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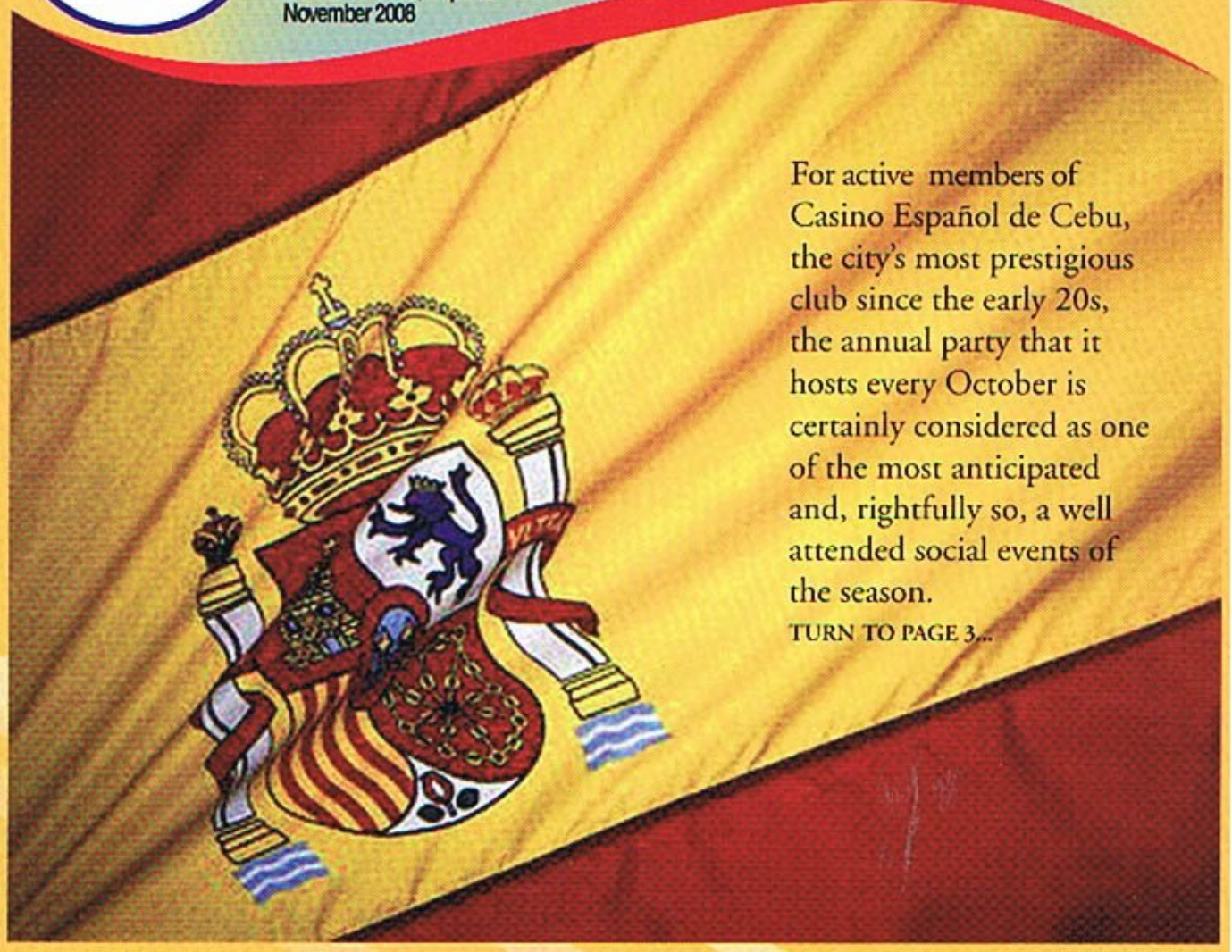

For active members of Casino Español de Cebu, the city's most prestigious club since the early 20s, the annual party that it hosts every October is certainly considered as one of the most anticipated and, rightfully so, a well attended social events of the season.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Manuel C. Sainz Jr
President

Dear Fellow Members,

For generations, members and guests have known Casino Español de Cebu as not merely a building, shelter or place for people to gather. "The Club" is much more than that; it is mood, emotion and personality. The Club is a place of memories and a place of the heart. The Club is the comfort in a quiet lunch or an evening with an acclaimed vintner. It is a lively place to be for a Weekend International Dinner Buffet and for Sunday Brunch. The Club welcomes and reaches out to many. Deals have been made, as well as marriages have been blessed. Management and staff have come and gone, but the spirit of the Club... the spirit of coming together... transcends time, distance, ages and differences.

