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IT'S UNSTOPPABLE!

Though we have been encountering global pandemic due to Covid-19 virus, PCVCC pursued with its annual “*Visita Villa de Navidad*” through a virtual platform using the Facebook live video in the Club’s main page.

“*Visita Villa de Navidad*” is one of the Club's activities, wherein the members will be visiting other members' Christmas Villages to share ideas, appreciate creativity, and to have bonding time as well. This is held once a year, usually in the months of November or December.

For this year, the Club invited four (4) of our distinguished Clubmates here and aboard. This is the first time that Filipino members abroad flaunted their awesome villages to the Collectors in the Philippines.

The first batch of Clubmates-Hosts unveiled their Christmas Village displays last December 20, 2020.

The first Clubmate-Host who was scheduled was Mr. Ryan Pamintuan, direct from

Visita 2020 turned Virtual

by Andy G. Matula



L-R Upper photos: Ms. Eloy Vicente-Francisco (in Muntinlupa, Philippines) & Sir Ryan Pamintuan (in Ontario, Canada) **Lower photos:** Mr. Armando Que and Ms. Grace Dizon (in California, USA)

Canada, he had shown his magical Christmas Village with five (5) electric trains. Another highlight of his Christmas Village that made it unique and distinctive was the prevalent posters / signage with Biblical verses that reminded us the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Next was Ms. Eloy Vicente-Francisco from Muntinlupa City, Philippines. She shared her huge Department 56 (Dept56) Dickens Christmas Village that expressed the sense of Victorian life. It also highlighted the artistic layout, particularly DIY Cobblestone roads and tissue-made water effect.

While, Mr. Armando Que gave the members a glimpse of his Christmas Village House located in California, USA. It really was a jaw-dropping experience seeing that his collection was not placed in one area but it occupied his entire house!

Lastly, in December 28, 2020, Ms. Grace Dizon also from California, USA, graciously allowed us to see her well-chosen pieces of Dept56 Dickens series. Likewise, her lampshade or “*lampara*” collections and the different CV Church buildings.

Also, a special participation of Mr. Robin Hervey wherein he had shown his stylish Snow Village collection.

Thank you

FRONTLINER-CLUBMATES

NO AMOUNT OF WORDS can express our gratitude to both of you. You made a lot of sacrifices to save other lives. You are indeed our modern Heroes. **You made us so proud, Clubmates!**

Maraming Salamat po! (Thank you very much)

- From your PCVCC Family



Photos (L-R) John Eli, Angeli Damaso, Ryan Pamintuan, & Queenie Doronilla



2020 PCVCC's Activities

by Andy Matula

For the last quarter of the year 2020, even though we were limited in our movements and resources, PCVCC was able to conduct series of fun and productive activities. These activities manifested not only the generosity of our Clubmates in terms of sharing their ideas and talents but also their love and care for the other members. Since the 4th quarter of the year was the best and busiest considering it was when the Christmas day falls. With that, this is the same period wherein we gave full support as shown to our various activities, as

1. PCVCC's Series of Talks

After the Talks on the **"Reason for the Season: A Devotional Sharing"** with our Guest Speaker, Mr. Renato Gutierrez, the PCVCC's co-administrator last September 01, 2020, then followed by **A Talk on Mental Health relating to Hobby Addiction: Beyond Fancy Attitude of Collection as a Hobby: Do's and Don'ts** by Dr. Helen Santiago-Sigua in October 03, 2020, two (2) remaining talks were scheduled in the last quarter of year 2020:

- a. **The Best Ways to Hoard: "Hoard All you Can!"** by Atty. George Jungle and Ma. Eloy Vicente-Francisco in October 10, 2020.

The purpose of this forum is to give our Clubmates the ideas on the best ways on how and where they can purchase Christmas Village items in reasonable prices. Likewise, what is the most practical way on how to transport it here in the Philippines?

To read the FULL TIPS from Atty. George Jungle, please visit this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/philippine.christmas.village.collectors.club/permalink/1523372257858530>

To read the FULL TIPS from Ma'am Eloy Vicente-Francisco, please visit this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/philippine.christmas.village.collectors.club/permalink/1523372307858525>



- b. **Valuing our Collection**

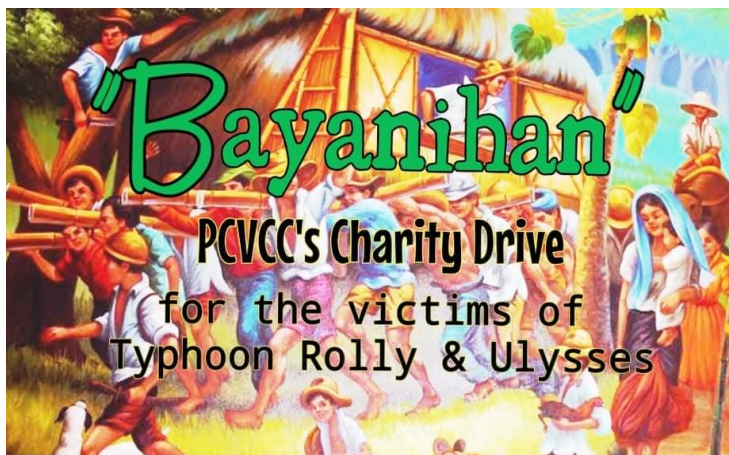
In 7 November 2020, for the members to appreciate more the concept of value relative to our Collection, this forum was facilitated by PCVCC through our Guest Speaker from the US, Ms. Lesley Allen.

