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### THE FILIPINO ASSOCIATION OF GREATER KANSAS CITY

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

C...is the letter

Create...is the word Come one! Come all! Consider wisely Condemn shyness...and Cowardice and be Constructive for a change.

Condescend...and Contribute to the group; Cooperate with me in Conditioning our goal.

Compile and
Cast in your Capabilities.
Cling together, we'll
Conduct a
Colossal
Collection of ideas.

Condense it all, to
Commence immediate
Construction in
Creating the future,
Conserve and
Consign to the association
Conclusively
Claim the
Credibility...

Cordially yours,

Romy Bagunu Romy Bagunu President
FAGKC

A Final Tribute to a Friend & Colleague

In her gentle, quiet way, Remy, as she is fondly called, made her presence known. Her gracious ways and compassion was felt by all whose lives she touched - her patients, her co-workers, friends and colleagues. Her passing at a young age, just at the peak of her career, makes us those whom she left behind even feel a greater loss.

Dr. Remedios Medina Lorenzo was born in Manila, Philippines and earned her medical degree at the University of Santo Tomas in 1964. Her internship was at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh. She then came to Kansas City in 1966 where she finished her residency in internal medicine at Menorah Medical Center. In 1969, she took a year of fellowship in hematology at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

In 1971, she joined the staff of Wayne Miner Health Center, and worked unrelentlessly until the day she left for Houston to obtain further treatment for complications of her illness. Such was her dedication to her work. She endured, persisted, and never lost hope. Remy will be remembered not only for her professionalism but also for being a moving spirit in many volunteer and community activities. Her faith sustained her life's difficulties, and has led the Filipino community in many endeavors to preserve our ethnic heritage. She instilled in her three children the value of ethnic pride and encouraged their participation in school, church and community activities.

Only kind words-love of her family, devotion to duty, and trust in others were ever heard from her. She spoke softly yet wisely; her ways were simple yet sincere; and most of all she lived by her own ideals and principles. To live on with these memories of Remy, will, in some small way lessen the loss of a great friend and colleague. Let her courage, strength and faith live amongst all of us.

Lillian Gonzales Pardo, M.D.

Minutes of the April 6 Meeting

President Romy Bagunu opened the meeting by asking the attendees to say a little prayer for the late Dr. Remy Lorenzo. The prayer was led by Fel Bagunu.

Committee Reports -

AUDITOR'S REPORT - In the absence of Paul de los Santos, Pres. Romy Bagunu reported that our standing application to the Santa Caligon Fest is still under consideration. A notification for approval will be mailed to us on July 1.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - Dr. Nita Labayen reported that plans for the September Affair have begun, however, type of food to be served hasn't been decided. Angie Chico will make arrangements for the food. Tickets for this affair, she said, will cost \$25/person. More details concerning this affair will be discussed at the upcoming meetings.

PHILIPPINE CULTURAL CENTER - Dr. Manny Pecaña stated that the Association still owes Lenexa Bank a total of \$12,000, and is charged 14  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest. He is thinking of finding another bank that would offer a lower rate.

Dr. Pecaña had planned of having the Las Vegas Night in October.

Fred Costales expressed concern regarding a water leakage in the basement. He suspected it was due to some sewage problems. It was proposed that the contractor of the building be contacted so he could investigate the cause of the leakage.

A question was raised on whether to purchase or rent the riding lawn mover that is stored in the basement of the building. The offer was for \$350. No decision has been made at this time.

Pres. Romy Bagunu stated that the work in the basement is near completion. We could resume work as soon as the water problem is corrected.

ASIAN FESTIVAL - Alcy Malkmus reported that the Asian Council is considering the old Municipal Airport to hold the Asian Festival. The group will meet in April to discuss the works of this function.

Minutes (continued)

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treas. Peps Gador said that cash on hand as of April 1 is \$5,087.33.

The amount of \$1,978.29 (partial payment of the loan and interest) has been forwarded to the Lenexa Bank on Feb. 7.

OTHER BUSINESS - The President said that the plan to construct the sun deck and mini-park is underway. He reiterated his appeal for monetary and labor support from the general membership. Dr. Eddie Lorenzo presented a check for \$200 for this project.

The President proudly announced the Johnson County's recognition for our Sinagtala's fine performance at the Kansas School for the Deaf. A picture of the performers was published in the Johnson County's newspaper. In addition, a thank you card, with a \$25 donation, was received from the School of Deaf acknowledging Sinagtala's contribution.

In recognition for dedicated service, and in celebration of the upcoming National Secretaries Week, the President presented plaques of appreciation to Becky Castro, former FAGKC secretary, and Marietta Tungol, present secretary.

President Romy Bagunu will be out of town next month. He has requested Dr. Noy Sulit, Chairman of the Board, to preside the May meeting.

Editor Fel Bagunu is asking all those who wish to contribute an article for the Tambuli to contact him at 631-1595.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. followed by singing happy greetings to the April celebrants.

Prepared by: Marietta Tungol Secretary, FAGKC

25th Wedding Anniversary ...Dr. & Mrs. Celestino Gomez celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 7 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Congratulations, Lefty and Charing!

# St. Mary's Hospital of Blue Springs

# 1984 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



## ERLINDA DIAZ

Surprise, shock and even a refusal to leave her patient's bedside were the initial reactions when Gary Wages, executive director, presented Erlinda Diaz the 1984 Employee of the Year Award.

