

President's Message

When I took on the club presidency in 2008, I called on our club members to stay by my side on this journey for the next two years. Indeed, my term has progressed swiftly and is nearing its end. The challenging walk was at times fairly easy but some portions were particularly tricky and thorny. Along the way, I relished the good times and survived the bitter chapters. I took everything in stride because I believe that there is always a lesson to be learned in every situation, a silver lining in every cloud. What kept me going was our club's unfailing desire to empower other women and girls in our community who need our help, to give life to our social responsibility to share our knowledge and blessings with our underprivileged sisters in society. For all these experiences, I feel truly blessed because my club members were always around to give me new ideas and to support our club projects. I would like to express my endless thanks to our past presidents for their constant guidance and encouragement, to our members for their enthusiasm and support and to our new members for their inspiring presence. Thank you for keeping me company these past two years and I look forward to walking the rest of the way with all of you!

Cecile L. Lazatin May 16, 2010

23rd Mid Biennial Conference 2011



Here are some photos from Treas. Venus:



SI Angeles received Honorable Mention as one among the Top Ten Clubs in the Philippines.









The Conference was a lot of learning and work for the Delegates. It was also time for bonding and fun and getting to know other clubs....



March 2011 saw the different activities for the Women's Month.

March 9, 2011. The SI Angeles concluded its search for the Women making a Difference, Violet Richardson Award, and other Annual Awards by honoring the awardees at Km. 86 Restaurant at Balibago, Angeles City.



During light moments at the Picture taking after the awarding ceremonies.



Some of the members of the SI Angeles with the 2011 Awardees of the Club

March 8, 2011. President Fely and other SI Members attended the Summit on Women's Rights. Several speakers presented issues on women like the Reproductive Health Bill and the Magna Carta on Women.



President Fely Flores with PDD Dory Siy-Hian joined the panelists at the Angeles City Library for the Women's Rights Summit, organized by the City Government.

The SI Angeles also donated several scissors and kits for the Hairdressers Training of the Angeles city Development Council. Several other kits will still be distributed to the Club's Adopted Barangay Lakandula.

Our Members

Here are our Members

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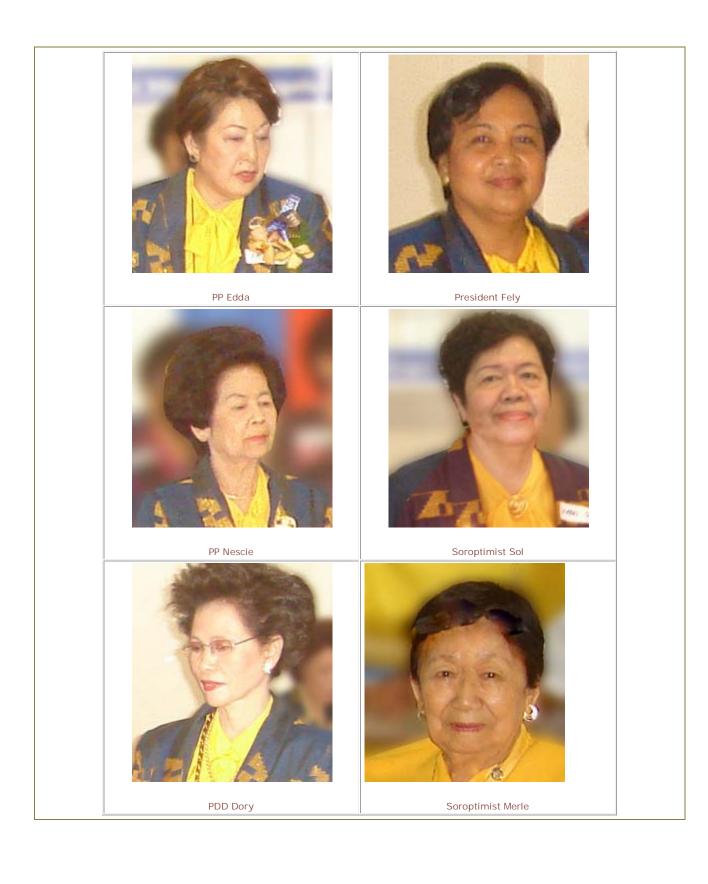
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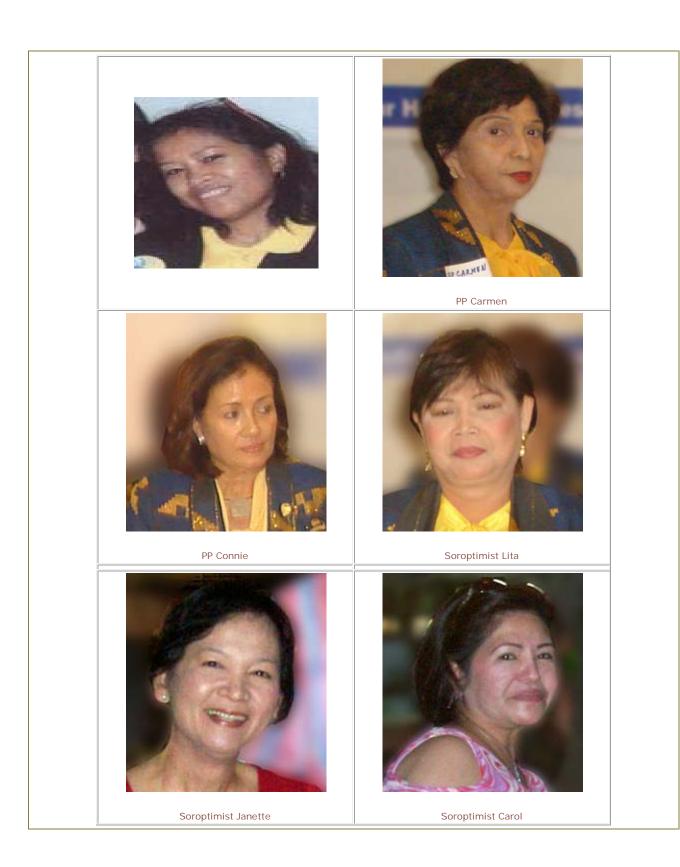






