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DVA Diamond Jubilee celebration





Dasmariñas Village Association Marks 60 Years of Community with Grand Jubilee Festivities

On January 18, 2025, Dasmariñas Village commemorated its 60th Anniversary with a series of events that celebrated its rich history and vibrant community spirit. The Diamond Jubilee was a momentous occasion, bringing together residents, distinguished guests, and performers for a day filled with gratitude, music, and celebration.

Morning Parade of Bands

The morning kicked-off with special performances of three (3) drum and bugle corps bands that marched the streets of the village playing danceable music.

Cavite Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from Cavite City sent a team of 50 band members and 10 female color guards attired in black ensembles with green plume while the female majorettes had blue flags that they twirled around in unison adding a visual spectacle to the band's lilting music.



Simultaneously playing taking a different route around the village was Makati City Lancers Drum and Bugle Corps. They began their march from Amorsolo gate. Makati Lancers is a team of 60, composed of musicians and employees of the Makati City government.

Attired in black and blue uniform, they entertained the residents along Palm Avenue, Palomaria, Lumbang, Dasmariñas Avenue, Kasoy, Mahogany, ending in front of the Pavilion. Included in their repertoire was the upbeat song of Bruno Mars, APT.



Finally, Banda Cuatro Malabon is a drum and bugle corps that graced DVA's 60th Jubilee celebration. Pride of Malabon City that gained widespread recognition after being crowned the grand winner of "Banda Rito, Banda Roon" segment of the noontime TV show, Eat Bulaga.

This group consists of 20 members and 3 majorettes. The band members wore red pants and white double-breasted red uniforms, while the 3 lady majorettes were dressed in red tussled dresses.

The band played modern tunes including APT.



Evening Thanksgiving and Opening Ceremonies

The evening began with a heartfelt Thanksgiving Mass at 5:00 PM, officiated by Fr. Dante Bendoy, Rector of Colegio San Agustin. The renowned choir Vocalismo provided inspiring hymns and the Italian version of "The Prayer".



Following the Mass, cocktails were served while the crowd was regaled with upbeat tunes of the '70s and '80s by 92AD, an a capella band of Ateneo graduates.





DVA president Philip Sigfrid Fortun then delivered the Welcome Remarks and Keynote Address, reflecting on the village's 60 year journey and its aspirations for the future. (see page 12 for the full text of the Keynote Address)

The Board of Governors then took center stage to present awards, honoring individuals and groups who had made significant contributions to the community over the years.



DVA 60th Jubilee Awardees

At its 60th Diamond Jubilee celebration and party, DVA awarded plaques of appreciation to its long-time residents and business partner for their contributions to the community.



Arch. Ramon R. Antonio

Architect Ramon R. Antonio was cited for designing and supervising completion of village entrance gates and security structures, providing modern features and amenities thereon, ensuring all improvements meet the needs or requirements of their users, enhancing the aesthetic value of DVA assets, conveying the good taste, sophistication, and character of its residents, and ensuring that superior craftsmanship and sustainability are installed for their continued use for generations.



Victoria P. Celdran

Ms. Victoria P. Celdran was cited for her unparalleled effort in improving common areas of the community, improving gym facilities and social services including upgrading the Town Hall pavilion, and in volunteering her services as Governor and President for several years, earning the respect and gratitude of her neighbors, friends, and those she touched by activities she started and thereafter sustained by others who succeeded her.

Arch. William V. Coscolluela

Architect William V. Coscolluela received recognition for designing the DVA Town Hall and the proposed DVA Community Center, providing modern features and amenities for use by the community for social activities and sports functions, thereby expending time, skill, and resources to ensure both meet the needs of residents, and guaranteeing that superior craftsmanship and sustainability are in place for their continued use for generations.



Christine B. De Jesus

Ms. Christine B. De Jesus was awarded for upgrading common areas of the community, improving the DVA Board Room, and in volunteering her services to beautify the village for several years, earning the respect and gratitude of her neighbors and friends and those she touched by activities she started that were also sustained by those who succeeded her.

El Tigre Security and Investigation Agency

Mr. Jojo B. Poe, Group Chairman of CAT Group received the plaque of recognition for El Tigre Security and Investigation Agency for its unselfish contribution in supporting security, social services requirements and projects of the community, providing superior security guard force that takes part in all aspects of village operations including firefighting, blood donation, and traffic management, thereby ensuring that all requirements of a resilient, productive, and prosperous community are met.



Jubilee Dinner and Stellar Entertainment

At 7:00 PM, guests gathered for the Jubilee and Testimonial Dinner, which featured the elegant touch of the Manila Hotel Celebration Team and a lively Waiters' Parade. The evening's atmosphere was elevated by the musical talents of the Marcy David Band.



