



# Sangguniang Kabataan

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## Alternative Learning System (ALS) launched



ALS project co-sponsors and participants

The Alternative Learning System (ALS) Center in Barangay Concepcion Dos was finally launched on 07 March 2009 in simple ceremonies held at the Barangay Hall Roof Deck.

A joint project of the DepEd Marikina City Division, Rotary Club of Marikina North, as well as the barangay council and the SK, ALS is a 10-month long continuing

program (daily classes from Monday to Friday will be held at the barangay hall) for the benefit of 38 registered out-of-school youth residing mostly in Katipunan and Panganiban. At the conclusion of the project, the participants will take the corresponding equivalency tests; if they pass, they will be deemed to be elementary or high school graduates, as the case may be.

Among those present during the launching rites of this noteworthy project were Kap. Belen Cruz, Kagawads Ronnie Ortiz (the barangay's education committee chair), Raul Catapang, and Loida Solidum; ALS Division Supervisor Danny dela Rosa and ALS District II Coordinator Angelo Libutan from the DepEd; ALS mobile teacher Ms. Ivy Gamatero; 10 members of the Rotary Club of Marikina North led by Pres. Tess Estrellado; SK Chair Iya Parungao and Sk Kagawads Shane Garcia, Chino Villaverde, and Ian dela Cruz; barangay employees; and 32 of the 38 ALS students.



Essay-writing contest winners and contestants

In cooperation with the Rotary Club of Marikina North, an essay-writing contest in both English and Filipino

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### Coming soon: New SK office!

With the inauguration of the barangay's Public Safety & Security Office, the old office that was previously used by the barangay tanods and other security personnel is now available for renovation work for the Sangguniang Kabataan.

The summer is an opportune time to undertake and finish this renovation and other work. Hopefully, the SK will finally have a home it can call its own by June of this year!

## Christmas gift-giving for indigent children

150 indigent kids residing in the barangay received their Christmas gift packs early as SK Concepcion Dos held its annual Christmas gift-giving project at the Barangay Hall grounds. The atmosphere was made more festive as 2 clowns were on hand to entertain them and their parents, and a variety program was undertaken featuring performances from the children themselves. Free dirty ice cream was also provided for them.

The gift packs each contained bags of rice, assorted candies and snacks, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and

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## Message of the SK Chair



*Iya Parungao*

Hi! I hope this message finds you well. After all, for most of you, tapos na ang final exams (sa mga nag-graduate, congrats!), wala ng klase, summer vacation na, wohoo!!

Ang bilis din ng panahon no? Just about a year ago, we in the SK started implementing various projects and activities that we hoped would make us the change we want to be – the list of the council’s major accomplishments are printed in this issue of the newsletter. We had just been elected, and we were still feeling our way around. We were full of ideas and enthusiasm, as can be shown in our group picture below. We wanted to fulfill so many goals, try out different things, and we didn’t pay any attention to those who said we should take it easy or to cynics who said certain things couldn’t be done. We didn’t know then if we could do all that we wanted to do, but we were full of confidence anyway. Sabi nga ni Obama, “Yes, we can!”

And you know what? Yes, we did! Enjoy na enjoy pa tayong lahat! Basta serbisyo lang ang inatupag natin - nothing more, nothing less. We were able to have many and new kinds of projects in different fields – education, leadership training, personality development, sports and physical development, good citizenship, anti-drug abuse, the environment, health, culture, fellowship, and infrastructure. And looking back, one thing is clear: we couldn’t have done all these without you – and without the full support and guidance of the barangay council led by Kap. Belen, organizations like the PYM, DBS, Rotary, CLCI, and KKK, the DILG and City Hall, as well as family and friends!

And so, here we are now – a year older, and hopefully, a year wiser. We will do our best to undertake certain projects that we were not able to do last year, or new projects that are more relevant and helpful. And in all these, be assured that we will ALWAYS serve with you, every step of the way. See you all this summer!!

