

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Manuel C. Sainz Jr.

Our Dia de Santiago celebration last July 9th was a great success! Thanks to everyone who attended and made that day memorable.

Moving on to the last quarters of 2009, plans are coming together for a year-round celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the Club next year. We are fortunate to have Consul Jaime Picornell and the Amigos de España, the Arts Council and the past presidents' enthusiastic participation in drawing out the activities set for this occasion. I would like to invite other members to become more involved in the preparations as these are our opportunities for camaraderie and fellowship. We also appeal to those who have kept old photos of the Club, its activities dating back to its inception to share these memories as we will make our own Coffee Table book. As we always say, this is OUR Club, if you have ideas or suggestions for the anniversary celebration, you can call me or the other Board members for definitely we can make things happen.

Another plan the Board agreed which is in line with our thrust of improving our facilities, is to expand our La Terraza restaurant. Nowadays the place is a bit crowded to accommodate a number of activities and gatherings. With more patrons in our weekend buffets, surely these is a need to expand the place.

Until then, I look forward to seeing and meeting you at the Club.

Challenging is the word to describe the first half of 2009 where we see the economy reel from the global economic crisis started in 2008. However, we are seeing some improvements in the economic situation, a trend that we hope to continue. Casino Español de Cebu sincerely thank all our members and guests for the continued support we have received. Casino Español de Cebu sincerely thanks all our members and guests for the continued support we have received from you.

The most awaited traditional affair, Dia de la Hispanidad is scheduled on October 10, 2009 at Salon de España from 7PM up to 2AM. On the Cover Band and Renaissance Band will be playing your music from the 60s up to present.

Also, join us at our yearly Oktoberfest event this coming October 3, 2009, 6PM onwards at the Garden Area. We will host a variety of German food, draft beer and entertainment. Evening highlight will be the recognition of new members and honoring of the birthday celebrators for the month of September and October.

October will see the return of our every popular Weekly Theme Buffet Night at La Terraza. Let our chefs allure your taste buds with our wide medley of local and international cuisine, a selection that will surely be tempting and delectable.

We look forward to your continued support as we bring you many memorable experiences both in the culinary arena and in world-class service.

MANAGER'S NOTES

Ed Tongco
General Manager

Dia de Santiago at the Casino Español de Cebu

BY HONEY JARQUE LOOP



Casino Español de Cebu was privileged to have His Excellency Spanish Ambassador Luis Arias Romero and his charming wife Soledad as guests of honor at the club's annual Dia de Santiago celebration held at the Salon de España.

Ambassador Luis Arias Romero, his wife Doña Soledad, Honorary Consul Jaime Picornell & his wife Cecilia.

The newly re-elected club president Manuel Sainz Jr., together with members of the board: Vice President Jose Luis Alba, Secretary Antonio Veloso Jr., Treasurer Renato Kintanar, House Chairman Gabriel Leyson and Directors Jaime Jose Escaño and John Pages were on hand to warmly welcome members and their guests.

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Annie and Louie Aboitz.



Don Santiago Picornell and Cecilia Picornell.

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President Sainz, in perfectly worded Spanish, greeted members and other invitees and enthusiastically enumerated the planned activities for the club's 90th anniversary celebration in the coming year. Past presidents will work hand in hand to ensure the success of the much anticipated event.

Spanish Honorary Consul Jaime Picornell formally introduced the Ambassador who spoke on the importance of the long standing friendship both countries enjoy and its significance in the global development. The welcome remarks culminated with a heartwarming toast offered by the Ambassador and the Board to all present.



Daisy Moro.



(LR) Club president Manuel Sainz Jr., house chairman Gabby Leyson, treasurer Renato Kintanar and secretary Antonio Veloso Jr.



Cheese, walnuts and grapes



Honorary Consul Michel Lhuillier with sister Angie Mathieu.



Kiting Moro and Mari Miranda.

The highlight of the evening was the plaque of appreciation given by the Board to the Ambassador for his continued support in the club's efforts in promoting Spanish culture and traditions.

Don Santiago Picornell was likewise presented with a plaque of appreciation in recognition for being the oldest member of the club at ninety seven years of age.

As it was a *tapas* buffet night with guests feasting on a delightful spread of *pica pica*s that included *jamón serrano*, *tortillas*, *chorizos*, *gambas*, *pinchos*, *ensaladas*, and a lot more. Spanish wines continuously flowed all evening.

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Immediately after dinner, the On The Cover Band played and just about everyone took to the dance floor, including Ambassador Arias Romero and his wife Soledad.

Long standing members in attendance were past presidents Louie Aboitiz and his wife Annie, Kiting Moro and his better half Daisy, Julina Muertegui, Chuchu and Margot Larrañaga, Myra Gonzalez, Carmen Campbell, Paqui Aboitiz and civic leaders David and Tess Chan, planners Rosebud Sala and Teresin Mendezona, working socialites Tessie Javier and Rafaelita Pelaez Chan.



