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**SCABEST Brought X'Mas Joy To Lupa Kids**

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**Email of Chie Abille --** SCA Batch '86 wrapped up year 2007 by holding its annual gift-giving last December 29, 2007 at SCA Quadrangle. It was a success – and what a year-ender blast for all of us! Being a first time attendee of this event, I cant put into words how I felt, but am really pleased with the outcome and grateful for the unwavering support of our dear batchmates, both here and abroad. You were all a part of this great event. How I wish that all of us can join this event every year. Truly, the SCABEST spirit is alive in each and everyone of us.

We wish to thank everyone who joined us last December 29, 2007, and a million thanks to our donors for their generosity. Your donations reached a thousand miles and brought smiles to children of Barrio Lupa.xxx



*Odie w/ daughter Jazmine & wifey Minerva.*

**Odie Espino Promoted To Chief Petty Officer**

Odie Espino, he with the golden tan, graced the front page of [www.reagan.navy.mil](http://www.reagan.navy.mil) website when he was recently promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Odie joined the US Navy in 1992 and was one of the last people recruited from Subic (*sobrang dami na daw ang*

*bala nila sa kanyon*). Chief Petty Officers are a unique group as they are looked upon as leaders and technical experts of both the enlisted and junior officers of the US Navy. To be a Chief Petty Officer is no easy job. Sabi nga – “Many are cold, but few are frozen!” – oooppsss,

mali - “Many are called, but few are chosen!”

Odie went through a board selection process after being eligible through an advancement examination. After the results came out, he underwent an induction process which separates the men from the boy scouts kanon.

## Odie Espino . . . from Page 1

"Induction" is a kind of a fraternity initiation where Odie was given lots of training, classroom and physical, and made him do a lot of things -- some humiliating. Said induction process which lasted for six (6) weeks was hurdled by Odie with still lots of power to spare. Para pa lang si Pakman etong si Odie, 12<sup>th</sup> round na, malakas pa rin. Sabi nga ng Motolite – *kumbinsing!* As a sign of hurdling the road to become a Chief Petty Officer, Odie was pinned – meaning, he is one of the few in the US Navy that can wear anchors on the collars and

wear khakis in their uniforms. Believe kami sa 'yo Odie. Saludo kami. Painom ka naman dyan para lalo kang mabuhay!xxx

**Ronald Reagan Enterprise.  
Eto ang darko or dapor ni Odie  
Espino habang nakapagor sa  
butlay ta-aw!**



## SCABEST YEAR-ENDER EVENT . . . The Inside Story

**Email Rejoinder of Pitong** -- Last 29 Dec 2007, we held the SCABEST Gift Giving at SCA Quadrangle in coordination with our own parish, St. Michael Parish, through its catechist society led by Ms. Belen Muyano. This is the third consecutive year that we had this outreach program -- and this time, the catechist society selected 50 school children from Lupa (Tubo-tubo North) as the recipients of our gift giving. The catechists prepared the stage complete with banner, chairs and decorations. Recipients were identified with a tag name on their left chest. The catechists prepared also several song and dance numbers to the delight of the recipient-children and their parents and other siblings who tagged along in the event.

The house of Kagawad Erik Mose (located at Eliazo Street sa likod ng house nila Doc Pok Fune, at malapit sa bahay nila Melen Tongson) was the designated headquarters of SCABEST in preparing for the event. The

first parties to arrive were Angie Gabriel, Rose Merza and Marvin Castil. From Manila, Marvin picked up Angie and Rose at Olongapo at 4 AM to help them transport the ingredients for macaroni soup and tetra pack juices contributed by Angie to the event. The macaroni soup and the tetra pack juices served as initial merienda of the recipients and their parents and siblings numbering "lampas wan hundred" sabi nga ni Odie Espino.

