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Bridges

News for and about P&A alumni

A Glimpse of
tomorrow: An outlook
on time and life



Dear P&A alumni,

One's outlook in life speaks a lot about an individual. It tells something about his past, it is the reason for his present, and it could affect his future.

In this issue of Bridges, we have invited some of our alumni to share their views on life and time. Know more about their life after P&A, their goals and dreams, and how they plan to achieve them.

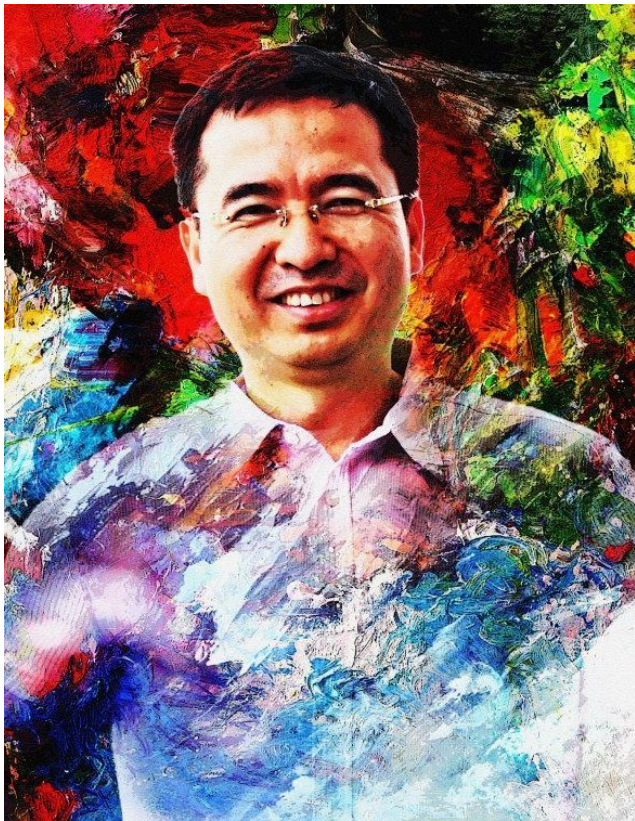
All this and more in this new issue of Bridges.

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Partner, Tax Advisory & Compliance



Making P&A proud: Allan Abesamis



Allan Abesamis

Time is indeed one of the most precious things in the world. You cannot stop or rewind, but you can only play along with time and that's what makes life more interesting.

In an interview with former Audit Senior Manager Allan Abesamis, he shared that there is one thing he wished he could have done differently if he could just turn back time. In November 1988, shortly after he took (passed) the CPA Licensure Examinations, Allan joined P&A. "Part of my plans then was to enroll in a reputable Law School after a few years with P&A. My dream was (and still is) to become a CPA-Lawyer," he shares. Allan admitted that his packed schedule at P&A was one of the factors why he was not able to pursue his plans much earlier. "I enjoyed my busy schedule with P&A so much that I forgot

to pursue my plans while I was there. However, I would have preferred pursuing law in the early 1990s."

At present, Allan works as an Executive Vice President (EVP) & Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Philippine Racing Club, Inc. (PRCI) -- operator of the Santa Ana Racetrack. As EVP & COO of PRCI, he always assures that he is regularly updated with the current flow of the company's business. This year, one of Allan's goals is to be an active participant in the implementation of PRCI's expansion plans from its core business, which is horseracing, to real estate development. "The joint development agreement with the Ayala Group regarding the old Santa Ana Racetrack property in Makati has opened the door for PRCI to move forward faster." He plans on doing deeper research and have

Making P&A proud: Allan Abesamis

a refresher with his friends who are experts in taxation and accounting, to help PRCI in its strategies. Aside from working for PRCI, Allan is also eyeing on teaching Accounting subjects in college or graduate school. "When I was in my fourth year [in college] at the Philippine School of Business Administration-Manila, I volunteered as lecturer in several review classes for my fellow graduating students." He said that the mere thought of teaching other people brings him great satisfaction.

Just last year, Allan was also invited as a keynote speaker for Bulacan Agricultural State College's intramurals. Though he used to talk in front of a wide audience, and was a lecturer for his fellow batchmates, he genuinely said that he felt quite anxious at that time. "This was my first time in so many years that I had to deliver a speech in

front of a huge crowd and I felt quite nervous." On a funnier note, the P&A alumnus confessed that what he was more concerned about during his speaking engagement was what his sister told him on the school administration's expectation.