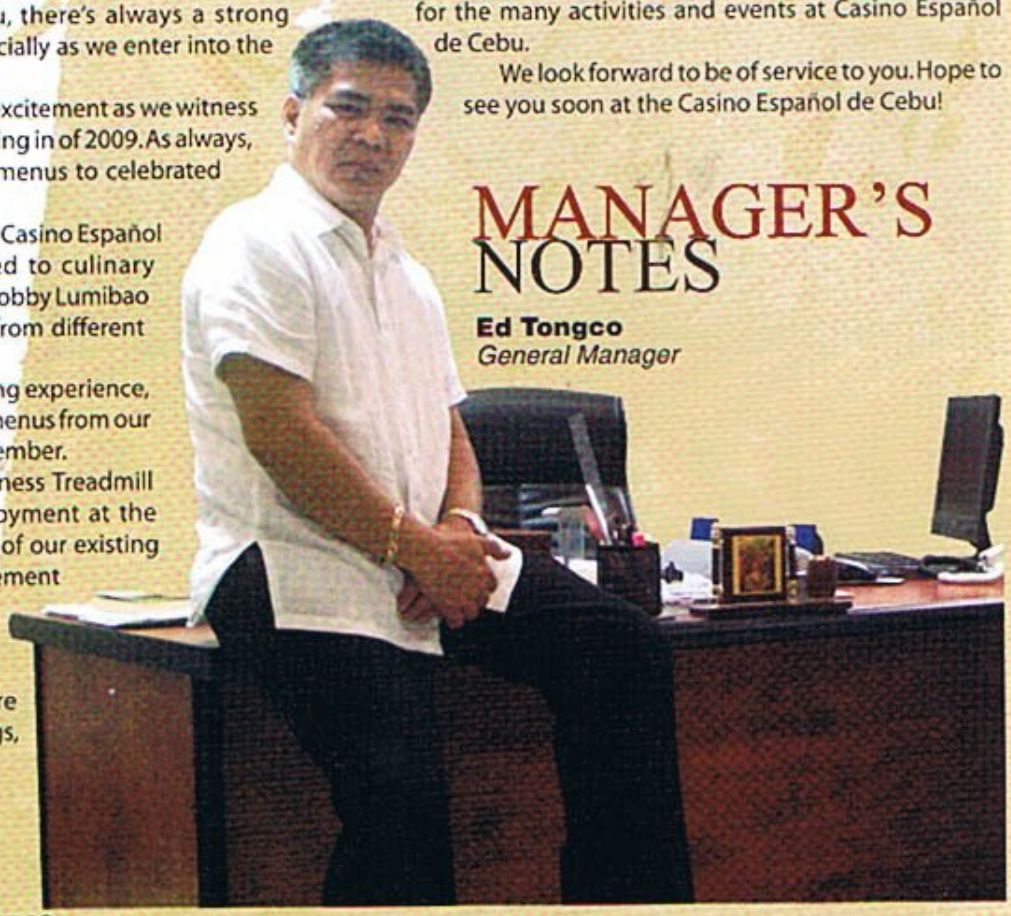
Our Club is a family of friends and like any family, it has to be continually strengthened and nurtured. We, as members of this family, must ensure that our Club – a proud matriarch of hospitality—will always be around to serve our family for generations to come.

Come to the Club with guests for sumptuous lunches or gatherings...even better, encourage your friends to become members. Beyond the benefits, membership is essential to our ability to provide excellent food and quality service.

To a better tomorrow!

MANAGER'S NOTES

Ed Tongco
General Manager



Dear Members,

At Casino Español de Cebu, there's always a strong celebratory mood in the air, especially as we enter into the fourth quarter of 2008.

This quarter promises much excitement as we witness the passing of 2008 and the ushering in of 2009. As always, we have prepared exciting new menus to celebrated Christmas and New Year, in style.

During the past two quarters, Casino Español de Cebu members were treated to culinary specialties by our Executive Chef Bobby Lumibao who prepared signature dishes from different countries of origin.

To further enhance your dining experience, we have lined up additional new menus from our a la carte selections starting November.

Moreover, additional Life Fitness Treadmill has been installed for your enjoyment at the gym, as well as the modification of our existing badminton court from a hard cement to wood and rubber layered taraflex court.

With quality facilities at Casino Español de Cebu, you are always welcome to hold weddings, meetings, seminars, product launches, graduation celebrations or corporate events with us. Also, don't forget to keep a lookout for the many activities and events at Casino Español de Cebu.

We look forward to be of service to you. Hope to see you soon at the Casino Español de Cebu!

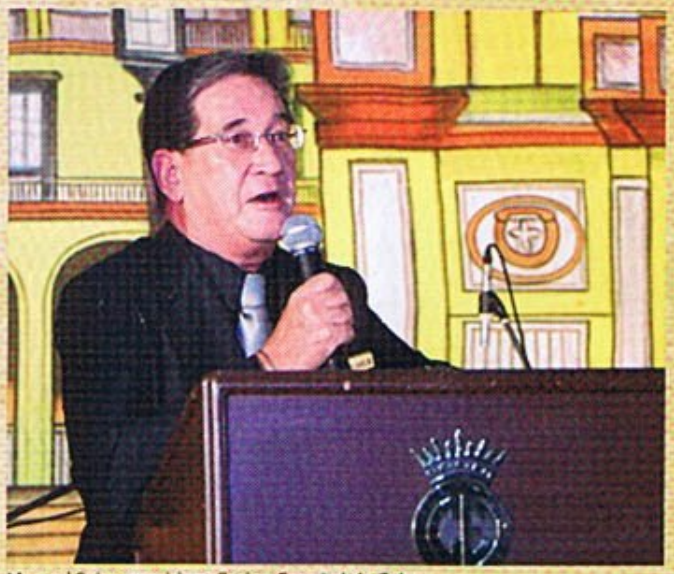
Casino's DIA DE LA HISPANIDAD

BY HONEY JARQUE LOOP

This year, it was the celebration of the Dia de la Hispanidad in commemoration of the feast day of Nuestra Señora del Pilar, patroness of Spain.

The elegant, strictly formal dinner reception began with cocktails at the foyer. Shortly before proceeding to the Grand Ballroom, guests passed by the reception line where the Board of Directors welcomed them.

At the forefront was hands-on club President Manuel Sainz and his wife Melba. They were joined by civic leader Vice President Gabriel Leyson and his partner Tina Jordana, everybody's friend House Chairman Jose Luis Alba and his supportive wife Mayet, dedicated Treasurer Rene Kintanar and his better half Joy and Director for Sports (a natural for his position) isthe athletic sports columnist, John Pages.



