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# BAHAY TULUYAN PHILIPPINES AUSTRALIA

March 2008

## Come to our dinner!

Our annual dinner will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Ukraine Hall, Russell St. Essendon from 7pm.-11pm The ticket price of \$35 includes a three course meal. Drinks at bar prices.

## Annual Photo Exhibition

A silent auction of beautiful photos of the Philippines and a presentation by the returned volunteers and our Filipino visitors. APRIL 22nd 6.30-8pm Australian Volunteers International Kerr St Fitzroy (gold coin donation).

## Can you help with our raffle?

We need prizes, big or small. Please let us know if you are able to donate a prize by 14th March in time to get the tickets printed.



We also need people to sell raffle tickets. Can you sell some tickets to family, friends or colleagues? We will post a book of tickets to you (\$2 each or 6 for \$10). You don't have to sell them all. Just give it a go! Every bit helps. The raffle will be drawn at the Dinner on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## Kids View 2008

We are very busy preparing for Kids' View 2008 when Catherine, Mary and Pasencia will be visiting Australia in April/May this year.



discussions and activities. It is a chance for students to hear of the struggles and challenges faced by many children in the Philippines. It is also a chance to consider their responsibilities and response to these global issues. Returned volunteers from Australian Volunteers International will facilitate the workshops.

We have school conferences planned for Melbourne, Geelong, Bendigo, Canberra, Sydney and Hobart. The interschool conferences are for student representatives to participate in a range of workshops, in-depth

If you know any schools who might like to send students, please let us know and we will send them an invitation. All are welcome! We would also appreciate some help to organise the conferences and assist on the days.

## Dates

- **Secondary School Conference** 24<sup>th</sup> April Flemington Community Centre, Flemington
- **Geelong Conference** 29<sup>th</sup> April Sacred Heart College, Geelong
- **Primary School Conference** 1<sup>st</sup> May Our Lady of the Nativity School, Essendon

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# WANTED

## Sponsorship...

When young people leave Bahay Tuluyan, there is a transition period as they learn to become independent and self sufficient. Bahay Tuluyan wants to help them through transition.

Six young people, aged between 18 and 22, are planning to study to help them enter the workforce. They have been accepted at Erda-tech which is a NGO providing vocational training. They are :

Diana Escobal - Food Tech  
Arlene Escobal - Beauty Therapy  
Widmark Tung – Automotive  
Christopher Hollon – Automotive  
Christina Orlina - Beauty Therapy  
Arthur Vallo - Food Tech



Whilst their tuition is free, they need help with their uniforms, tools, transport & lunch. They are all working with Bahay Tuluyan on the mobile unit which serves the children living on the streets of Manila

We need \$350 for each or \$2,000 for the group. If you would like to help, maybe you could join with family, friends or work colleagues to sponsor one person. Alternatively, you could donate to a fund to be set up to support these young people. Contact: Clare 93372124 or [clare@aus.bahaytuluyan.org](mailto:clare@aus.bahaytuluyan.org)

## School Shoes, Linen and Undies

We are currently collecting practical donations for the children of Bahay Tuluyan. Specifically, we are looking for school shoes, linen and underwear.

The children of Bahay Tuluyan are only able to attend school if they have shoes. We hope to collect good second hand school shoes to assist the children.



We would also appreciate any towels, single bed sheets or pillowcases in good condition. Only cotton sheets are suitable for the Philippines as the heat and humidity make other sheets too hot.

We are also hoping to collect new underwear for the children.

A group of people from Essendon Rotary and Kangan Batman TAFE are visiting Bahay Tuluyan in March and have been given an extra luggage allowance so they can take donations. Please contact us so we can pick up donations by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank you!

### Golf Day

The golf day held in November was a wonderful success. The day provided golfers with exciting competition and lots of fun. This was followed by a delicious dinner and good company. Many thanks to Nick Nicou, Joe Schepis and all their enthusiastic helpers. Please check our website for the generous sponsors who helped make the day such a great success.

### Food for Christmas

Thank you to everyone who supported our appeal for “Bags of Food for Christmas” We were able to give 240 families a happy Christmas. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

### Movie Night

“The Kite Runner” was enjoyed by about 150 people who attended the movie night in February. Thanks to all those who attended and those who organized the night.

### Newsletter

If you would prefer not to receive this newsletter in future please let us know. Also if you would like to receive it via email in order to save paper and ink please email [newsletter@aus.bahaytuluyan.org](mailto:newsletter@aus.bahaytuluyan.org)

### Other Communication

We only send out 3 newsletters each year so it is good if we can communicate with you when important things are planned.

If you would like to keep in touch this can be done in several ways:

- Check the website for updates
- Join the BTPA Facebook group
- If we have your email address we can let you know of special events

### Join us...

If you would like to be a member of BTPA it costs \$5 to join and \$1 per year

Renewals are due now.

The date and location of the next BTPA meeting will be published soon.

Everyone welcome

Come along and get involved!