



People Now In Action



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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

~EVENTS SCHEDULES~

[Click here](#) for schedules of events, meetings and activities.

~REMINDER~

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items for the food bank, and warm jackets and blankets for the homeless whenever you come to the PNIA Center



The President's Corner

It never fails. Whenever there is a call for work to be done at the Center or any other place for community service, the PNIA (People Now In Action) group is always ready and willing to assist. I am blessed to lead an organization with members who can always be counted on to lend a helping hand in whatever community service that comes our way. I cannot ask for a better team. Thank you so much to all of you for your contributions – talents, hard work, sweat, and monetary donations to make PNIA worthy of its goals in making a difference in the community.

Another case in point is the almost completed Acoustic Tile project. Four years ago, Dave Allfrey came to me after our meeting and told me that he had a hard time trying to keep up with what was going on at our meetings because of the “echoing” of sound in our dining



Quintin Mugas and Sal Salvino install the ceiling grids where the acoustic panels are glued and stapled. Charlie Romine looks on.

room area. He suggested that we should consider installing acoustic panels on the dining room ceiling. I



Quintin Mugas and Bob Lundberg install grids on ceiling.



Manny Abutin drills pilot holes on grids.

confided to him and made a promise that soon as the major things that needed to be fixed or replaced are completed, I will look at this sound abatement issue. After working on this project for the last three weeks and the ceiling panels applied to three fourths of the ceiling, I was ecstatic. I can hear and understand what is being said so much better! I was one that recognized the difference, as did several other people. I am waiting for Manny

Abutin, PNIA's Fact Finder, who



John Seay installs a ceiling panel.

adamantly stated that we were wasting our time and money because it will not work - to be proven wrong! This project is unique in the sense that it was not just the men doing the work, but our ladies participated, too. In addition to making it noteworthy is that the



Pat Allfrey holds a cut-up ceiling panel. *project was done under the supervision and guidance of **Charlie Romine**, our Master Chief Builder with her thirty years naval service with the Naval Construction Battalion. After 18 packages of ceiling panels, 24 tubes of caulking and liquid nails, three scheduled Wednesdays, a Saturday get-together, and two watch-standers working on their duty days, the ceiling job is 99% complete. There will be additional cleaning, trim work, and small items that need to be performed. These can be done adequately by our duty watch-standers. I am very grateful to all*

*our members and I make special mention of our newest member, **Dante Ganaden**. His abilities in carpentry impressed Charlie. My thanks go to Richard "Sal" Salvino,*



Rudy Nartea installs caulking around the panel edges.

*for his pneumatic tools that enabled us to quickly attach the panels, and also to **Pete Hammerling** who gladly comes and lends us his tools when we need them. **Pat Allfrey** surprised me with her skill in the application of liquid nail with caulking gun. She might not like doing crocheting or knitting, but no one can do a better caulking bead on a ceiling panel better that Pat. Way to go Pat. You know that the next time, there is a project like this; you will be the first one I will call.*



Mel Angeles putting the finishing touches

*The project participants are: Supervisors - **Charlie Romine/Roy Padaca**; Workers - **Manny Abutin,***

Pat Allfrey, Mel Angeles, Tony Caligdong, Nap Esperanza, Dante Ganaden, Bob Meria, Quintin Mugas, Richard Salvino, John Seay, Bob Lundberg and myself. Another project done was the installation of the required roofing addition on the newly built cooking shed. **Robert Yago** and **John Seay** finished the job. Thank you all for a job well done.

*The Day-End Dough-nation Program is ongoing. Thanks to the leadership of **Bob Meria** with the assistance of **Susie Meria, Cindy and Mel Angeles, Quintin Mugas, Richard Salvino** and myself in the Tuesday and Thursday distributions.*

*Our first 2013 Adopt-a-Highway program will be on April 13, Saturday. Please sign up on the volunteer list so it will facilitate the calling of participants when they are needed. We need at most ten volunteers each time. There will be four pickups scheduled for this year. **Robert Yago** will be PNIA's Certified First aid Coordinator. **Charlie Romine** has also volunteered to be the alternate.*

The following events will also happening this March and April.

