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The MARINDUQUE SOCIETY OF TEXAS & THE GULF STATES
Proudly presents... the people who made our days full of fun and colorful!!



Picture courtesy of Willie Due (MCSC)

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Lorna & Gerry

There are parties, seminars, reunions, and other get-togethers
This one is A Gala, A Bash, A Round up!!!

Gerry Mantaring stood tall scanning the horizon on the plains of Huston. The scorching Texas sun was blazing blocked only by his Stetson. He climbed back into his SUV and let loose all 250 horses and it was when he approached Galveston that it hit him. "We should have a roundup" he thought – a gathering of all MI chapters here in MASTEG territory. Back at the ranch, he summoned first his family. George and Leslie and the beautiful Lorna. They planned the MI reunion at MASTEG.

Preparations were made, websites were set up by George and Leslie



Gerry's Kids



Jim & Linda M. Claire



Thelma & Toots Santos



Nanette & Noly Ricohermoso

and the word was out - August 9, 2007. the date of the MI roundup *yup git along little doggies we're having a party!* And they came by the hundreds, family by family, chapter by chapter by land , by sea and air into Sugarland Territory. Other than Gerry and his family, all his "ranch hands" pitched in – Dickey Labao was the foreman and there were Lib Mantaring, Bing Carpio, Tess de la Cruz, Imelda Chiang, Carol Cua, Linda and Jim Claire and wranglers Josie Chretien, Ernie Solas, Emory de la Cruz, Rey Reynoso and Greg Narvas. Country western music was playing that night at the Regal Ranch-Elvis, Martina McBride, Bill Haley were playing to the boogie tunes and line dancing ensembles. Those who dared rode the mechanical bull –all were garbed in their cowboy, cowgirl attire, boots Stetsons and all! Food and ale was aplenty and chatter and laughter filled the room.

Wyatt Earp Coogie de la Santa, Doc Holiday Hector Sulit got ready for their gunfight at OK coral. Doc Rudy Jao was enroute. Thursday nite 7PM, was Welcome Nite, a Texas Roundup. All came in full cowboy & cowgirl attire, boots, hats and denim pants or skirts & white or checkered shirts with bandanas compliments of MASTEGS.

There were Jim & Linda Mantaring-Claire. Her daughter Trina together with Gerry & Lorna children, George, Gerry Boy and Leslie were very much interactive making all the activities a success. We also met Pedro Mantaring, our classmate up to maybe 1st year high school until he joined the Priesthood.

That night, they counted all representatives of each Chapter, and of course, who has the biggest delegation but Southern California with the leadership of our dear friend and classmate, Bernard Mananzan, Jr. They had 47 delegates. Bernard and Evelyn, Dr. Hector & Paz Sulit, Luz Mondonedeo, Noly & Nanette Luarca Ricohermoso Willy and Fe (Ignacio from Laylay) Leano, Vivian Jao- Herrera, Joyce & Rey Ancog, Grace and Paul Regan with their 3 teens, Mike and Mila Miciano, Agnes Lardizabal & Flo Apeles, Marijoe & Bong Salvo, Henry Bunag and their Class of 67.

The next Chapter who ranked largest in number was Maryland with the Mataac family headed by Celso & Vilma Mataac having 11 together with Eddie & Menchita Salcedo and Deo & Loyda Sore (fr. Gasan) and of course Cougie and Terry de la Santa, who is the President for MACA Chapter.

Mississauga & Niagara, Toronto MCSC (Canada) came very close with Susie Malangis and Willie Due, Aven & Elsie Sto. Domingo, Ned (Nene) and Luz Sto. Domingo (total of 6) and then came rallying was Northern California (SF) with Edgar & wife Lita



Dr. Rudy & Tessie A. Jao



Dr. Hector & Paz Sulit



Cugie & Teri Dela Santa



Dio & Loyda Sore

Alandy (fr. Sta. Cruz), Mr. & Mrs. Fausto, Cesar & Dinah Alino (also 6). MACUSA from Chicago headed by Dr. Rody & Tessie Agana Jao together with Dr. Bill Magsino and wife VI Luz Magsino fr. Amoingon, Ching Jao Manalo and came also, Dr. Virgie Madla and husband Chito Madla fr. Balimbing (all 7 of them). MABC (Vancouver, CA) had 2 delegates, Annie Jalac Miles (fr. Buenavista) & Olga Luarca Quiazon and of course MASTEKS who had about 25 families with about 2 per family.

