

# Justin Trudeau becomes 23rd Canadian Prime Minister



**Liberal leader Justin Trudeau makes his way to the stage with wife Sophie Gregoire at the Liberal party headquarters in Montreal, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015. AFP**

A former school teacher and member of Parliament since 2008, Trudeau becomes the second youngest prime minister in Canadian history

Justin Trudeau, the son of the late Canadian leader Pierre Trudeau, has triumphed in one of the country's most dramatic elections of recent times, trouncing the Conservatives to lead his father's Liberal party back to power. After nine years in government, Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper last night conceded the loss of his parliamentary majority, with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) calling the election for his rival almost immediately as the polls closed.

The 43-year-old Mr Trudeau, whose father was Prime Minister for more than 15 years in the 1970s and 1980s, is a sometime actor and former high school teacher, who sprang on to the public stage when he delivered the eulogy at his father's funeral in 2000. He has been an MP since 2008 and becomes Canada's second youngest prime minister ever. Addressing his supporters at Liberal headquarters in Montreal last night, Mr Trudeau said:

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## Kharroubi celebrates Gilmore and MMTV anniversaries and inaugurates new headquarters

By W. G. Quiambao



**Anthony Housefather, newly elected MP of Mount Royal riding assists Zenaida Kharroubi in the cutting of the ribbon ceremony.**

As the director-general of Gilmore International College and executive produce MMTV, Zeny Kharroubi's schedule has always been hectic. But on October 24, she took time to celebrate with friends, students and staff Gilmore's and MMTV's anniversaries and inauguration and blessing of the new and spacious headquarters at 7159 Cote des Neiges.

In her message, she said "I am grateful for this opportunity to celebrate with you three important events in my life – the 2nd anniversary of Mabuhay Montreal TV, the 26TH anniversary of Gilmore College, and the inauguration and blessing of our new headquarters. I feel very blessed to have the cooperation and support of many people in the community, in particular, the members of the Faculty of Gilmore

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# EDITORIAL

## Will Trudeau keep all his promises for real change?

A new government always evokes a lot of expectations for change.

The new prime minister certainly has made us quite hopeful that things will be for the better. But the question people ask is how the new Canadian Prime Minister will go about keeping all his promises.

As one analyst pointed out, "there's so much ambition and so many promises it leaves you breathless — everything from making housing and post-secondary education more affordable to helping young people and aboriginals find employment, enhancing the Canada Pension Plan, investing in public transit, cancelling the F-35 fighter jet and keeping home delivery at Canada Post."

The first promise that the new Prime Minister fulfilled is gender parity in the Cabinet. He appointed 15 women and 15 men. He called his cabinet like the "face of Canada."

By this first step, Justin Trudeau seems to show that he means what he says and

perhaps, Canada will really see some changes, particularly in having a "transparent" Prime Minister's office.

Canada's Access to Information Act hasn't been updated since a different Trudeau was PM. The Liberal platform pledged to modernize it.

They've said they'll eliminate all but the \$5 submission fee for access to information requests. The new government has promised to give the Information Commissioner more teeth and the ability to compel federal departments to disclose information. They'll bring more parts of government, including the Prime Minister's Office, under the Act.

A Trudeau metre website has been set up to see how he goes about fulfilling each of the 184 promises he made. The latest count showed 3 of these promises have been fulfilled. It will still take some time before we can see if all of them can be fulfilled.

## Thousands of Filipino-American WWII Vets Make Appeals Over Equity Pay Denial

By Emil Guillermo

Artemio Caleda, 91, a proud World War II veteran, says he won't let a little



Artemio Caleda speaks during the wreath laying sunset ceremony at National World War II Memorial on the Bataan Day of Valor anniversary, April 9, 2007 in Washington DC. Caleda fought as a member of the U.S. Army Forces in the Philippines during WWII. He has been fighting for equal pay and benefits since they were stripped away in 1946. Eric Lachica / American Coalition for Filipino Veterans

bureaucracy spoil his Veterans Day. Nearly 75 years after he signed up to fight under the U.S. flag, Caleda says the Department of Veterans Affairs continues to deny recognition of his military service.

In Caleda's case, the dispute hinges on his military alias as an intelligence officer being on the Army's official list, and not his real name. Despite Caleda's verifiable documents recognizing his service from the Philippines that contain both names, the VA has not made Caleda eligible for the symbolic victory Filipino veterans have long fought for: restoration of pay and benefits that were first taken away in 1946.

Artemio Caleda speaks during the wreath laying sunset ceremony at National World War II Memorial on the Bataan Day of Valor anniversary, April 9, 2007 in Washington DC. Caleda fought as a member of the U.S. Army Forces in the Philippines during WWII. He has been fighting for equal pay and benefits since they were stripped away in 1946. Eric Lachica / American Coalition for Filipino Veterans

Caleda is just one of more than 4,000 veterans of World War II, estimated by the American Coalition of Filipino Veterans, who are still looking to be part of what was supposed to be the solution. The Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Act of 2009, signed into law by President Obama, was supposed to give Filipino-American veterans who fought in the Philippines a one-time lump sum payment — \$15,000 if they lived in the U.S.; \$9,000 if they still lived in the Philippines.

But proving eligibility has become a bureaucratic snafu for many like Caleda, who has remained steadfast in his claim.

"I am not a beggar," Caleda told NBC News. "I have done my service, I am a veteran...and I believe in the spirit of justice."

Caleda said he can still remember his first taste of war.

On Dec. 8, 1941, Caleda was 17, and the Philippines was a commonwealth of the U.S.

"I AM NOT A BEGGAR. I HAVE DONE MY SERVICE, I AM A VETERAN...AND I BELIEVE IN THE SPIRIT OF JUSTICE."

Just out of high school, he patrolled the hillsides of the Philippines, near his home in Cagayan, wearing a helmet made from woven strips of a local squash known as upo. Caleda's job was to warn the villagers that the Japanese were coming.

"We had bolo knives and spears, but when we are hiding, we had the sling-shot," Caleda recalled. "Yes, the Japanese had guns, but we are also smart. Some of us were shot. But we took the risk. We were called the Bolo Men."

The Bolo Men were guerrilla fighters, members of the Philippine resistance who were needed to fight off the brutal aggression of Japan. Caleda was part of the more than 250,000 Filipinos who answered the call of President Franklin Roosevelt in 1941 to serve in the U.S. Army.

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# Liberal Anthony Housefather elected in Mount Royal



Anthony Housefather won the Mount Royal riding for the Liberals. (Salimah Shivji/CBC)

Liberal incumbent, Irwin Cotler, stepped down after 16 years, leaving the battle to Anthony Housefather, the popular mayor of Côte-Saint-Luc after a feisty campaign between two local political heavyweights.

Housefather, the mayor of Côte-Saint-Luc went head-to-head with former Côte-Saint-Luc mayor Robert Libman.

The riding is a wealthy anglophone riding that has been Liberal since 1940.

In the last 75 years, this riding has had just five MPs, all Liberal, including Pierre Trudeau from 1965 to 1984.

On the Conservative side: : former Equality Party MNA Robert Libman, a well-known champion of anglophone rights came in second; the last time a Conservative won the seat was in 1935.

It was the first time both Housefather and Libman ran for federal office, but not the first time they've run against each other.

Both boasted political experience and claimed they

knew best how to represent the riding of more than 100,000 residents.

NDP candidate Mario Jacinto Rimbao, a fleet operator for a shipping company, came in a far third.

Engineer Jade Bossé-Bélanger with the Bloc Québécois came in fourth.

The riding includes the city of Côte-Saint-Luc, the towns of Mount Royal and Hampstead, the neighbourhood of Snowdon and the western part of Côte-des-Neiges.

French is the first language of about 22.5 per cent of people in this riding (as of the last census), the lowest in Quebec.

It also has the highest concentration of Jewish people in the province, at 30.1 per cent of the population.

The average income is third highest in the province, at \$48,466.

The Montreal region elected 25 Liberals, seven New Democrats and seven Bloc Québécois MPs.

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In return came the promise of U.S. citizenship, full pay, and benefits. The importance of the Filipino effort was apparent a year later when the Japanese occupation troops forced General Douglas MacArthur to flee to Australia. Filipinos battling-side-by-side with the remaining U.S. soldiers kept up the fight in the Philippines.

But even then, Caleda said it was not exactly side-by-side, and not quite equal.

Filipino WWII Vets Still Fighting for Veterans Benefits

Jesse Baltazar with fellow WWII veteran Celestino Almeda at the Philippine Pillar in the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Eric Lachica

"It would be good if we were second class citizens," Caleda said. "[Filipinos] were put in the forefront."

The treatment they received on the frontlines foretold how the Filipino fighters would end up after the war was won in the in the Pacific.

In 1946, President Harry Truman signed a law known as the Rescission Act. The law reversed all promises made to the Filipino soldiers by the U.S. government.

"They are cheaters," Caleda said. "They promised something and they didn't comply with their promises. The order of President Roosevelt is very clear: when we were drafted into the U.S. Army, we would be compensated just like American soldiers."

But the order by Truman was also clear in his reversal. As the war ended, a new political front was opened that Caleda and others have faced for nearly 70 years.

The VA card of Celestino Almeda. Like

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College, and the MMTV crew. Without them, it would be difficult if not impossible to do my job. I am also happy to see my students and teachers, past and present, and some of our community leaders who made the effort to come and join us."

Kharroubi, assisted by MP-elect Anthony Housefather, cut the ribbon ceremony. Prayer before dinner was recited by Fely Rosales-Carino. The sumptuous dinner, catered by Baby Castillo, included pancit,

congratulate Mrs. Kharroubi for teaching would-be Filipino leaders in the community. The ratings of her television program will skyrocket soon. He also added, "After the election, whether it's FAMAS or federal, we prove that we can work harmoniously to unite and not to divide the community."

On the other hand, Rimbao drew applause from the guests when he warmly congratulated Housefather. He said that his experience as the first Filipino to run for MP in Quebec was a



Posing for souvenir with Zenaida Kharroubi, from left: Fely Rosales Carino, Tenne Rose Dayandane, James de la Paz, and Rose de la Paz.

chicken, okoy, menudo, chop suey, lumpia shanghai, spring rolls, and dessert of biko and casava cake.

Highlight of the evening was the attendance of Anthony Housefather, newly-elected MP for Mount Royal, and one of the candidates that he defeated, Mario Rimbao, were seen exchanging pleasantries. They even posed for picture to the delight of the cheering guests.

