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BARANGAY BEL-AIR HOLDS THANKSGIVING PARTY

For sharing their time, efforts, talents, skills and blessings with the Bel-Air Community, the members of the Barangay Council, BAVA Board of Governors, the Bel-Air Seniors, the Pasinaya performers and the members of Lupon Tagapamayapa were feted with a party by Barangay Bel-Air last December 2 at Bel-Air III Multi-Purpose Hall.

Brgy. Capt. Jun Gomez started the ball rolling by welcoming everyone to the festivity. Hosted by Bel-Air residents Dyords Javier and Aileen Dionisio, they cajoled everybody to participate in the parlor game. The festive mood of the partygoers intensified with surprise prizes being awarded to Dr. Tony Oposa and Dra. Lolita Sunglao, for wearing the colors of the barangay logo - yellow and blue and the Dionisio family for having the most number of attendees to the affair.

After laughter has died down, the audience was treated to the dance performance by the Ramon Obusan Dance Group, and the sumptuous food prepared by Ron Giorno.

BRGY. BEL-AIR OPENED ITS OWN "BOTIKA NG BAYAN"

With the opening of its "Botika ng Bayan" at the corner of Jupiter and Asteriod Streets, the constituents of Brgy. Bel-Air are now assured access to cheap but quality medicines. These medicines are cheaper by about 40 to 50 percent compared to the regular market price.

The inauguration on December 3 was graced by Mayor Jejomar Binay, Mesdame Louie Locsin, wife of Cong. Teddy Boy Locsin of Makati City's first district, DSWD and Acting City Administrator Marjorie de Veyra, Liga ng mga Barangay Executive Director Constancia Q. Lichauco and the members of the Brgy. Council, among others.

The newly-opened "Botika" is part of the barangay's continuing services which includes free medical and dental services and is handled by Kgd. Karen Mendoza.

CHRISTMAS IN BARANGAY BEL-AIR

The Christmas season in Bel-Air community was officially marked with the holding of the Advent recollection for its

2:00pm. until 5:00pm.. Fifty (50)

constituents attended the recollection at the Phoenix Room, with Rev. Fr. Ted Torralba as the Recollection Master.

After the Recollection, Fr. Torralba presided the Eucharistic Celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception attended by Brgy. Capt. Victor T. Gomez, Jr., his Kagawads and constituents. This was followed by the Blessing of the Giant Christmas Tree at Bel-Air Park 3. The switching on of the Christmas lights by Brgy. Capt. Gomez was witnessed by Kagawads Michael Lichauco, Karen Mendoza, Ching Caluag, Malyne Lorayes, Roman Leus and Barangay constituents.

As has been the practice, the Misa de Gallo was celebrated at the Bel-Air Multi-Purpose hall from December 16 - 24, at 5:00a.m. Also on December 17, the Christmas Party for our Kasambahays was held starting at 6:00p.m. with surprise guest stars. The Barangay and Bel-Air Village Association, Inc. had theirs on December 22.

Bel-Air's Pasko ng Kasambahay 2008

The household helpers employed at Bel-Air and Salcedo Villages had one of the greatest times of their lives during the Pasko ng Kasambahay. Held last December 17, more than 2,000 domestic helpers gathered at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Solar Street, Bel-Air Village to watch the show prepared by Barangay Bel-Air, through the Events Committee members of the KST program, headed by Kag. Malyne Lorayes, Chair of the Social Services and Cultural Affairs Committee.

Hosted by Bel-Air residents, Ms. Aileen Dionisio and Mr. Dyords Javier, the show kicked-off with an invocation by Ms. Tricia Lichauco, followed by the Welcome Remarks of Barangay Captain Victor T. Gomez, Jr. Brgy. Capt. Gomez thanked everyone for their cooperation and support, and looked forward to their continuous support for all the endeavours of Barangay Bel-Air. He assured the domestic helpers, KST and Super Tsuper graduates alike, that he and the Barangay Council are always around to listen to their complaints or grievances, or even their suggestions. He also acknowledged the presence of the KST facilitators, the Kagawads and the BAVA Board of Governors.

In parting, he wished everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This was followed by song numbers rendered by Mr. Javier and games participated in by the audience which tickled them with laughter. What brought the house down was the presence of stars managed by Star Wings such as the Boys on the Dance Floor dance group, Bryan Termulo, who was a Pinoy Pop grand finalist Year 3, Aljur Abrenica, Cris Bernal and Mark Herras.

As has been the practice, food was served and the household helpers went home with a gift from Barangay Bel-Air.

Truly, the Christmas party for the household helpers prepared by Barangay Bel-Air in recognition of their devotion and loyalty to their employers gets better and better each year.

SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By: Wahoo Borromeo

A Thankful Farewell to 2008 & A Hopeful Welcome to 2009

2008 was a good year to the Bel-Air Seniors: the Lakbay Aral tours, the informative talks by qualified speakers, the lively Tuesday breakfast meetings, the hospice programs and other praiseworthy activities. All these were made possible by the able leadership of Mon Garcia, the

sound suggestions of Seniors' Adviser, Boy Lindo and the full support of Barangay Bel-Air and the Bel-Air Village Association. Bel-Air is the fastest growing and most organized Senior Citizens' group in the country.

A few of the Seniors have ended their long earthly journeys in 2008 and we pray for them.

This Corner has been serving you since July of 2007 and will continue to do so as long as there is something worth writing about the Seniors.

They say 2009 will be a very difficult year. We will overcome these difficulties and have peace in this world only when we all realize the significance why, more than two thousand years ago, a child was born in Bethlehem.

Let us look forward to a peaceful 2009.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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Letter from Mr. Boy Lindo

Chairman Victor T. Gomez, Jr.
Barangay Bel-Air

President Roberto Benares
BAVA

Gentlemen:

Please allow me to report to you the **WRONG** information regarding my humble self as published in the November 30, 2008 issue of the Barangay Bel-Air Newspaper in the column entitled "Seniors Citizen Corner" which I quote below:

"Boy is the adviser of the Bel-Air

Seniors. He was the first Filipino "pensionados" (scholars) to take a Master's degree in Engineering in the United States."

The correct and true situation:

1. I was NEVER, repeat NEVER, a "pensionado" or a scholar. All the expenses incurred during the years I studied in the United State were all handled by my humble parents.
2. I NEVER graduated with a Master's degree in Engineering. All I got was a degree in Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

I will be very grateful if you will publish the correct situation regarding my humble self in the next issue of the Barangay Newsletter so that the TRUTH will come out.

Thank you very much for your kind indulgence and understanding.

Wishing you both all the best, very Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)
ZOILO C. LINDO, JR.
15 Dec. 2008

THE MERRY MONTH THAT WAS