



# Sangguniang Kabataan

# BULLETIN



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## New Voters' Registration Campaign

**W**ith the installation of more than 60 specially-designed multi-colored tarpaulin streamers all over the barangay, and the distribution of leaflets to all the houses in the community, the SK has more than done its share in promoting greater awareness of the deadline for registration of new voters for the 2010 national and local elections, and the importance of doing so, although many of us were then still recovering from the Ondoy tragedy. While we do not have the statistics yet from the Comelec office, it may be safe to say that many folks were able to register, as can be seen from the very long lines at the public market going to the Comelec office during the last week of registration.

Now, if only the Comelec were just a bit more organized.... We hope this won't be an indication of things to come on election day. Sigh.



## 133 Join SK Essay-Writing Contest!



Essay-writing contest winners led by Janine Agnes Ordoveza (standing, 4th from right) & Geraldine Martinez (standing, 7th from right)

**W**e did not expect it. At most, we thought around 70 to 80 high school students would be there at the Multi-Purpose Building of Hacienda Heights Village last Sunday morning, 22 November 2009.

The response, however, was so overwhelming that 133 contestants from 10 Marikina high schools returned to page 3



## SK Joins Barangay Council in Relief Efforts

**N**obody expected it to happen; Ondoy wasn't even a typhoon, for crying out loud. The SK was even making last-minute preparations for its (cancelled) Katipunan ng Kabataan General Assembly scheduled that same day. And yet, when it did, many of the residents in our barangay (including practically all of the baran-



Below: Ondoy victims all lined up. Above: SK in action.

## Message of the SK Chair



Iya Parungao

It's been a truly eventful year for all of us. 2009 has proven to be both challenging and fulfilling. So much has happened that changed a lot of lives . . . But I believe that from all these things, lessons can be found. And for Marikina, we learned that it is not enough for it to be a model city for so many, it must also be ready at all times to meet the challenge and rise above the most devastating situation like ONDOY.

Isang taon na pala ang nakakaraan. Kay dami na nating pinagsamahan. Nandiyang ang Gift giving, ang mga KK, ang memorable (kahit inulan) na concert for a cause, ang campaign for voters' registration, ang 7 Habits, college test tutorials, ang essay writing contest, at pati na rin ang mga relief operations kung saan napakaraming kabataan ng Marikina ang sumali para isulong ang pagbangon ng Marikina. Marami pang wala sa listahang ito. At sa lahat, naging kasangga namin kayo.

May sampung buwan pa kami para maglingkod sa mga kabataan ng Con Dos. Marami pa tayong maaring gawin upang isulong ang mga proyektong naangkop sa ating pag-unlad. Umaasa kaming kaakibat namin kayo sa mga proyektong ito sa mga darating na panahon.

Now that Christmas is just around the corner, allow us in SK to be one with you and your family in welcoming the season of love and caring. May you and your loved ones continue to be blessed today and in the coming year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

---Iya---

## Highlights of the SK Sessions (October to December 13, 2009)

### October 4, '09

- Post-mortem evaluation of relief efforts of the barangay council which the SK joined
- discussion on additional efforts for the voter registration project

### October 25, '09

- adoption of resolutions confirming the appropriation of 40K and 30K for the Christmas Gift-Giving and Essay-Writing Contest, respectively, setting aside 8.5K for the full payment of website costs, and appropriating 60K for the eighth Katipunan ng Kabataan General
- adoption of resolutions realigning 90K for the SK's annual planning session and 100K for the acquisition of various equipment, furniture, and supplies for its newly-renovated office

### November 15, '09

- adoption of resolution realigning 100K for barangay Christmas display project
- finalization of preparations for essay-writing contest

### November 22, '09

- adoption of resolution appropriating/realigning supplemental funds (Php307,987.59) in favor of (i) ALS



Year 2 project (100K), (ii) basketball court renovation project (Gen. San Diego St.; 100K), and (iii) livelihood project (Php107,987.59)

### November 29, '09

- report on essay-writing contest; initial preparations for Katipunan ng Kabataan assembly and Christmas project
- follow-up on various liquidation reports; updates on ongoing infra projects

### December 13, '09

- final preparations for Katipunan ng Kabataan assembly and Christmas

Gift-Giving project

- deliberations on proposed budget for year 2011 and calendar of activities for the first quarter
- updates on SK newsletter and website, post-mortem evaluation of essay-writing contest



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Newsletter Chair: SK Chair Iya Parungao

### 133 Join SK Essay-Writing Contest!

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istered on-site for the club's (and the SK's) English and Pilipino city-wide essay-writing contest. So overwhelming was the response that we ran out of tables and chairs (and snacks), so much so that almost 60 of the contestants had to write their essays immediately outside the venue on the floor!