In his speech, Housefather said, "I

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"This is what positive politics can do... Canadians from all across this great country sent a clear message tonight. It's time for a change in this country, my friends, a real change."

The Conservative govern-ment's woes included a weak Canadian dollar and a stagnant economy, while Mr Harper was also accused of stirring anti-Muslim sentiment in a row over whether women would be permitted to wear the niqab as they took the oath of citizenship. There was confusion when Mr Harper did not immediately announce his resignation during a concession speech in his Calgary constituency, despite a statement from the party saying he had asked for a new interim leader to be elected. "We put it all on the line, we gave everything we have to give, and we have no regrets whatsoever," he said.

The Liberals, who held power for 80 of the 110 years between 1896 and 2006, had shrunk at the last election to become the Ottawa Parliament's third largest party, behind the left-wing New Democratic Party (NDP). Elected Liberal leader in April 2013, Mr Trudeau was a popular choice with the public, but his Conservative and NDP

great learning experience. He is supporting Housefather in serving the Filipino community.

The atmosphere that evening was friendly and relaxed. Guests were having fun dancing and even shouting when the music "Let's do the twist and shout" was played. Door prizes were given by Amy Manon-og and Raquel Ido. DJ music was provided by Arwin Allana while Cristy Hunter manned the TV camera.

opponents wrote him off as a political lightweight who had coasted to prominence on his father's name.

Yet he exceeded expectations on the campaign trail and the debate stage, leading a steady Liberal poll surge: from third place at the start of the long election campaign in August, to the clear frontrunner in its closing days. Most polls had predicted a minority government, but the apparent collapse of the NDP to a distant third place will now leave the Liberals, under the second Prime Minister Trudeau, with a clear working majority.

Canada has shifted to the centre-right under Mr Harper, who has lowered sales and corporate taxes, avoided climate change legislation and clashed with the Obama administration over the Keystone XL pipeline.

"The people are never wrong," Mr Harper said. "The disappointment is my responsibility and mine alone."

Harper said he called Trudeau to congratulate him.

The Trudeau victory will ease tensions with the US. Although Mr Trudeau supports the Keystone pipeline, he argues relations should not hinge on the project. Mr Harper has clashed with the Obama administration



MP elect Anthony Housefather poses with Tenne Rose Dayandane, Zenaida Kharroubi and Michael Davantes.



Everyone joins in the toast to the inauguration and celebration of the 26th year of Gilmore College and 2nd anniversary of the only community television show in Quebec, MMTV.

over other issues, including the recently reached Iran nuclear deal.

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Mr Trudeau's opponents pilloried him as too inexperienced, but he embraced his boyish image on Election Day. Sporting jeans and a varsity letter jacket, he posed for a photo standing on the thighs of two his colleagues to make a cheerleading pyramid, his campaign plane in the backdrop with "Trudeau 2015" painted in large red letters.

"A sea of change here. We are used to high tides in Atlantic Canada. This is not what we hoped for," said Peter MacKay, a former senior Conservative cabinet minister, shortly after polls closed in Atlantic Canada.

The Results

Liberals: Elected or leading in 186 districts

Conservatives: 100

New Democrats: 43

Block Quebecois: 10

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The Liberals were elected or were leading in 185 districts, with Mr Trudeau winning his Montreal district. The party needed 170 to gain a majority.

The Conservatives were next with 97, followed by the New Democrats at 28 and Bloc Quebecois with nine.

Mr Harper, 56, visited districts he won in the 2011 election in an attempt to hang onto them. On Saturday, he posed with Toronto's former crack-smoking mayor, Rob Ford, in a conservative suburb. Tom-Mulcair-AP.jpg

Tom Mulcair's New Democrats suffered a crushing defeat, falling to third place after winning official opposition status in the last election

Mr Harper had said he would step down if his party didn't win the most seats. Former colleagues of Mr Harper said he would be personally devastated to lose to a Trudeau, the liberal legacy he entered politics to destroy. Mr Harper's long-term goal was to kill the widely entrenched notion that the Liberals — the party of Pierre Trudeau and Jean Chretien — are the natural party of government in Canada, and to redefine what it means to be Canadian.

Hurt when Canada entered a mild recession earlier this year, Mr Harper made a controversy over the Islamic face veil a focus of his campaign, a decision his opponents seized on to depict him as a divisive leader.

"Canadians rejected the politics of fear and division," New Democratic Party leader Tom Mulcair





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Artemio Caleda, Almeda has received citizenship and some VA benefits for his service during World War II, but not the equity payout. More than 4,000 veterans and their widows and spouses, have yet to receive lump sum payments that were approved by Congress in 2009.

But of the more than 250,000 Filipinos who served, only 18,000 have been officially recognized and deemed eligible for the lump sum payments.

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Left empty-handed still are Caleda and thousands of others who continue the paperwork battle for the pay and benefits stripped of them in 1946.



Jesse Baltazar with fellow WWII veteran Celestino Almeda at the Philippine Pillar in the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Eric Lachica

This year in August, Caleda began another appeal, this time directly to Secretary Robert A. McDonald, head of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Caleda's documents show he was part of the Philippine Army, under the authority of the United States Army Forces in the Philippines (USAFIP). But his war status has been continually denied because it cannot be verified through the available records at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

In Caleda's case, there's another twist: according to Eric Lachica, head of the American Coalition for Filipino Veterans, the NPRC recognizes him not as Artemio Caleda, but by his military alias, Monitor Tambong.

"His alias was listed in the official 1948 recognized Guerrilla roster of the U.S. Army, but not under his true civilian name," Lachica told NBC News. "But the 1945 documents of the U.S. Army Forces in the Far East (USAFEF) show

both names on his."

This Philippine government document authenticates Artemio Caleda and his alias, Monitor Tambong, as one and the same. The U.S. Army has disallowed the document and says Caleda is ineligible for the equity lump sum payment awarded Filipino Veterans of WWII.

Even though Caleda has produced affidavits and other documents that attest that Artemio Aquino Caleda and Monitor Tambong are the same person, only the Philippines has honored his supporting materials. The U.S. has not.

"I submitted the same documents and they're denying it," said Caleda, who was able to receive U.S. citizenship and some VA health benefits, despite being denied the lump sum equity payment.

Lachica estimates that there is about \$50 million left of an original fund worth more than \$260 million to be paid. He believes Caleda's best chance may come from an appeals case decision last year that could pave the way for VA Secretary McDonald to use "discretion" in determining whether evidence provided is sufficient without the NPRC's verification.

The VA told NBC News it had no comment on that or on Caleda's case at this time.

The lump sum payment is just one of the things Caleda would like to see as he fights off another concern: time. Caleda is healthy, but the attrition rate among the veterans is the primary reason the vast majority have seen little or no benefits. The politics has simply outlived most of them before their cases could be resolved.

Artemio Caleda's discharge papers from the Philippines as a member of the U.S. Army Forces in the Philippines (USAFIP), Intelligence Service Company, 11th Infantry. The document should make him eligible for equity benefits, but this document does not contain Caleda's alias "Monitor Tambong."

New Developments Signal Hope

Caleda has been one of the veterans meeting with officials in Washington, but every year takes a natural toll. This year, the leader of the coalition of Filipino veterans is Celestino Almeda, now 98. Like Caleda, Almeda, a Maryland resident, was recognized enough to be granted citizenship and VA medical benefits, but not the lump sum benefit.

Almeda told NBC News last November he will continue to fight "until I get what I deserve."

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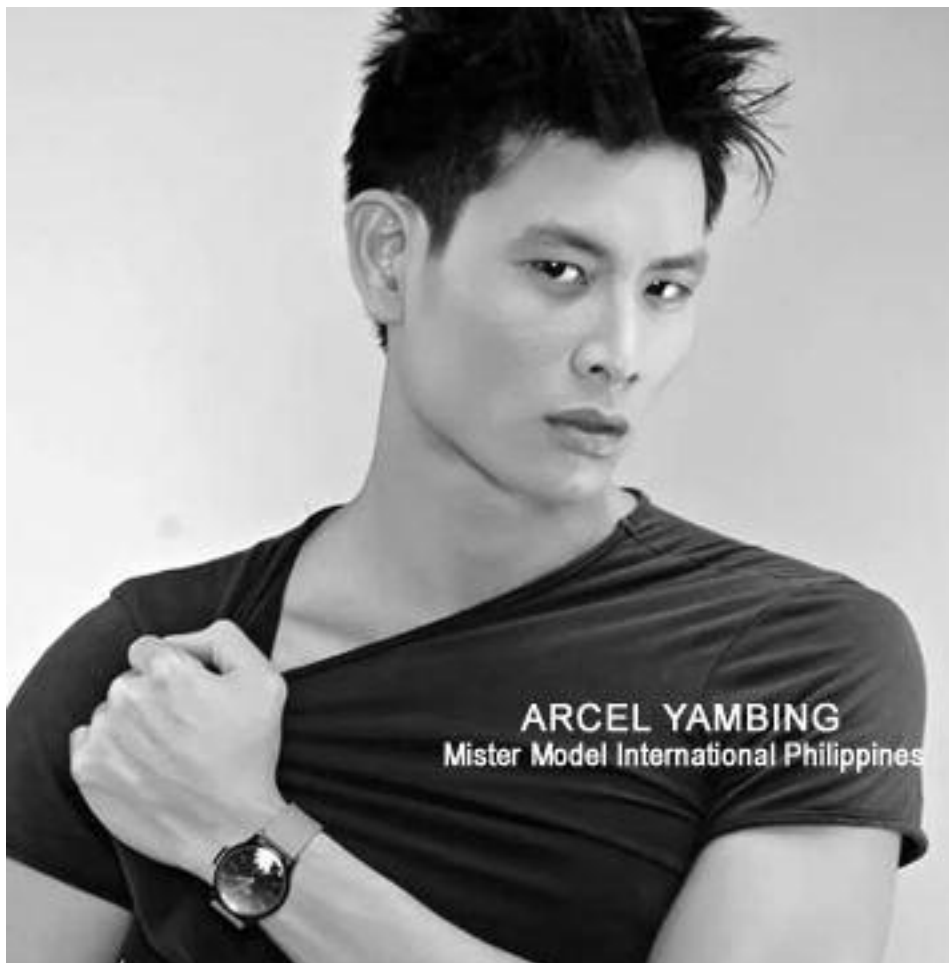




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## A Dream Come True for Arcel Yambing



**Arcel Yambing**

From being a farmer to becoming a supermodel, Arcel Yambing will now face a new challenge. He will represent the Philippines in the upcoming Mister Model International pageant to be held in Miami, Florida. The competition, which will include a participation in the Miami Men's Fashion Week, will commence on November 5th, and will end on November 11th at the Flamingo Theatre bar. Here's a short interview I had with Arcel.

