

NEWSLetter



Welcome to sunny Arizona!

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By Butch Paredes

BRENTWOOD, California — At the 2017 fiesta celebration in Jacksonville, Florida, the image of our dear Sr. Sto. Niño de Bobon was turned over to our next fiesta *hermanos* and *hermanas*: the Vergel de Dios Family, and soon afterwards, Jojo and Mydee announced that the next fiesta will be held in the Grand Canyon State of Arizona.

One of the side highlights of the fiesta (aside from the main fiesta events, of course) is an excursion trip to



Sedona and Grand Canyon. Mydee has this to say about this: *"Since some of you have not been to Arizona or have not visited the National parks, I have ask the help of Ronald and Lenlen Omega to help me get a tour bus to accommodate those who wants to join. This*

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The Jao Family will host Fiesta '19



From the Vergel de Dios Family...

...our annual fiesta next year will be hosted by Zenaida Escareal-Jao and their family.

Details of the 2019 fiesta celebration will be posted in the next issue of the NewsLetter.

Fiesta 2018...

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is optional and only to those who are interested. Since we have a plan to do medical mission to our own kababayan in Bobon in January 2019, we decided to make this a fund raising trip. We added a few dollars to help buy medications and supplies to those underprivileged and sick people in Bobon. I'm sure we all have the heart to help and share in thanksgiving for all the blessings."

Our 2018 Annual Fiesta in honor of Sr. Sto. Niño de Bobon will be on Saturday, August 18, 2018 and this year's sponsors are the Vergel de Dios family: Jojo, Mydee, Daniel and Sam.

9-Day Novena schedule by date and location:

- Day 1: August 9—Alvarez Family - *Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, North Carolina*
 Day 2: August 10—Chan Family - *New York, Ontario, Quebec, Toronto, Canada*
 Day 3: August 11—Paredes Family / Tobes Family - *California*
 Day 4: August 12—Carpina Family / Hill Family - *Arizona, Australia*
 Day 5: August 13—Escareal Family - *New Jersey, Philadelphia, Connecticut*
 Day 6: August 14—Evangelista Family - *Alaska, Vancouver, Albany, Alberta, Calgary, Victoria BC*
 Day 7: August 15—Vasquez-Ganaban Family - *Oregon, Virginia, Maryland, France*
 Day 8: August 16—Zenaida Jao & Jeanne Jao Marquez Family - *Nevada, Utah, Texas*
 Day 9: August 17—Cornillez-Vergel de Dios Family - *Gilbert, Arizona*



The 9th day Novena will be on Friday, August 17, 2018 at 4:30pm followed by the traditional *vespera* celebration at Hurtado Hall, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 230 W. Galveston St., Chandler, AZ 85225.

The Fiesta celebration on Saturday, August 18, 2018, will start with the Holy Mass in honor of Sr. Sto. Niño de Bobon at 5pm at the Christ the King Catholic Church, 1551 E. Dana Ave., Mesa, AZ 85204. After the mass, *Sinulog* and our traditional group picture-taking will follow at 6pm.

After the mass, our fiesta dinner and dance will follow at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 1600 S. Country Club Dr., Mesa, AZ 85210.



Fiesta Attire:

Formal or *Barong Tagalog*

Meal Ticket:

\$50/person (adult), \$25/child (12 and under).

Accommodations:

Holiday Inn Hotel, 1600 South Country Club Drive, Mesa, AZ 85210. A special rate of \$79+ tax has been arranged by this year's sponsors. Number of rooms at this rate is limited so please reserve as soon as possible.

Nearest airport:

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) Website: www.skyharbor.com. It's 15 miles to the hotel, about 30 mins. drive

Places of interest and distances from the Hotel:

- Golfland Sunsplash (waterparks), 0.6 miles from Holiday Inn
- Amazing Jakes (Indoor playcenter). 3.3 miles
- Topgolf (indoor golf), 11 miles
- Main Event (bowling, bar, arcade and video games), 11 miles
- Odysea Aquarium, 15 miles
- Kokopelli Golf Club, 2.2 miles
- Dobson Ranch Golf Club, 2.8 miles
- Glacier Snow Sweets and Treats (for Halo-halo), 7.3 miles
- At My Place Café, (Filipino Restaurant), 3.7 miles

Shopping from the hotel:

- Arizona Mills, 7.2 miles
- Chandler Fashion Center, 9 miles
- Superstition Springs Mall, 10 miles
- Phoenix Premium Outlet, 17 miles
- Santan Village Shopping Mall, 12 miles

Places to see in Arizona:

- The Grand Canyon National Park
- Antelope Canyon in Page, AZ
- Horseshoe Bend in Page, AZ
- Red Rock State Park, Sedona, AZ
- Beaver Falls, Havasu Creek
- Canyon de Chelly Natl. Monument, Apache County, AZ

See you all in Arizona soon!