The contest proper thus was delayed by half an hour, and started at 10:35 A.M. Welcome remarks were delivered by Mrs. Ging Ramos for Rotary and SK Chair Iya Parungao, after which the rules, criteria, and topics for the contest were announced. For the English category (which drew 56 contestants from 10 schools), the topic was "Are Elections Really Important?"; on the other hand, the 77 participants in the Pilipino category wrote essays on the topic "Ang Pilipinas...Sa Sampung Taon". The participants were given one hour to complete their essays, and were provided with papers, pens, and snacks.

The awarding ceremonies was held on December 8th, at the La Veranda. Emerging as winners were the following: English – first place: Janine Agnes Ordoveza of Concepcion Integrated School ('A Lighted Decision'), second: Jhesset Thrina Enano of IJA, and third: Lara Gianina Reyes of Marikina Science H.S. For the Pilipino



category, the top 3 winners were: Geraldine Martinez of Marikina High School (first place, 'Kaalansibay ng Bagong Panahon'), Moris Mascarinas of Marikina H.S. (2nd), and Jairah Jane Torres of Sta. Elena H.S. (third). Substantial cash prizes were given to the winners of each category (Php6,000.00, Php4,000.00, and Php2,000.00 to the top 3 placers respectively), including those in the top 10 (Php500.00 each).

The judges for the contest were Attys. Bien Medel, Tony Parungao, and Nep Bulilan (for Pilipino), as well as Engr. Deo Salumbides, Dr. Toto Mina, and Mr. Ritchie Villareal (for English), all members of the Rotary Club of Marikina North.

It was a hugely successful project. At least that was to be expected.



### SK Joins Barangay Council in Relief Efforts

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gay's officials and personnel) were very badly affected by the rains and the floods, the likes of which we had not seen or experienced in a long, long while.

Despite this, it did not take long for the barangay council to spring into action. In close coordination with the city government, and with the cooperation of various groups and organizations, relief operations were immediately organized under the tireless leadership of Kap. Belen Cruz and the Kagawads. The distributions of relief goods were done on an almost daily-basis for the benefit of our neighbors in Katipunan and Panganiban, and the SK was there

to support these efforts.

The SK helped in the packing and distribution of the various relief goods solicited and gathered, and also tied up with the Psychology Department students of the University of the Philippines (Diliman) for the donation of used clothes and other relief items on 30 September 2009, during which Pola Parungao, SK Chair Iya's older sister, uttered the memorable phrase "Babangon ang Marikina!" 2 days after, or on 02 October 2009, the SK was able to source 1 huge box of 'Sarsarap' packs (manufactured by Nutri-Asia) for distribution to the Ondoy victims in the barangay.

It feels good to help!



# ALS Final Report

**A**fter the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Center was transferred to the Barangay Day Care Center last June 23rd, the 18 remaining students/'learners' (from the original 33 enrollees at the start of the program) were able to complete the course. 17 of them were able to register for the ALS Accreditation and Equivalency (A & E) Tests held on 25 October 2009 – one of whom took the elementary level exam. Mock tests were held on 30 July 2009, while a dry-run prior to the actual test was done on 21 October 2009. The enthusiasm of the learners was on full display when they even printed ALS T-shirts on their own.

We are now anxiously waiting for the results. In the meantime, preparations are underway for the second year of the ALS project (for a new batch of enrollees) which will start on 25 January 2010.

The ALS is a joint project of the DepEd-Marikina, Rotary Club of Marikina North, the barangay council of Barangay Concepcion Dos, and, of course, the SK. Thanks a million to Teacher Ivy Gamatero!



*Clockwise from top: equivalency tests, ALS session, mock exams, the ALS learners sponsored by the SK, barangay council, and the Rotary Club of Marikina North*

## Updates on More Infra Projects

**A**t the start of the year 2009, the SK had appropriated funds for the renovation and repair of the Roof Deck of the barangay hall (which it always uses for its Katipunan Assemblies and other projects), the construction of its very own office (in what used to be the HQ of the barangay tanods), the repair of the perennially-flooded Barangay Day Care Center, and the construction of a badminton court at Hacienda Heights subdivision.

Now that the year is drawing to a close, we are

pleased to report that the renovation and repainting work at the Roof Deck is near completion, while the work on the SK office (which can serve as a meeting place for the youth organizations in the barangay) is in full swing – tiles are presently being installed. Hopefully, these will be completed by the end of December 2009. Soon, the SK will have a place of its own, its very own 'home'.

We are also looking forward to the start of the construction of the badminton court at Hacienda Heights next month.



*Left: the SK office undergoing renovation work. Right: the repair and repainting of the Barangay Hall Roof Deck is nearing completion.*