"My elder sister reminded me of the expectation of the school management from its guest speakers: that they are expected to donate something significant and valuable to the school." He shared that previous guest speakers funded the building of the gymnasium, donated a Science laboratory, and bought computer units for the school.

Being an EVP & COO of PRCI, Allan understands that long vacation comes rarely because of his tight schedule. Most of his

time is usually devoted to work, and so, this year, he plans on trying to become a local tourist for a change. "I want to visit internationally-acclaimed wonders in the Philippines such as the underground river and pristine beaches of Palawan, the Banaue Rice Terraces in the Mountain Province, the Chocolate Hills and breathtaking beaches of Bohol, and the white sand beaches of



Allan and his family welcoming 2015

Making P&A proud: Allan Abesamis



Another photo of Allan and his family smiling for the camera

Boracay and Siargao Island, and many more."

When asked on his outlook on life, Allan's answer was enveloped with his religious belief. "We are defined by what we do. I am a Christian and this should be reflected

in all aspects of my life, not just in our home and in our Church, but also in my work." At the moment, Allan is trying to become an active member of their Church's organization by leading the young adults and children through Bible study sessions. "Bible studies are done every Sunday and I am the preacher who discusses the lessons taken from the Bible and related literatures available in the internet."

Once he gets enough experience and exposure in the complexities of sharing and teaching the lessons from the Bible, Allan may be part of the Council of Ministers (Bible preachers) of their Church.

According to him, success is not as meaningful if his life was entirely devoted to only achieving success. "I deeply feel that I

may be very successful in my career but if I have devoted all my life in achieving such success and have given very little time for my spiritual well-being, I will not be truly happy and satisfied." He says that he makes it a point that his life choices be mainly associated with the teachings of the Bible, *"By reading the Bible and hearing the experiences of friends and select others, my guiding principles are enriched and reinforced."*

Making P&A proud: Vilma Silvederio

There is no doubt that it has been a tradition for others to write their resolutions at the turn of each year. These resolutions set the guide for them to achieve their goals, short or long-term, and assist them to become better persons.

In a brief interview with former Tax Senior Manager Vilma Silvederio, she shared some generous answers on questions about life.

Ma. Vilma Cruz-Silvederio is a graduate of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. Vilma joined P&A in November 1995 and was later on promoted as Tax Senior Manager in 2007 until she left in 2008. After she left the Firm, she began working as a Manager for International Finance and Accounting at United Airlines, Inc. Aside from being a successful career woman, Vilma is also a blessed wife and a

proud mother of two children

During the interview, she shared a memorable moment with her daughter, Bea, during their Christmas in Iloilo last year. "Bea had an impromptu presentation of a song called 'Christmas Polka.' I thought she wouldn't want to sing anymore because she was crying as she hurt herself that time." Her daughter had a minor bruise on her knee but Vilma said that it did not keep Bea from performing. "She sings anyway and she also did some dance moves. As a parent, it just makes me proud to see her like that."

Since she started to raise her own family, Vilma began to see her future with them. She admitted that she would love to see more of the world if she has the luxury of time. From the ancient temple of Angkor



Vilma Silvederio

Making P&A proud: Vilma Silvederio



Vilma together with her family at United Airlines

Wat, the historic Great Wall of China, the romantic view of the Eiffel Tower, the curious Leaning Tower of Pisa, the religious city of Vatican, to all the Disneylands and Universal Studios around the globe -- Vilma

said she wish to travel to these places together with her family someday. According to her, any travel wouldn't be as gratifying without them.

As the interview furthers, Vilma's family-orientedness has become very apparent with her answers. She mentioned that before she got married, she thought of working abroad to seek for greener pasture. But her motherly instinct took over, "When you know that what you needed are all here, there is really no need to go anywhere else. I have made the choice to stay and raise my own family here, and I'm sure I made the right decision."