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Fiesta 2018 and Beyond

We now have a line-up of *hermanos/hermanas* for our annual fiesta until 2020.

Here they are:

2018 - Jojo and Mydee Vergel De Dios and sons DJ and Sam, *Arizona*

2019 - Zenaída Jao, *TBA*

2020 - Paredes Cousins, *TBD*

Viva Sr. Sto. Niño!

Fiesta 2021 and beyond are still open. Any takers?

If you feel like Sr. Sto. Niño is calling and asking you to honor Him by sponsoring any of our upcoming fiesta celebrations, just let us know.

Tips & Other Bright Ideas

Maintenance to Keep Your A/C Running Strong

The long, hot days of summer provide hours and hours of outdoor fun. But after you've worked up a good sweat, it's time to head indoors to refresh yourself. Few things in life are better than cranking up the air conditioning and taking a breather under a blast of ice-cold air. But there are few things worse than an air conditioning unit that breaks down right in the middle of the dog days, turning your house into a sauna.



To make sure your air conditioner is ready for peak use this summer, here are some A/C maintenance tips that will keep you from sweltering.

Inspect your outdoor unit.

To help ease its heavy summer workload, check up on your air conditioner unit while temperatures are still mild. A quick DIY inspection can determine if any professional servicing may be necessary.

Begin your inspection by powering down the unit so no parts are damaged. Next, inspect the area around the A/C condenser to make sure no debris (leaf litter, for example) has accumulated there. Any blockage might be enough to prevent air from entering the system.

Leaks can tax your A/C unit as well. Run your A/C long enough to test the flow from the indoor

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

Treasurer's Report by Bobbie Cornillez

Bobon-USA Residents Association
 Fiesta 2018, Orange Park Jacksonville, Florida

Treasurer's Report
 As of July 2018

Beginning Balance (As of June 2017)	\$ 14,350.26	
Petty Cash: Previous Balance	\$ 38.00	
Total Beginning Balance	\$ 14,388.26	\$ 14,388.26
Income		
Membership	\$ 305.00	
Dinner	\$ 5,680.00	
Curacha Dance Fundraising	\$ 1,418.17	
Donation from John and Ely Percy	\$ 50.00	
Total Fiesta Income	\$ 7,453.17	
Interest Income April 2017-June 2018	\$ 6.85	
Total Income	\$ 7,460.02	
Expenses		
Fiesta Expenses: Dinner	\$ (5,680.00)	
, Invitation	\$ (190.00)	
Total Fiesta Expenses	\$ (5,870.00)	
Other Expenses:		
Bobon-USA Web Hosting 4 years	\$ (235.67)	
US Domain Name Renewal Bobon-US-5 years	\$ (56.32)	
Transaction fee	\$ (0.25)	\$ (292.24)
Bank Fees	\$ (9.00)	
Total Expenses	\$ (6,171.24)	
Net Income		\$ 1,288.78
Ending Balance as of July 2018		\$ 15,677.04

Bobon-USA Association website is redesigned

Our Association's website (<http://www.bobon.us>) has just been redesigned. If you have not visited the site lately, go ahead and log on to it. The Home page, News section, and the Picture Gallery contain updated information. While you are there, check the Members page also and browse the list and see if your name is included. If not, please email us at bobonusa@bobon.us.

Happy surfing!

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*We're on the web! At
www.bobon.us*

Bobon-USA Association Receives Plaque of Appreciation

In a letter dated June 16, 2018, signed by Ms. Maria Lustico as Chair of the Committee on Awards and Recognition, and co-signed by Mayor Rene Celespara, the Bobon-USA Association has been cited as “one of the highly chosen recipients to receive a Plaque of Appreciation” during the Culmination of the 155th Founding Anniversary of the Municipality of Bobon on August 4, 2018.

Tips...