On my part, I together with my former ex-GF and now my wife for 13 years, woke up early and heard mass at 7 AM. After the mass, we went marketing ("namalengke") for the pansit and its ingredients, then drove



**Tropang SCABEST! L-R: Marvin Castil, Erik Mose, Sam Bermudez, Eden Tongson, Menchi Minimo, Lourdes Molina, Chie Abille, Cathy Monsalud, Mila Dela Cuadra & Arceli Canullas.**

Pia back to our house at Sabang. Namalyo muna ako ng baboy, then took a shower para bagong ligo ang pakiramdam. From Sabang, I picked up Chie Abille at Shiela Madreos' house at Longos. Chie, initially begged off to join the event when Shiela's father-in-law died after

Christmas. However, at the last minute, pinayagan sya ng kanyang hubby when he learned that Winston Ginez will not be able to join the gift-giving. Literally, Chie took a midnight train and arrived at Sta. Cruz very early morning of December 29. We arrived at Kagawad Erik's house at 11 AM. I saw Eden Tongson busy packing the 100 school bags donated by Marvin Castil with various school supplies. The school supplies were donated by Eden and Romel Barrera.

On the other side, Arceli Canullas (who later on admitted in front of my wife that her crush during high school is me -- well, can't blame you Arceli. In fairness, magka-size naman kayo ni Pia, but the comparison stops there, lol!) was distributing the 2 cavans rice into 50 grocery bags. The 2 cavans of rice was bought by Lourdes Molina using



**Menchi, Mila & Sam busy packing the 100 school bags donated by Marvin Castil with various school supplies donated by Eden and Romel Barrera.**



**Various canned goods and grocery items for distribution to Lupa kids. While Mila is laughing, Balong Movilla and Eden intently listening to kuwentong kalawakaw of Pitong.**

the P2,000 contributed by Angie Dumapit. Lending helping hands to Arceli were Sam Bermudez, Cathy Monsalud, Menchie Minimo and Mila Dela Cuadra distributing the 2 cartons of noodles, 2 cartons of chocolate cereals and 1 carton of chocolate drinks given by Winston Ginez. Also, they distributed the 100 cans of Ligo sardines given by Balong Movilla and Ondette Abalos. I brought the 50 Milo packs, 50 big cans of corned beef and 50 big cans of meat loaf for distribution to the 50 grocery bags. For the said groceries, I used P5,000 from the US\$100 given by Robert Romero and US\$100 given by Mario Minas, the balance formed part of our scholarship funds. Grocery bags included also the goodies and chips contributed by Chie. Chie likewise brought several bottles of wines for the fellowship.

Kagawad Erik and Rose Merza prepared a good lunch for every all. Menchie Minimo bought fresh fish at inihaw doon sa bahay nila Erik. We shared a good lunch of inihaw na isda, inihaw na talong complete with kamatis and bagoong binili kila Nana Orang, sinigang na hipon at ice cold softdrinks.

Those present at Kagawad Erik's house were Balong and Ondette, Marvin and Angie, Sam Bermudez and Lourdes Molina, Erik and Rose, Eden Tongson, Cathy Monsalud, Mila Dela Cuadra, Menchie Minimo, Arceli Canullas, Nestor Marpa, Chie Abille, and myself.

After the lunch, I needed to rush back to Sabang to get the pansit cooked by Pia. I brought the pansit to Kagawad Erik's house for distribution sa styro packages which I likewise brought. Said pansit pack was accompanied by slice of bread, hotdog and a bottle of Coke.

Chie, Eden, Lourdes and Kagawad Erik served as the game masters. They gave away crispy 20-peso bill, courtesy of Melen Tongson who gave P2,000 for the event. Molly Lua who arrived late gave P2,500 but the same amount was turned over to Lourdes Molina to form part of our scholarship fund. We likewise gave P2,500 or P50 each to the 50 school children to cover their fare in going to SCA Quadrangle. Said P2,500 was covered by Marvin (P1,000); Pitong (P500); and the excess of money prizes given by Melen.

Rolando Piano and wife Lorelie (our classmate also), Ronald Tamayo, and Miguel Arce joined us in the SCA Quadrangle. Father Noel Montes went down from the comfort of his room and delivered an inspirational message. After his message, a heavy downpour took place as if blessing the event and the people who made it possible.

The bayanihan spirit lives on SCABEST members. We thank each and every donor to the gift giving. I hope I did not miss anyone, but if yes, please accept in advance my sincerest apology. We likewise thank those who physically joined us in the gift giving. We look forward to another successful gift giving next Christmas holidays.xxx

Pictures Tell The Joy Shared by **SCABEST**



**Above Pix**—Erik & Rose prepared a good lunch. Menchie bought fresh fish. We shared a good lunch of inihaw na isda, inihaw na talong complete with kamatis and bagoong binili kila Nana Orang, sinigang na hipon at ice cold softdrinks.