**Tell me about yourself:**

I am 25 years old from San Fernando Pampanga, and I came from a family of farmers. It's very hard to convince others that I am a farmer because they see me on the runway, which is a different world. In reality, I do live a very simple life. I love spending time with my family and I value hard work.

**What made you pursue the fashion industry and pageantry?**

My family is not well-off so that I have to consider several options in order to help and uplift their situation. So I entered the fashion industry and pageantry since I have been told that I have the height and the bone structure necessary to enter the business. It is a tough industry, but if I approach it with integrity and discipline, and surround

myself with the right people, then I think it will be smooth.

**How does it feel to represent the Philippines in an international competition?**

To be honest, I was nervous at first whether I would be able to compete in the Mister Model International Pageant because it will be held in the US. Having only a month and a half to process my US visa, I thought it would be impossible. I am so grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Herbst, owners of Teceruma Spa and Salon, and Preciousa Anna Medina, franchise owner of Mister Model International Philippines, for helping me in processing my papers. And of course, I thank the Lord. I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to represent the Philippines. It is a dream come true.

**What is your message to your fellow Filipinos?**

I would like to thank my fellow Filipinos for their love and support and for helping me make my dream come true. I never thought that a farmer like me would be able to go to the US someday to represent the Philippines in an International competition. Please pray for me that I would do well. God bless. ■



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# Tagalog Seksyon

## Opinyon/Komentaryo ni Willie Quiambao

### ANO NGA BA ANG FAMAS?

Noong bago mag-eleksyon, may nakausap akong Pilipino. Sinabi niya sa akin na kaya lamang siya nagging miembro ng FAMAS ay para maiboto ang kaniyang kaibigan na kandidato sa pagka-direktor. Ang totoo, hindi niya alam kung ano talaga ang FAMAS at ano ang nagagawa nito para sa komunidad.

Dahil dito, naisip ko na isulat muli kung ano ang FAMAS at ano ang mga serbisyong ibinibigay nito upang magkaroon ng kaunting kaalaman ang mga Pilipino, lalo na ang mga bagong dating. Marami pa rin ang hindi nakaaalam kung ano ang FAMAS.

Ang FAMAS ay ang pinakamalaki at pinakamatagal na asosasyong Pilipino sa Montreal at karatig na lugar. Limampu at dalawang taon na ang asosasyong ito na binubuo ng 13 volunteers mula sa presidente at membership director. Tulad ng ibang asosasyon, may mga nagging opisyal lamang dahil sa pangalan at pansariling dahilan pero mayroon namang opisyal na tapat ang hangaring maglingkod sa ating komunidad. Malaking sakripisyo ang ginagawa nila dahil sa halip na ang panahon nila ay nagugugol sa kanilang pamilya at trabaho, napupunta ito sa FAMAS. Sa kabila nito ng paglilingkod nila, napupulaan pa sila.

Ang ilang halimbawa ng serbisyong ibinibigay ng FAMAS ay ang mga sumusunod: Consular Services, Heritage at French classes, Zumba classes, Job Referral. May mga volunteer din sa FAMAS center na sumasagot sa telepono at tumatao kung may mga katanungan ang mga Pilipino at dayuhan tungkol sa ating komunidad.

Nagkaroon ng sariling community center ang FAMAS dahil sa pagsisikap ng mga opisyal at miembro nito. Upang matustusan ng FAMAS ang mga gastusin tulad ng electricity, event insurance, building repairs (kamakailan, ipinagawa ang bubong), kailangan ng FAMAS ang mag-fundraise tulad ng Binibining Pilipinas, Munting Binibining

Pilipinas, membership fees. Hindi totoo na may government grant and FAMAS. Ito ang dahilan kaya kailangan ng FAMAS ang mag-isip ng proyekto upang makakuha ng grant.

Ang FAMAS din ang dahilan kaya kilala tayo ng mga pulitiko na dati ay hindi tayo napagu-ukulan ng pansin. Tulad nuong bagyong Yolanda, nagpunta sa FAMAS si Prime Minister Stephen Harper upang magbigay ng tulong sa mga Pilipino.

Minsan, may mga hindi magaganndang balita ang naririnig at nababasa natin unkol sa FAMAS. Sa kabila ng mga ito, patuloy na tumatakbo at naglilingkod ang FAMAS sa mga Pilipino kaya sumuporta tayo sa mga aktibidad nito.

### NAGSIMULA NANG MAGTRABAHO ANG 2015-2017 FAMAS EXECUTIVE BOARD

Tapos na ang eleksyon kaya balik sa normal ang FAMAS. Sabi ni Cora Aberin, Cesar Manuel at Svetlana Suarez, bukas ang FAMAS center sa lahat. Alam nila na ang center ay hindi para sa kasalukuyang administrasyon lamang. Pero siempre, kailangang panatilihin malinis at maayos na parang sariling bahay and center. Para magawa ang mga ito, kailangang tulong-tulong tayo.

Ilang buwan pa lamang nakauupo ang bagong administrasyon ay nagtrabaho na ang mga ibang opisyal nito. Nilinis na raw ni Cesar ang mga nakatambak na basura sa likod ng center. At maganda naman ang ginawang website ni Lourdes Fabia Mababasa ng mga membro at hindi miembro ang ilan sa mga serbisyong ibinibigay ng FAMAS. Malapit na ring magbukas ang Heritage Classes na si Josefa Nicolas ang isa sa mga volunteer na magtuturo. Ang French classes ay tuloy na rin.

Mukhang tinutupad ng bagong Executive Board ang kanilang pangako na maglingkod sa komunidad.

### MARUNONG MAG-ALAGA NG

### KANIYANG MGA "PRINCESS" SI SVETLANA

Ilang beses ko nang naisulat ang mga asosasyon na pinababayaan na lamang ang kanilang mga beauty queen at princess pagkatapos ng pageants. Hindi sila nabibigyan ng kaukulang promosyon. Pero iba si Svetlana Suarez ng Kapampangan Association of Montreal. Alam niya kung paano i-promote ang kaniyang mga Munting Mutya ng Pilipinas. Kung minsan, nasa diaryo o nasa television ang mga ito. Isinasama rin ni Svetlana sa mga pagtitipon ang kaniyang mga Munting Mutya ng Pilipinas. Nakita ko ang mga ito noong sumayaw sa birthday ni Bert Abiera at MMTV anniversary. Kahit paano, maligaya ang mga magulang ng mga bata.

Iyon naman talaga ang dapat gawin ng mga asosasyon. Iturin at pangalagaan nilang parang princesa at reyna ang kanilang mga beauty queen. Huwag silang isama sa pulitika. Sila ang nagdadala ng pera sa mga asosasyon.

### LOYAL VOLUNTEERS SA FAMAS SI BERT AT ELMER

Si Bert Abiera at Elmer Manila ay mga volunteer sa FAMAS center noon pang nakaraang administrasyon ni Nida Quirapas. Mabuti at nanatili sila sa administrasyon ni Cora Aberin dahil malaki ang tulong na nagagawa nila. Halos araw-araw sila ang nagbubukas at nagsasara sa centre. Sila rin ang sumasagot sa mga tawag sa telepono. Tulad ni Bert na kung anu-ano ang mga tanong na natatanggap mula sa mga Pilipino at dayuhang may problema. Tinutukso namin siya dahil minsan ay parang marriage counselor siya na nagbibigay ng payo kapag may tumawag na dayuhan na may problema sa kaniyang fiancé/fiancée. Minsan naman ay employment agency kung may nagtatanong at naghahanap ng trabaho. Si Elmer naman, nakikita ko ang serbisyo niya. Kung minsan, kapag may consular services, halos hindi pa tapos ang lunch niya, tumutulong na siyang mag-asikaso sa mga nangangailangan ng consular services. At kamakailan, matiyaga niyang inayos ang mga papel sa filing cabinet na mahigit na yatang sampung taon hindi naaayos.

Karapat-dapat ang ibinigay na volunteer awards sa kanila noong administrasyon ni Nida Quirapas. ■

## Manny Pacquiao announces senate run in the Philippines



The boxing champion says he will retire next year to focus on his political career, despite turning up to parliament for just four days in 2014

Manny Pacquiao, the world boxing champion, has declared his plans to retire from boxing and step up a weight as a political pugilist in his homeland of the Philippines.

Pacquiao told supporters that he will run for the country's senate in elections next year after completing a second term as a congressman in the country's lower legislative house.

He said it was time to hang up his boxing gloves.

"I think I'm ready (to retire). I've been in boxing for more than 20 years," Pacquiao, 36, said in an interview on local ABS-CBN television network.

"I prayed to God for guidance and I am happy about it."

The boxer lost the most lucrative contest in the sport's history in his contest with Floyd Mayweather in Las Vegas in May. Amir Khan, the British fighter, could be the next opponent of "Pac-man".

But Pacquiao's ambitions for a higher status might surprise those who have tracked his attendance record in his political career so far.

For Pacquiao, who heads the People's Champ Movement party, turned up for work at the House of Representatives for just four days last year, making him the top absentee in the chamber.

In a country where film stars, sporting heroes and political scion flourish in public life thanks to their famous names, those absences as representative for his constituents in Sarangani are not expected to be a serious impediment, however.

"In the coming days, I will be embracing new levels of responsibility," he told constituents as he unveiled his plans.

"I will be confronting tough challenges. My second term as your congressman will soon be over, but I will continue to be of service you and to our fellow Filipinos."

Pacquiao pledged he would be a "serious" senator should he win in May. "I will not be absent because the whole country would be my responsibility," he said.

Pacquiao, 36, who also finds work as an actor, singer and basketball coach, did have two boxing matches to distract him in 2014, with victories by unanimous decisions against Timothy Bradley in April and against Chris Algieri in November. ■



## Ask the Video Guy

Technological Tidbits  
by

Al Abdon

visually isolated from their background. The subject is sharply in focus, while the background is blurred out. This isolation is achieved through selective depth of field with the use of faster wide aperture fixed focal length lenses, not zoom lenses. A traditional HD camcorder may have a good zoom, but its widest f stop or aperture (typically f/5.6) cannot compete with a fixed focal length lens- typically f/1.8 or better.

