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CAPIZEÑO

GALA
NIGHT
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About Us

The Capizeño Association of Ontario is a non profit organization of Filipino Canadians and Filipino Immigrants mainly residing in the province of Ontario, Canada.

Our membership includes those who were born in the province of Capiz, Philippines; Married to a native of Capiz; Born to at least one parent who is a native of Capiz; resided in Capiz for a period of at least five years; and attended school in Capiz for not less than four years.

Our association's mission is to connect all Capizenos in Canada and particularly in Ontario in order to promote friendship and growth among it's members.

We encourage members to become active in offering support in community charities and services-working together to become a good responsible citizen.

Connecting
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History of Capiz

At the center of Panay Island lies the province of Capiz, bounded by the Sibuyan Sea on the north, Aklan province on the northwest, Antique province on the west, and Iloilo province on the south and southwest. Its capital is Roxas City. Under its wings are nestled sixteen (16) municipalities, namely, Cuartero, Dao, Dumalag, Dumarao, Ivisan, Jamindan, Maayon, Mambusao, Pan-ay, Panitan, Pilar, Pontevedra, President Roxas, Sapián, Sigma and Tapaz.

Popular belief suggests that Capiz is derived from the word kapis, the mollusk Placuna placenta, a seashell abundant in the province, which was commonly used as square panes for windows of affluent residences during the Spanish Period.

When the Spaniards came in 1569, the second Spanish settlement after Cebu was established in the town of Panay, because of the abundance of food that earned it the title "the Sicily of the Philippines." It became the seat of the chief encomendero. The first Spanish governor-general, Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, whom the Panayanons welcomed with much courtesy and festivity, resided in this town from the last months of 1569 until mid-April of 1571, when he left for the conquest of Luzon.

In 1693 the town of Capiz (now, Roxas City), known as El Puerto de Capiz, was finally created, but its ecclesiastical needs depended on the parish of Panay. It was only in 1716 when Capiz was organized into a separate politico-military province that the capital was transferred, which was previously the town of Panay. Under its jurisdiction were the neighboring islands of Maestre de Campo, Romblon, Tablas, and Sibuyan.

In 1796, Panay Island was divided into three provinces: Iloilo, Antique, and Capiz (which includes Aklan and Romblon). In 1853, the islands now comprising Romblon province were organized into a separate politico-military comandancia, but administered from Capiz.

In 1898, the Spaniards evacuated Panay Island, and were replaced by the revolutionary forces, who were in turn overthrown by the Americans the following year. On March 16, 1901, Romblon was separated from Capiz and became an independent province. A civil government was established by the Americans for Capiz on April 15, 1901. The American Governor of the Philippines William Howard Taft appointed Simplicio Jugo Vidal as the first Municipal President.

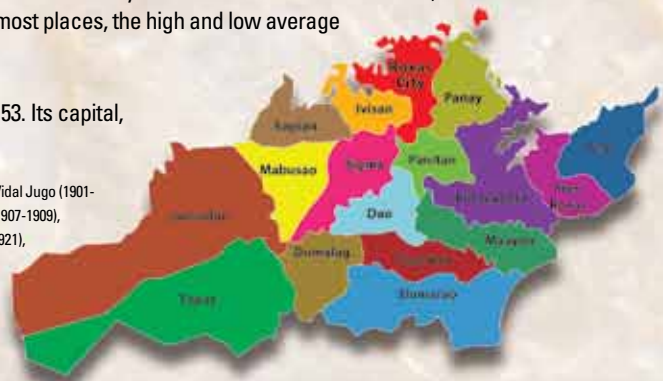
After the Second World War, which destroyed some churches and public buildings, the former municipality of Capiz was chartered as Roxas City on April 11, 1951, in honor of its famous son, Pres. Manuel A. Roxas.

On April 25, 1956, Aklan was finally successful (after three unsuccessful attempts in 1901, 1928 and again in 1934) in its bid to achieve independent provincial status from Capiz with the passage of Republic Act 1414.

Capiz is known as the "Eco-Cultural Tourism Hub of Central Philippines", the "Center of Seafood - Trip - Tourism in the Country, and the Garden Capital of Western Visayas." **Dialects:** Capiznon and Hiligaynon are the local dialects. Filipino is the National language. English is the business language and spoken widely. **Weather:** Mostly dry from December to May and wet from June to November; coolest from October to February and hottest from March to May. Temperatures varies in most places, the high and low average temperatures are 33°C (91°F) and 19°C (66°F).

