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CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's Christmas and we cannot let this season pass without seeing all our *kababayans*! Happiness is spending time with our friends and families. Please come and celebrate with us at the APA Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5. The festivities start at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel gymnasium, 1321 S. Van Buren Street, Little Rock.

APA will provide a sumptuous and MALUTONG NA LECHON. Our Christmas is not just about having fun with friends and families, it is also having the Spirit of Giving. A party for the purpose of charity can be just as fun, festive and eggnog filled as the rest. Everyone loves a party, especially one that gives back! We're collecting canned goods for our Christmas food drive. Every canned goods make a difference. All donations are welcome and appreciated. Our goal is to collect as many canned goods as possible which will help provide meals to the needy families throughout our local community.

Don't forget, we have door prizes! Want a chance to win our terrific Christmas door prizes while also helping the less fortunate ones? APA has assembled lots of Christmas door prizes donated by APA members. We are selling raffle tickets to raise money for our upcoming Medical Mission in the Philippines. Tickets are 3 tickets for \$5.00 and one ticket is \$2.00. The more tickets you purchase, the greater your chance of winning. The best part is that the money will go to a very good cause. Please buy your tickets today !!! The drawing will be held at the APA Christmas party.

Our party has always been potluck. Here are your food assignments. Families with last names ending in:

A-C—salad/vegetable dish

D-L—main dish (includes fish, meat, chicken)

M-Q—dessert

R-V—pansit, appetizer/fruits

W-Z—drinks (water or sodas; no alcohol)

For parents with children, please bring a wrapped gift for your children and make sure that you have them tagged. Santa will be distributing these gifts. Other highlights include a special guest singer! You don't want to miss this one! We also will have the selection of our 2016 Prince and Princess APA and the nomination of the 2016 APA Board of Directors.

We look forward to seeing you on the 5th!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Election and General Meeting Saturday, 2/27/16

APA Gala Saturday, 4/30/16

Pistang Pilipino Saturday, 6/25/16



Treasurer's Report

As of November 23, 2015, APA's cash balance is \$12,160.66.

Election of New Board of Directors

On June 27, 2015, the APA Constitution & By-Laws was ratified during our Pistang Pilipino celebration. Included in the ratified C&BL is the election of seven (7) Directors at the annual meeting on February 13, 2016. In preparation for the election, we are seeking 7 nominations who will serve as APA Board of Directors. Nominations will be solicited from APA members at the Christmas Party. So start thinking who you want to nominate.

APA is a registered 501(C)(3) organization, supporting non-profit charitable and humanitarian efforts. Board of Directors are volunteer positions, along with many volunteers we have in APA. Together they make our organization stronger. Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless but because they are **PRICELESS!**

Membership

APA membership is not synonymous with volunteerism. If volunteerism is not for you, we encourage you to join and be a member of APA. The power of APA is in its membership. Every additional member helps support our organization's objectives. We encourage you to be a member!

Dues for 2016 can be paid at the annual Christmas Party: \$20 for single and \$35 for couple/family.

5th Annual APA Halloween

Thank you to everyone who supported our 5th Annual Halloween party. The room was filled with little super heroes, pirates, and princesses. The event was a huge success. Children went home with lots of goodies and those who participated in the games received fabulous prizes! Thank you Harriette Gilbert for organizing this fun event! Best

Costume-Adult Category went to Tito Medel who was dressed as a Sheriff, and Katie Ann Jennings, daughter of Chris and Daisy Jennings of Cabot, won Best Costume-Child Category. She was an adorable, little bumble bee.

Asian Fest

On November 7, APA participated in the annual Asian Festival held in Little Rock where we showcased Philippine arts and crafts. Our charming dancers wowed the audience with their grace in dancing Mamang Sorbetero and La Jota Moncadena. We raised over \$1,000 selling pansit, fried rice, lumpia, and BBQ, most of which were donated by our generous members. Thanks to those involved in putting this event together. We know what a huge effort it took to make this event so great.



APA display at the Asian Fest



La Jota Moncada dancers

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ABBA House—Our fabulous APA singers did it again!!! With music all around us, it seems only natural to use people's love of music to spread love, hope, and joy to everyone. The APA singers serenaded the sisters and residents of ABBA House with some classic Tagalog and English songs. APA also donated candies and cookies to ABBA house. This kind gesture has touched the hearts of those people helped by the sisters of ABBA House. None of this would have been possible without the planning committee who contributed their time and dedication in the preparation of this event.

Barrio Fiesta, Fayetteville, AR—On September 12, the Northwest Arkansas Filipino American Association in Fayetteville, AR celebrated their annual Barrio Fiesta. About 30 from Little Rock attended. Those who went met the organization's officers and made new friends. It was a fun night of music (DJ'd by our very own Michael Baquial), and lots of food. Of course it will not be a Filipino party without a lechon! The festivities showcased folk dances, featured incredible singers, and highlighted by the crowning of their Miss Northwest Arkansas Filipino American Association.

Yurt Camping On November 13-15, 2015, some APA members spent a weekend of fun, camaraderie and relaxation in the yurts of Lake DeGray. Thanks to Ms. Sandra Traverso for organizing the camping. Tito Medel was the Master Chef and he made sure everyone was fed well. The weather was incredibly comfortable. To top it all, there was a surplus of \$100 collected from the food supplies, which was gladly donated to APA.

Obituary—APA's long-time member, Afring Pascual, passed away on September 27, 2015. She was a friend to everyone, an active member of the Rosary group, and a big supporter of the APA Medical Mission.

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