Manuel Sainz, president Casino Español de Cebu.

The gentlemen and lovely ladies adhered to the dress code. Resplendent in cocktail attires and making understated statements in their more than just little black classic dresses were *simpatica* Susan Sala, bubbly Annette Mendezona, fun loving and hard working Nora Lamata, a believer of wellness Lehn Jarque and Susan Rodriguez.

Opting for tailored suits were restaurateur Joey Villareal, businessman Tony Quisumbing, golfers Joe Suaco and Ed Misa, and soon to be a full pledged chef Pipin Martinez. Distinguished in formal *barong tagalog* were past club presidents Jose Sala, Miguel del Gallego, Jose Luis Moro, hotelier Marco Protacio, furniture maker Emil Lamata, gentleman farmer Jose Mari Miranda and Undersecretary for Tourism Edu Jarque.

Simply glowing were infanticipating Ma. Paz Perdices and Chaveli Head who are both in that very interesting stage.

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Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Sainz with Mr. and Mrs. Jose Luis Alba.

Emilio Montenegro, Louie Moro, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Perdice, Nonoy Alba, Gabby Leyson and Tina Jordana.

Wine toasting: Antonio Veloso Jr, Renato Kintanar, Gabriel Leyson, Jose Luis Alba, John Pages.

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Dancing the night away with grace and finesse were full of surprises Tessie Javier, a dancer's dancer Cely Chiongbian, US resident Ningning Salcedo, forever youthful Ellen Climaco, pretty eye catcher Chichi Martinez, never missing a bit Charie Mascuñana and the ever so feminine, extremely nimble and a joy to watch at the dance floor Loma Quisumbing.

Everyone feasted on the house specialties. For starters, they had deep fried piquillo peppers with tuna stuffing, cold seafood salad in vinaigrette, chicken cantaloupe salad and *patatas ali oli*. The plato principal consisted of *lengua con setas*, chicken chilindron, roasted U.S. Angus chuck roll of beef, prawn thermidore and *paella marinera*.

The night's entertainment, provided by the On the Cover Band and Kenosis Band, ensured that the members and their guests would dance all night. And they did. And how. Ole!

Ed Borromeo, Emilio Montenegro, Oliver Ko, Louie Moro, Carlos Alvarez Jr, Gino Salvador, Gabby Leyson, Tina Jordana, Buddy Veloso, Celeste Torres, Jose Sala, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sainz, Nonoy Alba

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sainz

Victoria Mina Go and Ishmael Limkakeng

Carmel Salvador, Lynn Moro, Prescilla Borromeo.

Enrico Rodriguez, Haresh Sadhwani, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lim, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mendoza

Tina Jordana and Gabby Leyson

Mr. and Mrs. Celestino Rodriguez

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Quisumbing, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Misa, Ms. Nening Salcedo

Mariano Perdices, Bingen Mendezona, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Torres

Mr. and Mrs. Enrico Jereza, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Patuasi, Teodoro Locson

Michael Hennessy, Jose Sala, Carina Sala, Susan Sala

DIA DE SANTIAGO

at Casino Español de Cebu

BY HONEY JARQUE LOOP

Spanish Ambassador to the Philippines Luis Arias and his charming wife Soledad de Arias were guests of honor at the annual celebration of Dia de Santiago held at the Grand Ballroom of the Casino Español de Cebu.

Club president Manuel Sainz and his supportive wife Melba, together with members of the board: house chairman Jose Luis Alba and his wife Rosemary, treasurer Rene Kintanar and his spouse Joy, and director for cultural affairs Jimmy Escaño and his better half Ellen were on hand to warmly greet members and their guests to an evening of *tapas* and excellent wines.

Sainz, in his brief welcome remarks, explained that the Dia, as it is popularly known, has been celebrated by the club since its founding in 1920.

Ed Tongco, the hands-on and amiable general manager of the club masterfully planned and created the exquisite menu that consisted of a fabulous spread of *tapas*, from Spanish cheeses such as Manchego, Garcia Baquero and Zamora to mixed seafood salads, spinach topped with goat cheese and balsamic vinaigrette, ensalada mixta, and three colored fire roasted peppers with olive oil. Delights from the sea included shrimp in Albarino wine sauce, fresh tuna in a tomato and basil sauce, mussels steamed in their own juice with bay leaf and lemon, fried young calamari served with dipping sauce, salmon with red and piquillo peppers and bacalao a la Vizcaina.

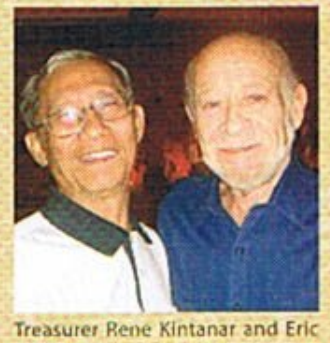
Completing the never-seen-before selection were the tapas de la tierra that consisted of chicken in mustard sauce, slow roasted lamb shanks simmered with red wine, chorizo al vino tinto o en cerveza, smoked salmon with capers and fresh dill cream sauce, slow roasted U.S. Angus chuck roll of beef and the must-have paella Iberica baked in its own pan with saffron rice.

A mouth watering flan de caramelo, baked rice pudding with milk and cinnamon, and Catalonian style cream custard covered with hard caramel completed the gastronomic meal.