Today, the former Tax Senior Manager has set some short-term goals which she plans to accomplish this year. Vilma said that there was one hobby she rarely got a chance to do after she left P&A-- play badminton. "I

plan to revive my interest in badminton. We are already scouting for a badminton court near our area in Taguig City so we can go there on weekends." Career-wise, she said that she plans on spending some time with her former colleagues. "I believe that it is always good to go back to your roots and pay gratitude to the people who have contributed to your success. I received invitations to a get-together from previous officemates and friends, and I would try to make time for it." Vilma said that she looks forward to more social gatherings with her friends this year.

As we were about to close the interview, Vilma shares a quote to the young P&Aers about making decisions in life. "*Life is all about making choices. Always do your best to make the right ones, and always do your best to learn from the wrong ones.*"

P&A Spotlight: Jai Genilza

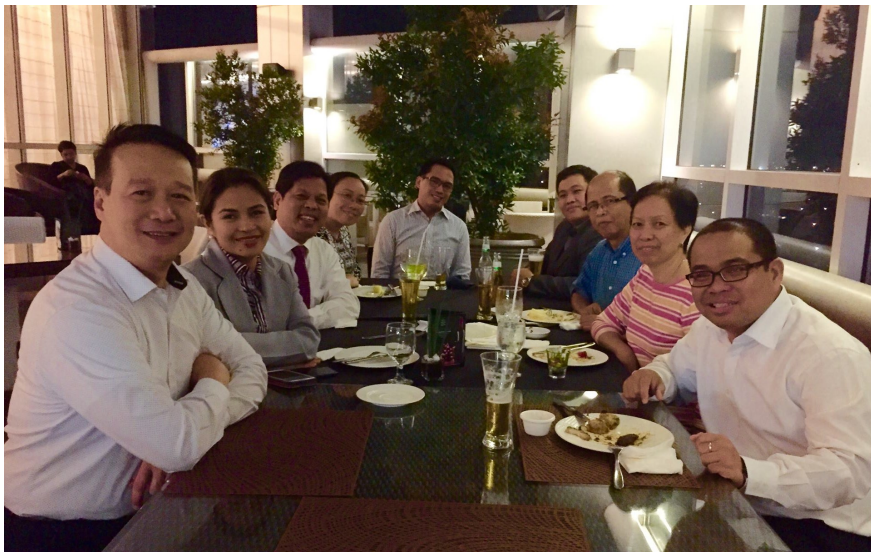
Former P&A Cebu branch Audit & Assurance Senior Jai Genilza was featured in a February issue of Sun Star Weekend Cebu.

In a caption from Sun Star, “FOR THE LOVE OF TRAVEL. Jai Genilza gets lost on purpose to find true bliss. She gave up the nine-to-five life and opted for a career as a freelance accountant to pursue happiness wherever her feet make take her.”

We’re proud of you, Jai!



P&Aers getting together



P&AGT President Jessie Carpio, Audit & Assurance Partner Mai Sigue-Bisnar, Managing Partner & COO Jun Cuaresma, Audit & Assurance Partners Mabel Comedia, Renan Piamonte, Nelson Dinio, and Boyet Murcia, with former P&A Audit & Assurance Partner Ben Valdez (in blue) and former P&A Technical Standards Group Partner Dally Duque (in stripes)



P&A alumna Jahleel-AN Burao made a surprise visit at the P&A Makati office. In picture, Jahleel-AN posed with her Advisory Services family

P&Aers getting together



(L-R) P&A alumni Renee Reyes and Laarni Tecson with their batchmates Tax Advisory & Compliance Partner Wowie Roguel and Audit & Assurance Partner Mabel Comedia