1. PNIA will be hosting the Missions Night Celebration from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on March 19, 2013. Missionaries Doyle and Linda Moore, Founders of the BMAP Bible College will be our special guests for the evening. They will be accompanied by Chaplain Don Biadog, Jr. and will be presenting slide shows about their missionary work in the Philippines since 1976 to the present. There will be special emphasis on Balikbayan Boxes packed and shipped by PNIA volunteers and sent to the College.

Soup, sandwiches, and chips will be served during the break through the courtesy of **Pat Alfrey**, our PNIACoordinator of the Community Soup Program and the assistance of our willing and able volunteers. I urge the members to come and join all of us in welcoming them.

2. The Bataan Remembrance Day will be on April 6, Saturday. This is

a yearly event. If you missed participating in the past years' celebrations, I encourage all of you to attend to show support for our World War II veterans and to celebrate their gallantry and sacrifices.

3. April 27, Saturday – Fiesta Ilocandia 2013 is fast approaching. Let us all work together to make this

successful one. With **Dave Alfrey** at the helm, I have no qualms that it will be another resounding success or the best one ever.

God Bless and I hope to see more of you at the Center.

R. Nartea

Welcome New Members

PNIA Board of Directors, Officers and members proudly welcome our newest members, **Buddy Calfy** and **Dante Ganaden**.

Celebrations

Members who are celebrating their
birthdays in March – **HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

*Cindy Angeles, Francis Cabaluna
Ed Tacardon, Emy Quitevis
Lyda Magno, Manny Abutin*



Members who are celebrating their wedding
anniversaries in March –
CONGRATULATIONS!

*Mila and Archie Dela Cruz
Marcelina Graham
Aida and Leo Monis
Denia and Ed Tacardon*



Fiesta Ilocandia 2013

This year's Fiesta Ilocandia is on **Saturday, April 27st**, 5:00 -11:00 PM at the PNIAC Multi-Cultural Center. The overall coordinator is **Dave Alfrey**. The tickets are being distributed. Ask Dave if you need more tickets. Ticket prices are \$30.00 for general admission, \$15.00 for children 10-15 years old and "**by donation**" for children under 9 years old. If you need tickets contact Dave or **Tita Nartea**. The food will be catered

and desserts will be donated by the general membership. If you plan to advertise in the Souvenir Program please please fill out the Advertisement form submit it with your picture and your payment attached to **Madeline Tabafunda**. The form can be obtain from the Center or downloaded from our website, www.pniasite.weebly.com. The souvenir program will be in color similar to last year's fiesta. Donations for advertisement spaces

are \$25 for ¼ page, \$50 for ½ page and \$100 for a full page. **Andrea Padaca** is in charge of assembling and printing the program. She asks that all completed advertisement forms be submitted two weeks prior to the Fiesta so that the souvenir program can be printed in time for the event.

Let's all continue to push the tickets and solicit more advertisers. The event is rapidly approaching.



The Pacific Northwest Ilocandia Association

proudly presents

FIESTA ILOCANDIA 2013

Saturday, April 27, 2013, 5:00 - 11:00 PM at the PNIA Multi-Cultural Center
1403 Sidney Ave, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Donation: \$30.00 (General) \$15.00 (10 - 15 Years Old)
9 Years Old & Under - By Donation



PNIA'S own songstress Cindy Angeles sang the popular Philippine love song, "Gaano Ko Ikaw Kamahal" ("How Much I Love You").



Lawiswis Kawayan (which means, the hissing sound of the wind in the bamboo) dance is a folk dance that is popular in the islands of Kolmbugan, Lanao, Samar and Leyte. There are six versions of this dance. The one shown is a version performed with female dancers holding branches of the "kalipayan" bush and swayed in time to the music.



The tinkling dance is one of the most popular and well known traditional dances in the Philippines. The dance imitates the movement of the tikling birds as they walk between grass stems, run over tree branches, or dodge bamboo traps set by rice farmers. Dancers imitate the tikling bird's legendary grace and speed by skillfully maneuvering between large bamboo poles.

Fiesta Ilocandia is the main fund raising event of PNIA. The support of the community has been instrumental to the success of the organization. We need your continued support to further our vision to a brighter future through community service. Above were the entertainments performed during the Fiesta Ilocandia 2012. So please come and join us for a great dinner, fun and entertainment. Mark your calendar. For more information call 360-871-2019 or email: pnia@hotmail.com.