Seen enjoying the evening were past presidents Michel Lhuillier and his philanthropist wife Amparito, Miguel del Gallego, Jose Sala and his dedicated wife Susan, active members Manuel and Margot Larrañaga, Marit Remonde, Marlinda Tan, Jose Mari Moras, Eric and Conchita Van Gelder, Jose Mari Miranda and guests: restaurateur Joey Villareal, hotelier Fritz Kahler and his petite wife Cynthia and Spanish language teacher Mariton Villaflor.

With this combination of culinary creations, excellent wines and great camaraderie, it truly was an event for the senses and spirit.

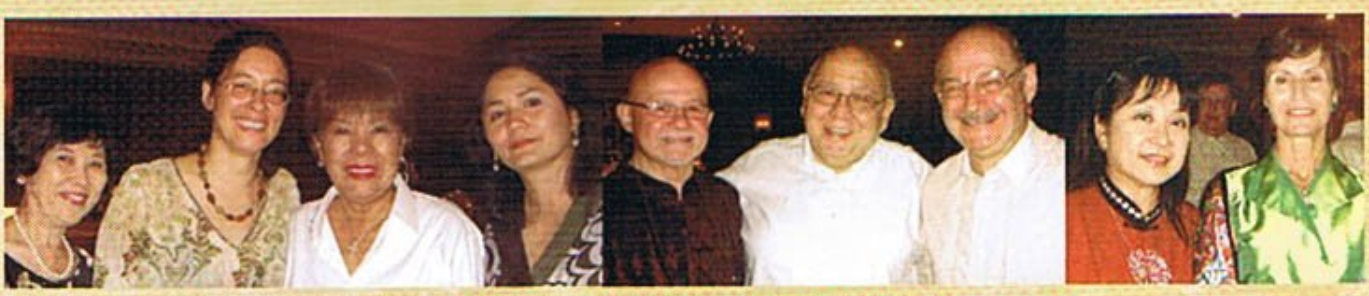
Casino Español de Cebu president Manuel Sainz



Treasurer Rene Kintanar and Eric Van Gelder

Spanish Ambassador Luis Arias with Amparito Lhuillier and Honorary Consul of Spain Jaime Picornell

(L-R) House Chairman Luis Alba, Louie Hermosisima, GM Ed Tongco, Coling Sainz Garcia, Lourdes Sainz Intengan, Bebeth Arenas, Alegre Resort and Spa GM Fritz Kahlerwith daughter Catherina and wife Cynthia

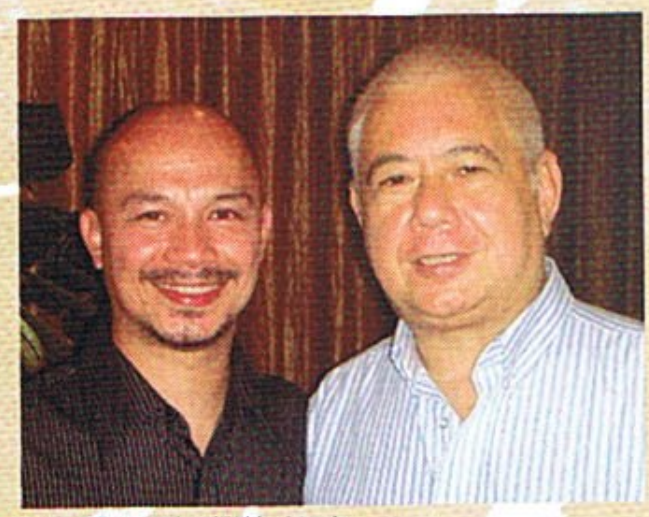


(L-R) Joy Kintanar, Marit Remonde, Conchita Van Gelder, Rosemary Alba, Joey Villareal, past presidents Miguel del Gallego and Glenn Loop, Marlinda Angbetic Tan, and Soledad de Arias

A NIGHT OF WINES

at Casino Español de Cebu

BY HONEY JARQUE LOOP



Brothers Raymond and Bobby Joseph

At the start of the 1980s, the wine business was largely controlled by people whose objective was to make a hefty profit and not to fret too much about the consumer.

Today, the business is dominated by people whose passion is encouraging, molding and satisfying the tastes of that same consumer.

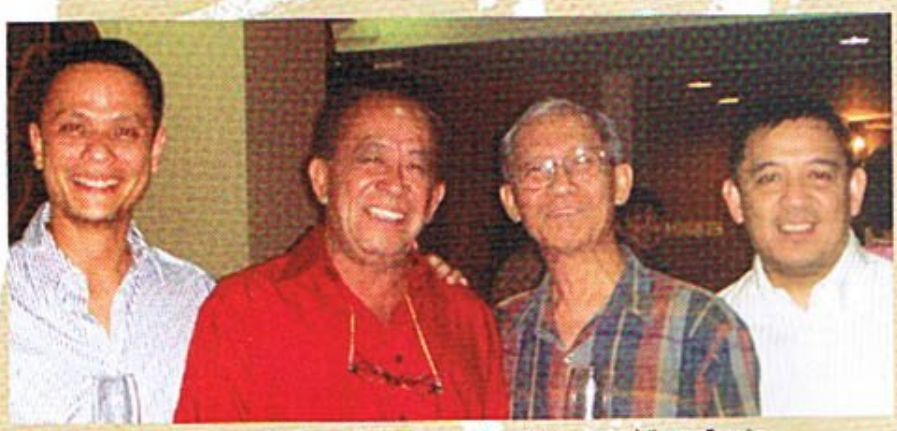
One team of such specialty merchants are the Joseph brothers, owners of Ralphs Wines and Spirits, who have adopted new styles of trading, offering something different in terms of choice and service.

To create the perfect combination of life's exquisite pleasures, Ralphs, in tandem with the Casino Español de Cebu, hosted a fabulous five course gourmet dinner at the well-appointed Salon de Madrid.

