit Detail Image)	\$ (12.00)	
Postage for Invitation paid to Mrs. Preciosa Purisima	\$ (96.00)	
Total Expenses	\$ (6,574.00)	
Net Income		\$ 2,252.03
Ending Balance (August 31, 2013)		\$ 21,538.49

Treasurer's Report by Bobbie Cornillez

BOBON-USA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report - Fiesta 2014

Beginning Balance (September 1, 2013)	\$ 21,538.49	
Petty Cash	\$ 53.35	
Total Beginning Balance		\$ 21,591.84
Income		
Membership	\$ 320.00	
Dinner Dance	\$ 5,700.00	
Curacha Dance Fundraising	\$ 2,316.00	
Cash Donations: Preciosa Purisima \$50.00, Dr. Myrna Escareal \$200	\$ 250.00	
Interest Earned from Savings	\$ 5.46	
Total Income	\$ 8,591.46	
Expenses		
Fiesta Expenses: Dinner Dance	\$ (5,700.00)	
Postage for Invitation paid to Mrs. Ely Percy	\$ (71.00)	
Total Fiesta Expenses	\$ (5,771.00)	
Other Association Expenses:		
Ati-atihan First Prize Winner paid to Mrs. Terry Knoth	\$ (700.00)	
Funeral Donation paid to Mr. Ben Agus	\$ (200.00)	
Funeral Donation paid to Mrs. Fatima Carpina	\$ (200.00)	
Bank Fees (Online Deposit Detail Image)	\$ 11.50	
Bobon-Usa Web Hosting Renewal (4years)	\$ (212.74)	
Total Association Expenses	\$ (1,324.24)	
Total Expenses	\$ (7,095.24)	
Net Income		\$ 1,496.22
Ending Balance		\$ 23,088.06