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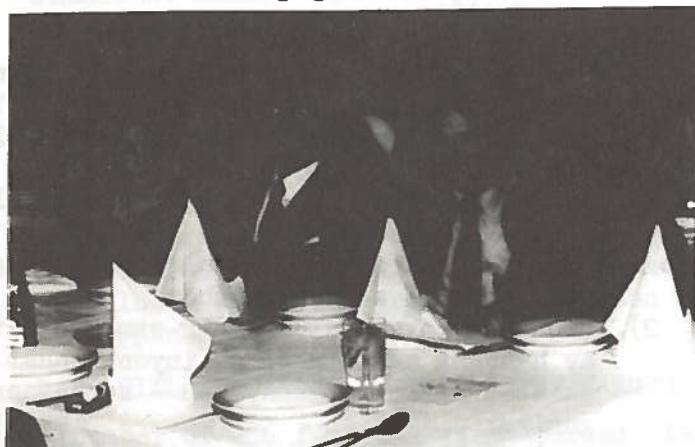
### DFA's FIRST GATHERING A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

DFA's first big social affair sparked like Halley's comet when a number of about 300 Danes and Filipinos flocked to the Sheraton to celebrate its Christmas Party last 11th of December.

Ex Consul-Gen. and Mrs. Hjalmar Ibsen graced the party together with RP National Media Information Center (NMIC) representative for Europe, Mrs. Nita U. Berthelsen who was also guest speaker of the affair. Philippine Trade representative to Denmark Romulo Manlapid, also attended the affair as an honored guest together with Sheraton officials.

Mrs. Berthelsen's talk was a search for more sincerity in all our dealings with each other - like doing things with love, not only because of the Christmas season. She noted that DFA "did not seem to be like a splinter group or a 'grafted branch' but rather a tree with roots and one in full bloom and ready to bear fruits".

DFA Chairman John Elix spoke of the rapid growth of the Association and gave as reasons for its fast increase in membership and popularity "democratic way this Association is being run, where the ordinary member has the say, in contrast to others - where the officers decide for the members" continued on back page



Former Consul-Gen. Hjalmar Ibsen and his lovely wife grace the table while DFA Chairman John Elix watch Mrs. N. Berthelsen sign a document.

## 40 Founders sign DFA organiz'al proclamation

Based on the aims of creating a truly representative association of Danes and Filipinos and stressing its non-political and non-profit stature, the organizers of the fast-growing DANISH FILIPINO ASSOCIATION, (DFA) signed a 'manifesto' enumerating its 'raison d'etre' and outlining its aims and purposes at an organizational meeting held on the 19th of July at the rooftop of the Broadway Passage on Vesterbro. Twenty-three signers affixed their signatures at this particular meeting and as days went on the signers to the Organizational Proclamation increased to forty.

It was agreed upon openly and by popular acclamation that the association should NOT impose the payment of monthly dues but instead only expect voluntary contributions and donations from members. Other sources of income shall be lotteries, raffles, bingos, bazaars, etc.. It was also agreed upon that elections in this association shall be the same as those of other Danish associations: open vetation and no campaign of candidates whatsoever; to eradicate all traces of politiking. Monthly meetings and bingos if possible, shall be held and major decisions placed to the attending members for final approval and consent.

Many 'pioneers' and members of the Young Generation attended this historical organizational meeting.

There was a little salu-salo after the meeting courtesy of Leonor Kristensen, Ampy Malveda, Josefa Pedersen and Linda Santos.

The organizers agreed to meet again at a later meeting to choose their officers.

John Elix was unanimously elected temporary Chairman. The forty signers to the now historic Organizational Proclamation were: Leonardo Santos, John Elix, Angelita Jensen Kjeld Darling, Dely Hansen, Erik Barlebo, Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Machuca, Mr. Hans Sørensen, Erlidia Torres, Mr. and Mrs. Jan Sørensen, Mr. and Mrs. John Kjøller, Bobby Reyes, Leonor Kristensen, Aida Vasquez, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Palitang, Larry Abundo, Fred Bernal, Mr. and Mrs. Brieva, Poul Sobieraj, Jocelyn Villanueva, Joselito Gales, Gracela Vergara Jerry Torres, Conrad Torres, Vicente Torres Ma. Lourdes Robles, Jeanne Torres, Rafael Fabres, Jerry Soriano, Mr. and Mrs. Niels Qvist, Mr. and Mrs. Araza, Rogelio Hacinas, Benn Adriatico and Linda Santos.