(LR) Club president Manuel Sainz, Honorary Consul Jaime Picornell & GM Ed Tongco.



(LR) Rafaelita Pelaez, Virgie Reyes, Myra Gonzalez and Connie Reviles



Grace and Tony Lozada.



Ana and Denise Mendoza.



Joe and Rita Suaco.



Fashion icon Rosebud Sala.



Amy Sol Ignacio and Mari Paz Perdices.



Federico and Lina Cabilao.



(LR) Cara Sol Bañez, Tina Alfara, Ester Sol Browning and Annette Mendezona.

Ed Tongco, the hands-on, approachable general manager, certainly outdid himself with the evening's preparations. Doming Amisola, the ever dedicated banquet manager, also received felicitations for the impeccable service throughout the evening.

The annual Dia de Santiago is a fun-filled event that toasts to good cheer, cherished traditions and deepening friendship between Filipinos and the *Españoles*. As the guests reluctantly left the place, they were comforted with the thought that another great Casino party is never far away. **(Reprinted from The FREEMAN)**



Virginia and Teodoro Locson.



Lita and Ben Aldana.

The grand wedding of Rex and Bernadette was considered by many as a wedding of the year. Rex Alba is the nephew of Nonoy Alba (vice-president of Casino Español de Cebu, Inc.) who promised to be of one with Bernadette Rondobio.

It was a perfect wedding, from the food to the set-up that was excellently and glamorously done. Everyone was delighted by the theme which was unique and brought out a modern look to the venue. The combination of black with silver on the tables and drapes made the venue more elegant. White calla lilies centerpieces were on every table together with candle lights. The innovative theme veered from the traditional type of wedding receptions which were strictly no black color. According to beliefs, it's bad luck. For Rex and Bernadette, they defied such beliefs amidst happiness on their very special day.

For them, their love is like the glittering silver at the ceiling that brightly shone regardless of the lights being off and only candles lighted the wedding reception. For sure, guests, friends and anybody else who witnessed the day of Rex and Bernadette, they were delighted when the bride and groom danced together with the entourage. The program was also great, setting the tone for a wonderful and cherished wedding celebration. The club inspired the people to hold an unforgettable wedding such as the Alba - Rondobio wedding.



Alba-Rondobio

*Like a
diamond, real
love is durable,
shines brightly,
and has many
facets.*

Wedding

Gala Filipina

B y J A I M E P I C O R N E L L



Arts Council president Petite Garcia and Maxwell Espina, VP for internal affairs.

We now present our coverage documentation on the grandest ball of the season - Gala Filipina. It was presented by the Cebu Consular Corps to help the Arts Council celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2010.

More than 300 filled the ballroom of the Casino Español. Sole sponsor was Cebu Holdings, Inc., to which everyone is grateful for their support. This photo play features the Arts Council trustees and their partners in the opening waltz.

That set the dancing for the rest of the night, first with live sounds from Roland Suarez, and then with records beats from DJ Bong Suzara, Jane Young Llaban was easily the belle of the ball.

When will you have a similar event? The Consuls have been asked and the Arts Council trustees, too. Even Rudy Rubi at the Casino Espanol has been asked how to stage something like it.

The formula consists more on what was not done than what was. For example: Make the arrivals grand, the speeches brief, and most of all, NO PERFORMANCE during dinner. Dinner is for eating, not listening to someone nor watching a dance troupe. Then, non-stop dancing.

Well, we have this batch of beautiful photos for you to enjoy. (REPRINTED FROM CEBU DAILY NEWS)



Jane Young Llaban danced all night.



Arts Council trustee Teresin Mendezona in an Aray Gayatin terno, with Marco Protacio.



VP for external affairs Vivina Chiu Yrastorza with son Jose Ma. Luis Yrastorza.



Arts Council secretary Mariter Klepp with Jaime Chua.



Arts Council trustee Marlinda Angbetic Tan with son Ian Irving Tan.



Arts Council trustee Marylou Neri and Rondey Rodriguez.



Vice Mayor Michael Rama and Elena Chionghian Young, Arts Council trustee and chair person of the waltz. Her gown is by Felix Yu.



Trustees Annie Osmeña Aboitiz and Winglip Chang.

Honey's Book Launched

The glossy coffee table book entitled *Ladies of Cebu* was launched at the Salon de Madrid with Governor Gwen Garcia and Adela Jarque as guests of honor.

The hard-bound book features 209 lovely Cebuanas. The concept creator is Honey Jarque Loop with Daniel Carpentier as publisher.

International pianist Ingrid Sala Santamaria graciously rendered a few classical pieces that delighted the guests.