## Highlights of the SK Sessions (January 11 to March 15, 2009)

### January 11 ‘09 (all present)

- discussion on possible projects for the year 2009
- assessment of accomplishments and performance in 2008
- agreement to defer implementation of ALS project for 2 months until funds are released by City Hall
- post-mortem evaluation and discussion of fourth Katipunan ng Kabataan Assembly, Christmas Gift-Giving, Essay-Writing Contest, and SK Anti-Drug Abuse Patrol projects
- reorganization of committees

### January 25, ‘09 (7 present; absent-Ivy)

- resolution approving and adopting Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2009, as well as accompanying Annual Plan (total budget: Php1,262,774.10)
- discussion of issues regarding try-outs, coaching staff, and players of the barangay’s basketball teams

### February 08, ‘09 (6 present; absent-Ivy & Gerald)

- further discussion and resolution of is-

sues surrounding barangay’s basketball teams

- finalization of calendar of activities for the year

### February 22, ‘09 (7 present; absent-Ivy)

- initial discussion on preparations for Katipunan ng Kabataan General Assembly, Seven Habits seminar, Inter-barangay basketball tournament, Sportsfest, UPCAT review, etc.
- updates on website and newsletter
- preparation of items needed for SK Office

### March 08, ‘09 (6 present; absent-Ivy & Chino)

- final preparations for Katipunan ng Kabataan assembly
- update on 7 Habits participants, website and newsletter & PSBA scholarships
- post-mortem evaluation of Alternative Learning System (ALS) launching rites

### March ‘15, ‘08

- approval and adoption of resolution amending SK Resolution No, 16, Series of 2008 and identifying alternative sources of funding for the Rancho 3 court project



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## Christmas gift-giving...

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other items. The affair was supposed to have been held in the area fronting the Barangay Hall, but due to a sudden downpour, the SK decided to transfer the venue to the Barangay Hall Roofdeck. More than 200 people swarmed the event, making crowd control the order of the day! What an eye-opener for the SK!

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PROJECTS IN 2008

1. **SK ANTI-DRUG ABUSE PATROL** – acquisition of 3 Kawasaki 125 cc. motorcycles and fabrication of sidecars for use of barangay tanods; formally turned over to barangay in December 2008
2. **SEAN COVEY'S "7 HABITS FOR HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS" SEMINAR & WORKSHOP** – 2-day leadership training and personality development activity attended by 25 participants; conducted by the Center for Leadership & Change, Inc.
3. **UPCAT REVIEW PROGRAM** – in cooperation with 'Kabataan Kontra Kahirapan'; 84 participants, with 24 coming from the barangay; 6 straight whole-day Saturday classes which ended with a visit to the UP Diliman campus
4. **SUMMER YOUTH SPORTSFEST** – involved 160 players from 14 participating teams in basketball and volleyball; jointly undertaken with the SPCP Youth Ministry
5. **ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST IN ENGLISH AND FILIPINO** – drew 17 participants from 5 schools; jointly undertaken with the Rotary Club of Marikina North; topic was Rotary's 4-Way Test
6. **REGULARLY-UPDATED SK WEBSITE** (<http://www.sk2.org>) - was cited with a Certificate of Recognition by City Hall during the Marikina Web Awards for being the only SK with a website
7. **4 QUARTERLY ISSUES OF THE SK NEWSLETTER** – supported exclusively by 10 advertisers; 1,000 copies per issue; the only SK with a newsletter in Marikina
8. **4 GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE KATIPUNAN NG KABATAAN** – in compliance with law, the 4 quarterly assemblies drew an average attendance of 90 and featured guest speakers like Raimund Marasigan of Sandwich & Pedicab fame
9. **CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING FOR INDIGENT CHILDREN** – 150 indigent kids were given Christmas gift packs containing rice, assorted candies, toothpaste and tooth brushes, etc.; program featured clowns and on-the-spot presentations
10. **"SPCP IDOL"** – 7 bands & 5 dance groups participated in this event; joint project with SPCP Youth Ministry
11. **"HAPPY TEETH, HAPPY CHILDREN" PROJECT** – more than 200 medical patients, 85 dental patients, and 38 free haircut beneficiaries; joint project with the Rotary Club of Marikina North
12. **PARTICIPATION OF AND FULL SUPPORT TO 3 BASKETBALL TEAMS IN INTER-BARANGAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** – the midgets team placed second, after competing in the championship for the first time in recent history
13. **2 FULL COLLEGE SCHOLARS AT PSBA-MANILA** – in the persons of Robert Cuartelon of Rancho 2 and Erwin Padanan of Rancho 3
14. **NEW FIBERGLASS BASKETBALL BOARDS FOR RANCHO 1 COURT** - done in April 2008
15. **"ADOPT A SCOUT" PROGRAM; SPONSORSHIP OF SCOUTS PALARO** – 45 boy scouts received neckerschiefs, carabao slides, and shirts; investiture ceremonies and sportsfest were likewise supported by the SK and RC Marikina North
16. **25 REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS** - twice-monthly regular sessions were held in 2008
17. **PARTICIPATION IN MALUNGGAY TREE-PLANTING PROJECT** – this was a project of RC Marikina North in February 2008 involving the planting of 1,000 malunggay trees
18. **CO-SPONSORSHIP OF 'MS. GAY & MR. POGI' CONTEST** – in cooperation with Dulaang Bagong Sibol (DBS)
19. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BARANGAY'S HIYANG MARIKINA CONTESTANT** – Ms. Rovie Gonzales placed fourth in this annual pageant
20. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SENAKULO '08** – this DBS show during the Holy Week was supported also by the barangay council
21. **SPONSORSHIP OF CONSTRUCTION OF BENCHES AND RAILINGS IN RANCHO 2** – ongoing
22. **CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED WALKWAY FOR SSS VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS** – ongoing; jointly undertaken with the barangay council
23. **CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CONSTRUCTION OF BASKETBALL COURT IN RANCHO 3** – ongoing; joint project with the barangay council, Cong. Del de Guzman & REHA-3; SK contribution is 414.8K
24. **CO-SPONSORSHIP OF BARANGAY'S CHRISTMAS DISPLAY** – which won 2nd place in the city-wide competition; the SK contributed 100K