## Editorial

### RAISON D'ETRE

Let it be known to ALL MEN that the DANISH FILIPINO ASSOCIATION was formed upon the age-old premises of: freedom of choices open non-partisan elections; honoring and safeguarding the private life of each and every member and his family; unsolicited and voluntary help; in cash or kind; promotion of the betterment of the working conditions of its members; promotion of culture, sports and trade between Filipinos and Danes; non-coercion and non-intimidation of members; - voluntary help among and between FilDanes - whether DFA members or not; dispersion and reporting ONLY of THE PLAIN TRUTH through valid and positive information; and a call for UNITY and steadfastness coupled with co-operation and understanding. These are the BASIC STONES that have created the foundation of FILIPINISM in this land to stand forever in TRUTH and in UNITY.

### ON THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Each and every Filipino in this highly democratic and liberal country should bear in mind that they possess thatinalienable and inviolable right and freedom of choice - the freedom of choosing whichever association - they would want to belong to or whether to belong to both. NO ONE CAN INFRINGE UPON - THIS RIGHT AND FREEDOM. DFA shall never, now or in the future, threaten expulsion nor dismembership against any of its members. On the contrary, DFA shall uphold and safeguard this inviolable right and freedom of choice.

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## Tagalog

ANO ANG AKING GAGAWIN? by D. Malveda, Jr. Ito ay mega katangang kung ating marinig ay hindi masyadong mapagkukulan ng pansiengunit sa sandaling dumating ang pangangailangan ay saka pa lamang natin madamsa ang tunay na kahalagahan nito. Halimbawa, noong dumating teyo dito sa Denmark ay matataminsa ang mga pangarap na naglalaro sa ating isip lumipas ang ilang panahon ay kapiling na ng iba sa atin ang kanilang mga mahal sa buhay. Doon nagsimula ang mga katanungan tulad ng mga sumusunod:

- 1). Ano ang aking gagawin?
    - a) kung nais kong makaalam ng tungkol sa pagbabago ng aking 'citizenship'?
    - b) kung ang kabataan ay maligaw ng 1a ndas?
    - c) kung nais kong umurwi (pansamantalasa ating bansa?)
    - d) kung nais kong makaalam ng bagong batas ukol sa mga dayuhan?
  - 2). Sino ang makakatulung? Ang samahang ito ay handang maglingkod sa inyong labat - sa abot ng aming kakayahan - sa paraang ganite:
    - a) Isulat sa amin ang nais na itanong at malaman.
    - b) Magbibigay kami ng 'Seminar' para sa mga kabataan.
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## Philippine Recipes

### CHICKEN ADOBO

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 whole chicken - cut into serving pieces
- 3/4 cup vinegar
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 head garlic - crushed
- 2 pcs. laurel leaves
- dash of pepper
- salt
- water

#### PROCEDURE:

Mix all ingredients and marinate for two to fifteen minutes. Place in a *carajay*, cover and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and stir once in a while until chicken is tender and the aroma is brought out. (*Sangkutsahin* again) - see footnote in *Sinigang* recipe. Add a little water, boil until a thick sauce is formed. Serve hot with tomato salad for your side dish.

## ESTOFADONG DILA (Ox Tongue in Gravy)

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 whole cow's or ox tongue
- 6 pcs. tomatoes - slice into four pieces lengthwise each
- 2 pcs. onions - slice into thick lengthwise pieces
- 3 tablespoons paminton
- 1 cup vinegar
- 1 cup soy sauce
- 2 pcs. laurel leaves
- olives

#### PROCEDURE:

Mix all ingredients except olives and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and continue simmering until the tongue is tender. (If tongue is tough, a pressure cooker can properly soften it.) Take out the tongue and place it in a platter. Pour the gravy on top of the tongue and garnish with olives. Serve hot.

## GRAVY

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup soy sauce
- broth

#### PROCEDURE:

Strain the broth. Add the flour and soy sauce. Mix well and bring to a boil.

## Philippine NEWS CLIPS

### FILIPINOS AMONG LEAST TAXED IN WORLD-VIRATA

A recent world survey shows that Filipinos are among the least taxed peoples of the world. It shows that the Republic of the Philippines is 56th in rank out of 62 countries as far as taxation level is concerned. This information was recently released by Minister Virata.

Demark ranks among the highest.

### FILIPINOS NOW 2ND LARGEST ASIAN ETHNIC GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES.

Filipinos now rank number two among the Asian ethnic groups residing in the U.S. Numbering a total of 774,640 as of 1980, they are only surpassed by the Chinese who number 806,000.

