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After Fiesta '97

Bobonanons leave their hearts in San Francisco

Fiesta '97 which was hosted by Brian and Lydee Hershey may be over now but Bobonanons who came to the fiesta have stories to tell. First of all, it was the first time the fiesta was held in Northern California. Secondly, it was the first attempt at celebrating the fiesta as an evening affair as opposed to the usual whole day family affair in the past.

Although many of the regulars like the Knoths, the Hills, the Bautistas, the Emdes and the Fords, to name a few, could not come, the affair was still a well-attended one. Among those who came were the Carpinas, the Garcias, the Cornillezes, the Gorgonias, the Bolhayons, the Tobeses, the Paredeses, the Hattars, the Turners and the Damicogs. There were also Liling de Jesus who made a stopover on her way to New York from Manila, and Alice

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Some of the Bobonanons who made it to the Golden Gate bridge for a picture taking: the Bolhayons, Cornillezes, the Damicogs and the Paredeses

Did you know...

1. ... that Bobon was founded as a Mission Center in 1677 — 327 years ago today.
2. ... that the first stones of Bobon's massive Parish Church were laid

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Bobonanons and their guests at the dancing hall of the Prewett Family Park and Center.

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Chan who flew in from Arizona.

Fr. Frisco officiated the mass which started promptly at 5:00pm and was immediately followed by a sumptuous dinner.

Puto, dinugu-an, pancit, adobong pusit, empanada, humba, lechon, at iba pa — you name a favorite Filipino dish, and it was there.

Todo-todo line dancing and the

old reliable *cha-cha* dominated the evening. The macarena and the tango were also some of the favorites. Lydee Hershey, Nerly Turner, and Precy Bolhayon performed the *dayang-dayang* which is the latest dance craze to hit Bobon. And of course, the fiesta would not have been complete if there was no *kuracha* which netted \$331.00 for the association.

Elaine Raposas, daughter of Elizabeth Gorgonia delighted the crowd with a beautiful rendition of *The Wind*

Beneath My Wings while Louise Cornillez gave a magnificent interpretation of *The Movie In My Mind* from the Broadway musicale *Miss Saigon*. Ganie and Neria Garcia impressed the crowd with a dance exhibition.

The group also had a chance to reminisce on some of the highlights of the previous fiesta celebrations as Lydee made posters of these pictures for everyone to enjoy.

Fiesta '97 in pictures

Pictures say a thousand words. So, here they are: The first part of the celebration: The Mass



Elaine Raposas

Then there were program numbers:



Louise Cornillez



Neria and Ganie Garcia



And the dancers...

... and the dancers:



... and more dancers:



More Fiesta '97 pictures



The kuracha dancers...



... and they were all there!



Looking Ahead ... Fiesta '98

Mrs. Rose Ford and family will be hosting next year's fiesta in honor of the Sto. Niño de Bobon. Based on initial plans, it will be held in Orange County. Unless otherwise announced in subsequent notifications, the fiesta will be on August 8, 1998.



So, get ready for this next big event!

Treasurer's Report

Beg. Balance as of 8/95		2040.77
Add: Interest Income 9/95-9/97	85.91	
Easter Raffle 4/96	5043.00	
Fiesta 97:		
Membership Fees	180.00	
Food Donation	270.00	
Kuracha	331.00	
Dr. Ocastro Fund	570.00	6479.91
Total Income		8520.68
Less: Bank Fees	17.00	
Easter Raffle Prize	1100.00	
Raffle Expenses	323.73	
Church Donation	4000.00	
Mailing & Misc.	194.00	
Fiesta 97 Food	200.00	
Ocastro donation	600.00	6434.73
End. Balance as of 10/97		2085.95



2000 Reasons to Join Us on New Year's Eve

By Brian and Lydee Hershey

It's less than 800 days until midnight, December 31, 1999. Do you know where you'll be? Would you like to be with your fellow Bobonanons?

The association is trying to find out if there is any interest in sponsoring a New Year's Eve party in the Los Angeles area on that date. We can only begin to make arrangements — like

choosing a site, paying a deposit to reserve a place, choosing entertainment, etc. — if we know that there's interest. Please let us hear from you, by phone, letter or e-mail, before Dec. 31, 1997, so we can make our plans. We truly would like to welcome the new century in the company of family and friends.

Ocastro Fund

About three months ago we solicited help from the membership for Dr. Cecilia Ocastro. The association has collected \$570.00 and the donors were as follows:

1. Myrna Escareal
2. Fred and Terry Knoth
3. Vic and Precy Bolhayon
4. Noel and Bobbie Cornillez
5. Brian and Lydee Hershey
6. Butch and Melinda Paredes
7. Steve and Inat Tobes
8. Ber and Fatima Carpina
9. Robert and Jovina Gladstein
10. Elizabeth Gorgonia
11. Dick and Epay Paredes
12. Rosario E. Paredes
13. Benny and Nenette Damicog
14. Ganie and Neria Garcia



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Did you know...

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- in the year 1732 — 265 years ago.
3. ... that the Parish of Bobon was erected by Bishop Romualdo Jimeno, OP of Cebu on August 4, 1863.
 4. ... that the Municipality of Bobon was established in the year 1905 — some 92 years ago today.

The above Bobon facts and trivia are taken from Fr. Rojo's article on Bobon that appeared on the Bobon '97 Fiesta souvenir program. If you have more information to share your fellow Bobonanons, please send them to the association's Maryland address.

Bobon is now on the Internet

If you have internet access like America Online, Compuserve, or Microsoft Network, you may be in for a nice surprise. Bobon is on the Web! Yes, just point your web browser to:

<http://ih1.sph.jhu.edu/rep/bobon/>

and take a look at the internet edition of this NewsLetter. You can also e-mail me at: rparedes@jhspk.edu for your comments, etc.

Happy surfing!

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The Bobon-USA Residents Association expresses its profound condolences to the families of the late

Arcadia Batiles

Felipe Celespara

Perseveranda Abellar

Eddie Rabuy

Crescenciano Evangelista