### HOW ABOUT THE CONS?

While the benefit of a large variety of lenses is tempting, there

are still limitations to using DSLRs. More specifically there are three on my list: maximum record time, manual zoom control, and lack of good audio recording control. Starting with record time, you can get up to about 29 minutes at the highest 1080 resolution, depending on the DSLR manufacturer. This is a self-imposed DSLR limitation, which could take another blog just to get into the reasons why! Traditional HD camcorders don't have this limitation, with record times of about 2 hours, depending on the HD record quality, and the media storage used. For example, my 1- year old Sony 3D TD10 camcorder can record over 2 hours continuously at the highest resolution on a 32GB SDHC card! The same record time can be had for all other standard HD camcorders as well. Zooming for all of us camcorder enthusiasts is a feature we take for granted. Its there when we need it, but always automatic, usually with variable control on speed. Unfortunately, when shooting with a DSLR, only manual zoom control is generally available. Many of you might be able to zoom manually, but it does take considerable practice before that zoom is smooth with no stop and start bumps. Manual audio control is a must-have feature for traditional videographers. However on many DSLRS that feature is either not available, or its got clumsy controls. Better DSLRs offer a stepped audio setting that achieves better results. If you're shopping for a DSLR, make sure its got manual audio level control.

### WHY USE A DSLR?



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We often heard the term DSLR – which stand for Digital Single Lens Reflex. It is similar to your standard camera but it has an ability to shoot high quality video. Is it better than your HD camcorder? It all depends on the model of your camera. I have recently discovered that many event videographers are using DSLR. Here is why:

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Hands-down, the greatest benefit of a DSLR is that of interchangeable lenses, and with that, the control they can bring to the look of the video you are shooting. And by control, I don't mean just in the dazzling variety of focal lengths from super wide angle, to long telephoto that are available to achieve different film looks. I was referring to subject isolation. Look at any major film release and notice how in many scenes the subjects are



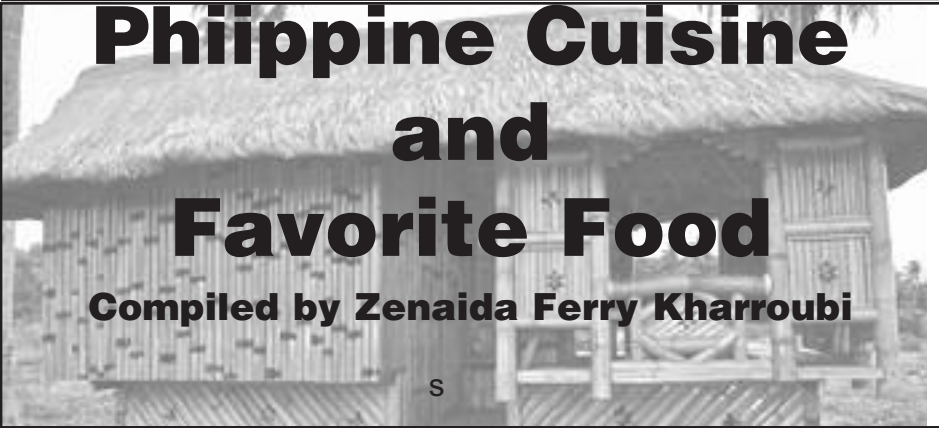
### OUR EXPERIENCE AT MMTV.

**MMTV** uses a Canon 5D Mark III. The learning curve for this camera is easy. The problem is the skills of using and handling the camera. When our cameraman is assigned for an event, he should bring a tripod and lights for obvious reason. It's the weight and settings that are required before operating and shooting a scene. The tripod is there to support the camera while adjustments are made. They are ISO settings, white balance settings, Audio adjustments, Back-up recorder settings, Batteries check, Light adjustments, exposure settings and focusing. All of these procedures takes at least 5 minutes or more. ■



# Phiippine Cuisine and Favorite Food

Compiled by Zenaida Ferry Kharroubi



## Stuffed Pork chops with mushrooms



Beef Asado

Ingredients :

1/2 lb. beef, cut into thinly strips  
2 tbsp. butter  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 onion, finely chopped  
2 tbsp. soy sauce  
2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 tsp. salt  
spring onions, cut into 2 inch long – for garnishing  
(Cooking Measurements)

Cooking Procedures :  
In a skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add beef strips and stir-fry for 3 to 5 minutes or until lightly brown.  
  
Add garlic and stir until fragrant. Add chopped onions and sauté for 3 minutes and then pour in soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and salt. Let it simmer over medium-low heat.

If sauce is about to dry up and meat is still tough, just add 1/2 cup of water. Continue cooking until meat is tender.

Remove from heat. Arrange on a serving plate and sprinkle with spring onions on top. Serve with patis (fish sauce) and calamansi juice as sauce.



Bicol Express

Ingredients :

4 cups chili pepper, seeded and sliced  
1 tbsp. salt  
2 cups thin coconut milk  
1-1/2 to 2 cups fresh alamang (tiny shrimps)  
1/2 lb. pork belly, diced  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 medium-sized onion, minced  
salt to taste  
1 cup thick coconut cream  
(Cooking Measurements)

Cooking Procedures :  
Soak chilis in water with salt. Let stand for 30 minutes and then rinse thoroughly. Drain.

In a skillet, mix thin coconut milk, alamang, pork, garlic, onion and salt. Bring to a boil, lower heat and then simmer for 10 minutes. Add chilis and

cook until half the liquid has evaporated.

Pour in thick coconut cream and continue cooking until oil comes out from the cream.  
Makes 4 servings.



Buko Pandan

ngredients

1½ cup young coconut strips (Buko)  
5 ounces condensed milk  
8 ounces Table cream or all-purpose cream  
3 ounces powdered gelatin  
1¼ cups water  
6 drops Buko Pandan flavoring  
2 scoops vanilla ice cream (optional)

Instructions

Combine water and powdered gelatin then stir using a spoon.

Add Buko Pandan flavoring then stir until everything is evenly distributed.

Heat a saucepan and pour-in the mixture. Bring to a boil while continuously stirring.

Turn off the heat and transfer the mixture to a mold. Allow the temperature to cool. The texture of the mixture should be firm once cooled. You may also place this inside the refrigerator for faster results (allow the temperature to go down before putting-in the refrigerator).


Combine condensed milk, table cream, tapioca pearls, and young coconut then mix well. Allow the texture to thicken by chilling in the refrigerator or freezer for a few hours.

Slice the firm gelatin into 1 inch cubes then combine with the condensed milk-cream-young coconut-tapioca mixture.

Transfer to individual serving platters or cups then top with a scoop of vanilla ice-cream.

Serve for dessert. Share and enjoy!





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Around 100 guests came to celebrate the 26th anniversary of Gilmore College, the 2nd anniversary of Mabuhay Montreal TV, and the inauguration of the new Gilmore headquarters on October 31, 2015. Guest of honor and MP elect Anthony Housefather assisted Zenaia Kharroubi in the ribbon cutting ceremony amidst the cheering guests.



Anniversary cakes donated by Jovy Narvas and Brittany Hunter showing the logo of Gilmore College and MMTV. The candles are still to be lighted and everyone waits patiently.



The caterer, Baby Castillo (extreme right) poses with the guests. Everyone was happy with the food she prepared.



Gilmore College students and alumni, MMTV crew, guests pose with Zenaia Kharroubi for souvenir of the happy anniversary party held on Saturday, October 31 at Gilmore's new office.



Maro Jacinto Rimbao and Anthony Housefather cheerfully pose with their toast flanked by Fey Pineda, Jam Pineda and Zenaia Kharroubi.





Mother and daughter pose for souvenir, Jasmine Tabares, with her mother, Anita Cleofas, during the recent Munting Mutya pageant.



From left: Armie Tula, Cristy Hunter, Wendy Singh, Fely R. Carino, Amy Manon-og, Remy Monteagudo Tenne Rose Dayandante, Fred Narvas, and Jovy Narvas.



Svetlana Suarez, Zenaida Kharroubi, Fely Rosales Carino, Josefa Nicolas and Nancy Karides



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# PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

**“I want to spread love and entertain people through arts – acting, dancing, and singing, “ says Rillo**

**By W. G. Quiambao**



**Ken Antonio Rillo**

If his name rings a bell, it's because Ken Antonio Rillo's father is Flor, FAMAS former president and members of various associations. While Flor is known for his community services, Ken Antonio is famous for his work in the field of arts.

"I've always been interested in arts," said Ken Antonio. "When I was young, I'd join dance competitions and participate in school programs. Those experiences set tone for my interest in arts."

In 2006, he auditioned for The Dome Theatre where he was accepted at Dawson College. He had the honour of playing his first ever role as Lead in "Splendor In The Grass". He was the first person in his class to have an agent and book a professional gig before graduating. Since then, he has been working extensively and professionally as an actor, dancer and commercial/editorial model. In addition, he has done television commercials and video games. Some of his work includes X-Men: Apocalypse, X-Men: Days of Future Past, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, Being Human. He has also starred in a myriad of commercials such as Coca Cola, Brault and Martineau, Just Dance 4. He also has done voice works for cartoons and video games.

Ken Antonio is also an active professional dancer. He has danced for Sean Paul, Taylor Dayne, Celine Dion, and Boyz II Men. Recently, he danced for Cyndi Lauper in Toronto.

Despite his success in acting and dancing, he confessed that stage is his addiction. "I love theatre. I miss creating characters and seeing the immediate reactions of the audience. They come to me and say 'You inspire me,' or 'You helped me reach my

dream' – that's the best reward I get. Unfortunately, there are less people going to the theatre anymore. It's merely the older generation these days. Everyone is so caught up with technology like cell phones, and videos."

He will be working and meeting soon with Simon Cowell, the American Idol producer, to discuss a big project. "I can't discuss the details yet, but I can confirm that you will be hearing all about them next year! I'm talking World Tour kind of talk. I still can't believe I'm a part of this!..."

Sadly, Ken Antonio explained that he doesn't do his work for the money or the fame. "I do my job because it's what I love. I love entertaining people. I love spreading love," he continued with passion. "And if I can touch people and inspire them through the arts, that's the only paycheck I need at the end of the day!"

But he made it clear that before he got to where he is now, he had to make a lot of sacrifices. In order to succeed in the industry, one has to have a thick skin because there are lots of rejections. And when he started working and became busy, he had to spend less time with his family."

One advice he has for some actors is to always continue training. "It's not enough that you graduate, you must always practice your craft. Even the most experienced actors like Sir Ian McKellan and Meryl Streep, still train. And I believe that in whatever you do, in any craft, there's always something to learn and grow in".