Ms. Allen gave some tips on how Collectors will value their collections by emphasizing that it has something to do with the brand, quality and price up to how we should take care of villages like proper storing, room temperature, cleaning, as well as insurance, investment and resale.

To read the FULL TIPS from Ma'am Lesley Allen, please visit this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/philippine.christmas.village.collectors.club/permalink/1563402843855471>





2. "Bayanihan" Charity Drive initiated by PCVCC

The Club launched the "Bayanihan" [a spirit of civic unity and cooperation] Charity Drive to help its members and non-members who were severely affected by Super typhoon Ulysses (Vamco) that pummelled areas of Marikina City in Metro Manila and Tuguegarao City in Cagayan Valley Province. Cash donation and relief goods were collected and officially turned over to our Members last 24 November 2020.

Mr. Andy Matula, the Club Administrator, said "Thank you for those who already responded and who will be responding [on the call for charity drive]. Do not stop helping others because that is the very spirit of Christmas."

Here is the report on the said Charity Drive:

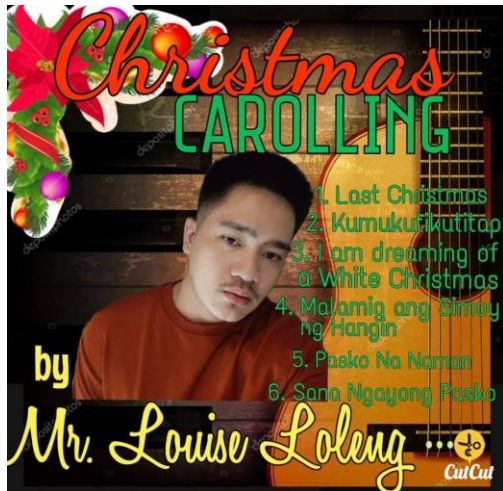
Report on the PCVCC's Charity Drive for its Members Who became Victims of Super Typhoons Rolly & Ulysses as of 30 November 2020

Donor(s)	Amount (in PhP)	Receipt(s)	Affected Area(s)	Received Donation in Cash (in PhP)
Donation (in Cash)				
Meyer Alcade	500.00	Renato Gutierrez	Marikina City	4,000.00
Esmeralda Deano	2,000.00	Joselito Pascual	Marikina City	1,000.00
Latsyrc Nidamla	120.00	Marvin Mauricio	Marikina City	1,000.00
Janice Berber Alongsagay	1,640.00	Orly Trinidad	Tugeugarao City	2,000.00
Faye Thomas	2,000.00			
Ryan Pamintuan (For Sir Renato)	3,332.00			
	9,592.00			8,000.00
	Balance (For Future Charity Projects) =		1,592.00	
Donation (in Kind)				
	Item(s) & Service	Estimated Value (in PhP)	Affected Area(s)	Received Donation in Kind
Susan Rola Javier	Miscellaneous Goods	2,500.00	Marikina City	21,500.00
Dovie Mayores	Food	2,500.00	Tugeugarao City	0.00
Olivia Bernardo	120 pieces of Slippers	6,000.00		
Andy Matula & DOH Employees	Miscellaneous Goods	5,000.00		
Andy Matula & UCC Students	Miscellaneous Goods	5,000.00		
Mark Anthony Matula	Service Vehicle to transport Goods	500.00		
		21,500.00		21,500.00

3. PCVCC's 3rd Year Anniversary and Christmas Activities

The PCVCC celebrated its 3rd year Anniversary last 07 December 2020. Among our well wishers were GMA 7 News Anchor, Ms. Pia Archangel, our dear friend Ms. Rosie Hurtado, the administrator of the Central Valley 56 Collectors, and Ms. Universe Philippines 2020, Ms. Rabiya Mateo.

Apart from that, activities were held to celebrate also the Christmas season:



a. **Virtual Carolling by Mr. Louise Loleng** –a well recognized youth leader in Manila and our very own Member, Mr. Loleng who had showcased his singing talent and serenaded our Clubmates with six (6) traditional Christmas songs in Tagalog and English last 10 December 2020.

b. **Virtual Visita Villa de Navidad** (please read the story in the Frontpage)

c. **Grand Raffle, Awards and Recognition**–

Grand Christmas Raffle

In December 26, 2020, the PCVCC held for the first time a grand Christmas Raffle for its members. The Grand and Consolation prizes were all donated by Ms. Catherine Day, our Clubmate from Ontario, Canada. The raffle draw was witnessed by Mr. Ryan Pamintuan.