**Above Pix**—Father Noel Montes while delivering message.



**Chef Balong** trying his hands @ the kitchen.



**Game Masters**—Eden Tongson, Angie Gabriel, Chie Abille & Kagawad Erik Mose.



**Game Ka Na Ba?** Kids tried to outdo each other for the crispy 20-peso bill, courtesy of Melen Tongson who gave P2,000 for various prizes.



**Catechist** selected 50 kids from Lupa w/ their parents and other siblings who tagged along in the event.



**Fellowship** followed @ "Sabang Bahay Ang Aming Bati" as hosted by Pitong.

## BAKULAW's First Issue . . . and the rest is History!

Kung ang kantang "My Way" ay walang kamatayan, ang aking kuwentong "Sigi-Ripit At Sigi-Ripit" ay walang katapusan. It goes this way — *Ako'y may dalawang ibon, ang pangalan ng isa ay si Sigi-Ripit; at ang pangalawa ay si Sigi-Ripit. Isang araw, lumipad si Sigi-Ripit. Sino ang naiwan? Sigi-Ripit.* Then I will repeat the story again and again until sumawa ang aking mga anak at pipiliin na lang matulog kesa makinig sa aking estorya.

Tulad natin, wala ring katapusan ang ating mga kuwentuhan. Lalong sumigla ang ating kuwentuhan matapos ang ating reunion. Itinuloy natin eto sa masiglang palitan ng mga emails at text messages. Ang ating kuwentuhan ay walang pinipiling topic — andyan ang batian sa ating mga birthdays at pagdamay at pagtulong natin sa isa't-isa; mga pananaw sa mga tele-novela ng Kapamilya at Kapuso; mga kuwento ng ating mga buhay at ganon din sa buhay ng iba; mga balita sa ating bayan; mga alaala natin ng ating mga kabataan at kalokohan; at marami pang iba.

Ang BAKULAW ay ang pagpapatuloy lamang natin ng ating mga kuwentuhan—maging eto ay balita o sadyang siste lamang. Iisa lang ang patakaran — WALANG PIKUNAN, at iyan ay applicable kahit kay Piku Espino — ang lalaking 50 times basted kay Manang Inday ni Balong Movilla.

BAKULAW was chosen from different names such as "BEST Bako" which stands for Balita, Estorya, Siste at Tututulon Bako; and "TSUNGGU" which stands for Tsika at Usapan ng mga Guwapo. However, BAKULAW was chosen as it stands for BAYon KULot nin LAWlalaki.

Heto po ang naging hatol nila:

**Email of Balong** -- These are the initial reactions of noted people regarding the maiden issue of BAKULAW.

*Kasing lakas ng lift huk ko. Kaya sa isang tablitang alaksan siguradong tanggal ang sakit ng katawan. Mani Pakyaw*

*Pagkaganda ganda. Congrats sa SCABEST. Cris Akino*

*This is the BEST piece of art work so far after the re-launching of Carlo J. Caparas' Komiks. Far fetch better than Pleboy, Penthaws, Hasler and Sagad all combined. Lari Plint*

*Excellent, four thumbs up and Hillarious Clinton for President. Xaviera Hollander*

*Who wrote these articles?!!!! These are stupidly geniuses. Hire them NOW!!!! Tid Torner*

*Back off!!! Back off!!! – FG*

*Marimar! Ahhh! – Kapuso*

**Email of Ofelia Lua (SCA Batch 83)** -- Thanks for sending this - very entertaining - tsaka kahit man lang sa litrato, nakita ko uli kapatid kong si Molly, he he. Balitaan nya ako palagi about Molly- alam mo naman ang kapatid ko, allergic yata sa internet, ha ha ha.

**Email of Ana Cordero (SCA Batch 88)** -- Passed it to my batchmate already. . . thanks. . . really had fun reading it lalo na ng maalala mo pa si Mama Vicen (may he rest in peace) tapos yong pagtabi ke Odie. Buti na lang pumuti ako dito. . . thanks din sa pix. . . remembering the cute guys of your batch. he!he!he! looking forward sa mga susunod na issue.