### FIRST LADY VISITS BLOOMINGDALE EXPOSITIONS.

The Philippines' First Lady, Mrs. Imelda R. Marcos, visited and opened Bloomingdale Expositions on the 14th of April at New York, and on the 17th of April at Washington. The Bloomingdale Expo is a promotional exhibition highlighting Philippine exports under the umbrella of the KKK (Kilusang Kababayan at Kaunlaran). The exposition was held in Bloomingdale's 12 stores in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington.

### PRESIDENT MARCOS EXPECTED TO VISIT THE U.S. IN AUTUMN OF '82.

Sources close to the President say that he plans to go on with his plans of visiting the United States in autumn, thereby materializing his acceptance of the invitation Mr. Ronald Reagan made to him at the Cancun Summit Conference in Mexico.

The visit will be an excellent chance to bolster the strong relations between the Philippines and the U.S.

### LAND TITLES AWARDED TO PHILIPPINE FARMERS.

A number of 256 families were awarded land titles by the government in March, 1982, according to highly reliable sources.

## INFORMED SOURCE

### FAD FADES OUT OF DFA - FAD 'DIALOGUE'

Through a letter sent to DFA Chairman John Blix by Romulo Manlapid, Phil. Trade Attache who acted as mediator during the dialogue between DFA and FAD, it was disclosed that FAD was no longer interested in continuing the 'talks' which was intended to harmonize relations between the two associations. The conciliatory meeting took place at 12 Noon on the 29th of August, 1981 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Torres, who were not only acting as hosts but also initiators to the 'talks'. DFA was represented by its Chairman, John Blix, Vice-Chairman, Daniel Malveda and DFA Adviser, Erlidia Torres while FAD had as representatives M. Dickey, Ben Garcia and E. Gurriel. Father Patrick Sheils, C.J.S.R., also attended the historic meeting as religious counsel and witness.

It was agreed upon at this meeting that: 1) DFA and FAD shall respect each other's existence; 2) membership in FAD is basically Filipino while membership in DFA is Filipino-Danish plus other nationals with genuine desire to help Filipinos; 3) dual membership shall be respected; 4) both association shall strive for non-collision of social activities and 5) eventual selection of liaisonal representatives for DFA and FAD who would work out a harmonious course of

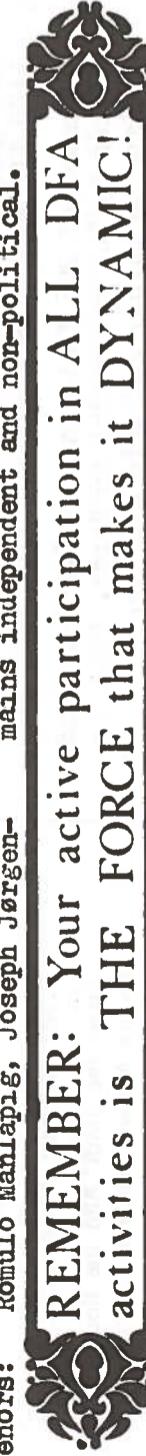
### INDEPENDENT PHILIPPINE CULTURAL GROUP —

#### "Perlas Ng Silangan" FORLED :

An independent cultural group of Filildanes - genred towards spearheading and promoting Philippine music, dances, art, fashion and drama has finally materialized. This group called "Perlas Ng Silangan" (Pearl of the Orient) was founded by Oscar Trinidad and Joseph Jorgensen. The name seems to have an effect of the continuation of the now forgotten "Silangan Singers" which enthralled its audience during the last half of the seventies. It is worth noting that many of its former members also sing with the new group. This new independent group was formed in the spring of '82 although the group already had its beginnings when it sang Christmas songs during DFA's Christmas Party at Sheraton.

The singers in this group are: Sopranos: Angelita Santos, Vangie and Yoly Abundo and Helen Jensen and Henry and Hazel Jacolbe.

Tenors: Romulo Manlapig, Joseph Jorgen- REMEMBER: Your active participation in ALL DFA activities is THE FORCE that makes it DYNAMIC!



### XMAS '81: FILIPINO YOUTH COME A-CAROLLING!

The Young Generation formed a group and started a house-to-house carolling on the 1st of December to help spread the joys of Christmas to the Filildane Community. The songs they rendered ranged from traditional English to modern Tagalog Carols blending in three voices.