For the past five years, he has been living his dreams like attending movie premieres and wrap parties and meeting celebrities. "Celebrities want to be treated like a normal person. Like Patrick Stewart. I remember when he came to my house."

One dream he has is to have a house that he can rent for free for struggling artists. "I'd let them stay there for an amount of time until they get themselves on their feet. I just want to be able to give back with what I do. I had a hard time in my beginnings, so I know how it feels... If I can be a mentor, or inspiration, or just help my fellow artists - why not?"

He's going to New York next year. "I would love to even be nominated for an Emmy. And when it happens, I want my mom to be there with me. She did a lot of sacrifices for me." ■

From Page 19 Senate Anti-dynasty

in the Philippines, becoming a stronger institution than political parties with no distinct ideologies. Dynastic politics exists alongside patronage politics, political violence, and elections where name recall determines the outcome.

The 1987 Constitution provides for equal access to public service, and prohibits political dynasties but the lack of an enabling law made the problem persist for the past 28 years.

In the House, lawmakers are considering a version of the bill that allows up to two members of a political clan to hold public office at the same time. They could either both hold national posts, local positions or a combination of the two. The House is expected to pass the bill on second reading.

Yet Pimentel wants only one family member to be elected. "If there are two, that is already a dynasty."

Under this set-up, the senator said that Mayor Binay can no longer run for reelection in 2016 if the bill is passed before the October filing of certificates of candidacy.

"Because if there is an incumbent national official closely related within two degrees, that's a dynasty. Even a sibling in Congress, that is also not allowed because the incumbent (Senator Binay) is a national official," he said.

Pimentel has been leading the Senate panel investigating corruption allegations against the Binays. He wrote the committee report recommending plunder charges against the Vice President and Mayor Binay over the allegedly overpriced Makati parking building.

Still, he said his anti-political dynasty measure does not target them.

"If it was meant to target them, then we should have acted on this a long time ago. If we cannot pass this before October, we can easily make it applicable to the next scheduled election after 2016."

Binay: What about democracy icons?

Pimentel's electoral reforms committee has been holding hearings on the anti-political dynasty bill.

He said he will come up with a final version of the measure, and then gather the signatures of at least 6 senators in his 11-member committee when session resumes in late July. After this, plenary debates can start.

Pimentel is optimistic that the bill will pass in a chamber where most members belong to political dynasties.

In the 16th Congress, siblings Alan Peter and Pia Cayetano both occupy

Senate seats, along with half-siblings Jinggoy Estrada and JV Ejercito. Senator Bam Aquino is the cousin of President Benigno Aquino III. Senator Ferdinand Marcos Jr holds office, while his mother former First Lady Imelda Marcos is Ilocos Norte Representative, and his sister, Imee, is governor of the province.

"It is better if we include even national positions because the Senate might be criticized that we are passing an anti-political dynasty law which does not affect or cover us," Pimentel said.

The senator added that it is best to pass an anti-political dynasty bill before the end of the Aquino administration.

"It has passed the committee level in the House, and they are ready for plenary discussion. That is already a big achievement. Number two, the chair of the Senate committee is open and enthusiastic in submitting a stricter anti-political dynasty bill so the best time is now," Pimentel said.

Vice President Binay opposes any version of the bill.

"Bakit 'pag icons of democracy, hindi naman isyu? Kaya lang isyu dahil nagkakapatayan," Binay said in a media forum in Manila on Wednesday.

(How come when it involves icons of democracy, this is not an issue? It only becomes an issue because of violence.)

Binay said the idea should be subjected to a plebiscite.

"Sa malinis na halalan, bakit pagbabawalan? 'Di ba vox populi, vox Dei? Bakit mo haharangan?" (In a clean election, why will you bar families from running? Isn't it that the voice of the people is the voice of God? Why will you stop this?)

Poe: Not all have conscience

Senator Binay shared her father's position. She said that if children are allowed to be doctors and lawyers like their parents, the offspring of politicians should also be given the chance to hold public office.

"At least ikaw kung gusto mong maging doktor katulad ng magulang mo, all you have to do is take a course, and then pass the board or bar. Puwede ka nang mag-practice ng profession, whether doctor or lawyer. Eh kami, kahit gustong-gusto naming maging public official, for as long as the people don't vote you into office, eh hindi ka magkakaroon ng posisyon," Senator Binay said on Tuesday.

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## Social Tidbits

Fely Rosales Carino



The last week of September saw the Philippine Association of Montreal and Suburbs (FAMAS) celebrate its recent victory in an Induction Ball held at the Hellenic Community Center at Wilderton, Montreal, Que. Earlier, the newly-elected officers were sworn to office by Philippine Consul General Eric Tamayo in the presence of guests that included Mr. Russel Copeman, mayor of Cote-des-Neiges, Notre-Dame-de-Grace, Mr. Lionel Perez, city councillor, Darlington District and Snowdon city councillor Mr. Marvin Rotrand. Inducted to office were : Mrs. Cora Aberin (president), Mr. Cesar Manuel (vice president-internal), Svetlana Suarez (vice president-external), Ms. Kathleen Rebugio ((secretary), Miss Mimi Gasapo (treasurer), Mr. Ernel Lebario (auditor), Miss Aristia Elumbaring (accountant), Miss Lourdes Fabia (PRO), Miss Babylyn Gonowon (Dir. of Education), Mrs. Angelita Ramos (Dir. of Membership), Mr. Chris Bautista (Dir. of Sports), Mr. Ruben Matienzo (Dir. of Outreach) and Mrs. Mercy Umipig-Sia (Dir. Special Projects).

As usual, the program began with the singing of the national anthems by the Panday Tinig Choral Ensemble with Miss Edita Fedalizo, pianist and Mr. Paul Imperial, conductor. Mrs. Josefa Nicolas followed with the invocation. Mr. Cesar Manuel gave the welcome address. During the dinner, the Panday Tinig Choral Ensemble sang some Tagalog ballads that made us all longing for everything about the Philippines. A vocal solo by Jed Bermillo was done so well that the audience called for an encore. His second song, "I Believe", touched many of the listeners. The Munting Mutya ng Pilipinas Montreal 2015 and Her Court danced their way to the audience's heart with their grace. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the FAMAS Executive Board 2015-2017 and as each officer was called, he/she had the opportunity to gracefully march to the front flaunting their beautiful gowns for the ladies and their barongs for the gentlemen. Truly, each of the ladies looked like they were in their prom dresses. The president was in a flaming red gown. The inspirational speech was given by Mr. Marvin Rotrand, and the acknowledgement was given by President Cora Aberin.

As we were at the middle of the federal election, emcee Mr. Fred Espinosa gave politicians Mr. Anthony Housefather (Liberal), Mr. Robert Libman (Conservative) and Mr. Mario Rimbao (NDP), all federal candidates for MP, a chance to give their campaign speeches.

Meanwhile, the 16th anniversary of the foundation of the Ladies of Rizal or Les Dames de Rizal or the Kababaihang Rizalista de Rizal, Inc., Montreal Quebec Chapter, was recently held at Ruby Rouge Restaurant, Clark St., on Oct. 2, 2015. Members proudly donned their Rizalista uniforms. This organization is chartered under Republic Act No. 646 Supreme Council, Manila, Philippines. This Montreal Chapter was founded by Mrs. Lina Fernandez.

The present set of officers is as follows: Lady Esphie Manaog (president), Lady Cory Calatin (vice president – local) Lady Linda Cosejo (vice president – foreign) Lady Rebeca Lososo (secretary), Lady Maria Fe Tablanda (assistant secretary), Lady Luz Garque (treasurer), Lady Belen Papa (assistant treasurer), Lady Liza Santiago (auditor), Lady Grace Balansi (assistant auditor), Lady Estela Majojo and Lady Juvy Collado Collado (business Managers), Lady Nora Cruz and Lady Helen Lobaton ((PRO'S), Lady Doris Tabo-oy and Lady Lorenza Tolentino (directors) Lady Merle Valiente, Lady Elvie Maximo, Lady Jean Santander (advisers)

The program began with the parade of colors with Sir John Linden, Sir James Menzi, Sir Dario Boco. Participating after the welcome address by the president were the short speeches of Sir Marvin Rotrand (KCR), Sir Jimmy Marasigan (KGOR), Sir, Ray Balansi (KGOR), Cote St. Luc Mayor Mr. Anthony Housefather, and federal candidate for Town of Mount Royal Mr., Robert Libman.

The following entertainment numbers were performed by the following : Munting Maria Clara Dance by Amber, Alliyah and Charelle), vocal solo by Grace Balansi, special dance number by Brenda Mihal, and a folk dance by the Kababaihang Bisaya Performing Arts (KBPA). All the above numbers made the audience stop-at attention. They were that entertaining! Also, two plaques of appreciation were awarded to Lady Lina Fernandez, chapter founder, and to Lady Merle Valiente (KRI, Montreal Chapter).

The last part of the program was the distribution of membership certificates to new members: Lady Nellie Aguilar, Lady Sharon Balleza, Lady Rosalyn Dongui-is, Josefa Nicolas, Josephine Sonza, Lady Leah Baldeovar, Lady Gliceria Ducyogen, Lady Trinidad Jimenez, Lady Sally Carillo-Schneider, Lady Angelina Taligan. Lady Rebeca Lososo ended the evening's activities with her closing remarks. It was a pleasure to assist Miss Grace Balansi emcee the evening's program. ■

## Angel Locsin lashes out at her basher for calling her names



Angel Locsin

Hindi nakapagpigil ang aktres na si Angel Locsin na balikan ang isang basher niya matapos siya nitong akusahan na "pinagloloko" umano nito ang kanyang fans tungkol sa kanyang injury at gumagawa lang ito ng ingay upang mapagusapan. Tinawag rin ng nasabing basher si Angel na "laos."

Matatandaan na nitong buwan ng Oktubre ay inanunsiyo ni Angel na hindi na ito maaring gumanap bilang superhero na si Darna sa nakatakdang muling paglipad nito sa pelikula sa 2016. Nagkaroon kasi si Angel ng disc bulge na idinulot ng mahigit dalawang taon na ginawang pagsasanay ni Angel para sa nasabing role.

angel 3Nag-post si Angel sa kanyang Instagram account ang larawan ng isang kettle bell at training gloves na ginagamit niya sa pag-exercise. Balik sa pag-eehersisyo ang aktres. Ayon sa kanya, sumakit daw ulit ang kanyang likod sa pagba-boxing kaya't mas pinili at sinubukan niyang mag-exercise gamit ang kettle bell. May hashtag pa nga ito na: #roadtorecovery. Binigyang linaw rin ni Angel sa pamamagitan ng kanyang Instagram account na ginagawa niya ang mga bagay na ito hindi para sa kung anu pa man, kung hindi para sa sarili niya. Pinasalamatan rin ni Angel ang kanyang mga taga-suporta sa patuloy na pagdarasal para sa kanyang kalusugan.