At 8:00 PM, the entertainment began with a captivating Musical Opening for the Gala, performed by the talented duo Johann Enriquez and Sheena Lee Palad.



The highlight of the evening came at 8:30 PM with a stunning Anniversary Gala Performance by the iconic Ms. Kuh Ledesma, whose timeless voice and stage presence enchanted the audience.



The night concluded with Ballroom Dancing at 9:15 PM, as the Marcy David Band returned to provide lively melodies. The dance floor buzzed with energy and joy, closing the Jubilee celebration on a high note.



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Outdoor Extravaganza at the Al Fresco Park

Dasmariñas Village also organized an unforgettable outdoor Music, Dance, and Variety Extravaganza at the Palm Avenue – Pasay Road “Al Fresco Park”, a special event dedicated to celebrating and honoring the household staff of the community’s residents.

An exciting evening filled with entertainment and camaraderie began with attendees joining games such as Pagandahan ng Boses, a singing showdown to showcase vocal talents, and Pagalingan ng Indayog at Sayaw, a dance contest celebrating rhythm and creativity.



Afterwards, the stage came alive with a performance by the talented Katya Santos, joined by the hilarious Diva’s Comedians Eva Papaya and James Ramada, and the entertaining Krazy Boyz, providing laughter and great music for all.



The excitement peaked with the Group Singing Contest “Mga Talentadong Taga Dasma” and Group Dance Contest “Mga Huwad na Mananayaw ng Dasma”.



Throughout the evening, attendees had many chances to win exciting prizes during the numerous raffles and games that saw many partygoers going home with appliances, electronic gadgets, food items, sacks of rice, and gift certificates.



The night concluded with the much-anticipated Disco and Chill Hour, which gave everyone a chance to relax, unwind, and celebrate together.



The Diamond Jubilee of Dasmariñas Village was more than just a celebration of its past; it was a testament to the strong bonds and shared pride of its residents. This remarkable event not only honored six decades of history but also looked forward to a bright and united future. Cheers to 60 years of excellence, community, and celebration—and to many more ahead!



DVA'S 60TH YEAR – UNITED TOWARDS THE FUTURE

(Speech delivered by DVA president Philip Sigfrid A. Fortun on January 18, 2025 at DVA's Jubilee Night)

Good evening neighbors and friends. I welcome all of you to today's celebration of DVA's 60th year of existence. It was on January 18, 1965 that the SEC gave its imprimatur to DVA's creation as a homeowners' association. And what a wonderful 60 years it has been. Leaf through the pages of your program and see how our association has morphed from a fledgling community headed by Ayala Corporation stalwart Jaime Velasquez as its first President, to a vibrant resilient community that it is today, replete with the latest gadgets for its security staff to AI technology in its CCTV system. It perhaps is the only village in the country that boasts of a working emergency and disaster support system, and rules distributed to all its residents on how it will work and when to act. It is a homeowner's association that seeks to achieve international management standards through a quality policy that fosters resiliency and sustainability. DVA is truly gearing up for the future.

But what is the significance of 60 years and why do we need to celebrate? 60 is retirement year for working folks, and passage to a white senior citizen's card-entitlement. It is a diamond jubilee for most, especially to married couples. It is the division of the hour into 60 minutes and of the minute into 60 seconds, a system of time developed by the Babylonians who used a sexagesimal system for mathematics and astronomy that was in use by the Sumerians as early as 3500 BCE.

For Catholics, the Rosary of the Virgin Mary is composed of 60 beads. It is said that if you try to find the meaning of the number 60 in your life, it may be that God is trying to speak to you about seasons in life. 60 represents change from one season to another and that there is thereafter a transition period, like the Sabbath day, no different from a completed circle.

For me, 60 to DVA is about transitioning relationships, changing thoughts and ideas about the present. There thus should be a window of rest after 60, and God is using the number 60 to invite us into that rest. To leave behind things we had been accustomed to, and consider what is next. The word "Sabbath" is used sixty times in the bible and is a day that we are directed to rest, connect with God, and re-connect with our family.

The papal bull issued by Pope Francis on December 24, 2024 proclaimed this year as a Jubilee year. Its by-line is "*Spes non confundit*" (Latin for "Hope does not disappoint").

To us in DVA, then, this year should be a year for us to retire old resentments, fears, and disaffection. It is our year to start afresh. Being a Catholic Jubilee year, let all of us neighbors be "Pilgrims of Hope". Let us renew our commitment to be a better, stronger, and a more resilient village. Let us then be true to DVA's purpose as a community to work together, united towards the future.

Magandang gabi po sa inyong lahat, Mabuhay ang mga kapitbahay at kasamahan natin sa DVA. Enjoy the show.