



GAPASCA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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A Note from the President ...

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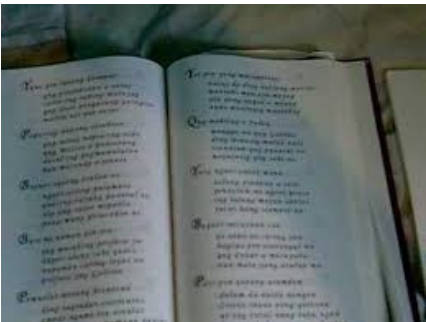
March is a very special month as we prepare for Holy Week. Our PABASA “Chanting the Passion of Christ” event will be held at St. Linus Church in Norwalk on March 19th from 8 am to 8 pm

A bit of PABASA history ...

Filipinos who were influenced by the Catholic religion embraced religious traditions from the Spaniard priests. One of these traditions was called *Pabasa* (Also known as Chanting, Singing or Reading the *Pasyon*) which was solemnized every Holy Week.

*Pasyon* is a narrative book that contains the life of Christ. It is a way for Catholics to repent to their sins and seek forgiveness from God during Lenten Season. It is a form of meditation, expression of faith to God, and activity made with the fellow community.

Come and join us to experience this religious tradition celebrated in GAPAN.



MEET AND GREET WITH PRESIDENT AQUINO III

As a registered organization with the Philippines Consulate, GAPASCA was invited to the FILCOM reception for Philippine President Benigno Aquino III. GAPASCA Officers along with last year’s President Peng Estrella attended the event at the Los Angeles Hilton on February 17th.

President Benigno Aquino III shared many of his accomplishment with the audience as he prepares to leave office at the end of June 2016.



ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM — GAPASCA IN GAPAN

Last Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, our Chairperson Nimfa Castro and GAPASCA officers Percival Garcés, Jing Liwag, and Rollie Reyes attended an informal gathering held at the JRLMHS formerly NESHS to launch the Adopt-A-Classroom program. The event was attended by school principals, faculty members, the student body, and DepEd officials.

The program is a one-time financial assistance in the procurement of tools and equipment needed in the implementation of Junior High School Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) and Senior High School Technical-Vocational Livelihood Track by the eight secondary public schools of Gapan City. Currently, we have awarded three high schools — Pambuan, Kapalang and JRLMHS.

Prior to the informal gathering, our Officers and Benefactors along with the local committee members visited a total of eight public high schools. The visit to these schools gave us the opportunity to see the various equipment and supplies that were purchased from the funds awarded by GAPASCA. The Officers and Benefactors also had the opportunity to meet our scholars and their families from our Scholarship program.

ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM — GAPASCA IN GAPAN *(continued)*

From the principals, faculty to scholars and their parents, sincere expressions of gratitude were overwhelming with high emotions and tears. They admired our solid programs and believe that GAPASCA is truly sincere in partnering with them and uplifting the lives of our kababayans.

We thank our Officers and Benefactors for taking the time out of their vacation to visit our hometown GAPAN CITY and see how GAPASCA's charitable undertakings have come into a successful fruition.



~ ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~ ~

- MARCH 12
- PECHANGA CASINO TURNAROUND
- MARCH 19
- PABASA — St. Linus Church, Norwalk
- APRIL 16
- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING —St. Linus Church, Norwalk
- APRIL 23
- PECHANGA CASINO TURNAROUND—
- MAY 7
- MAY FIESTA/SANTACRUZAN — St. Linus Church, Norwalk
- JUNE 25
- ANNIVERSARY & INDUCTION BALL — Cerritos Sheraton Hotel

PECHANGA CASINO TURNAROUND — MARCH 12 & APRIL 23

Our first Pechanga Casino Turnaround event will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>. For \$25 (small lunch included) you will be transported to and from Pechanga Casino for hours of Casino fun! Casino goers, please be at the Cerritos Regional Park on Bloomfield by 12 Noon, bus will leave promptly at 12:30 pm. Please contact **Josie Colcol** at **(562) 304-8879** to reserve a seat by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

MAY FIESTA/SANTACRUZAN — MAY 7

There's still time to volunteer for this pivotal event. If you are interested, please contact **Percival Garces** at **(562) 883-3947**.

ANNIVERSARY & INDUCTION BALL — JUNE 25

This year's event will be held at the Cerritos Sheraton Hotel. Tickets are now available for \$75 per person as well as program ad pages (Half Page \$75, Full Page \$100. Please contact one of your GAPASCA Officers to purchase your tickets/ad page or **Armahn Tinawin** at **(714) 853-0575**.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To our current members, we *Thank You* for your continued support of our organization. Your membership has assisted us in accomplishing our goals in providing educational support to the many disadvantaged students in our hometown of Gapan, Nueva Ecija.

To new and returning members, we look forward to seeing you at our many events this year.

Membership Type	Fee	Benefits
<b>Annual</b> <i>(Must be renewed Annually)</i> * Members outside of Southern California will be considered as Honorary members	<b>\$25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Includes household family members</li><li>• Monthly Newsletter</li><li>• Three Kings Fiesta</li><li>• PABASA</li><li>• May Fiesta</li><li>• Christmas Party</li></ul>
<b>Lifetime</b> <i>(Member for Life)</i> * Members outside of Southern California will be considered Honorary Lifetime members	<b>\$100</b>	