The evening started with cocktails. The wait staff passed around unusually delicious canapés as guests savored interesting Spanish wines, such as Gran Feudo Blanco and Gran Feudo Rosado with aromas of woodland berries and mixed fruit, specially selected by wine connoisseurs, Bobby and Raymond Joseph.

For starters, the sit-down dinner consisted of *ensalada templada de langostinos con vinagreta de foi gras*. This was followed by cream of pumpkin soup topped with parsley foam and crispy *Jamon Serrano*.

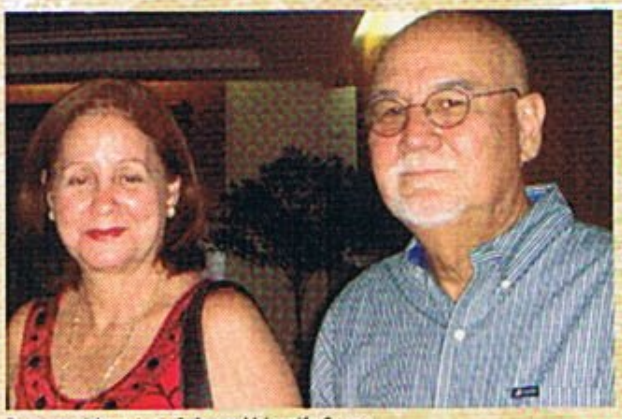
Then came a refreshing champagne sherbet. The main course was slow roasted U.S. Angus Prime Rib of Beef with truffles sauce and potato terrine. This was complemented with a choice of Gran Feudo Crianza, with its well



Club board of directors (l-r) John Pages, Gabby Leyson, Rene Kintanar and Jimmy Escaño.

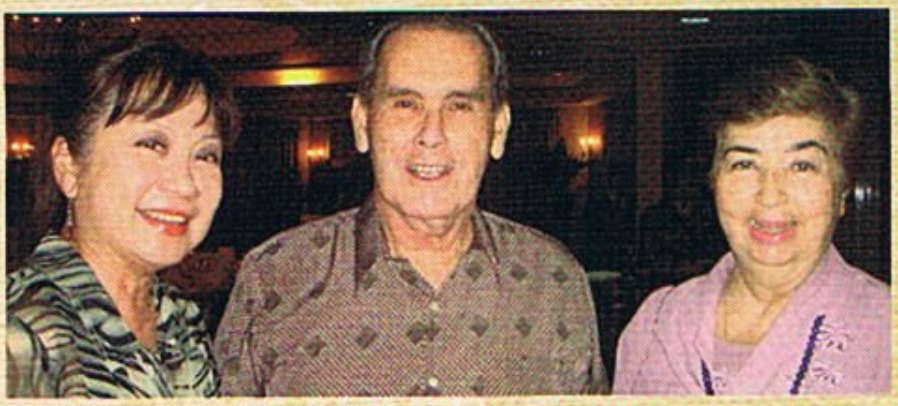
Eric and Conchita Van Gelder with Miguel del Gallego

(L-R) Amparito Lhuillier, Roy Abraham and Raki Urbina.



Past president Jose Sala and his wife Susan

(L-R) Efren Belarmino, Andrew Teh and Hembler Mendoza



Mayen Tan with Alberto and Tere Rotaeche

Cream of pumpkin soup topped with parsley foam and Jamon serrano

(L-R) Choy Torralba, Nonoy Tirol, Winglip Chang and Raymond Garcia

Slow roasted U.S. Angus Prime Rib of Beef with truffles sauce

balanced blend of soft fruit, oak and spice, and Gran Feudo viñas viejas, characterized by a hint of tobacco, vanilla and nut notes.

Natillas, the traditional Spanish custard was served together with Gran Feudo Moscatel, a natural sweet wine reminiscent of fresh Muscat grapes with hints of flowers and touches of roses and honey. Coffee and pralines, those rich, yummy addictive chocolate confections completed the meticulously prepared menu and perfectly selected wines.

In attendance were the elected board led by vice president Gabriel Leyson, treasurer Rene Kintanar, director for cultural activities Jimmy Escaño and sports director John Pages.

In animated conversation were immediate club past president Jose Sala and his delightful wife Susan, former president Miguel del Gallego, hoteliers Hembler Mendoza, GM of Waterfront Hotel Mactan, GM Efren Belarmino of Plantation Bay Resort and Spa, and GM Roy Abraham of the Marriott Hotel. Restaurateurs included Michel and Amparito Lhuillier, Winglip Chang and Raki Urbina.

The gourmet dinner and wine pairing as promised by the hosts proved to be educational and truly enjoyable.

Congratulations go to Casino Español general manager Ed Tongco, events manager Rudy Rubi and the entire kitchen brigade who went to great lengths to ensure a truly wonderful evening.

BY JAIME PICORNELL

THE NGO-DEL GALLEGO WEDDING

Wed at the National Shrine of St. Joseph in Mandaue City one Saturday afternoon were Michelle del Gallego and Tomas Ngo. Michelle is the daughter of Miguel Juan del Gallego and Ma. Elena Galan del Gallego; Tomas is the son of Mrs. Cynthia Almendras Aguinaldo and Alexander Ngo Sr.

The bride was tranquil and serene on this special day. Not to be harried, she subscribed to the philosophy that everything would fall into place. And it did.

She wore a stunning gown by Jun Escario. She had Abigail Ngo to supervise décor which was beautiful both at the church rites and at the reception.

She also had her sister Monique del Gallego Jarque to confect her dazzling earrings, and the accessories worn by the bridesmaids.