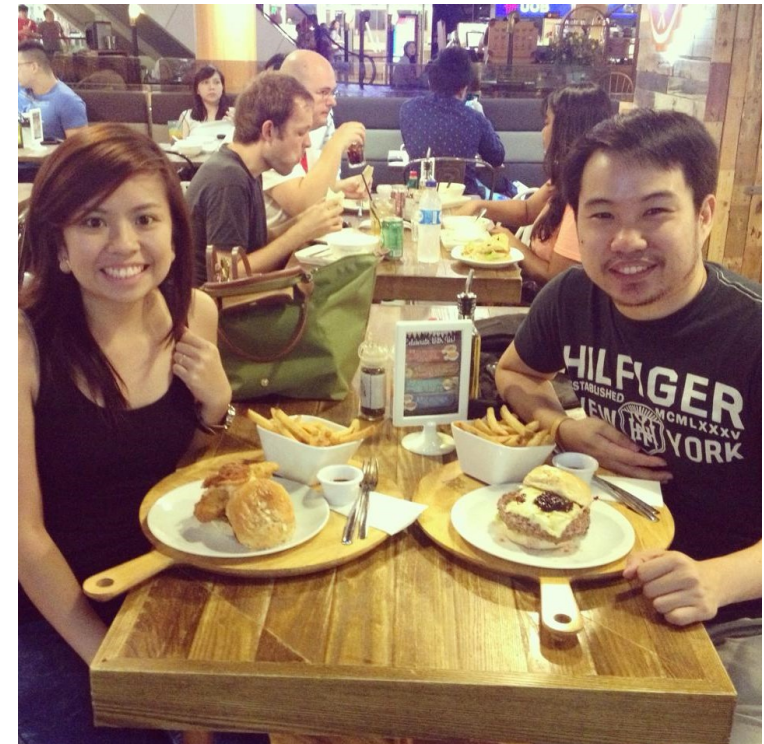


(L-R) People and Culture Group Senior Ma-eh Mondoñedo, PSSD-DPC Semi-Senior Mel San Pedro, P&A alumna Che Cebanico, and People and Culture Group Supervisor Ayen Abutal

P&Aers getting together



Former P&A Advisory Services Lead Consultants Grace Traviño and Chiara Bautista, and former Associate Consultant Ren Bere got together over a simple dinner in Manila

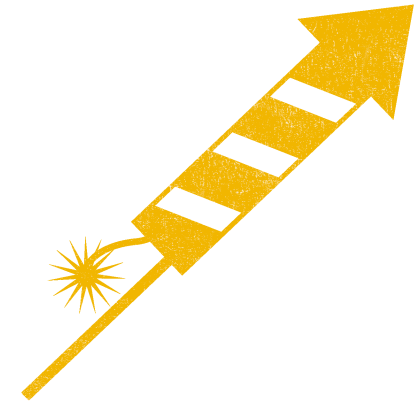


Former Advisory Services Lead Consultants Lorianne Pineda and Chi Tan catch-up with each other over dinner in Singapore

NOTE: If you think we missed your birthday on our list or your birthday on our list is incorrect, send us an e-mail at alumni.relations@ph.gt.com to help us update our alumni database.

Happy birthday to our alumni!

January



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Maila Kalagayan
Joecelyn Sangalang
Maria Jacqueline Machon
Christian Peraan
Maurice Sabio
Ivy Marie Silla
Anna Czarina Tuyay
Jennifer Velasco

3

Jocelyne Janoras
Jannette Tumang

4

Luzviminda Enriquez
Maria Filomena Hopilos

5

Emer Aceron
Jenilyn Maligro
Elvira Santos

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Dennis Bahia
Edmund Barata
Karen Bianca Angeli Cezar
Mary Ann Manalili

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Heinz Ryan Espinosa
Jomar Lising
Sheryl Lopez
Ennaira Charisse Mallapre
Ivy Krishna Panganiban

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Dio Miguel Atienza
Donnie Ray Cruz
Johanna Keh
Mila-Cybele Tomas
Joshua Villanueva

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Christes Fatima Espiritu
Sarah Grace Regacho
Josephine Uy

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Arcie Abin
Warren Paul Catacutan
Deney Bryan Milan
Timi Solidum

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Rheeza Maurine Ramos

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Mark Anthony Go
Jessana Hilay
Noel Ramiscal
Mark Philip So Chan

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Jan Michael Reyes

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Thea Marcia Chan
Joey Benzar Ibno

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Jan Miskeen Bartolo

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January



Rose-Shiela Mendoza
January Pizarro
Cherrie San Diego

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Janna Karol Langi
Mary Ann Villanueva

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Eduardo Abogado
Maria Cleofas Balatbat
Maria Paz Balayan
Cherrydel Caday
Maria Teresa Domingo
Daniel Libanan
Jonnalyn Murcia
Francesca Zabala

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Rachelle Babaan
Maria Kristina Santos

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John Michael Candasua
Gina Ila

20
John Russell Aguarino
Anna Marie Domingo
Jacquiline Tolentino

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Gloria Vita Fermo
Janice Martinez

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Robic Chavez
Grace Macabata
Luis Jovito Santos, Jr.

