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## PISTANG PILIPINO —SAVE THE DATE!!!

We will celebrate **PISTANG PILIPINO (Philippine Festival)** on **Saturday, June 27, 2015** from 11 am to 5 pm. The festivities will be in Pavilion 4, Maumelle Park in Little Rock. APA will provide lechon but we ask everyone to also bring a "Pilipino" dish. We will also have t-shirt sales, music, cultural dances, and traditional Pilipino games for all ages. Everyone is encouraged to wear Filipino attire. The proposed amendment to APA's Constitution & By-Laws will also be presented to the members so they can vote on it. Please visit our facebook page at APA—Arkansas Philippine Association, for more information about our picnic.

### APA 32nd Gala

On April 11, 2015, APA celebrated its 32nd anniversary at the Crowne Plaza in Little Rock. All 147 guests had a great time. Our guest speaker, kapwa Pinoy Ms. Mimi San Pedro, delivered a very touching and inspirational speech. Ms. San Pedro is the chief operating and marketing officer for P. Allen Smith's media production firm Hortus Ltd.

Tickets were \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 10 and under. For the very first time, APA did not lose money this year. The total collection from ticket sales alone was \$5,380. The hotel's bill was \$5,324.62.

For entertainment, the program included a song rendition by Mr. Steevan Novero who sang

John Legend's *All of Me*. The fabulous APA Dance Group performed a Spanish-inspired dance, "La Jota Moncadena".

The evening was highlighted by the coronation of Mrs. Millie Vanderpool as Ms. APA 2015; 1st runner-up was Ms. Jhen Tuell. Together, they collected \$3,890 in donations. All monies collected will be used towards the medical mission. Our heartfelt thanks to both Millie and Jhen for their hardwork and to everyone who donated towards this wonderful cause. You have and will make a huge difference in the lives of our countrymen.

For those who shared their comments about the event, we will consider making some changes in the future to make this event more enjoyable for everyone.

### 2015 Medical Mission

This year's hosts, Charles and Ely Gooch, along with Millie Vanderpool are now in the Philippines for the medical mission in Maragondon, Cavite. Maragondon is Ely's hometown. The medical mission will run from May 11-15, 2015. With your help and generosity, the medical mission group was able to raise \$9,143. The budget was \$8,500. Majority of the monies collected will go towards the purchase of medicines which have been ordered through Blessings International. Dr. Zafe and her group of volunteers are ready for the medical mission as well.



Guest speaker, Ms. Mimi San Pedro with APA Chairman, Mr. Primo Novero.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Highway Pick-up                     | Saturday, May 16            |
| Summer Picnic                       | Saturday, June 27           |
| Halloween                           | Saturday, October 24        |
| Christmas Party                     | Saturday, December 12       |
| Annual Election and General Meeting | Saturday, February 13, 2016 |

## Treasurer's Report

As of May 5, 2015, APA's cash balance is \$11,420.88. This amount includes all donations collected for the Medical Mission.

**Membership** Please welcome our new members ~ Ms. Angela May of Benton, Ms. Daisy Hughes of Benton; Nenita Tritt and family of Ola, AR; Minnie Johnson and family of Alexander; and, Jhun Dalumpines and family of Little Rock.

The Board passed a resolution to increase our membership dues. Effective immediately, the new annual dues are as follows: Single membership is \$20 and Family membership is \$35. This is an increase of only \$5.00 from previous years. Please remember that your annual dues help support the many activities our members enjoy throughout the year.

**APA's Property in Scott, AR is up for sale.** All inquiries should be directed to Roman Novero at 501-786-6807.



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**Lauren Joy Novero**, daughter of Roman and Lita Novero, graduated on May 2, 2015 from the University of Central Arkansas with a bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Congratulations, Lauren!

The fabulous **APA Dance Group** has been invited to perform at the Asian/Pacific American Observance Day on May 20 in Camp Robinson. This event is organized by the Arkansas National Guard. The organization has committed to donate \$200 to APA.

Interested in joining the APA Dance Group ~ we are looking for dancers, young and old alike. If interested, please contact Ruby Hill 249-8134 or Joy Aguon 213-0150. Join in on the fun! Our practices are held on weekends.

**Volunteers needed for our annual highway pick-up** scheduled on Saturday, May 16 starting at 7:00 am. We will meet at I-40 Eastbound, mile marker 159.1 where the Arkansas Philippine Association sign is. Breakfast will be provided to all volunteers after the clean-up.



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