

**MISCELLANEOUS SELECTED
PHOTOS WITH COMMENTARY
TAKEN AT THE UP ENGINEERING
PARTY ON 5 JUNE 2014 AT THE
RESIDENCE OF ART MANIQUIS IN
WEST COVINA, CA.**

**WITH GUESTS FROM THE EAST
COAST, PHILIPPINES & CANADA**

**ORGANIZED BY
REY SANIDAD, DAVID UNSON,
INGGO MENDOZA & OTHERS**

PHOTOS FROM THE JUNE 5, 2014 PARTY AT ART MANIQUIS' HOUSE



By mid afternoon, it was time for a group picture while everybody was still around. Art brought out his camera tripod for me to use with my camera on self timer. We decided the best spot was across the swimming pool where there was more space for all, and the sun's lighting angle was better. So, first shot were just the engineers, as identified thus, left to right: Toti Kasilag, Nick Cabison, Mandy Rivera, Ed Punzalan, Dave Unson, Luis Pascual, Mario Castillo, Elvie Supleo-Ferrer, Inggo Mendoza, Rey de Castro, Pros Ordinario, Bert Songco, Ike Descallar, Manny Ciriaco, Art Maniquis, Ben Eugenio, Rey Sanidad, and Danny Gil. Camera's timer is 15 seconds, and I had to almost run halfway around the pool, making sure I wouldn't trip. Of course, the rest of the crowd, other guests, spouses, etc were snapping away with their cameras.



Then everybody else got into the scene, with chairs set up mainly for the ladies, and arranged so spouses were more or less together. Sitting: Marilyn Pangilinan, Gloria Kasilag, Gloria Cabison, Lita Rivera, Batch Unson, Mila Mendoza, Judith Pascual, Nina de Castro, Merle Descallar, Veekee Eugenio, Minnie Maniquis, Ollie Sanidad and Lisa Gil
Standing: Ernie Pangilinan, Caloy Ferrer, Toti, Nick, Mandy, Ed, Dave, Luis, Mario, Marieta Castillo, Inggo, Elvie, Rey, Pros, Ike, Ben, Art, Manny, Rey, Danny and Bert.

The party started at 12:30, and truly had lots of out-of-towners. The Mendozas were en route back to the Philippines from Mexico; the Gil's were visiting from NJ on their yearly trip to the US; the de Castros flew in from NJ; the Castillos drove in from San Francisco, as did Edong Punzalan. The Ferrers also drove in from SF on an extended land trip from Toronto, Canada. There was one who started off also from San Francisco but couldn't make it. Rene V. Santos turned back after he had some foot problems. Most out of town guests had relatives or friends to stay with or at a motel.

We came in relatively late at about 2:30 because we picked up Ernie at his house a few miles away from our son's place at Northridge, but also had to pick up Marilyn at the train station as she was coming in from half day work.

The house of Art was great. There was lots of space at the back yard for groups to congregate under the shade of two large tents. Many of the guys stayed there engaging in lively discussions on politics and other subjects. Many preferred the cool a/c'd indoors where the wide screen TV had some sports games showing. And the food was fantastic.

I started distributing right away the "bluebook", a 46 page printout of the sounevir program with old photos, before and after photos of many of us, with writeups, and a roster of the engineering graduates circa 1964 & 1965.

Even more interesting was the interaction of schoolmates who hadn't seen each other in decades. For instance, Nina de Castro turns out to have been Lisa's dorm mate, so they had lots of stories to catch up on about mutual acquaintances. By late afternoon, the crowd started thinning out, and finally, we were one of the last to leave at about 9:00 pm, but not before having another round of eats as some sort of dinner.

Below are miscellaneous photos with commentary.



The MEs: Inngo, Ike, Danny, Edong, Pros, Art, ReyS, ReyC, Prof Luis



The ChEs: Ben, Toti, Elvie, Manny Castillo, Manny Ciriaco



Glo Kasilag, Elvie Ferrer, Marieta Castillo & Veekee Eugenio



Toti Kasilag, Batch Unson & Glo



Candid shot, during those extensive, heated discussions



Taking a break

Addenda, some more pictures sent in by Ike Descallar, with commentary:



Inggo Mendoza gives a short heart felt thanks and blessing for this momentous Golden Jubilee. Left to right Marrieta Castillo, Manny Ciriaco, Mandy Rivera, Inggo, Mario Castillo, Nvck Cabison, Batch Unson, Dave Unson.



Food! In no particular order, I am sure you will recognize them in the picture. Lechon, barbecued skewered meat, fresh lumpia, crunchy dillis, Vegetable mix with coconut milk, Pancit, Inihaw na talong with diced tomato and bag-goong and there were more in the other tables. Sharing great food among life long friends make the memories last forever.



A silent prayer for our fellow classmates. Left to right, Inggo Mendoza, Nina de Castro, Batch Unson, Judith Pascual, Lita Rivera, Gloria Cabison, ana Merle Descallar



Luis Pascual and Inggo Mendoza



Mandy & Lita Rivera, Merle & Ike Descallar, Nina & Rey de Castro



Pros and Ike

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-----Original Message-----

From: Domeng and Mila Mendoza <domengmila@yahoo.com>

To:

Sent: Sun, Jun 8, 2014 9:01 pm

Subject: Re: Engineering Party

Dear All,

Thank you all for making our golden jubilee celebration a great success! I give special mention to Art Maniquis, Rey Sanidad and Danny Gil for going out of their way to make sure that everybody enjoyed the affair. Also to our wives who stood beside us during these years. Words are not enough to express our grateful thanks for making our US trip most meaningful and rewarding.

We look forward to our Emerald get-together in 2019! Hopefully by that time, instead of politics, we will instead be talking about the brand of hearing aid we are using!

God bless to all of you, friends forever!

Inggo & Mila

On Monday, June 9, 2014 3:46 AM, Mario Castillo <mariocastillo777@att.net> wrote:

Dear Friends:

Marietta and I enjoyed meeting you all after almost 50 years !! We had a great time ---- interesting conversation and exchange of ideas and experiences. The Lunch and Dinner were superb. We wish we could meet again in a few years.

Thanks to Danny Gil for producing the souvenir program, taking pictures & sharing them, and maintaining the database.

Thanks a lot to Art and Minnie for hosting the party at their beautiful home. And most of all, inviting us to stay overnight including breakfast, calamansi harvest, and travel snacks to go. Art and Minnie, we enjoyed your hospitality and friendship.

Again, thanks a lot to all the organizers and hosts. Let's all keep in touch. Give us a call when you're in the SF Bay Area.

May the good LORD continue blessing us, our children, and our grandchildren.

Mario & Marietta Castillo

On Sunday, June 8, 2014 12:27 AM, mario kasilag <mkasilag@yahoo.com> wrote:

great writeup, danny, and thanks again for the souvenir booklet.
many, many thanks also to the organizers, and to our gracious hosts , art and minnie!