May isang basher na nagngangalang @wayangoyez ang hayagang nagbigay ng komento at sinasabi

nitong hindi dapat maniwala ang mga tao kay Angel. Pinaglololoko daw ng aktres ang mga tao. Wala raw may disc bulge injury ang susubok at gagamit ng kettle bell. Ayon pa sa nasabing basher, wala raw kasing show si Angel kaya't gumagawa ng ingay sa pagpapa-interview upang mapagusapan. Dito na hindi nakatiis si Angel. Hindi na niya napalampas ang nasabing basher. Sagot ni Angel: "Hindi naman lahat ng tao mahilig magpapansin kagaya mo. Katulad ng hindi rin naman lahat tamang hinala, kasi hindi naman lahat adik."

"Sensiya na tamad akong bigyan ka ng 'blow by blow' sa mga nangyayari sa 'kin at wala naman akong paki kung maintindihan mo o hindi."

Binigyang puna rin ni Angel ang pagkakaroon nito ng hindi kagandahang pag-uugali. "At saka, hindi naman ako magulang mo para pagsabihan kang basahin uli ang GMRC [good manners and right conduct]. Mukhang marami kang namiss."



angel 2"Pwede ring asal-dasal rin para walang sapi. Try mo."

"P.S. Dun ka tumambay sa IG ng mga pulitikong may galit ka next time ha? Sila sabihan mo na niloloko sila at hindi yung nagpapagaling, OK?"

Dagdag pa ni Angel: "But it's okay. I understand. I forgive you. I just wanna say na sana...sana, eh, magka-TB ka, magka-ketong ka, tadtarin ng alipunga, sama mo na buni at halitosis pati putok! Masama ugali! Haduken!"

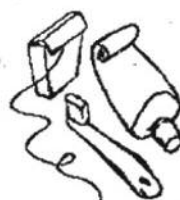
"O sige na nga, hindi na, halitosis na lang." Pagkatapos maglabas ng sam ng loob ni Angel, sinabi niya sa kanyang basher na "quits" na sila at "peace na." Pero hindi ito naging dahilan para tumigil ang basher at tinawag pa rin nitong 'laos' si Angel. ■

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# FILIPINO STAR

## SHOWBIZ GOSSIP

### Heart, 30 and ready



**Heart Evangelista-Escudero**

After almost 17 years in show business, Heart Evangelista-Escudero has already accomplished much. An actress, singer, show host, and most recently, painter and fashion designer, she almost has nothing more to wish for when it comes to her career.

She's actually thinking of getting away from it all.

"I want to experience living a normal life for a time naman, walang taping or anything," she shared in an interview.

Short of declaring taking a sabbatical from showbiz, Heart did say she wants to focus on being a good wife to husband Chiz Escudero.

More, at 30, Heart is ready to welcome motherhood.

"I do feel it now (that I'm ready to have a baby). I never used to feel that, na when you look at a baby's fingers parang there's something in your heart (that moves you). It excites me because I've never felt this way before," she said.

Heart believes she has acquired enough experience being second mom to Chesi and Quino, Chiz's twin kids from his first marriage.

She shared she would often bond with the kids, bringing them to work with her, or sometimes simply visiting the mall and the church.

"I make sure that I give them good memories," Heart related.

No doubt, Heart is in a happy place right now. Home always calls out to her when she's at work, and she has never been more content being with family.

"I feel that even if there's gulo outside my world, at the end of the day you have this home, and not everybody gets this solid home," she said.

On when they plan to have a

baby, Heart simply said, "next year."

"I would definitely devote myself to my child and I feel that she deserves that time," she added.

**Avoiding stress**

Heart fondly looks back on the last 30 years without regret.

"It's my experiences, heartaches, letdowns, and everything altogether (that) made me who I am today and it makes me feel confident and secure about myself," she maintained.

When asked about her secret to looking youthful, Heart said it is simply avoiding stress.

"If you stress too much about everything, it will show in the skin, even your glow is different. You really have to be in a good place and the rest will follow. The make-up is just (the) icing on the cake," she said.

Believe it or not, there was a point in Heart's life that she had to battle with insecurities particularly about how people perceive her physically.

She used to care so much that she would often cry, believing she's not good enough.

Heart is way past it now. "I realized at the end of the day, this is who I am. I will not allow myself to get hurt anymore, and I'm actually proud of who I am today," she said.

Heart says her husband has played a big part in her learning to appreciate her individuality.

"I'm just lucky to have a husband who's very open and not selfish. He's such a big inspiration for me," she said.

**Beauty book**

The secret to looking as beautiful as Heart may not be such a secret anymore as she publishes "This Is Me, Love Marie."

A product of her more than a decade of experience in the industry, the book contains Heart's tried and tested make-up and skincare secrets, as well as confessions about love and life.

"I think I have gone through so much and I feel that I need to inspire more people. It's like writing a diary and giving it away," she said.

Asked for advice to her followers, she said, "If you want something done, you have to do it promptly."

At the moment, Heart is busy taping the last few episodes of her primetime series "Beautiful Strangers," which also stars good friends Lovi Poe and Rocco Nacino.

"Though it's really hard, I love being pushed to the limit and it's inspiring to work with really good friends," she shared. ■

### Jasmine Curtis-Smith wants to do a movie with sister Anne



**Jasmine Curtis-Smith**

In the shadow of big sister no more.

Jasmine Curtis-Smith admits she dreams of starring in a movie with big sister Anne Curtis, almost five years after she entered show business.

"One day I would love to kasi nakatrabaho ko pa lang siya sa commercial pero different naman 'yun. I'm sure for something that's longer like a film, and we never really acted together per se," she said in an interview with Pilipino Star Ngayon.

The TV5 star added: "It will really be interesting to see what her method is and what her approach is when it comes to film making."

Jasmine hopes to do a "family-centered movie" that would "focus on the relationship of sisters" with the ABS-CBN star.

The 21-year-old actress was often compared to her sister, the showbiz veteran Anne, when she entered the entertainment industry as a TV5 contract star in 2010.

But the young actress proved she can set a path apart from Anne in showbiz by starring in independent films (including 2013's "Transit" and 2014's "Dementia") and stage plays (she did monologue series "No Filter" earlier this year).

In a previous interview, Jasmine described herself as "indie" in contrast to Anne's more "mainstream" image.

The two have worked together for endorsements. However, they have yet to do a movie to TV project together.

"What my sister taught me is that when you do your job, you have to give your whole self into that and your whole heart," Jasmine said of her sister. "Kasi do'n mo malalaman kung ano 'yung strength and weaknesses mo and what you can work on, to what you can show and cater from your own skills, to what's need to be done for your projects." — Chuck Smith ■

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## Take five with Kylie Padilla



**Kylie Padilla**

It takes little time to pick the brain of someone as intelligent and eloquent as actress-singer Kylie Padilla. In a recent interview, we covered random topics that gave a glimpse of the woman within.

Wanting to set herself apart from others, Kylie is resolved to never, ever pose for a men's magazine just like that.

"It's common na, eh. If I do it I'll just be one of the girls," she said.

"If ever magpapakita ako ng katawan gusto ko ay may impact. Ayoko ng gano'n-gano'n na lang, lilipas na lang after a while. I want to do something na maaalala ng mga tao," she added.

Needless to say, she's also going to be picky when it comes to accepting sexy film roles, if at all.

"Depende sa role," she shared "Gusto ko may impact, ayoko nang lilipas lang."

New guy?

According to recent rumors, Kylie is making sweet music with Benjamin Alves.

The actress, however, insists he is just a good friend.

"Yun lang 'yon," she declared.

Is it possible for them to become an item?

"Hindi. Kasi mawawala 'yung friendship. Ayokong mawala ang friendship namin. Ayokong mawalan ng kaibigan," Kylie explained. How about former flame Aljur Abrenica, we asked.

"We're friends. We talk. Beyond that, wala."

Kylie is in no hurry to get into a new relationship, and she has set her standard.

"Everybody naman is smart, eh. Hahanapin mo na lang talaga sa kanila (kung sino ang pinaka-smart). Dapat kausapin mo to get their brain talking. 'Yun lang naman 'yon," she said.

Healing

With her alabaster skin, Kylie is the perfect image model for Relumins Advance White Intensive Repair Soap and All in One Day Lotion.

Note however, she's not vain with her skin. In fact, she doesn't worry about getting scratched or bruised when working.

"I don't really care kasi if ever, alam ko naman maghe-heal 'yon (sugat). Ayaw ko naman i-restrict ang sarili ko with safe roles just because I worry about my skin. I don't wanna be held back by anything," she explained.

As beautiful as she is, Kylie admitted to have had her fair share of insecurities.

"Halimbawa, feeling ko mataba ako. Pero I counter it immediately like, papatayin mo ang sarili mo para lang maging payat ka? 'Yun ang sinasabi ko sa sarili ko."

If there's a thing she wants to focus on, it's rebuilding her relationship with her family.

"Kasi nawala siya for a while so I'm working on that," she said. ■

## When dreams come true



A teenager from Laguna snagged the top plum at McJIM Dreams Get Real Talent Search and went home P100,000 richer.

Apple Dellela bested five other singing hopefuls namely Zsarina Concepcion, Carmela Ravanilla, Micah Llona and Trix Casauay, as well as Erickson Malabanan, the lone male contender, for the prize.

Dellela is a 19-year-old Communications student of the University of Perpetual Help in Las Piñas. A power belter, she admires the vocal styles of Regine Velasquez and Sarah Geronimo.

"It's a long journey. Napakahirap mamili because from hundreds of contestants, it all boiled down to six exceptionally talented contestants," said Chris Cahilig, Dreams Get Real project head, before announcing the grand winner.

Aside from the P100,000 cash prize, the winner will receive an album grant and a music video.

Growing up, Dellela said she combed the country's every nook and cranny, going as far as Batangas, Quezon, Pampanga, Bulacan and Bataan to join amateur singing contests. Her biggest achievement was winning the Karaoke World Championships 2014 in Stockholm, Sweden. She was also a semi-finalist on GMA 7's popular show, "Bet Ng

Bayan."