At present, the province of Capiz has a population of 766,753. Its capital, Roxas City, has a population of 147,738.

From 1901 up to the present, twenty governors have served the province of Capiz. They are: Simplicio Vidal Jugo (1901-1903), Simeon Mobo Reyes (1904-1906), Emiliano Baltazar Acevedo (1906-1907), Antonio Habana (1907-1909), Jose Cortes Altavas (1910-1916), Jose Miraflores Hontiveros (1917-1919), Manuel Acuña Roxas (1919-1921), Rafael Acuña (1922-1932), Gabriel Hernandez (1932-1942, 1945-1946), Cornelio Villareal, Sr. (1942-1945), Ludovico Advincula Hidrosollo (1947-1951), Eduardo Vidal Abalo, Sr. (1952-1956), Jose Arcenas Dinglasan (1956-1959), Atila Acevedo Balgos (1960-1962), Filomeno Sarrosa Villanueva (1962-1965), Antonio Jaymalen Reyes, Sr. (1965-1967), Cornelio Villareal, Jr. (1968-1987), Jose Borda (1988-1992), Esteban Espinosa Contreras (1992-1998), Vicente Bediones Bermejo (1998-2007) and Victor Arancillo Tanco (2007-Present).





Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

September 18, 2010

A Personal Message from the Premier

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the 2010 fundraising gala of the Capizeno Association of Ontario.

In Ontario, we pride ourselves on the strong, caring and compassionate society we have built. We reach out to and share our time and resources with those in need. And we recognize that a sense of community often extends beyond borders.

Since its inception, the Capizeño Association of Ontario has brought together Ontarians with roots in Capiz to renew old acquaintances, enjoy social and cultural activities, and raise funds to help fellow Capizenos in the Philippines who are in need. I commend the efforts of the association's members, which reflect the community spirit and compassion for which this province is known.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable gala and successful fundraiser.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dalton" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

September 18, 2010

Dear Friends:

On behalf of members of Council and the residents of the City of Mississauga, I am pleased to extend greetings to the Capizeño Association of Ontario on the occasion of their gala fundraising event.

The Capizeño Association of Ontario was established in 1995 to connect all Capizeños in Canada and Ontario in order to promote friendship and growth among members.

This fundraising event will help the disadvantaged children of Capiz, Philippines. It pleases me to see that in addition to their support for Capiz, members are encouraged to support local charities and services and to become responsible citizens.

Once again, on behalf of my colleagues on Council and residents of the City of Mississauga, best wishes for a memorable event

Sincerely,

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MESSAGE

It is with great joy that I greet and commend the men and women of **The Capizeño Association of Ontario** for your commitment to charitable endeavors for the betterment of the lives of your kasimanwas.

The association is a reflection of the rich culture of Capizeños and selfless concern for the welfare of other people, especially those who have less in life. It also depicts the strong bond of Capizeños regardless of their place of residence.

The endeavors of the association which primarily aims to uplift the lives of their kasimanwas is truly commendable. Your high regard to the upliftment of the lives of your fellow Capizeños is an inspiration to all. This is also an attestation of your willingness to share your countless blessings to others, especially to your kasimanwas.

The slogan "**Labi sa Tanan ang Tawo**" inspires me to implement programs for the betterment of the Capizeños. I am glad that your undertakings are in line with the mission and vision of the provincial government of Capiz. Let us work hand in hand to uplift the lives of our kasimanwas especially those who have less in life.


VICTOR A. TANCO
Governor



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OF CAPIZ

MESSAGE
OF HIS EXCELLENCY
MSGR. ONESIMO C. GORDONCILLO, D.D.

TO THE PARTICIPANTS
OF THE CAPIZEÑO ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO GALA NIGHT

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me." (Matthew 25:40)

When Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta began the foundation of her congregation - the Missionaries of Charity - one of her inspirations came from the words of Jesus himself in the Gospels: "You did it for me," which she called "The Gospel in Five Fingers." In her beautiful reflection, she intimated that these words summarize the teachings of Christ to his disciples.

My dearly beloved in Christ, these same words beckon as you gather here tonight in this Gala Event of the Capizeño Association of Capiz for the noble purpose of raising funds in favor of the many needy children of the Archdiocese of Capiz.

"Caritas Christi urget nos!" (The love of Christ impels us!). The selfless and salvific love which Jesus had magnificently shown on the cross impels and inspires all of us to be his hands to the poor and the neglected. After Christ's resurrection and ascension into Heaven, the early Christian community of Jerusalem became witnesses themselves to this service of love. Their exemplary conduct remains to be the living testimonies of God's love for all people. In the words of the Acts of the Apostles: "The community of believers was of one heart and mind" (Acts 5:32).