Tomas and Michelle Ngo on their wedding day

Most of all, she had her dad, and we all know Cuco del Gallego can whip up a party. The reception at Salon de España of the Casino Español was truly sumptuous, and there was the Renaissance band to blare dance music for the rest of the night. (Reprinted from Cebu Daily News, October 3, 2008)

Michelle and Tomas Ngo (extreme right) with paternal grandmother Gloria Casas-Ngo (third from right). Clustered about them are Chris, AJ and Sheila Ngo, and Chuchi Aguinaldo with little Miguel Bonifacio.

Before the rites, bridegroom Tomas Ngo with nephew Miguel Bonifacio, and pretty ladies Rita Go, Elizabeth Alba and Filomena Sy.

Tomas and Michelle with her parents – Ma. Elena Galan del Gallego and Miguel Juan del Gallego.

At the altar of St. Joseph Shrine, the newlyweds with (at left) maids of honor Martha del Gallego and Mona Lisa Jarque, Michelle's sisters; and the best men – Alexander Ngo Jr and Christopher Ngo, brothers of Tomas.

Tomas Ngo and his mom Chuchi Aguinaldo.

Ellen celebrates 80

Ellen Dosdos-Climaco, wife of former Casino Español house chairman Julio Climaco celebrated her 80th birthday at the Salon de España last August 3.

Her children were in full attendance during the formal affair, namely Nicnic, Julio Jr, Gerry, Christopher (based in Tennessee, USA) Dan, Dominic (based in New Jersey) and Benedict who sang and played three songs with his band, to the delight of the predominantly ballroom dancing crowd.

The celebrator opened the dancing by swirling into a waltz with her favorite dance instructor Crixon Pangindian.

After the dinner and short program, the dance floor was filled to capacity as Ellen and her ballroom classmates wasted no time in executing their dance steps till past midnight. Happy birthday to our new Octogenarian.

Forum sees stronger RP, Spain trade ties

BY EPB

Participants in the 4th Tribuna España Filipinas (l-r) Casa Asia director Jesus Sanchez, Cebu City acting Mayor Michael Rama, Philippine delegation president Xavier Aboitiz, Spanish delegation president Gustavo Suarez Pertierra, acting DFA secretary Franklin Ebdalin and AECID director general Carmen Moreno.

Despite the economic crisis plaguing countries across the globe, Spain still has "unexplored business sectors" that remain unaffected.

Businessmen and official from Cebu City and Barcelona, Spain met in a forum called Tribuna España Filipinas at the Casino Español.

"Possibilities of trade between the Philippines and Spain remain strong. There are a lot of sources in Spain that we have yet to explore. And despite the economic crisis, there are a lot of areas that have not been affected," said Antonio Lagdameo, Philippine Ambassador to Spain.

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Lagdameo said that with the strong ties between the two countries and with Spain being a "very industrialized country," help for the Philippines is never that far away.

"Their banks are also willing to help us because helping us will also help their industries," said Lagdameo.

Possibilities of trade with the Philippines are also strong as local businesses look into chances of investing in renewable energy and agriculture.

"By 2010, there will be a bigger demand for energy... that would mean that there would be a greater need for facilities that supply new energy," said Sebastian Lacson, vice president of the Visayan Electric Company (VECO).

And with the Renewable Energy Act, greater chances are ahead for bioethanol investors.

"Bioethanol will become a good investment due to the Renewable Energy Act. There's an 80 percent market for it, locally and internationally," added Lacson.

Cebu would also be perfect place for investment, pointed Joel Mari Yu of the Cebu Investment Promotions Center (CIPC).

"There is a good investment for tourism, and making Cebu the second home destination. Forty percent of the tourists that come into the country make Cebu their primary destination," said Yu.

OTHER INDUSTRIES

Aside from looking into tourism, investors may venture into information technology, light engineering and manufacturing, added Yu.

Gustavo Suarez Pertierra, president of Spanish delegation to the two-day forum, added that it was about time for "economic change."

"The Tribuna would offer this unique opportunity of change and develop strategies that allow all of us to advance in this economic endeavor," said Pertierra. (Reprinted from Sun*Star Cebu, November 6, 2008)

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Toasting to a successful Cebu launch of the Allied Bank Mabuhay Miles MasterCard – Felix Cruz, PAL VP for Marketing Support, Omar Byron Mier, PNB President, Jaime J. Bautista, PAL President, Reynaldo Maclang, Allied Bank President, Jose Rene Villa-Real, MasterCard VP and Country Manager, and Peter N. Yap, Allied Bank EVP and Retail Banking Group Head.

THE MERGER OF TWO GIANTS: ALLIED BANK AND PHILIPPINE AIRLINES MABUHAY MILES

Casino Español de Cebu last October witnessed corporate giants, business luminaries and government officials gathered together to celebrate Allied Bank's Mabuhay Miles MasterCard's international recognition and its latest offer to its ever-expanding valued customers.

Prominent among the crowd were Allied Banking Corporation's top brass: Mr. Reynaldo A. Maclang, President; Mr. Omar Byron Mier, President and CEO of Philippine National Bank; Mr. Peter N. Yap, Executive Vice-President and Retail Banking Group Head and Miss Socorro D. Corpus, Senior VP-HRD Head, Ms. Grace L. Paras, VP-Business Development, Ms. Corazon N. Lee, VP-Cebu Business Center and Mr. Emmanuel C. Calalang, VP-Region Head. Representing Philippine Airlines were Mr. Jaime J. Bautista, President and COO; Mr. Felix J. Cruz, VP-Marketing Support, Mr. Jun Pilapil, AVP Mactan Station and Mr. Bob Salazar, AVP Visayas Sales with MasterCard Worldwide's VP and Country Manager, Mr. Jose Rene D. Villa-Real.