Training

Apple was trained in singing by her mom at a young age.

"Pero noong 12 years old ako ay meron na akong professional vocal coach. Morning kami nagpa-practice ng mama ko, about four in the morning ay pinapakanta na ako. 'Habang May Buhay' and 'To Love You More' were my pieces then," she told Manila Bulletin in an interview after the contest.

Dellela belted out Angeline Quinto's "Kunin Mo Na Ang Lahat Sa Akin" and Yeng Constantino's "Ikaw" during the finals held at the Music Museum, Nov. 9.

She felt the songs best expressed her "feelings as a singer kasi marami po akong pinagdaanan."

On her choice of powerful, vocally challenging songs in the contest, Deleva explained, "Kadalasan ng naririnig ko po ngayon ay sweet songs. Gusto kong ibalik kung ano po 'yung nakasanayan ng mga tao na birit kasi ngayon po nawawala na 'yon so naisip ko na ibalik ko 'yon."

She doesn't have immediate plans on how she will spend the P100,000 cash prize.

"Hindi na po ako sasali sa mga amateur contests," she simply said.

With her parents as inspirations, she now aims to level up as a performer.

"Sabi ko nga po sa mama ko noong nasali pa ako sa mga amateur singing contests since ten years old, sana ito na 'yung maging daan para matapos na rin ang pagsali ko sa mga amateur contests kasi ang hirap po talaga. Inaabot po kami ng umaga. Sabi ko sa mama ko sana ito na ang daan, ito na ang way ni Lord," she said. ■

## Gabby Concepcion: A life of light and shade



**Gabby Concepcion**

It's not easy for any parent to be estranged from their kids.

For veteran actor Gabby Concepcion, it took him years to reconnect with his children, namely: KC Concepcion with Megastar Sharon Cuneta; Gabrielle with Grace Ibuna;

Cloie with Jenny Syquia.

Gabby also has two other angels, Samantha Alexis and Savannah, his daughters with his current wife Genevieve Gonzalez.

Such was the task of rebuilding relationships with kids that, during his 50th birthday celebration last year, all his daughters were there except for Cloie.

About his estranged relationship with her, Gabby said, "Siguro iba 'yung orientation sa kanya kasi foreigner eh. So iba 'yung ano, may distance. Nakita ko na nahihiya siya at saka syempre hindi pa ready. May ganun eh."

Gabby believes everything comes at the right time.

"Kasi si KC, when she was ready hinanap n'ya na ako. Si Garrie (Gabrielle) same din, dinalaw n'ya ako du'n (US), pinilit niya na 'yung nanay niya. Ganun talaga, merong tamang panahon."

Gabby admitted he doesn't meddle with his daughters' lives,

especially when it comes to love. He maintained, however, that he will always be there for them, no matter what.

The actor just celebrated his 51st birthday a few days ago. Among his well-wishers was KC, who took to Instagram to post: "Poppie I know I greeted you privately but just wanted to tell the world that I LUHH YOU! Happy Birthday month to the man who inspires me to get out, live for the moment and enjoy life."

Religion and politics Gabby denied rumors he will be converting as a member of the Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC), having immersed in the religion following his stint in the biopic "Felix Manalo."

He maintained he can't without his family converting to the religion as well.

"Pagka wala kasi 'yung family mo at ikaw lang, parang alienated ka. So even if you tried (to convert), baka iwanan mo rin," he said.

As for politics, "Komplikado, you know life is not that simple pala...

Sabi ko it's idealistic, you can contribute our time and effort, ideas and beliefs. Pero iba. Politics is not for me palagay ko. Sa ngayon ayaw ko pa, siguro I'm too young for it. Baka pagdating ng panahon siguro."

A lighter fare Overcoming past family hurdles, Gabby is happy his life is so much lighter now.

He is likewise thrilled about the way his career is going. In fact, he looks forward to playing lead on GMA-7's "Because Of You" opposite Carla Abellana.

He explained, "Normally kasi 'yung ginagawa ko, 'yung villain, 'yung salbahe, 'di ba? In this case, baligtad. Here, it's the girl ang gumagawa ng (dahilan) kaya kami nag-break."

A lighthearted romantic series, "Because Of You" is about love and family. "Sabi ko, 'This is it.' It's not the same role na nambababae ka, nananampal ka and whatever. No, wala 'yun. Feel good teleserye kami," Gabby said. ■



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# If Solenn Heussaff could turn back time



Solenn Heussaff has a semi-regret and that is for her to have studied Tagalog at a young age.

Though born and raised in the Philippines, Solenn never bothered to learn the language until she entered showbiz some five years ago.

Solenn Heussaff "I should have listened to my mom...palagi niya sinasabi na I should study (Tagalog) pero sinasabi ko palagi na ayoko ng ganu'n," she said.

The singer-actress eventually forgot about it when, after finishing high school, she left to study fashion design in France.

Solenn returned to Manila in 2005. She worked as an intern for House of Lulu by Lulu Tan-Gan. Later, photographer Xander Angeles picked her as model for his "Philippines' Most Gorgeous" exhibit.

Showbiz beckoned thereafter and it was only then Solenn realized she needed to learn the language.

"I have been learning a lot of Tagalog words now but speaking straight Tagalog is another story," she said.

The past few months have been really hectic for Solenn, but she and her family plan to take a break come Christmas holiday and travel to Argentina.

"Lagi kami andu'n for the last five years every Christmas," she said.

Solenn's wish for 2016 is to have more work.

"I will just go with the flow. I also want to have a film na parang story ng 'Gone Girl' na parang psycho or parang 'A Walk To Remember' na cute and pambata," she said.

She also wants to do a comedy flick. "I love comedy kasi mas kalog ako sa totoong buhay. It's so hard for me to create drama scenes," she said.

Solenn also wishes to work with John Lloyd Cruz. "Kasi sobrang galing niya," she said.

Turning out a success in everything she gets into, be it modeling, acting or business, Solenn credits her family for the guidance they always give her.

"My parents helped prepare me to handle all the blessings coming my way," she said.

Aside from family, Solenn relies on her friends for much-needed respite from the limelight. This is why she often hangs out with them.

"When you are in showbiz kasi eh, you hear the same things, like chismis. So you need to diversify yourself and speak to other people," she explained.

### NEW CHALLENGE

Solenn is now on "Marimar" where she plays Capuccina Blanchett, a French-Spanish dance instructor who teaches the titular character proper etiquette.

In preparation for the role, Solenn attended a cloth-suspension dance class. "Medyo mahirap kasi 'di naman talaga ako dancer. Matigas ang katawan ko pero they said na nagyo-yoga naman ako so sabi nila okay, kaya mo 'yan," she said.

Working with the show's stars including Megan Young and Tom Rodriguez has been fun for Solenn. "Sa first scenes ko eh, medyo nahihiya pa ako pero nu'ng second week eh, medyo comfortable na ako," she said.

Aside from the series, she hosts three-year-old "Taste Buddies." She is also working on two movies due in cinemas in January 2016.

She will have a new movie out in February 2016 dubbed "Lakbay To Love" co-starring Dennis Trillo.

The busy-body is planning to stage an art exhibit the same month where she'll display 30 of her original pieces, including life-sized paintings and furniture. Solenn will also launch an acoustic album next year.

"Marimar" airs weeknights on GMA-7. ■

## Kris Aquino shares photos with Obama at welcome dinner



**In an Instagram post on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2015, Kris Aquino shares a photo of herself with United States President Barack Obama during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation welcome dinner at the Mall of Asia Arena.**

Not even TV host-actress Kris Aquino can stop herself from taking a photo with United States President Barack Obama.

The 21 leaders of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) gathered for a welcome dinner hosted by the Philippines at the Mall of Asia Arena on Wednesday.

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The APEC leaders were welcomed by President Benigno Aquino III, Senate President Franklin Drilon, House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte and other Filipino officials. And, of course, as a presidential sister, the ABS-CBN star was present during the welcome dinner and took to immediately to share some highlights from the event.

The 44-year-old actress took a photo of herself with Obama in the background.

"Look who is behind me? He caught me taking the selfie & was so GAME!" she said.

She also took a photo of her brother with Obama. "I'm seated in the table directly behind PNoy & POTUS. Trying my best to eavesdrop but the music is strong," Kris posted.

Kris later shared a moment with the US president, wherein she told Obama, "Thank you Mr. President for being so good to the Philippines."

The "Kris TV" host also said she was seated with Alibaba founder Jack Ma during the welcome dinner. She had a photo taken with Ma and Jollibee Food Corp.'s Tony and Grace

Tan Caktiong.

"So inspiring to be in the presence of achievers/billionaires who helped uplift the lives of so many through their foresight, drive, and fortitude," she said.

Kris added: "Mr. Ma told me that in his home in Hangzhou China he has 5 Filipinos in his staff, and that they are among his most trusted & loyal employees."



**Nonoy Aquino (left) and Obama**

The welcome dinner, the set up of which was designed by Kenneth Conbonpue, also featured performances by local artists such as Charice, Martin Nievera, Gary Valenciano and Apl de Ap.

"Tonight, we Filipinos want to share something of our culture through our food, songs, and dance. And it is my hope you will see why so many have said it is more fun in the Philippines," the president said.

On Tuesday, Kris accompanied Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto during his state visit. ■



## After showbiz absence, Diether Ocampo returns via TV5 show



**Diether Ocampo attending the 9th Star Magic Ball in Makati City.**

Diether Ocampo returned to television more than two years after his last major showbiz project.

But Diether, who has been associated with ABS-CBN since the start of his showbiz career, will be seen on a different television network this time: TV5.

The actor will star in two editions of the Kapatid network's weekly romance anthology series "Wattpad Presents." He will star in "Wicked Ways" with Ritz Azul and John James Uy from November 23 to 27 and "Mr. Wrong" with Sam Pinto from December 14 to 18.

This doesn't mean, however, that Diether will permanently be a TV5 star.

"Of course, I'm still with ABS, in fact, I just took this opportunity which I'm very thankful coz hindi pa ako nakapag-guest sa Channel 5 so this is the first time na magkatrabaho ako with the production of TV5 and this is the initial project that we accepted, of course, there will be two episodes," he told Pang-Masa.

Diether also said, "I've been in ABS-CBN for how many years and this is the first time that they offered me in Channel 5, so sabi ko, why not? It's also something to explore."