### Essay writing contest

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was held by SK Concepcion Dos at the Barangay Hall Roofdeck on 13 December 2008, with Rotary's "Four-Way Test" (or "Apat na Panukat") as the theme. The competition drew the participation of 17 entries from 5 schools (Ateneo, Marikina Science High School, Marist, Infant Jesus, and OLOPS).

Adjudged the winner in the English category was CARLO CHAN of Ateneo, followed by Jon Benedik Bunquin of OLOPSC (2nd) and Muriel Martinez of IJA (third).

In the Filipino category, NATASSIA ADRIANO of Marikina Science High School was the first placer, while Mark Louie Bonayon of Marist and Charlene Wallingford of OLOPSC were second and third, respectively. Comprising the board of judges were members of the Rotary Club of Marikina North.

The awarding ceremonies were held on 16 December 2009 at the La Veranda. The top 3 placers of each category received from Rotary Club President Tess Estrellado and SK Chair Iya cash prizes of P6,000.00, P4,000.00, and P2,000.00, respectively. In addition, the top 10 entries each received a P500.00 cash prize.

## SK Anti-drug Abuse patrol



Left: Kap. Belen signs the letter turning over the motorcycles. Above: The brand-new SK Anti-Drug Abuse Patrol about to be blessed

Three (3) Kawasaki 125 cc. motorcycles with fabricated sidecars, comprising the SK Anti-Drug Abuse Patrol, were formally turned over to the Barangay Council on 20 December 2008 during the latter's Christmas Party at the Barangay Hall grounds. On hand to receive the 3 units were Kap. Belen Cruz, all the Kagawads and barangay officers, members of the police force, barangay tanods, barangay employees, and guests.

During the turnover ceremonies, SK Chair Iya Parungao & SK Secretary Nikolai Adirano read the terms and conditions of the turnover of the motorcycles (maintenance, use, repair, gasoline, budgetary requirements, reports, registration, etc.), after which Kap. Belen gratefully and enthusiastically signed the SK's turnover letter in front of the more than 100 people present. A few days

## KK4: A fun-filled SK Christmas party

On the evening of 13 December 2008, also at the Barangay Hall Roof Deck, more than 80 young residents of the barangay had the time of their lives when they attended the fourth Katipunan ng Kabataan General Assembly for the year. The meeting also served as the SK's much-awaited Christmas Party.

Aside from the usual reports, McDonald's food and drinks, great raffle prizes, and fun games, the Assembly also saw the SK give out special awards to all those who had particularly helped it throughout the year – from Barangay Kap. Belen and the other barangay kagawads, the DILG, PYM, and Rotary, to even the KKK and the SK Federation. Special numbers were performed by the Asteroyd band (which won in the SPCP Idol contest) and some dance groups. The party was fantastically emceed by Kuya Joven.



Above: Entertainment number led SK Kgd. Chino during the Christmas Party



Left: SK Chair Iya & Sk Kgd. Shane. Right: KK5 attendees.

## SK Announcements

What can we expect from the SK this summer of 2009? A lot, actually. For starters, the annual Inter-Barangay Basketball basketball tournament will kick off on March 21st, then there's the Katipunan ng Kabataan Assembly on March 27, followed by the much-awaited '7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens' Seminar on April 2 & 3, and hopefully the UP-CAT review Program throughout April as well.

In the meantime, 5 full PSBA-Manila college scholarships will be up for grabs this coming semester (application forms will be available at the Barangay Hall and the SPC Parish Office), a youth Sportsfest will be held in May, and an anti-drug abuse slogan contest will be launched.