Allied Bank's First Vice-

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Allied Bank Mastercard FVP Fol Rana, PAL VP Marketing Support Felix Cruz, PAL President Jaime Bautista, Frank & Jenny Ngchee, Allied Bank President Atty. Reynaldo Maclang, Allied Bank EVP Peter Yap, Allied Bank SM Leslie Cenita, Mastercard Country Manager Jose Rene Villa-Real.

Allied Bank EVP Peter Yap, Allied Bank FSVP Cora Corpus, Yvette Candice Go, Margaret Gaisano-Ang, Elizabeth Gan-Go, Allied Bank VP Grace Paras, Allied Bank SM Leslie Cenita, Allied Bank VP Cora Lee, & Allied Bank President Atty. Reynaldo Maclang.

Percival James Llaban, Maricel Rosaroso, Angelique Selma Llaban, Concepcion Selma, Jane Llaban, Allied Bank Vice President Grace Paras, Francis Llaban.

Allied Bank EVP Peter Yap, SAM Melinda Co, Benedict & Mona Hong (Winner of trip to Beijing), Allied Bank VP Grace Paras, and Allied Bank President Atty. Reynaldo Maclang.

The grand celebration was graced by Cebu's crème de la crème. Allied Bank Maire Viola, PAL Babsie Aragon, Cebu City Vice Mayor Mike Rama, Allied Bank VP Grace Paras, Allied Bank FSVP Cora Corpus, Allied Bank Mastercard FVP Fol Rana.

PAL AVP Melba Sainz, Allied Bank VP Grace Paras, Club member Marlinda Angbetic-Tan of FREEMAN, & Casino Español President Manny Sainz.

Guests were entertained by balladeer Richard Poon, here being awarded with his own Mabuhay Miles Platinum MasterCard by Maire Karabel D. Viola, Allied Bank assistant VP and Ria C. Domingo, Mabuhay Miles Program Development & Communications Manager.

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President and Card Center Head, Mr. Fol C.Rana, Jr., and Philippine Airlines' Assistant Vice-President – Product Loyalty Marketing, Ms. Barbara Aragon headed the presentation, while the evening was hosted by one of the country's top entertainers, Mr. Richard Poon, who also serenaded the elite crowd with a wonderful repertoire of songs.

Praises continue to pour on this relatively new player in the credit card field. Barely even four months since its launch last June 27, Mabuhay Miles MasterCard has been relentless in pursuing and giving the best service there is to its valued customers – and doing so with roaring success.

By October, Allied Bank won an APMEA Award* for Best Premium Co-Brand Program, besting other players in Asia-Pacific, Middle East and Africa. Even with such acclaim, Mabuhay Miles MasterCard refuses to rest on its laurel; it pushes on to building up its rapport with the A to C market, honing its World and Platinum products further with attractive incentives.

Honorable Consul Jose Sala, Susan Sala, Allied Bank VP Grace Paras, Grace & Tony Lozada

Anton Corro, Basti and Aina Lacson

The night was celebrated with overflowing Manny O's red and white wines. Wine connoisseure Manny Osmena with Mabuhay Miles' Ria Domingo, Allied Bank's Maire Viola and Mabuhay Miles' Babsie Aragon.

Allied Bank VP Cora Lee, Helena Benedicto, Jenny Ngchee

Behind the successful Allied Bank Mabuhay Miles MasterCard – PAL' Ria Domingo and Babsie Aragon, and Allied Bank's Fol Rana and Maire Viola.

Allied Bank SM Kenneth Tan, Richard Lee, Allied Bank President Atty. Reynaldo Maclang, Jay Aldeguer, Allied Bank EVP Peter Yap, & Allied Bank VP Grace Paras.

CLAYCOURT TIDBITS

The two-year term of Jose Lopez Camaya as tennis club president, including his two years as VP of Romy Alejandro, was a flurry of sports events and travels. Backed up by a dynamic set of principal officers – Donald Ruiz as VP, Zelda Ruiz as treasurer, Doming Garcia who succeeded Rudy Montederamos as secretary – with itchy feet, the club went to as far away as Baguio, Angeles, Leyte, Bohol, Toledo, San Carlos City, Dumaguete, spreading goodwill and sportsmanship and the image of Casino Español.

In Angeles, the group stayed at Fontana Leisure Resort and played at ACTC – Villa Gloria; in Baguio at The Manor and at Burnham Park Tennis Club. In Bohol, after attending the Loon fiesta, they played at CISSRAC-Tagbilaran and went back months later upon invitation of Toledo Cuppers. The route to Dumaguete was by way to Toledo where some games were played and San Carlos City. Host club was Praxivilla Tennis Club. Return trip was via Santander.

As counterpoint to these trips, the club played host to several clubs' royalty, treating them to the vaunted dinner buffet and the famous casino royals' pizza for merienda. The long list includes clubs of Baybay, Maasin, CISSRAC, Toledo Cuppers, Glendale-California, Villa Aurora, Suson, Praxivilla. Visiting players came from all over the globe, USA, Australia, South Korea, France, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherland. The courts also served as venue for the Milo Age Group Championships, the Smart/Butch Bacani Summer Tennis Camp, the Pal Intersports, the annual summer clinics and, for the first time ever, for the visiting USTA coaches who issued certificates to a big number of participants.