The Star Magic talent was set to star in the ABS-CBN drama "Someone To Watch Over Me" with Judy Ann Santos and Richard Yap. However, the project was postponed due to Judy Ann's pregnancy and he is yet to receive a project from the Kapamilya network since.

His last major project with ABS-CBN is "Apoy sa Dagat" with Angelica Panganiban and Piolo Pascual which aired from February to July 2013.

"I was anticipating na ibang experience 'yung maano ko rito but I'm quite surprised in a good way dahil siyempre, having to work with these new artists," he said.

"Sa panahon ngayon, 'pag may trabaho, you know, walang masamang tinapay diyan," Diether added. ■

## Maja Salvador on life, love: Never give up



**Maja Salvador during her "Majasty" concert at the Mall of Asia Arena on Friday, November 13. "Sa kahit anong gawin n'yo, 'wag na 'wag kayong mag-give up," the ABS-CBN actress tells her audience during the concert.**

Aside from showcasing her singing and dancing talent, Maja Salvador shared to her fans some words of wisdom during her "Majasty" concert at the Mall of Asia Arena on Friday.

In between performances during her concert, the ABS-CBN star expressed her thoughts about life and love based on her experiences. "Sa kahit anong gawin n'yo, 'wag na 'wag kayong mag-give up," she told her audience. "Pati sa buhay 'wag na 'wag kayong mag-give up because God knows you're worth it. Kaya tayo ginawa ng Diyos because we're worth it."

Maja also talked about love. It can be remembered that the 27-year-old actress called it quits with Gerald Anderson early this year.

"Ang pagmamahal sa kaibigan, sa

pamilya, walang kapantay 'yon," she said.

After the concert, Maja took to social media to thank her fans for supporting her "dream."

"Dream ko lang mag perform nuon. Dream ko lang maging JLO o Beyonce ng kahit isang araw lang. Natupad lahat yun. Pero ang pinaka the best ay yung tinanggap ko na never akong magiging si JLO o kaya si Beyonce kaya naman masaya ako nung ibinigay ko kung anong kayang ibigay ni MAJA," she posted on her Instagram account on Sunday.

Maja added: "Yes di ko napuno ang MOA. Pero nung isang gabi PUNONG PUNO ng pagmamahal ang MOA. Bawat labas ko di kayo nagsasawang maghiyawan at magpalakpakan." ■

## Vhong and Alex recall struggling days



**Vhong Navarro and Alex Gonzaga**

Her hosting stint and his sitting as dance master on ABS-CBN's newest reality dance competition, "Dance Kids," send Alex Gonzaga and Vhong Navarro on trips down memory lane.

Alex shared how she and sister Toni Gonzaga struggled to enter and make it in show business.

"Meron isang contestant, doon sa send-off nila, ang sabi niya, 'Kuya, galingan mo.' Naalala ko noong nag-audition kami ng ate ko (Toni) sa 'Ang TV' na hindi kami nakuha pareho. Sinama ako ng ate ko

tapos nasarhan pa ako ng pintuan, kaming dalawa. Nakita ko pa si Mr. M (director Johnny Manahan) pero hindi na ako naaalala ni Mr. M," she said.

Vhong, on the other hand, was reminded of his days as a struggling dancer, before destiny smiled on him when he joined Streetboys.

"Nakaka-relate din ako sa mga bata na hindi nakapag-aral sa formal dance school. Ako kasi, laki ako sa kalye. Nagre-rehearse ako sa kalsada (kung saan) nahihinto kayo kasi baka masagasaan kayo. Ipo-pause mo muna ang radio at saka mo na lang itutuloy," he said.

Vhong added: "Alam natin na ang mga bata (na contestants), kinapos para makapag-aral (ng sayaw) dahil walang budget. Ang iba talaga ay nanonood (na lang) sa Youtube or nagpa-practice sa damuhan."

Working together on the show is a welcome experience to Alex

because Vhong is a close friend of her sister Toni.

"Nakakatrabaho ko (na rin) siya minsan sa 'It's Showtime' tapos kasama ko pa siya doon sa MMFF movie ko," she said. "Nag-uusap kami, (tipong) 'O, anong oras ka bukas? Ano ang gagawin mo? May shooting ba tayo ng dance skills?' Normal lang (kami sa isa't-isa)."

Alex lauded Vhong for being "smart."

"Kapag nagkomento si Kuya Vhong (sa mga dancers), ang dami niyang terms na alam. Doon mo makikita na talagang pagdating sa dancing ay bihasa na siya talaga. Napapabilib (ako) sa kanya dahil nakikita mo ang other side ni Vhong...na parang kuya talaga pagdating sa dancing."

No wonder the contestants love Vhong as Alex herself attested.

"Lahat ng bata, idol nila si Kuya Vhong. Gusto nila palagi showdown with Kuya Vhong..."

So emotional, electric Alex gave the press preview of goings-on inside the Family Room of the show, saying how emotional relatives become once the contestant performs on stage.

"Makikita mo ang relationship sa Family Room, kung gaano ka-tight talaga as a family. Hindi pa umiiyak 'yung bata ay umiiyak na 'yung nandito sa Family Room," she said. "Sobra 'yung reaction nila...parang mamatay na sila (sa kaba). Sobra 'yung connection nila sa kapamilya nila."

Her role on "Dance Kids" is to attend to the kids' family.

"Ako 'yung kumakausap sa mga bata bago sila sumayaw and then ako 'yung sumasalubong. During the performance, kasama ko 'yung family nila sa Family Room."

Also hosted by Robi Domingo, "Dance Kids" airs Saturdays at 6:15 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. ■



## Philippine election hopefuls have one last day to file their interest

By Aya Lowe

MANILA: (Oct. 15, 2015) Election hopefuls in the Philippines have one more day to file their certificates of candidacy if they want to stand for

election next year.

More than 18,000 positions are available, from President to municipal mayor.

Thursday (Oct 15), the second



Philippine President Benigno Aquino (front R) and ruling party candidates former interior secretary Mar Roxas (front L) and his running mate Leni Robredo (AFP)

last day, saw two presidential and vice presidential teams filing their intention to run.

Former secretary Mar Roxas and Maria Leonor 'Leni' Robredo were one of the first to file their certificates of candidacy to run for President and Vice-President.

They started their morning with mass in a Catholic Church, followed by breakfast nearby with current Philippine President Benigno Aquino, who accompanied them into the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) building to show his support.

Mr Roxas, in the latest presidential preference surveys, hovers between 2nd or 3rd in a list of would-be presidential bets. Meanwhile, the latest survey from polling body Pulse Asia placed Mrs Robredo 10th among 12 possible vice presidential bets.

"Leni (Robredo) and I are all in," said Mr Roxas. "We will give everything for this fight. This fight is worth fighting for our countrymen, for every Filipino family, and for their dreams."

Grace Poe and her running mate Francis 'Chiz' Escudero arrived

later in the afternoon to file their certificates of Candidacy. Poe, a political novice known for being the daughter of the late actor-turned-politician Fernando Poe Jr., was the first presidential candidate to choose a running mate.

Mr Escudero is a seasoned politician who has served three terms in the House of Representatives. Both are front runners in the presidential and vice presidential surveys.

"Our government changed a lot under the administration of President Aquino," said Ms Poe. "(But) there are still lots of programs that we need to give for the people in need, so everyone will succeed and be thankful that we are not left out by our government."

Alongside the presidential and senatorial hopefuls have been a slew of nuisance bets, among them 'Intergalactic Earth Ambassador' Allan Carreon and one other candidate bearing a swastika. The campaign period will officially start in February, 90 days before Election Day.

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Political dynasties to dominate Philippine polls in 2016

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MANILA: Election season is under way in the Philippines and investors are in for a wild ride of power-politics dominated by entrenched family dynasties, whose machinations will leave little room for serious debate on badly needed reforms.

The wife, son, daughter and nephew of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos will all run in the May 2016 elections, joining a host of other privileged candidates from elite families seeking to keep their hold on power in local

and national politics.

"The problem with elite politics is there is no programme or platform, it's all power," said Ramon Casiple, executive director of the advocacy group Institute for Political and Electoral Reforms.

The family of Vice President Jejomar Binay is another high-profile dynasty, having ruled Manila's Makati financial district for nearly three decades. Binay's daughter is ending her term as congresswoman and will run for mayor in 2016, hoping to replace her brother who is facing a graft case. Her businessman husband, a political novice, will run for her seat in Congress.

Binay, meanwhile, has his sights set on replacing President Benigno Aquino.

"A lot of these political dynasties feel they own the seats that they occupy and its theirs to bequeath, to whoever family member they see fit," anti-



'CHOOSE ONE.' If the Senate version of the anti-political dynasty bill passes, Senator Koko Pimentel says the Binays will have to choose only one member to hold public office. File photo from Senator Binay's Facebook page

Under the bill Pimentel is finalizing, only one family member will be allowed to hold public office from the barangay (village) to the national level. The senator said that this would mean that in the case of the Binay dynasty, the 3 children presently in office will have to give way to their father's presidential bid.

"Nancy Binay's term is until 2019 so she is the incumbent national official. Therefore, if her father who is related to her by one degree [of consanguinity] wants to run for public office, this time for president, the family has to decide," Pimentel said

on Wednesday, June 10.

"If the father will run for president, the national official must resign because the mandate of the bill when it becomes law is to prevent the dynastic situation," he added.

There are 4 Binays holding key national and local posts: the Vice President and his children, Senator Binay, Makati Representative Abigail Binay-Campos, and Makati Mayor Jejomar Erwin "Junjun" Binay Jr.

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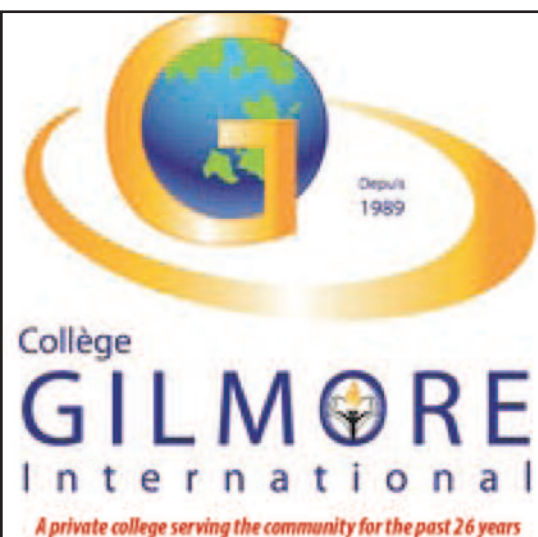
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