

# NewsLetter



## The Madejas host San Diego Fiesta '11

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For the second time, San Diego became the place to be for Bobonanons in the US as they celebrated their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Fiesta in honor of Sr. Sto. Niño de Bobon last August 20, 2011. Paring Madeja-Bongalos and Glo Madeja-Emde were the fiesta *hermanas* who

indefatigably prepared for the event.

The fiesta started Friday evening with the *vespera* dinner celebration buffet style in a restaurant where Bobonanons

and their friends met and almost unendingly greeted one another and exchanged pleasantries.

The celebration the next

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## Josh and Louise Keeler will host Fiesta '12 in Los Angeles



Fiesta '12 will be in Los Angeles, California and it will be hosted by Josh and Louise-Cornillez Keeler. It will be held on August 24-25, 2012 with a mass starting at 3:00pm at the Holy Family Church in Glendale followed by dinner, dancing and a performance presentation by Louise starting at 6:00pm at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City.

For those *mamaratrons* arriving Friday, August 24, there will be a welcome *vespera* celebration at 7:00pm in Glen-

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## The Association Donates to BSPC's Project Pagdayaw

In an email sent by Bobon Peace Corps Volunteer Alyssa Budoff, she requested financial support for a project that she has focused a lot of time and energy on and is aimed at improving the Bobon School for Philippine Craftsmen's (BSPC) income-generating program called *Pagdayaw*.

With the Association's donation of \$753.39 and other donations coming from other donors, the BSPC's *Pagdayaw* Display Center has now been constructed and is believed to significantly increase students'

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day was held at the Bay View Restaurant. It started exactly at 5pm with a mass in honor of Sr. Sto. Niño followed by a sumptuous dinner and dance spiced up by the live music of the cha-cha, swing, waltz, tango, and *kuradang* and *kuracha*, provided by the Front Page band. The successful celebration was capped with the *sinulog*, the turnover of the image of Sr. Sto. Niño from Paring Madeja-Bongalos and Glo Emde to Fiesta 2012 sponsors Josh and Louise Keeler and the traditional group picture.

The 2011 Fiesta *hermanas*, Paring Madeja-Bongalos and Glo Madeja-Emde and their families, wish to thank all who came to join them in making the celebration a success.

A picture is worth a thousand words, so here are the pictures that vividly tell the story of our 2011 Sto. Niño fiesta:

### At the Vespera...



### At the Fiesta...





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Details of the celebration including addresses, places of interest, fiesta ticket information and many more are in our website at [www.bobon.us](http://www.bobon.us).

### More pictures at the Fiesta...

NOTE: To view more pictures, log on to [www.bobon.us](http://www.bobon.us)



## 2012 Bobon-USA Fiesta LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA | AUGUST 24-25

**Louise Marie Cornillez & Joshua Keeler**  
request the pleasure of your company at the  
22nd Annual Bobon-USA Association Fiesta  
in honor of Sr. Santo Niño.



**VESPERAS | FRIDAY 7PM**  
416 East Broadway #428 and Courtyard  
Glendale, CA 91205

**MASS | SATURDAY 3PM**  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
317 East Chestnut Street, Glendale, CA 91205

**DINNER-DANCE AND CONCERT | SATURDAY 6PM**  
Sportsmen's Lodge  
12833 Ventura Blvd, Studio City, CA 91604

**Music**  
Louise Marie Cornillez & Sean Cornillez

**Photo Booth**  
Creative Photo Booths





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earning potential and provide them with a more consistent ability to attend school. Additionally, since the store will be student run, it will serve as a training center for developing students' business and management skills.



From: Alyssa Budoff <abudoff@gmail.com>  
To: "Paredes, Romeo" <rparedes@hspsh.edu>  
Date sent: Sun, 31 Jul 2011 07:07:06 -0400  
Subject: Request for the Bobon-USA Association

Maupay nga adlaw Mr. Paredes!