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District Turnover and Recognition of WCLD Clubs

Soroptimist Jinky



Outgoing Pres. Cecile with Outgoing DD Lou Javier





June 14, 2010 - DD Lou Javier graciously handed Certificates of Recognition to several local clubs of WCLD. SIPR Angeles City was among those given recognition. Pres. Cecile Lazatin received the Certificate with pride, excitement and joy.

Along with Pres. Cecile were PE Fely Flores and Rec. Sec. Joyce Ibalio who were also present during the occasion. THe formal turnover

Biennial Conference





Soroptimists in Filipiniana from all over the Philippines attended the Conference. Guests from Canada came to grace the occassion. SIA President Sharon Fischer (in green) presented not only her speech but also awards to outstanding women of the Philippines. She also

swore to office Governor Paloming Papa. (Photo Credit: Venus Basnillo)



L-R: Racquel, Cheryl, Janet, and President Cecile (Photo Credit: Venus Basnillo)

Agnesita Espiritu. Unsung Woman Hero 2010



Agnesita S. Espiritu or simply "Agnes" is a petite woman with a big heart for helping out disadvantaged women and girls in our community. She has been a practicing social worker, with or without compensation, for most of her life. For this, she indeed qualifies as an "Unsung Woman Hero" in the local community.

Unknown to many, Agnes was also a victim of sexual abuse in her teens. She was in her first year of college when the harrowing experience occurred. She had to suspend her education for a few years in order to face the legal proceedings and to overcome the psychological trauma. Despite this, she has led an exemplary professional life in reaching out to and comforting other women and girls who faced difficulties and challenges such as hers. In fact, she notes that her experience of abuse had made her stronger and more determined to empower women victims such

as herself.

As a student, she was already actively involved in outreach work when she volunteered for the Philippine National Red Cross for the Lanao del Norte bombings in 1984 and the relief operations conducted in Negros for the starving children of the sugarcane workers. She worked with the Department of Social Welfare and Development as a women welfare worker for disadvantaged women. She then moved on as a community organizer for a Catholic school that was doing outreach

programs in the resettlement areas of Madapdap and Mawaque in Pampanga. She designed and ran livelihood training programs for women such as sewing and crafts making. Soon after, she was working for a women's NGO as a micro finance officer for prostituted women in Angeles City. At present, she's a peer educator in charge of the project "AIDS Education Surveillance Program." Aside from educating women and girls in the community regarding their reproductive health rights, she is also monitoring the education of several Aeta children. She is also actively involved as a community development officer, constantly looking for local and international sponsors who will finance the education of these Aeta children and some mixed parentage children or "racials" as she says, who are the offsprings of the prostituted women she has helped in the past. She wants to ensure that they have a brighter future than those that their mothers had.

She says that helping other women and children is already in her blood. She plans to spend the rest of her life doing what she does best. Money can never give her the same joy and fulfillment that she feels whenever she knows she has helped another woman improve her own life.

Maylyn Fuller Receives Ruby Award 2010



RENEW Foundation's Exec. Director Receives Prestigious Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women in Angeles City, Philippines.

RENEW is pleased to announce that our Executive Director Mrs. Maylyn Fuller has been awarded the 2010 Soroptimist Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women in Angeles City. The award acknowledges the tireless work of Maylyn Fuller to improve the lives of trafficked and prostituted women and girls in the city. Honorees of this award are women who have worked in extraordinary ways to benefit women and girls. Mrs. Cecilia Maria L, Lazatin – President of Soroptimist International of Angeles City, comments on RENEW's Executive Director': "Your work has shown a significant and positive impact on the lives of

Executive Director': "Your work has shown a significant and positive impact on the lives of women and girls you have touched in the course of your work to empower female victims of prostitution and sex trafficking. For someone as young as you, we admire the vision, energy and focus that you devote in your advocacy to assist this often overlooked and neglected sector of society ".

The award ceremony will be held on March 23rd (2010) at Soroptimist'sHQ in Angeles City.

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