In order to ensure that the prizes will be equally distributed among the members, it was drawn by geographical clustering (NCR, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao). And here is the list of winners for grand and consolation prizes:



Grand Prizes

1st Prize – Carlo FonZ

2nd Prize- Albert Garpo

3rd Prize – Maria Teresa Castro

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| 1. Assorted figurines: Anabel Magdula | 6. Assorted fences wooden, resin, greeny plastic: Lou DG |
| 2. Assorted figurines with pine trees accessories: Bubut Aherrera | 7. Two (2) packs of Moss: Manny Blue |
| 3. Two (2) packs of Moss: Des Abmule | 8. Assorted fences wooden, greeny plastic: Marilou Villacillo |
| 4. Assorted figurines: Muffy Lucas | 9. Two (2) packs of Moss: Laudemyr Leyes |
| 5. Two (2) packs of Moss: Norma del Rosario B | 10. One (1) big pack of Moss: Chelle Acruz |



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| 11. Moon Accessory: Jasmin Barbar Dela Torre | 17. Seasons Bay Rocking Chair Readers: Lainna Pangangyarihan-Ko |
| 12. Sand Accessory: Manny Blue | 18. Seasons Bay Picnic: Celso Restauro |
| 13. Sand Accessory: Rosa Maria Santos Andaya | 19. Lamp posts and Lights: Liza Manalo |
| 14. Five (5) pieces of lightbulbs: Lore Lie | 20. Four (4) pieces of Wooden Fences: Marilene Wa-ay |
| 15. Seasons Bay Harvest Decors: Rudilyn Gravata | 21. Starry Lights: Clark Neil Endaya Apuntar |
| 16. Seasons Bay A Bicycle Built for Two (2): Grace Galang Villanueva | 22. Seasons Bay Gently Down the Stream: Gemon Elito |

Special Awards and Recognitions

In recognition to valuable contributions from our members to our Club, special awards and recognitions were given to the following:

Most Early Elves Award went to **Sir Dondon Patapat** and **Maam Anna Lou Patapat** for the first Clubmates who posted their Christmas Village set up as early as the start of Ber Months of this year. The Patapat couple has been consistent since 2019 to be the first members to post their Christmas Village display.

Best Christmas Village Display went to **Maam Mayettez Montero-Rivera** for making a Christmas Village with a theme dedicated for the medical frontliners, which is very relevant nowadays due to Covid-19 global pandemic. Ms. Montero –Rivera’s display was already featured in the 3rd Quarter of 2020 Newsletter issue (*Please see the full story in Volume No. 1 Issue No. 3 dated 30 September 2020 page 3-4*)

Best D-I-Y Display went to **Maam Rose Rafallo-Bagay** tagged as the **“D-I-Y Queen of PCVCC”**. Her masterpieces were also featured in the 2nd Quarter of 2020 Newsletter issue (*Please see the full story in Volume No. 1, Issue No. 2 dated 31 June 2020, page 3-5*).

Another milestone made for this year, the PCVCC launched a special award entitled: **“Collector of the Year”** and named it in honour of the late **Itto Curata**, our Clubmate who passed away due to Covid-19. Mr. Curata was given an honour in the 1st Quarter of 2020 Newsletter issue (*Please see the full story in Volume No. 1, Issue No. 1, 31 March 2020*).

Ms. Eloy Vicente-Francisco bagged the first ever special award. This was due to her willingness to share a lot of her villaging concepts with other members by actively posting it on the Club’s wall as well as accepting our Club’s invitation for her to be one of the resource speakers in its talk series. Moreover, she accepted willingly the Club administrator’s offer to be a co-administrator of the Club’s marketplace since the Club has officially separated the selling activity from the main page.



Bill & Kathy Channell created the The Village Collector website that is family friendly and also provides *“Inspiration, Information, and Fun,”* a safe, non-commercial site. Also, this website is an effort to help promote and share our fun with the villagers, and potential villagers, everywhere. (*Excerpt from The Jocose Story of Bill & Kathy’s Odyssey to “The Village Collector”*)





Philippine Christmas Village Collectors' Club

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This Newsletter is exclusive for PCVCC

The PCVCC was invited by Bill Channell to be a member of the “*The Village Collector*” last 09 October 2020. After two (2) months, based on the list of visitors from different countries, the Philippines, through our Club, was immediately ranked number 7, only behind Italy that ranked number 6, and China landed to rank number 5. The said ranking was an added recognition to PCVCC’s milestone as shown in the Clubhouse page of the website. Likewise, our Club’s Newsletters have been published in the said website nil of charge.

This is a very interesting website. It is highly recommended that you visit the website to see great features and to get more ideas about villaging.

For more information please visit www.TheVillageCollector.com