The Carollers included Emily, Larry, Ed, Vangie and Yolly Abundo, Hazel and Henry Jacobs, Raquel Cruz, Alma Cantor, Adela Malveda and Joseph Jorgensen. Oscar Trinidad - who plays lead guitar and is the leader of the group and its vocal trainer was assisted by Ed Abundo on the guitar.

This lively group went carolling to the following homes: Carlos family, Calasahan family, Esibido family, Belardo family, Efren Malveda and family, Cecilia and Larry Tolentino families, Palitang family, Leonor Kristensen and family, Orlando Torres family, Leonor Santos family, Orlando Torres on Friday, 11 June, 1982 at the Sheraton Hotel. This celebration will be called the 'Danish Filipino Friendship Day' commemorating both events. DFA expects a large crowd comparative to the two earlier gatherings it had which was very popular and well-attended.

Expected to attend this affair are both Danish and Filipino dignitaries.

Aside from a raffle gift certificate courtesy of Inter Travel, there will be other raffle prizes. Galore! Leather is also on tab with a beautiful gift.

Highlight of the evening will be the search for Miss Filildane Friendship '82 among the attending beauties. Her runners-up will be Miss Truth and Miss Unity. Everyone attending will have a chance to vote for the selected beauties. While the votes are being counted, Perlas Ng Silangan will entertain the audience with lovely Philippine songs.

Tickets at Kr.120.00 which includes food are available from the following: P. Palitang Erlidia Torres, Rose Jimenez, Nardie Santos Steffan Svartberg, Aida Vazquez, Daniel 'JR' Malveda, Nenita 'Lisa' Jepsen and Boy Connillado. Deadline for payment is June 6th. Jerry Soriano, DFA Assistant, is also busy selling tickets to the 'young generation'.

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c) Pipilitin naming mapaabot sa lathat ang mga pagbabago sa batus ukol sa mga dayuhan sa pamamagitan ng DFA Sparks. Inaaasan namin na ang aming ginagawang ito ay makatutulong sa inyong lathat.

"UDLENDINGE, DER ØNSKER AT INDRÆSE I DANMARK SKAL HAVE DERES PAS ELLER ANDTE LEGITIMATION PÅTENNET (VISTRET) FOR INDRÆSEN." 23/05/80

The elections held were 'viva voce' as it is prescribed in DFA's now approved Constitution and By Laws. The elected Chairman is to hold office for 2 years while the rest of the Board, 1 year. The next election of Officers shall be held at a date on the last weekend of July, 1982.

### DFA'S JUNE FESTIVITIES: 'DANISH FILIPINO FRIENDSHIP DAY' TO BE HELD 11TH OF JUNE

Danish Filipino Association will celebrate Denmark's Constitution Day which falls on the 5th of June and the Philippines' Independence Day, the 12th of June on Friday, 11 June, 1982 at the Sheraton Hotel. This celebration will be called the 'Danish Filipino Friendship Day' commemorating both events.

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More news - local and foreign.

### DFA ELECTS ITS OFFICERS AT MEETING HELD AT SCT. ANNE KIRKE

The following set of Officers were elected at a meeting held on the 26th of July 1981 at the SCT. ANN CHURCH:

Chairman ..... John Blix  
V-Chairman/Filipino. Daniel Malveda, Jr.  
Danish .. Niels Kvist  
Secretary ..... Angelita Jensen  
Treasurer ..... Aida Vazquez  
Assistants ..... Rafael Fabres  
Leonardo Santos  
Jerry Soriano

### NEXT ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Out medio / ultimo November.
- Pictorial of the JUNE 11th Danish Filipino Friendship Day Festivities: 2 full center pages.
- Bowling Tournament latest.

## "IN THIS CORNER" ➤ ➤ ➤ ➤ ➤

# SPORTS

**BOWLING :**  
NUCLEUS OF FILDANE BOWLERS FORMED : JIMENEZ AND CORPUZ LEADS GROUP.

What could safely be called as the nucleus of the Fildane Community's group of bowlers has now been formed under the leadership of veteran bowling arrangers Frankie Jimenez & Benny Corpuz. This nucleus is called "The Fildane 'Galaxy' Bowlers". It has now presented its By-Laws to the Danish Bowling Union for membership and it hopes to compete with other Danish and foreign teams in this country.

Frankie Jimenez also announced that he still holds a trophy ready for a tournament which he hopes will be held in late summer, or in early autumn. Those of you who are interested in this tournament are therefore requested to call Frankie Jimenez: 57 28 90 for further particulars. Silver and bronze medals will be given to the second and 3rd place winners of this particular tournament.