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Henry Aldave V
Carmela Lamera
Kashmir Pe
Therese Angela Uytengsu

24
Rosendo Bugtong
Ralph Itable

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Ivin Ronald Alzona
Brandon Canasa

Ruby Ann Garcia
Belinda Guevarra

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Paul Ryan Balon
Melea Cruz
Gilbert Mark Miras
Joel Suarez
Maria Joanna Luisa Ubana

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Nathaniel Ansay
Ronald Ian Del Mundo
Jillian Kristin Deveza
Roy Relato
Gilbert Byron Salazar
Elaine Seño

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January

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Amie Ajero

Maria Socorro Padua

Romyl Peña

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Augustus Vincent Beltran

Michael Vincent Degala

Ma. Lisa De Guzman

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Donnabelle May Chambers

Cherry Ann Dee

Miljay Luna

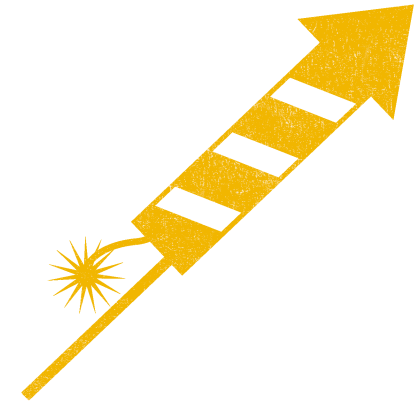
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Glenn Martin Arquiza

Jeamie Bernardino

Michael Niño Lagundi

Francis Floyd Occeña



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February



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Mary Joyce Rea Bantigue
Duane David
Eloisa Lazo
Charisse Venzon

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Rolando Allan Asi
Maria Gloria Bon
Frecelyn Garcia
Manny Tapucol

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Faye Arenas
Denissa Ysabel Dizon
Joannes Errol Taguinod

4

Marie Roselle Aguilar
Maycel Barata
Brenda Gallo
Frances Anne Gundran
Jeanna Marie Suarez

5

Clifford Chua
Froilan Lopez
Cariza Mae Lumasag
Ester Punongbayan
Manielyn Sevilla

6

Liberty Sambua
Lysandre Tansingco
Laarni Tecson

Maribeth Veluz

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Kristine Anne Estable
Maria Angela Jereza

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Patrick Pilapil
Darlene Santos

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Jauson Fausto
Maria Iris Valera

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Ana Abayon
Agatha Cristie Palmar
Ranulfo Sanchez

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Victor Alvior
Ronnie Boncan
Christopher Rey Caspe
Cesar De Guzman
Loudie Jay Falguera
Catherine Soriano

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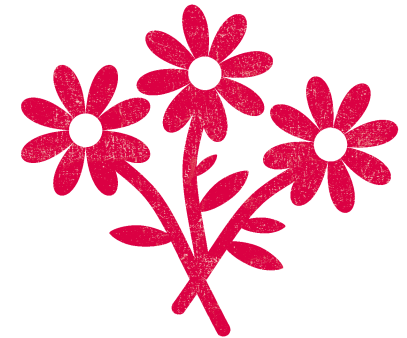
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Sheena Marie Salar
Russell Soto

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Michael Vincent Arias
Richmond Asiodche
Regina Pia Gadaza
Jayson Martin Otida

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February



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Johanna Haber
Josette Jocson
Shiela Legaspi
Raschel Sanchez
Jean Haydee Wang

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Dexter Dela Cruz
Claudette Montano
Michiko Mutuc
Rey Vernon Se

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Vincent Marvin Golla
Maria Luisa Reyes
Jaime Leon Warren

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Laila Amon
Rosario Bernaldo
Wendy Chan
Janzen Lacanilao
Michelle Ann Muldong
Jared Alvin Valarao

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Melody Maravillas

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Katherine Angodung
Bernard Cobarrubias
Val Galaroza
Shelamee Faith Marquez

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Gretchen Buendia
Christian Garcia
Rodelio Manansala
Raizza Ogatis
Madelaine Valencia

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Jacqueline Corcega
Janette Durante
Kristine Joy Nario

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Jorge Castalone
Nehemiyah Chan
Henry Cruz
Katherine Limlingan
Evan Vianzon