My name is Alyssa Budoff, and I am a Peace Corps Volunteer currently serving at Bobon School for Philippine Craftsmen. I recently received your email address from Fred Kroth, who mentioned that you are president of the Bobon-USA Residents Association. The BSPC family and I are currently raising money for a very special project, and were wondering if we might ask for assistance from the Association. Here is a bit more information about our work:

In addition to teaching English at BSPC for the past 2 years, I have been working to help improve several programs such as the school's library, nutritional education, and environmental projects. One that I have focused a lot of time and energy on is improving the school's income-generating program called **Pagdayaw**. This program, through which students create and sell products made from recycled and indigenous materials (such as jewelry made from rolled magazine paper, bags made from rice sacks, and home decorations made from drift wood and bamboo) was established in 2006 as a way of addressing the high rate of students dropping out due to financial constraints, as well as encouraging students to be more environmentally responsible. Students sell their products at an annual one-month bazaar to members of the community and use their earnings for school related costs such as transportation and notebooks. Unfortunately, the benefits of this program have been limited due to the lack of a permanent space for display and sale. After the one-month bazaar, remaining products are often lost or broken, and once students' earnings are exhausted, their attendance declines once again. We would like to change this by constructing a store on the school's property where students' products can be sold year round. This will significantly increase students' earning potential and provide them with a more consistent ability to attend school. Additionally, since the store will be student run, it will serve as a training center for developing students' business and management skills.

In order to raise the remaining money needed for construction, Peace Corps has posted my project on their website. <https://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=donate.contribute.projDetail&projid=492-383>

Donations can be made directly on that website and are tax deductible. I was wondering if you might discuss this project with the Association's officers and members, and consider making a donation? We would be extremely grateful for your support.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Thank you and happy fiesta!  
Alyssa



December 9, 2011

Alyssa Budoff  
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Dear Members of the Bobon/USA Residents Association,

On behalf of the students, teachers, and administration of Bobon School for Philippine Craftsmen, I would like to thank you for your generous donation to our project - the construction of a Pagdayaw Center. The Pagdayaw program was established as a way of giving students the opportunity to create a variety of products out of recycled and indigenous materials, and sell these projects to earn money for school related costs. As you know, many residents of Bobon suffer from financial difficulties, and this program has given students a chance to earn supplemental income while demonstrating environmental responsibility, and develop entrepreneurial skills.

Thanks to your contribution we have now been able to construct a permanent store on school grounds in which to display and sell the products year-round. We expect that this space will improve our ability to properly market students' products, thereby significantly increasing their earning potential and allowing them the financial means to continue coming to school. Your support has helped make this happen, and we look forward to seeing significant results in the coming year. Thank you again, and we wish you a happy, healthy holiday season, and a happy new year!

Sincerely,

  
Alyssa Budoff  
US Peace Corps Volunteer



## Fiesta 2013 and Beyond

Tony (Nonong) Abellar will be hosting Fiesta 2013 in New Jersey while John and Grace Chan-Adams plan to invite Bobonanons to celebrate the annual fiesta in 2015! Please mark your calendars as our future hermanos and hermanas make their plans known soon.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Fiesta 2014, 2016 and beyond? Just let us know while they are still open.

## Treasurer's Report by Bobbie Cornillez

BOBON-USA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
Treasurer's Report  
August 31, 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE (September 1, 2010)	\$15,933.20
Petty Cash	\$87.50
	<u>\$16,020.70</u>
Income	
Membership	\$506.00
Dinner Dance Ticket Sales	\$4,260.00
Fundraising Income from Curacha Dance	\$978.00
Interest Earned from Savings	\$9.90
Total Income	<u>\$5,753.90</u>
Expenses	
Dinner Dance Expenses	\$4,260.00
Donation to Bobon School for Phil. Craftsmen	\$753.00
Petty Cash Replenishment	\$200.00
Bank Fees (Per Item Deposited Fee)	\$2.10
Petty Cash Disbursements	
Bobon-USA Website Hosting and Renewal (3 yrs.)	\$152.66
Postage	\$38.24
Card Stock for tickets/ Envelopes	\$8.09
Newsletter Printing (5 sets/8 pages each)	\$9.71
Total Expenses	<u>\$5,423.80</u>
Petty Cash Beginning Balance	\$87.50
Replenishment	\$200.00
Less: Total Disbursement	<u>\$208.70</u>
Petty Cash Ending Balance	\$78.80
ENDING BALANCE (August 31, 2011)	<u>\$16,429.60</u>