Erlinda, a staff nurse in the Recovery Room since April 20, 1981, came to the United States from the Philippines over six years ago. Quiet and unassuming, she joined St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City on June 24, 1978 and worked there until her transfer here when the hospital opened.

Erlinda is married and has one son. She is an active member of the Recovery Room Association and the Philippine Organization of Greater Kansas City, a group dedicated to helping introduce new world cultures to Philippine children while helping them retain their native country's culture.

As the backbone of the Recovery Room staff, Erlinda continually expresses her dedication and loyalty through her actions and deeds. She volunteers for extra call time and has stayed many times when the schedule ran later than expected. She does this with personal sacrifice of her own plans and her family's.

According to Linda DeLuca, clinical coordinator of the Recovery Room, "Erlinda's knowledge of recovery room nursing is excellent. This, along with her rapport with patients, families and surgeons makes Erlinda an outstanding employee."

Sr. Judy Bell, R.N., S.S.M., director of Patient Services, stated that she was "extremely proud of Erlinda's selection as Employee of the Year. Her constant positive attitude, the generosity of her time, her warmth, gentleness and sensitive concern in which she provides care to patients in the holding area/Recovery Room are a few of the qualities that make her deserving of this honor."

Erlinda's greatest asset is that she cares deeply for the patients she serves. As one former patient wrote ... "As I lay in recovery, I could see her (Erlinda) moving constantly among us, inquiring in such a way that it was obvious she felt her responsibility and truly cared for us." Isn't that really what an Employee of the Year is all about?

Daday, along with her husband Rudy, have a four year old son Michael. The Diaz's make their home in Blue Springs.

Gapasin's HONOR DAUGHTER JENNIFER... Dr. & Mrs. Ernest M. Gapasin will give a dinner dance at the University Plaza in Springfield, MO on June 2, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. to honor their daughter, Jennifer, who will graduate in the Class of '84 at Lebanon High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, co-editor of the yearbook, and Miss Merrie Christmas of Lebanon in 1983. She will enter Washington University in St. Louis this fall.



## SINAGTALA DANCES AT KSD

To cap off Philippine Day at the Kansas School for the Deaf, the Filipino Association of Greater Kansas City's dance troupe, called the Sinagtala or "Shooting Star," performed various national dances Wednesday, April 4, 1984 at 6:00 p.m. Performers were Alcy Malkmus, Becky Castro, Marijoy Balino, Jennifer Balino, Jun Balino, Julie Quinones, Gemma Alemania, Ralph and Ramil Co. Four Women dance the ESTUDIANTINA (above) in the Emery Hall playroom. The children at KSD (below) intensely watch the dancers.



## COME ONE!!...COME ALL!!!

To the 5TH YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST of STO. NINO. It will be held on Saturday, May 26, 1984 at St. John The Baptist Church (corner of Independence Ave. and Garfield St) Children will offer flowers. POT LUCK LUNCH will follow after mass at the basement of the church.

Notice

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Miling Lampa has opened a dress shop at her home at 6332 Agnes St., Kansas City, MO. She is accepting made-to-order jobs. Interested parties may call at 363-7953.

#### Paid Members

Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Cabansag

Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Simon, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Vanschoelandt

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Mr. & Mrs. Marcelo Quinones

Dr. & Mrs. Arnulfo Sulit

Ms. Fabiana Carambas

Dr. Manuel C. Pecana

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Soriano

Mr. & Mrs. John Bowman

Dr. & Mrs. H. Trinidad

Dr. & Mrs. Jess Suero

Drs. Claudio and Emy Decena

Dr. & Mrs. Celestino Gomez

#### New Members

Drs. Arturo and Emmeline Quiason

Mr. Rio Cachola

#### MAY CELEBRANTS

#### BIRTHDAYS

2 - Rolando Mina

4 - Teresita Cueto

5 - Dr. Irene Ramirez

6 - Jamie Suero

7 - Cynthia Pama

8 - Celeste Gomez

8 - Emmy Decena

9 - Greg Villarante

12 - Jeanie Gador

14 - Rommel Francisco

14 - Cliford Juan

16 - Dr. Winifredo Lisondra

16 - Dr. Mila Tiojangco

16 - Pat Ferrer

18 - Shirley Sulit

20 - Soledad Mendoza

21 - Flor Tabiendo

26 - Marichie Racela

28 - Fred Ubaldo

29 - Maria Milagros Madayag

29 - Andy Sulit

29 - Elizabeth Acenas

30 - Fernando Perfas

31 - Lilly Pardo

#### ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Dr. & Mrs. Ruel Miciano

2 - Dr. & Mrs. Edgardo Francisco

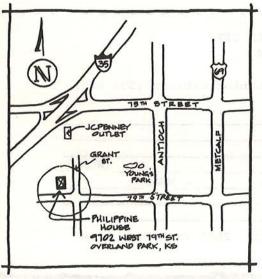
5 - Dr. & Mrs. Noy Sulit

24 - Mr. & Mrs. Amado Tabije

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CHILDREN						

PLEASE MAIL CHECK, PAYABLE TO F.A.G.K.C., TO: PEPS GADOR, 2000 Fawn Dr., Blue Springs, MO 64015. Thank you.



Friday, May 4, 1984 7:30 P. M.

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