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Ana Katrina Dapo
Ronald Sugapong
Ronilo Tolentino

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Clarissa Girasoli
Glenn Magcaling
Willard Mosquito
Geraldine Salandanan

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Anna Leah Aldave
Marilou Trias

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Karina Ann Aguila
Therese Dawn Apura

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February



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Raymund Bolaños
Romina Francisco
Michael Collins Porras
Arlene Laurie Tanchico
Marlynn Villagomez

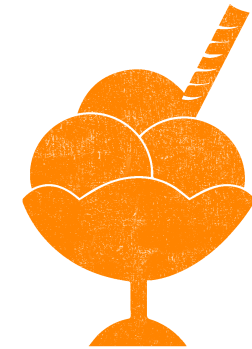
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Vijay De Castro
Philip Bryan Halili
Maria Carolina Sison
Marianette Te

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Debbie Marie Chavez
Edison De Guzman
Belinda Dugan
Jonathan Quianzon

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March



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Marissa Badoy
Maritess Cabangbang
Michelle Villanueva

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Francis Almario
Rowena Ferareza
Geraldine Maye Javier
Alison Pangilinan
Paul Gregory Pascual
Norman Santiago

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Chrisle Baligod
Ryan Roy Bero
Shayne Rose Bulos
Maria Irel Espuerta

Ellinor Geronimo

Emeterio Raymund Jumauan
Nelson Salazar

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Muriel Charm Bicol
Alfredo Damian, Jr.
Maria Celina Leonardo
Rodolfo Mapanao, Jr.
Maria Cristina Miranda
Jamema Yap

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Joseph Peter Anthony Ayson
Dana Angelica Capanzana
Christine Tio

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Ramer Indino
Desiree Ong

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Renell Joy Provided
Charmaine Salvador

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Wandalyn Calupig
Richie Ladrera
Jan Patrick Lao
Reynaldo Magpantay
Marilyn Panganiban
Francis Villamar

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Lilian Linsangan

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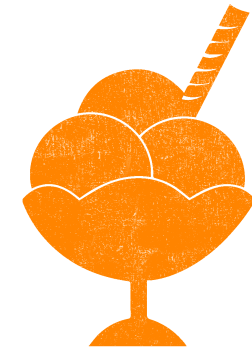
Ivan Ballarta
Mary Joy Jusay
Maria Darena Via Pontero

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Lou Bantaya
Marlon Barcenas

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March



Anna Liza Galvez
Armand Llarena
Reyanna Mae Mendoza
Reymonda Aida Obrero
Kristine Pua
Jahann Kjeld Santillan

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Madelaine Jan Fulgencio
Gregorio Navarro

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Archimedes Guerra
Michael Limbo

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Richard Allan Co
Michael Allan Co

Jelaine Roque
Garry De Guzman
Grace Mary Sucaldito

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Raizel Ching
Mark Joseph Rivera

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Brian Bensen
Maria Laarni Canonizado
Igor Simon Korionoff
Russelito Lagdan

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Walter Abela, Jr.
Henson Montalvo

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Carolyn Ardina
Nerilyn Dimaisip
Mary Rose Mercado
Clarence Octaviano
Rachelle Roxas
Mary Dina Sapalaran

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Arnold Hernandez
Maria Elizabeth Liceralde
Maria Theresa Lopez
Randy Rubio

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Gabriel Oledan
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Minerva Galicinao
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Elmer Pedrezuela
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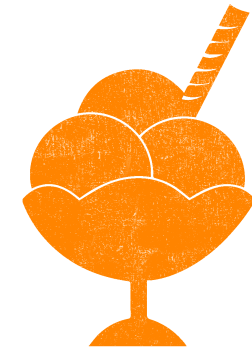
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Kristopher Marasigan
Lisa Mendoza

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Naldrin Batoon
Maureen Nierra

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RV Marvin Cabañero
Lauro Laya

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March



Sir Francis Perez
Glenda Salumbides

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Rami Arden Eguilos
Francis Ryan Parcasio

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Monnet Papa
Lilibeth Pascua
Marhurie Lourince Zanoria

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Mary Sun Marcelino
Marie Grace Panganiban
Jose Rodel Paracuelles
Mar Angelo Pruna
Charisse Siao