Benny Corpuz of "Galaxy" Leather is sponsoring the team "Fildane 'Galaxy' Bowlers" when it vies for honors against the other teams under the Danish Bowling Union. It is believed that this team has a very good chance of ending in the top bracket of the tournament.

**BASKETBALL :**  
PLANS UNDERWAY FOR DFA'S "FILDANE 'DOLPHIN' BASKETTEERS"

Plans are now underway for the creation of a basketball team to represent the Fildane in competition against Danish teams under the leadership and supervision of perhaps 2 of the Fildane Community's most experienced basketball enthusiasts: Rogelio Hacinas and Jerry Torres. These two gentlemen are being urged to create what will be a DFA-sponsored Fildane Basketball Team. Plans are still being made at this writing in basic levels. Interested participants/players are encouraged to contact Jerry Torres: 53 84 57 or Roger Hacinas: 95 37 58 for particulars.

Creation of this team will depend on : number of interested players and formation of schedule of training games.

Get back to the habit of playing basketball: call and join, today.



## BIG OR SMALL PRINT • • •

# HOBIAFFES

**SAVIOR:** Jesus is Our Saviour - that is a mighty Gospel statement. Saviour is one of the first names given to Our Lord. The Angel Gabriel came to Mary with the name and a request that she would cooperate. God had a plan for the world. She and her Son as Saviour would be part of it. The first plan ••• had not worked out well. God had created us as part of His "World Plan". We were to enjoy all His Blessings and live out together a long life in Love and Peace and Plenty. A Garden of Paradise. That picture was badly soiled when Sin and Satan got working among us. Plan One was spoiled. Plan Two then came into operation. And God sent His Only Son into the world to redeem and save us. Like the sailors doomed to the perils of the sea the Rescue would be two-fold: **Save us from ... Save us for:** A Saving from sure death and a Saving for an Eternal Shore ••• a safe harbour haven where we would find Welcome Peace and Happiness.

Mary the Mother of Jesus Our Saviour was the first to be brought into this Plan of Salvation. Much depended on her saying YES to it and she did without hesitation. She had one question •• How is this to be? And the Angel Gabriel explained. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you •• the Power of the Most High will overshadow you •• He Who will be born of you will be named JESUS •• He will be

## MASS SCHEDULES IN ENGLISH

- **SKT. ANNE KIRKE**, Hans Bøgbinders Alle 2 -  
Saturdays, 17:00 hrs.  
Sundays, 19:00 hrs.
- **Jesu Hjerte Kirke**, Stenosgade 4A, Kbh. V.  
Saturdays, 18:00 hrs.
- **SAKRAMENTKIRKEN**, Nørrebrosgade 17C, Kbh N.  
Sundays, 17:00 and 18:00 hrs.
- **VOR FRUE KIRKE**, Herlevgårdsv. 14, Herlev -  
Sundays, 09:30 and 10:45 hrs.

Vendersgade 13  
1363 København K  
Telf. 01 - 12 55 04

Note: For a more comprehensive schedule of church services, please contact : your nearest Parish.

## S.O.S — (Saving Our Souls)

Great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will make him a King, as his ancestor David was, and He will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever: His Kingdom will never end. "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us" •• then He died to Save us •• literally DIED through LOVE for us. His rescue programme meant for Him a cruel death on a Cross. There followed what we now know as the "GREAT GOOD NEWS" - JESUS WAS ALIVE AND WELL •• HE HAD RISSEN •• He would be with us until the end of time. For sailors in the perils of the sea it may take only minutes or hours or days to carry out a rescue •• but the Commitment of Jesus to His Rescue Plan is something else. He is to stay with us until the end of time •• to see us through to the end •• He would be •• with us always. IN and THROUGH HIM we would find PEACE and LOVE. He Said •• "Peace is what I leave with you: it is my own PEACE that I give you. Do not be worried and upset do not be afraid. My Commandment is this •• LOVE ONE ANOTHER - JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

These consoling words of Jesus were spoken just before He went to His Death. He also knew that His Disciples were still weak men wavering in their Faith •• still very human He feared for them. They might lose Faith. In Him. Like sheep that a wolf can scatter, frighten, devour •• they could get lost, go astray. And so He prayed for His Disciples: "Father I have made You known to those You gave Me out of the world. They belonged to You and You gave them to Me. I gave them the message that You gave Me and they received it: they knew that it is true, that I came from You, and they believe that You sent Me I pray for them •• Holy Father. Keep them safe by the power of Your NAME - the NAME You gave Me so that they may be ONE, just as You and I are ONE... "What a wonderful message of LOVE. What an extraordinary rescue Mission. Planned by Jesus in Heaven with His Father •• "for our sake". Let us NOT LOSE FAITH •• ever •• in HIM or in each other.