Two COPA tournaments were held which saw players furiously fighting it out for the coveted trophies. On the humanitarian side, the club raised money twice for the Siso siblings, Cebu's rising tennis stars. Every now and then, t-shirts were given to the ballboys, mostly from Pentax Hardware and Benson's Lion Katol, not to mention the yearly Christmas cash gifts. On the initiative of Donald Ruiz, resurfacing was done and a pump was installed. Moreover, a new system for the collection of fees was instituted.

Joecam, a Pampagueno transplanted to Cebu 43 years ago, will hand over the rein to the present VP, an excellent administrator and seasoned tennister, come January. But before that, there will be more out-of-town and maybe even overseas travels.

Christmas party at Salon de Granada.

PWD-friendly firms awarded

The Organization of Rehabilitation Agencies (ORA) in Cebu and the Regional Council of for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (RCWDP), through the Accessibility Monitoring Team, spearheaded the giving of certificates of recognition to four establishments considered persons with disability (PWD)-friendly.

The awards were given during the 30th National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week.

The awardees were SM City City Cebu, One Mango Park, Parklane International Hotel and Casino Español de Cebu. They were recognized for having the most barrier-free and disabled-friendly facilities useful also to older persons, the handicapped, expectant mothers and children.

The committee that screened the nominees included architect Noel Avila, UAP; Acting Cebu City Office of the Building Official Josefa Ylanan; PWD champion Geraldine "Gigi" Ruiz, ORA president; Jovencio "Nonoy" Concha, president of the Regional Federation of PWDs in Region 7 and Adela Avila-Cono, accessibility specialist of AMC.

The awardees. Organization of Rehabilitation Agencies president Geraldine "Gigi" Ruiz (seated, second from left) le the recognition of SM City Cebu, One Mango Park, Parklane International Hotel and Casino Español de Cebu for beir persons with disability (PWD)-friendly. (Reprinted from Sun*Star Cebu, October 22, 2008)

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Cono said that this was the first time that ORA and the RCWDP have given this kind of recognition to business establishments which sincerely cooperated with the implementation and complied with Batas Pambansa Bill 344 or the Accessibility Law, especially in promoting the universal standards for accessibility.

The Departmen of Social Welfare an Development 7 encourage other establishments t also implement the sam accessibility standards to mak Central Visayas a more "peopl friendly" destination in th country.

Drug awareness seminar

An employee's drug problem may cause physical, behavioral and performance problems that affect not only the user but also his/her superiors and peers, as well as the entire organization. There is hope for employees with drug problem – drug use is preventable and drug addiction is treatable!

A drug-free workplace is defined as "workplace free of the health, safety and productivity hazards caused by employee's abuse of dangerous drugs, as well as other substances, particularly tobacco and alcohol."

In its campaign to eliminate the use of dangerous drugs in the company, Casino Español de Cebu, Inc. headed by its energetic president Manuel Sainz Jr, in cooperation with the Recovery House sponsored a Drug Awareness Seminar last September 3 with Mr. Vicente "Tico" Aldanese as guest speaker which was attended by more then 30 employees.

Drug awareness seminar by Vicente "Tico" Aldanese of Recovery House.

Employees' Day 2008

We were all smiles as we posed for this group picture taken last October 12. Right after the celebration of the Dia de la Hispanidad was the Employees Day. The employees gathered at 8 in the morning to catch their ride on the Kaoshiung buses for departure to Mactan Island. Yes, Hadsan Beach Resort was the place (thanks to Dr. Clementino Diez for the support in our accommodations).

The opening message of the general manager Ed Tongco was quite straight to the point. His announcement on the amicable settlement on certain labor issues and the aborted strike, added meaning to the much awaited day. The GM's news of the eight seasonal employees who qualified for regular positions at the club really elicited jubilation.

The Employees' Day is meant to pay tribute to those who have labored to give club members the excellent service they deserve. The day was filled with fun as games were played and the winners received cash prizes. Food and drinks were abundant. Employees sang their hearts out with the karaoke system which provided entertainment all day. Indeed, a festive celebration which we were thankful to the benefactors like the Board of Directors and many others. The president of the Club Manuel Sainz Jr, VP Gabby Leyson and partner Tina Jordana came to give their support in this yearly activity.

First Medical Mission

Casino Español de Cebu, Inc. organized its 1st Medical Mission last November 16. The activity was made possible by the Board of Directors of the Club spearheaded by president Manuel Sainz and the Cebu Medical Society. Laboratory procedures such as ECG, TG screening, FBS screening, ABI Foot screening, Cholesterol count and taking of vital signs (blood pressure, height and weight) were availed by the Casino Español employees and their dependents. Some underwent check up for ENT and Obgyne, while others went for eye check up with ACES (ophthalmologists). There were 26 doctors who deployed their warmth and care in attending to the patient's needs. They were assisted by 17 nurses and other Casino employees. A total of 409 patients were served, examined and given proper medications.

The board sincerely expressed their gratitude for the untiring effort of everyone who helped made the outreach program a success. The sponsoring companies gave above and beyond expectations and set a new standard for social responsibility in this community. They also set a powerful example that will inspire other organizations to do same.

We would like to thank our sponsors, namely: United Laboratories, Inc., Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, ACES Eye Referral Clinics, Philippine Colleges of Surgeons – Eastern Visayas Chapter, Sacred Heart Hospital – Department of Medicine, Cebu Velez Hospital – Department of Medicine, Larmen de Guia Memorial College – College of Nursing, Julie's Bakeshop, Mrs. Victoria Mina Go, Ricarido King, Jun Selma, Ricardo Alba, Gabby Leyson, Santiago Sierra Sr, Santiago Sierra Jr and David Chan.

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