

## SEPTEMBER-BORN UPSCANS PARTY AT BARCELONA RESIDENCE - 14 SEP 2013

It has become some sort of tradition for the close-knit Upsca friends circa 60's to have a get-together every year for the September born at Tigi Barcelona's grand house in San Juan. I made a report for the 2011 event 2 days later when at the airport enroute to the US. There was a 2012

event but I was not there. This year, Lisa & I specifically flew in from the province to attend this party. It was as expected the usual crowd, but with two less, who had gone to the beyond: Angge Soriano and Ruben Rivera.

Below are pictures and commentary.



*Kneeling:* Clara Lapus, Ting Ong, Mercy Abad, Edna Manlapaz, Danny Gil. *Sitting:* Nora Barcelona, Jimmy Abad, Noel Soriano. *Standing:* Lourdes Caluag, Jimmy Ong, Clara's friend, Mimi Pasicolan, Mundy Gonzales (partly hidden), Josie Magtoto, Tigi Barcelona (hidden), Eddie Magtoto, Sylvia Gonzales, Lisa Gil, Bong & Beth Nuqui, Mon Pasicolan, Medy Cruz. Not in photo are Romy Manlapaz, Gani Cruz (arrived later), and Gus & Totie de Leon (left earlier).



There's Gus de Leon on the right, with Eddie and Jimmy.



Totie de Leon (in blue) with some of the girls,



Gani Cruz, center, with Clara and Jimmy.



Only shot I have of Romy Manlapaz is back view, left end.



Host Tigi Barcelona, center, flanked by Totie de Leon on his left and unidentified friend who left early on.

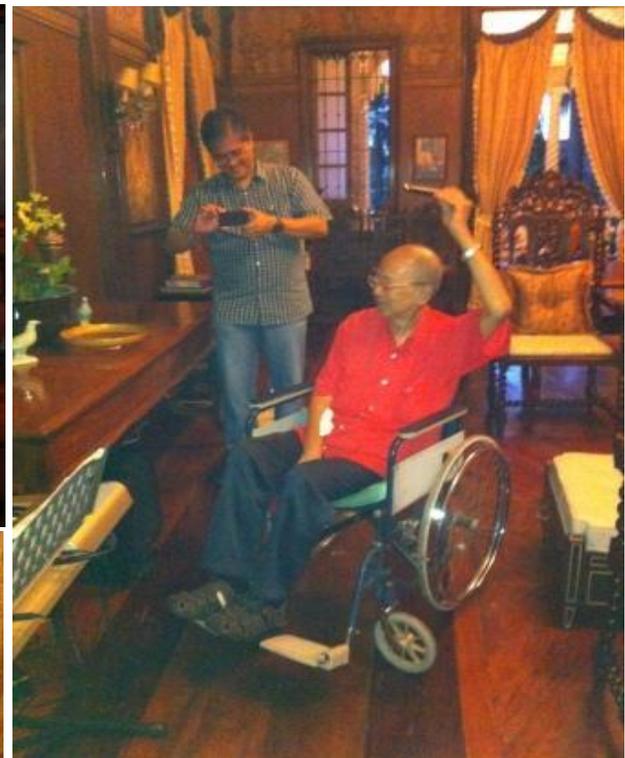


Part of the elegant living room where Sylvia, Lourdes, Lisa and Beth relax after dinner.



Many of us sang along, but not into the microphone, except for Beth, shown above with Bong, who accompanied Mundy a few times and sang solo, excellently.

The talk centered around the latest news on other friends, family happenings to children and grandchildren, current events especially the Naples affair, politics, and jokes. The smaller sub-group of Lakbayans became even smaller as the Abads and Pasicolans explained their latest itinerary. They fly to Los



Food and wine was excellent, and the music divine. The hosts again had contracted the same one-man band who played the keyboard, sang, and most importantly, accompanied the superb baritone Mundy Gonzales as he belted out his songs. See upper left photo. Note painting of a young Tigi on the wall.

The highlight was when wheelchair-bound Noel sang solo and then played the harmonica. Photo above shows him and his son Popo.

Angeles Oct 1 for a week's stay prior to going south to Brazil to visit Sonia Valenzuela-Quast, then go to Peru to trek to Machu Picchu. And we, the earlier other Lakbayans agree, our next trip would probably be on a cruise ship, perhaps using wheelchairs.