Jesus Saviour, bless all our Filipinos and their relatives and friends here in Denmark Bless them with a strong FAITH, that can never be shaken nor taken away from them. Keep them UNITED in YOUR LOVE. Hold them safe in the PALM OF YOUR HANDS. This is my prayer - for them •• and thanks for the privilege - and grace - to live and work with them - in YOUR NAME.

Patrick J. Sheila C. Ss. R.

# More NEWS CLIPS

## DFA's PRE-VALENTINES AFFAIR — JAMPACKED!

An unexpectedly large number of FilDanes attended DFA's Valentines Party at Allegade 10 on the 13th of February. The capacity of the hall was up to 110 but attendance was recorded at 154 and an adjoining room had to be used. Notwithstanding this lack of space the festivities went on. Emcee Rose Jimenez told the audience of the real story behind Valentines. This was followed by a short talk by DFA Chairman John Blix who thanked his large audience for their genuine and unsolicited support of all DFA activities. A search for Miss Valentines immediately ensued.



The winners of the contest were:

- Miss Valentines - Tina C. W. Larsen
- 2) Miss Love - Alma Cagara
- 3) Miss Faith - Josephine Gales
- 4) Miss Charm - Maribel Eres

Mr. Valentines was automatically Tina's friend and fiance Jerry Soriano who is also one of DFA's Assistants.

The sound system broke down and caused anxiety to both the arrangers and the large crowd. Meanwhile, "Nat-mad" was served—thanks to the kind help of several staunch DFAens always ready to give a helping hand. After the stereo set was fixed, dancing got underway and the ensuing evening or what was left of it, was saved... everyone had a wonderful time with parlor games and lively dancing. The PA incident made Chairman JB remark, "What DFA really needs is a heavy-duty stereo set. This incident MUST NOT happen again".

Voluntary gifts to the winners were given courtesy of: Mr./Mrs. Røssel, Mr./Mrs. Palitang, Mr./Mrs. Torres, Mr./Mrs. Navarro Mr./Mrs. Alcaraz, Mr./Mrs. Cachola, Isabel Malacas, and Perlie Vasquez (a gift to each and every winner).

Father Patrick Sheils and Father Niel—sen graced and blessed the affair.

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He also noted that "from a mere 23, DFA is now moving towards member number 400". Finally, Blix said that even as others had thought that DFA was just 'ningas-cogon' the contrary shows that DFA is here to stay and closed by saying "It is not funds that make an association but its members and it is — YOU, the members, that makes this Association dynamic".

Emcee Mrs. Rose Jimenez and JB thanked Mr. and Mrs. Benny Corpuz of Galaxe Leather for their raffle gift of the evening: a leather bag worth DKr.350.00 which was won by a Danish lady guest. There were several other gifts from Toms Chocolade and from individual members.

A Filipino folk dance was presented by a group called the 'Perlas Ng Silangan' and several ballads were rendered by Oscar Trinidad and Bobby Reyes — both DFA pioneers. 'Perlas Ng Silangan' also rendered Christmas songs ably sang by Emily, Larry, Vangie Ed and Yolly Abundo, Hazel and Henny Jacobbe, Raquel Cruz, Alma Cantor, Adela Malveda together with Joseph Jørgensen and Oscar Trinidad. Mommy Torres, Nardie Santos and John Blix also sang with the group. Assisting with his guitar was Eddie Abundo. A modern dance exhibition was presented by Benn Adriatico, Crisanta Santos and Tommy Cagara. Finally, a Christmas poem was expertly recited by Salvador (Jun) and Aurea Eres' son, Bong.

Although there were some minor snags like serving of the soup before Fr. Patrick said the invocation, the extremely happy & peaceful affair lasted until about one A.M. The celebrants relished on the lavish and excellent food under the coordination of Mrs. Erlidia (Mommy) Torres. There was so much food left that many guests were also able to take some wrappings home. Serving, ushering and much of the help was ably done by the voluntary assistance of the 'Young Generation'.



The ladies in the singing group — in action