

THE 10 FEB 2012 MINI-REUNION, USC CLASS 1959, BHS & GHS

The idea for the event started at Romy Ybañez' birthday party 25 March 2011 which he and Florence hosted during their Cebu visit after their south east Asian tour. For some of us BHS guys, this was the first time since high school days when we got to meet some of our counterparts from the GHS. As we all know, both groups held separate 50th year anniversaries in February 2009, though originally planned as a joint venture. Those reunions were so successful that it was decided to repeat it again in five years, meaning 2014.

Darcy Tabotablo threw a similar bash 25 June 2011, and the sentiment was even stronger: why wait for 2014? Let's have a joint BHS & GHS reunion in February 2012, similar to the 2009 event, involving as many of the US residents as possible, with 3 days of festivities, capped by a new souvenir program.

Alas, this may have been too big a bite to chew. The final outcome was a mini-reunion - something the girls have periodically celebrated by themselves, but this time, some of us guys became part of it.

And though it may have been a mini, it was just as enjoyable.

Venue was at the Fortuna Restaurant in downtown Cebu, where there was a delicious buffet-style lunch at the first floor, followed by over 2 hours worth of fellowship and camaraderie at the third floor private hall.

Below are miscellaneous photos with commentary.



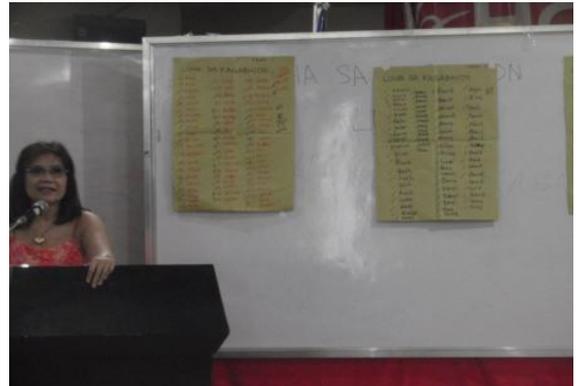
Dinner with groups spread over half a dozen tables. Later, we adjourned upstairs, and there were latecomers who joined.



Upstairs, there was a program emceed by Janni Elumba. There were games, exchange gifts, dancing, and snacks.



One of the games involved creating as many words as possible from a sentence. Everybody was divided into three teams. On left shows team one working out their solutions. On right shows the results of the team's efforts. Photo below shows the more energetic doing their fancy dancing steps.



Ed Tautjo had the mike for some time, and made the rounds introducing almost everybody to each other. It was here where we all agreed to work together for a joint 2014 grand reunion. Candid photo shows Ed Tautjo with Lorie Duran, while Rudy Floreto crosses foreground.

On the following pages are the formal group photo, and "Before & After" shots of those who attended.

USC GHS&BHS 1959 ALUMNI GET-TOGETHER, FORTUNA HOTEL, CEBU CITY, 10 FEB 2012



- 1 Roger Salinas
- 2 Alan Macachor
- 3 Rose Tautjo
- 4 Ed Tautjo
- 5 Ethel Corbo Tuñacao
- 6 Clar Filipinas
- 7 Carina Corro Angel
- 8 Angeles Mison
- 9 Glicería Cabahug Lawas
- 10 Rudy Floreto
- 11 Danny Gil

- 12 Francia Empleo
- 13 Janni Silagan Elumba
- 14 Emma Mendoza Macachor
- 15 Percy Cansana Tanisaki
- 16 Nanette Cruz Arguelles
- 17 Monchit Salgado Gacula
- 18 Tita Suico Po
- 19 Mercy Navaja Datan
- 20 Cirila Magallanes Layam
- 21 Elisa Flores Semblante
- 22 Lucena Javierto Bachiller

- 23 Flor Floreto
- 24 Lisa Señeris Gil
- 25 Mario Quiblatin
- 26 Beth Tabotabo
- 27 Darcy Tabotabo
- 28 Aida Booc Tapparra
- 29 Loreto Alcosoba Duran
- 30 Tonette Santos Rosel
- 31 Aida Sing Ocariza
- 32 Linda Villa Capuras

Note: Not in photo is Geo Ando who left early

Photo by Rudy Floreto
ID's by Clar Filipinas

"Before & After" shots of GHS & BHS attendees. "After" photos are cropped from recent photos over past 3 years:



1 Roger Salinas



4 Ed Tautjo



5 Ethel Corbo Tuñacao



6 Clar Filipinas



7 Carina Corbo Angel



8 Angeles Mison



9 Gliceria Cabahug Lawas



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21 Elisa Flores Semblante



22 Lucena Javier Baciller



25 Mario Quiblatin



27 Darcy Tabotabo



28 Aida Booc Taparra



29 Loreto Alcoseba Duran



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Guerillo Ando

This idea of "Before & After" photos was a hit in the 2009 BHS souvenir program. These color photos herein are blowups of various photos taken at various reunions and get-togethers. Many are candid shots. Apologies if they don't do justice to your looks.

Hopefully, in the 2014 Grand Reunion, we can expand this gallery to show many more faces, and this time, everybody will be given the choice of submitting their "after" photos of their choice.

Following a similar format from the 2009 SP, individuals can submit family photos for printing in advertisement section. This mainly is to fund the cost of production.

We thank the Cebu organizers who made this event possible, and those from abroad: Percy, Darcy, Monchit, Nanette & Emma and those from Manila: Tonette, Ed and Rudy.

Following below are selected emails exchanged on the loop, since the recent reunion.

Dear Darcy,

I like your proposal for the 2014 Grand Emerald Reunion. I hope the organizers in Cebu can work on that schedule, and probably start as early as possible.....Monchit

Thank you Chit. I'm sure Eddie and Lindy together will do a good job organizing with Romy overseeing the preparations. We need someone from the Girls High to coordinate with the boys. With Danny doing the SP and Pete and Jess Rosario handling the video part, we cannot miss this big affair. Remember, this might be our last hurrah so we all have to work together on this. Also each day will have a different person from both sides (girls and boys) to be in charge, just like what we did during our first reunion.

Darcy

I know I have not been participating much with the excitement for the reunion but I think Darcy's suggestions sounds very nice and entertaining. I wonder about the girls not wanting to go out at night because they are afraid. At our age? I will try to join the 2014 get together.

Arabella

Rom, your money for the ads is still in Cebu because I could not get hold of Tony Felipe. As for the grand Emerald Reunion for 2014, here is my proposal :
Day 1 : Mass in the morning, followed by breakfast. In the afternoon at 4:00 pm, then welcome party for all. The girls are proposing an afternoon party because they are afraid to go out at night.

Day 2 : Excursion to the south, like the Sumilon Island leaving in the morning and lunch at Carmen's resto in Argao. When we reach Sumilon Island, we can have a bon fire in the evening together with dinner. We will spend the night there.

Day 3 : after breakfast, proceed to Cebu City. This time we will have the farewell party at night.

That is just my 2 cents worth. As I suggested, we appoint Eddie Tautjo and Lindy Alfar as co-chairs.

Darcy

I suggest those with email please print this out to distribute to those not computer savvy.