There were prizes for best dressed and 20 people were selected for the best costumes. They narrowed it down and the winner was Vilma Mataac, wife of Celso Mataac

We ended our 1st Activity - Welcome Nite with an authentic Texan Round Up in Regal Ranch surrounded by Corn fields and Stables for Horses and Cows. We learned to square dance and dozy doe. MESA delegates practiced line dancing with a CD that Amy Mondonado brought with her - Bibong Bibo ka...ang galing galing. We had a great time and we lost track of the time so we had to start packing up at 11:30 or the Ranch owner will charge more MASTEKS more.

Going home late at night was a challenge as you had to survive the Houston/Sugarland traffic. Day 2 was Golf tournament day at 8AM and the Picnic at 12 noon.

. Golfers sought respite from the heat led by Al Molato, the Tiger Woods of Mogpog. golfers who shared with us the experiences they had playing 4 hrs under the Houston heat of 105 temp. All the good golfers said that they thought they would only make it to the 9th hole. Annie Jalac Miles fr. Vancouver surprisingly made it to the 18 th hole. The winner of course was Al Molato followed by Dr. Rudy Jao and then Noly Ricohermoso.

At the picnic, food came by the buckets. There were crabs, shrimp, roast pig, "paksiw" Filipino spaghetti. For desert there was "halo halo" and chocolate fondue.

The food was served in an air-conditioned room in the picnic grove. After eating, each chapter performed their karaoke favorites courtesy of none other than the "karaoke king" Flo Apeles There were tables and chairs outside where Flo Apeles set up his karoake ready for those who wanted to belt out their voices for everybody's enjoyment. Who else started but Marijoe and Thelma who began the sing along so that others will follow and had a good time. So many groups of people met each other, some from Torrijos and Gasan and it was surprising how many Marinduquenos are in Texas esp. Dallas and Houston.

Old acquaintances got together discussing old times and old flames re-kindled. The warmth and friendship which could be found only in Marinduque permeated the occasion. All of a sudden their hearts sang and memories of young love in the plaza and the beaches of Balogo and Laylay came back After 5PM everyone packed up as



Celso & Vi Mataac



Willie & Susie M. Due



*Jao Sisters
Vivian and Ching*



Flo & Agnes L. Apeles

there was still the Skit Contests among Chapters that will be presented as Cultural and Social values from Marinduque. Each Chapter had to present a skit and that was Friday nite 7PM.

The skit presentation by Chapters had a theme for our Marinduque social values, our way of talking with parents esp when someone is courting you or serenading you. MESA presented Mary Ann Rivera Curiba as Maria and Rod Curiba as her suitor and parents Steve and Alma Sosa as parents who sheltered their daughter, Maria from any of suitors who are not serious with their good intentions.

Southern California, had a bigger motif from the Spanish conquistadors who gave us our love for dancing and singing, and gave a presentation of dances....Tinikling and Itik Itik with Grace and Paul Regan 3 teens dancing complete with bamboo planks and beautiful costumes. Ms. Luz Mondoneda (younger sister of our dear teacher, Ms. Amparo Mondoneda in English) was the narrator and they did a harana of a group of young bachelors serenading beautiful ladies complete with props.

MACA - MARYLAND & VIRGINIA did the same motif of serenading beautiful women and songs and dances. MASTECS thru Greg Narvas, presented the peculiarity of our spoken language when having conversations...*ano ngani бага, baka ka magtuwarik ...etc.*

The winner was announced after all Chapters voting for the best skit presented and of course, Southern California won again and came MASTECS and then Maryland MACA. The Cup was awarded by Gerry and explained that we can include this kind of Cultural

Presentation in our next Biennial Convention and Grand Reunion and we can come better prepared next 2 yrs. The Cup will have the Chapter's name engraved as the winner for that year.

At 9:30 Pm, packed up and retreated to a Mini Business Caucus Meeting scheduled at 10PM as a preliminary meeting taking up 2 topics such as the Mission of Love and the MI Inc. Officers Election.

We were all glad that there were concerns opened up and we noted down suggested management of problems that may arise in our next Medical Mission. Also, The Election process was explained by Dr. Hector Sulit that opened the eyes of each delegate in the Electoral Process of MI Inc. for its 2008-2010 Officers.

At about 1a.m., the meeting adjourned with a reminder that the we are packed with Agenda for the next Saturday's meeting and that we have to start at 8:30 a.m.. The minutes of the Meeting will



Mr. & Mrs. Diki Labao



Steve & Alma Sosa



Terry & Jasmin M. Mananzan

follow as a continuation of this Summary of our 3 day Houston Event held in Marriott Sugarland TX. And of course, there was the finale GALA DINNER DANCE and the next day Thanksgiving Mass and Lunch at the Mantaring Residence.



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