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vents. If the air does not feel cool enough, your unit could be low on refrigerant. If the air feels sufficiently cool but isn't moving with the expected force, try replacing the filter.

Lastly, don't neglect your ductwork. Make sure that all vents in your home are cleared of obstructions, such as furniture, rugs and toys. And run your vacuum cleaner across your vents and returns in order to clear them of any dust.

Utilize ceiling fans.

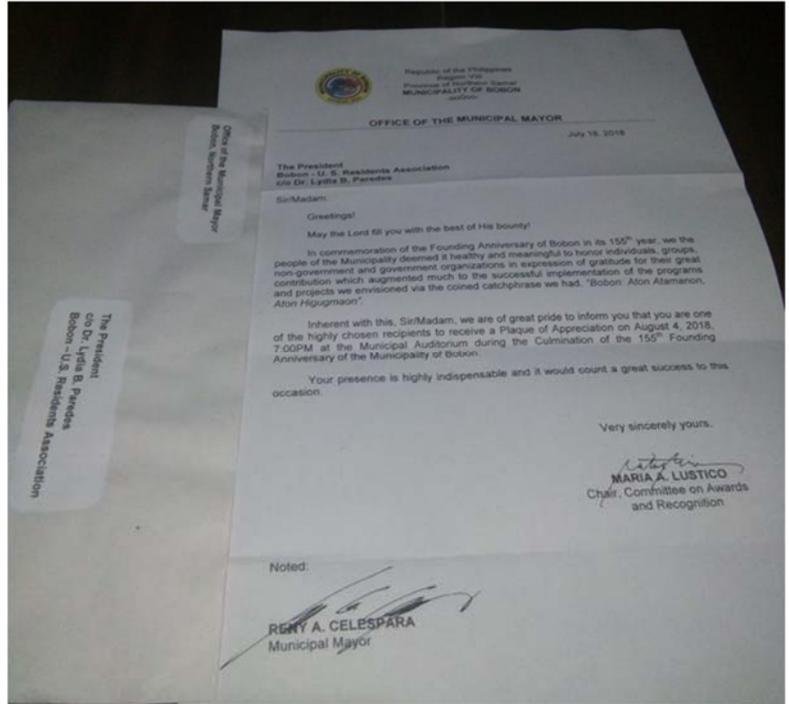
Once summer arrives, you boost your A/C unit efficiency by running your ceiling fans. But before you switch them on, be sure to change the fan blade direction. The fan blades should turn counterclockwise in order to pull warm air up and draft cool air down. (For the winter, you'll want to switch the blade direction back in order to drive warm air back down.) Look for a dedicated switch on your fan, or consult the unit's manual for specific instructions.

Close your vents.

Take advantage of your ability to regulate the airflow throughout your home. By readjusting your ventilation on a room-by-room basis, you can direct cool air away from the parts of your home you seldom use and into its high-traffic, densely populated areas. If you do need to make a seldom-used area of the house more comfortable — a guest bedroom, for example — simply reopen any closed vents.

Draw the curtains.

In its battle against summer heat, your A/C will always be fighting at a disadvantage. No matter what it's SEER rating, your A/C cannot match the energy output of the sun. And, depending on which way your windows face, your home may be even more susceptible to a steady rise in temperature over the course of the day. Consider installing blackout curtains in rooms with high levels of sun exposure. True to their name, these treatments create a barrier against solar energy — both the visible light the sun produces and the higher frequencies you can't see but can definitely feel. You can also add a layer of extra protection using white reflective liners or window film



to reflect sunlight and deflect the sun's radiant heat.

Replace your filters.

Replace your filters every 30 days in order to keep cool air flowing through your A/C unit. If reusable filters are compatible with your unit, that option can help you cut down on waste and reduce the cost of cooling your home.

Make sure your thermostat is accurate.

Even smart thermostats can be fooled. Move any lamps or other appliances that may generate heat away from your thermostat. And try to avoid running your clothes dryer or turning on your oven during the hottest times of the day. Anything that puts out heat in your thermostat's immediate vicinity will skew its temperature's reading. Your thermostat may “think” your home is warmer than it is, and it may keep your A/C running longer and harder than it should.

Contact a professional.

Of course, sometimes your A/C problem is simply one you can't fix on your home. If your simple fixes are not doing the trick, it may be time to contact a service professional.

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