

# Brgy. Bel-Air Newsletter



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## FIRST NATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE ELDERLY CONVENED AT BARANGAY BEL-AIR

Last Sunday, Nov. 9, in coordination with Makati City Administrator Ms. Marjorie de Veyra of the Makati Social Welfare Department, Barangay Capt. Jun Gomez and his Council members hosted a dinner for some 400 Senior Citizens from the different provinces, cities and municipalities nationwide, setting the tone for the First National Congress for the Elderly.

Bgy. Capt. Gomez welcomed the delegates, acknowledging the presence of the representatives from the different regions including the Bel-Air Seniors. On the other hand, Mayor Binay gave a short message to the delegates, expounding on the importance of their role and place in society. Ms. de Veyra warmed the audience by her appreciation of the Elderly, stating that the youth had much to learn from wisdom of the ages and the aged. Also there to be one with the Seniors were the City Councilors of Districts 1 & 2. Kgd. Malyne Lorayes, Social Services & Cultural Affairs Committee thanked the delegates in her Closing Remarks.

For a bit of entertainment, the St. Michael's Grand Chorale from Tolosa, Leyte rendered beautiful

songs, with their angelic voices filling the Hall. There was a Hula Dance presentation by Ms. Milagros Gueco of Brgy. Poblacion and a Flamenco Fan Dance by Ms. Remy Saul of Brgy. Kasilawan. Adding spice to the event was former Councilor Rico J. Puno who sang a few songs and interacted with the audience in his typical naughty humor, to the delight of everyone! Carrying the ball as Emcee for the night was multi-talented Dyords Javier.

Declared by one of the Senior Visitors: "It was a night to remember."



## BARANGAY BEL-AIR CONDUCTS ITS 2<sup>ND</sup> BARANGAY ASSEMBLY

In line with the Department of Interior & Local Government's (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2008-38, your Barangay held its Second Assembly last November 22, 2009 at the Gemini room of the BAVA complex.

Barangay Capt. Victor Gomez, Jr., with all his Kagawads in attendance, reported and made a visual presentation of the

ments of each of the Committees during the first three quarters, January 1 to September 30, 2008. He also mentioned the activities and events that took place for the same period. After the report, questions and suggestions from the audience were entertained. Some 100 constituents attended the affair.

In closing, Capt. Gomez thanked everyone for their cooperation and support and promised to continue to hold such dialogue with them so as to update them on matters of concern.

## CALLING FOR SPONSORS FOR THE DAWN MASSES

For the "Simbang Gabi" or night mass, this novena of masses is the most important Filipino Christmas tradition. Going to mass this early, which is 4:00 or 5:00a.m., for 9 consecutive days and completing the same is supposed to mean that God would grant the devotee's special wish or favour. But for others, this is just their way of ushering in Christmas Day.

Let us keep this Filipino custom alive by being a sponsor or co-sponsor of any of the dawn masses starting on December 16 until December 24, 2008. You may register with Lea Villanueva of the Barangay Office.

We thank Sps. Boy and Nati Lindo and Mrs. Mila Viola for sponsoring the December 16 dawn

## SENIOR CITIZENS CORNER

By: Wahoo Borromeo

### First National Congress for the Elderly Persons

Barangay Bel-Air hosted the First National Congress for the Elderly Persons last November 9 at the Bel-Air 3 Multi- Purpose Hall. The Congress was attended by some 400 delegates from different municipalities, cities and provinces nationwide. A sizeable number of Bel-Air Seniors joined Mayor Jejomar Binay, the Makati City Officials and the Barangay officials led by Chairman Jun Gomez in welcoming the visitors.

### Guest Speakers

On three Tuesday mornings, the Bel-Air Seniors were fortunate to have three good speakers coming from their rank.

Cris Lacson, a seasoned finance man who spent his professional career as a finance officer in one of the biggest banks and in the largest telecommunications company in the country, spoke on the current worldwide financial meltdown and chaos.

To calm down unwarranted apprehension of some Seniors regarding their insurance with the Philam group of companies,

Vic Rodriguez talked on the regulatory machineries of the government covering insurance companies for the protection of the insuring public. Vic was a training officer and key executive of several big life insurance companies here and abroad. Many top life insurance men have been under his tutelage.

Boy Lindo shared his experience on estate planning, its various options and their corresponding advantages and disadvantages. Boy is the adviser of the Bel-Air Seniors. He was one of the first Filipino “*pensionados*” (scholars) to take a Master’s degree in Engineering in the United States. Boy was an executive in a large international oil company.

### Hospice Volunteers

Bel-Air Seniors hospice volunteers went to Los Baños on a one-day orientation and training on effective hospice service. With the newly-acquired skill from Los Baños, the volunteers will surely bring comfort and happiness to our sick brothers and sisters.

### Spanish Speaking Seniors

Spanish-speaking Bel-Air Seniors have formed a group and they meet for 30 minutes after the Tuesday meetings. The discussions are in Spanish and the subject matters are mostly about Spain and Spanish-speaking

countries and their influence to the world. Those who wish to sharpen their Spanish and talk like a Castilian or be introduced to one of the world’s major languages may get in touch with Señor Cris Lacson or Señor Dando Santillan or Señora Olvi del Mundo.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2008

Dec. 2 - Thanksgiving Party for the Council members, BAVA Board, etc. Multi-Purpose Hall 6:00p.m.

Dec.3 -Inauguration of the Botikang Bayan at 12 Jupiter St., 9:00a.m.

Dec. 7 - Libreng Pustiso Multi-Purpose Hall, 7:00a.m. Limited to 30 patients

Libreng Salamin Phoenix Room 1:00p.m. Limited to 250 patients

For inquiries, pls. call the Brgy. Clinic at 895-4011 loc. 216/250 during clinic hours.

Dec. 8 – Advent Recollection by Fr. Ted Toralba Phoenix Room 2:00pm. – 5:00p.m.

Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception 5:30-6:30p.m.

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Dec. 8 – Blessing of the Giant  
Christmas Tree  
Bel-Air Park 3  
6:30p.m.

Dec. 9 – HASS (Holy Apostles Senior  
Seminary) Caroling  
Phoenix Room  
6:00p.m.

Dec. 16- Start of the 9-day Misa de  
Gallo novena masses  
Multi-Purpose Hall  
5:00a.m.

Dec. 17 – Pasko ng Kasambahay 2008  
with the appearance of a  
special guest  
Multi-Purpose Hall  
6:00p.m.

Dec. 22– Barangay/BAVA employees  
Christmas Party

Dec. 24 – Last day of the Misa de  
Gallo, 5:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Mass  
9:00p.m.

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Mass  
9:00p.m.

### **WORDS TO PONDER**

**“Christmas takes a new  
meaning when we see  
our Savior in the  
Manger”**