Yes, my dearly beloved in Christ, we are called to be the hands of Christ in today's suffering world where every day the disturbing gap between the rich and the poor continues to widen because of greed and selfishness. We are Christians. We bear the name of Christ. And thus, we need to be his living presence, especially for "the least, the last and the lost" of our society.

And so, my dearly beloved in Christ, I cannot but thank you enough for your charitable efforts. For these needy children, the future of the Church and of our country, you are the hands of Christ ever present and ever abiding. Truly, you have heeded the words of Jesus: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14).

May our Good Lord, who is never outdone in generosity, continue to bless you and your families, and especially your Capizeño Association of Ontario, Canada. As the late Jaime Cardinal Sin once said: "God knows how to thank you more!"

With my paternal blessings,

+ ONESIMO C. GORDONCILLO, D.D.
Archbishop of Capiz



Message from the President of the Capizeño Association of Ontario

It is with so much enthusiasm and pride that I welcome you to our Gala Night 2010 Fundraising Event for a good cause.

This year's Gala Night fundraising event is focused on helping the disadvantaged children of Capiz, Philippines.

Our dedicated officers and members worked hard willingly and passionately by reaching out to sponsors and donors. They are committed as ever to a simple goal of "promising less but delivering more" and I am honoured to be associated with these dynamic and talented individuals.

The success of this event is credited largely to our sponsors and donors who lend their names and financial support to the event and we are very grateful to them for their commitment to support the efforts of our association and "make a difference".

To all our family, friends and guests - Thank you for joining us tonight and your continuing support will surely bring around a magical evening.

Madamo guid nga salamat ! Maraming salamat ! Thank you so much!

Jerome Banate

President / Chairman of the Board
Capizeño Association of Ontario

PROGRAMME

5:00 P.M. – 6:15 pm WELCOME RECEPTION AND COCKTAIL

6:30 pm. NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Oh Canada and Lupang Hinirang

Introduction of The Capizeño

Board of Directors and Officers

WELCOME ADDRESS

Jerome Banate, President of
The Capizeno Association of Ontario

Introduction of Keynote Speaker:

Arlette Jarencio, Vice President
of Capizeño Association of Ontario

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honourable Justice Steve A. Coroza
of The Ontario Court of Justice

RECOGNITION AWARD

TO: Jose Contreras, Florecita “Baby” Bofill Reyes,
Reynaldo Mestidio, Roberto Simon,
Merriel Simon and Jenny Henderin

BY: The Honourable Justice Steve A. Coroza
of The Ontario Court of Justice

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

BY: Florecita “Baby” Bofill Reyes

7:30 pmDINNER

8:30 pm MUSICAL SHOW

9:30 pm – 2:00 am. DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

Master of Cermony: Tiffany Banate

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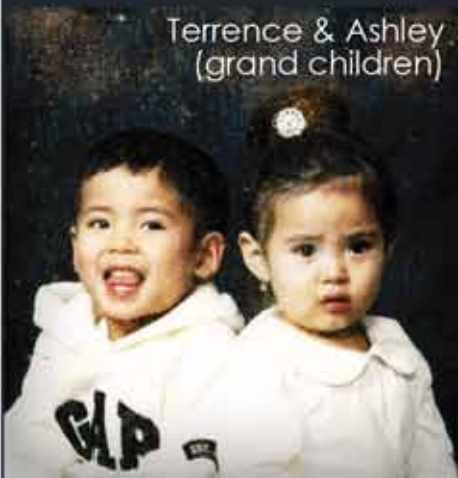
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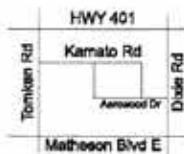
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And to all our friends who have supported us for the success of our association, thank you and may God bless you all for your generosity.

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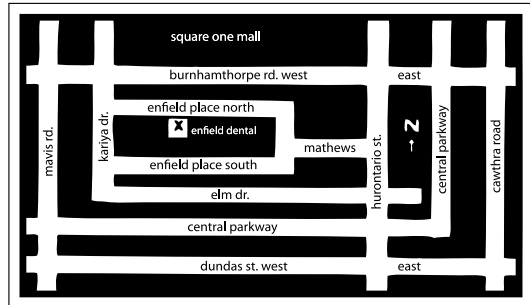
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