Annie Aboitiz and Annabelle Luym



L-R: Publisher Daniel Carpentier, Gov. Gwen Garcia, Adela Jarque and author Honey Jarque Loop



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(Service)

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(Finance)



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(Banquet Staff)



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(Maintenance)

It is important to recognize employees who contributed to the success of the team unconditionally, ensure a positive, productive, innovative organizational climate. These are people with positive self-esteem. Therefore, the Club has no other recourse than to name them Employees of the Month for April, May and June, respectively.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
CASINO ESPAÑOL DE CEBU, INC.

Red Team Claims Victory



The 2009 tennis event of the COPA de Casino Español was played for three consecutive Fridays which started on April 24 and ended May 8, 2009. The well-attended tournament was played by two teams: the Red Team captained by Fred Quilala and the Blue Team captained by Romy Alejandro. On the first day of the game, the Red Team defeated the Blue Team, 6-4. They showed more prowess on the second face-off with the score of 7-4. The game was excitingly participated by the men and women tennisters who played their best and most of all maintained camaraderie and sportsmanship.

To make the tennis event

more exciting, there was a cheer dance competition and this time the Blue Team won. The ladies tennisters are good in the dance floor, too!

To end the COPA de Casino

Español Tennis Tournament, the president of the Casino Español Tennis Club Donald Ruiz proclaimed the winning team. Mr. Manuel Sainz, the President of Casino Español de

Cebu presented the award to the winning teams. By popular demand, the Blue Team repeated their winning performance during the awards night.



CETC Meets OMTC

The Casino Español Tennis Club (CETC), having two of the best clay courts in the city, invited the Ormoc Midtown Tennis Club (OMTC) for a friendly game tournament. This happened on July 25, 2009. This was in line with the Dia de Santiago celebration.

Before the games started, Engr. Donald Ruiz, president of the host club officially welcomed the 25 Ormocan tennisters headed by Atty. Arturo P. Sanchez. Once again, people of different backgrounds converged having one passion, and that is to play tennis. We love this game!

The competition was well rounded and everyone experienced different styles of play. Players showed off their prowess, strength on serve, volley and hard hitting styles.

Aside from lawn tennis, the host club also tendered dinner where very inviting and delicious courses, as well as different kind of desserts were served. We love eating, too!

Just a few seconds before midnight, the tournament ended. And as a tradition, a return invitation was offered by the guest club. Ormoc, here we come!

The July to November promo is still on going. The same rules are applied. The Club will give P1,000.00 worth of gift certificates to any individual member who sponsors or hosts an event at the club. To qualify for this promotion, a sponsored or hosted event must exceed P30,000.00 in food and beverage purchases before applicable taxes and service charge. This only applies to individual functions and not on accumulated purchases of different bookings. The gift certificate can only be used on the La Terraza Weekend Buffet.

To book your events, please contact the Clubs' Account Executives, Jehd Ombos, Ritchel Bojos or Aneth Galoy at trunk line numbers 253-1260 - 64 local 202 or 501 for direct line 254-2648.

Casino Treasures		La Fiesta Grande		Casino Treasures		La Fiesta Grande	
Menu 3 PURCHASED PER PERSON SALAD Mixed Green Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Beef, Chicken, Pork, Shrimp & Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice MAIN COURSES Beef Tenderloin with Mushroom Sauce Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice DESSERT Chocolate Cake Fruit Salad Ice Cream		Menu 2 PURCHASED PER PERSON SALAD Mixed Green Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Beef, Chicken, Pork, Shrimp & Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice MAIN COURSES Beef Tenderloin with Mushroom Sauce Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice DESSERT Chocolate Cake Fruit Salad Ice Cream		Menu 1 PURCHASED PER PERSON SALAD Mixed Green Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Beef, Chicken, Pork, Shrimp & Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice MAIN COURSES Beef Tenderloin with Mushroom Sauce Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice DESSERT Chocolate Cake Fruit Salad Ice Cream		Menu 4 PURCHASED PER PERSON SALAD Mixed Green Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Beef, Chicken, Pork, Shrimp & Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice MAIN COURSES Beef Tenderloin with Mushroom Sauce Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice Chicken, Beef, Pork & Shrimp in Rice DESSERT Chocolate Cake Fruit Salad Ice Cream	

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Mark these dates in your calendar and watch out for more details.



DIA DE LA HISPANIDAD
October 10, 2009
 Elegance and glamour will be planned. As the On the Cover Band & Renaissance Band will excite the whole evening.



OKTOBERFEST
OCTOBER 3, 2009
6:00 P.M. ONWARDS
AT THE GARDEN AREA
 Enjoy sumptuous Bavarian buffet, Beer and dance the night away with an energetic Live Band. Free: Members, Spouse & Dependent (18-21 years old)

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