Saving the Environment: Making Totes

By Jeanne Quindag-Raffels



With today's focus on saving the environment and the ban of plastic

bags in certain areas (i.e. King County), there is greater emphasis on the use of reusable totes. Last

December, I discovered the easiest tote pattern from Pacific Fabrics, which I also adapted into creating

reversible totes. They were such a “hit” during the holidays as gifts that I thought it would be perfect to teach in our Sewing Forum Class.



Lolita Calfy irons while Tita Nartea sews the tote bags

As a result, on Saturday, 23 February, the sewing machines were buzzing at the PNIA Center as six students learned basic tote-making techniques (for groceries with completely finished seams AND stylish, reversible bags with embellishments). The men joined us by adding “bling” with a heat wand



Cindy Angeles and Necie Quilpa sew their tote bags

to two totes, made by Cynthia

Angeles and Necie Quilpa. A couple of our students continued sewing into the evening, after the general



Mel attaches the “bling bling” while being watched closely by Buddy Calfy and Nap Esperanza.

get-together at 3 PM, completing a total of twelve totes (two of which were reversible). Everyone was so proud of their creations and is looking forward to making more totes with pockets, quilted fabric and varied embellishments. If you missed the class and want to make these totes, the pattern may be purchased at your nearest Pacific Fabric store.

So, I hope that beginning and experienced sewists and quilters join us at the PNIA Center. Future classes will include: purses, aprons, quilts, etc. We can all learn from

each other and get inspired to make even greater creations. If you are interested in joining us, please



Finished tote bags. L-R: Cindy Angeles, Necie Quilpa, TitaNartea, Cathy Campisi, Lolita Calfy, Jeanne Quindag-Raffels and Andrea

contact me at pniaboutique@yahoo.com. You will be included in our PNIA Sewing Forum email group, which also provides additional learning resources, such as: sewing and quilting tips, local shows, online classes (mostly free), etc.

Happy Sewing!

[Calling all Crafters for the PNIA Boutique!](#)

By Jeanne Quindag-Raffels

We seek your support of the PNIA Boutique during our 2013 Fiesta Ilocandia celebration. This is a time to highlight your talent and



expertise with your delightful creations through knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, jewelry-making, woodworking, scrapbooking, crafting, etc. It is also an opportunity to demonstrate your newly acquired skills through any of our classes conducted at the PNIA Multicultural Center. Note that the collected funds support our organization's various community activities.

So, please email me at pniaboutique@yahoo.com

working on them. Thank you for your continued support.



regarding your intentions and/or donations, even if you are still

[Life Needs a Little Laughter](#)

This is why we love children!

1) NUDITY

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked!

As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

2) OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

3) KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

4) MORE NUDITY

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

5) POLICE # 1

While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old.

Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked,

"Are you a cop?" "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. "My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?" "Yes, that's right," I told her. "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, "would you please tie my shoe?"

6) POLICE # 2

It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9

partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. ‘Is that a dog you got back there?’ he asked. ‘It sure is,’ I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, ‘What’d he do?’

7) ELDERLY

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs... One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, ‘The tooth fairy will never believe this!’

8) DRESS-UP

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, ‘Daddy, you shouldn’t wear that suit.’

‘And why not, darling?’

‘You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.’

9) DEATH

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister’s son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: ‘Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.’ (I want this line used at my funeral!)

10) SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. ‘I’m just wasting my time,’ she said to her mother. ‘I can’t read, I can’t write, and they won’t let me talk!’

11) BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

‘Mama, look what I found,’ the boy called out... ‘What have you got there, dear?’ With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered, ‘I think it’s Adam’s underwear!’

HOPE THIS BRIGHTENED YOUR DAY.

Source: [Everything Under the Sun, http://chattynance.wordpress.com](http://chattynance.wordpress.com)

The Eagle

This is amazing. It is no wonder there are Scriptural references to the eagle and has such a significant symbolism to our country. When it rains, most birds head for shelter, but the eagle is the only bird that, in order to avoid the rain, would soar over the cloud. No wonder God wants us to “spread our wings and soar with the eagles”.



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