**Email of Chie Abille** -- At last i got a glimpse of this very informative newsletter. I even stayed after office hours just to read it and my initial reaction was napa "WOW" talaga ako kasi i never thought that you will take it seriously. Honestly, it seized my day yesterday! I was so overwhelmed with all

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**S.H.A.B.V. Night Out**

Email of Pitag, 17 July 2007 -- Magdawang traya dahil si Molly Luo manungng mag-internet. Salamat Molly sa yong pagdalaw sa ating website. Alkala ko talaga ay sadyang aliparis ka ni Teacher Jose Maron at panggang panon-on-iron ka na lang. Kung di mo lang alam Molly, alam na naman ang topic of the night sa unipakang nangyari noong Biernes The 13th (13 July). SHABU – Salamat Heus At Biasesan UB!

As everybody knows now, Melan Tagon is in town for a short vacation. I think they have a family reunion to celebrate the 65th birthday of her Mom (Nita Tagon). As of this writing, Melan and her mom are in Sta. Cruz. They will come to Manila this Friday, then fly to Hongkong on Saturday for a 3-day & 2 night twin-island vacation. Michelle Montez, you can contact Melan dyan sa Hongkong. Her Manila cell phone number is 0928-9604607. After Hongkong, they will fly back to Manila for another

**SCABEST Lends A Helping Hand To Fellow SCANDINAVIAN**

SCABEST through Pitag received a call from Kismet Lourdes Molina, now SCA Registrar last September 13, 2007. Father Noel Montes and Mr. Rolando Maselino, the School Director and the School Principal, respectively, of our alma mater, Santa Cruz Academy, asked SCABEST for help regarding its valedictorian, Ronelyn Estrella. Ronelyn is presently enrolled at UP Diliman. Her father got sick and was hospitalized. Due to financial difficulties, Ronelyn went home to Sta. Cruz, and decided to drop her studies at UP. Nanghahangyong naman sila Mr. Maselino if she can't even complete her first semester of UP kase sayang naman yong studies at goston ni Ronelyn since June. They wanted her to complete even the first semester which will end in October. After the first semester, she will wait for the recovery of her father, and will attend the

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Definition of Terms:

- Balita: Balita't Kuwentong Kalawakaw
- BEST: Balita, Estorya, Siste at Tututulon Bako
- TSUNGGU: Talaban at Usapan ng mga Guwapo

**The very first issue of Balita @ Kuwentong Kalawakaw was released in October 2007. It was simply known then as Bakulaw.**

the stories. Truly, the spirit among us SCABEST lives on because something like this is there to serve as a link to batchmates across the globe. Keep up the good work! I will be looking forward to our next issue and will try my best to have my share in the next issue.

**Email of Pelita Misa & Jason Montevirgen (SCA Batch 87)** – I read the 1st issue of Bakulaw at talaga naman pong nag-enjoy akong magbasa. Your batch serves as an inspiration to me and to us as a batch na rin. Ang successful reunion nyo po ay nakaka-encourage. Please pray for us, because we are trying to organize our get together too. We draw so much inspirations from your ideas.

## BAKULAW'S First Issue . . . From Page 5

**Email of Molly** -- Nag-enjoy ako dun sa first issue ng Bakulaw, a job well done. Kakabitin, kakapanabik, sana habaan mo pa. Gawin mo na lang hobby trabaho mo, tapos fulltime ka as editor ng Bakulaw. Pareng Balong, dami-damihan mo naman paramdam mo sa grupo. Contribute ka sa Bakulaw. Galing mo nang magsulat ngayon. Honestly kwela, nakaka-entertain and madebest yong mga banat mo sa e-group. Pampatanggal ng stress. Parang san mig light, swabe ang pasok, parang Pakyaw kung bumira, Jet Li kung sumipa.

**Email of Winston** -- Now ko lang nabuksan ang email ko. Laging puyat kasi because of Rael. Na extra pala kami sa 1st Issue ng Bakulaw! It was nicely written and the lay out was superb! Congratulations!



**SCABEST** turned over to Santa Cruz Academy its donation of 34" TV & DVD machine for the Audio Visual Room. Father Orly and Lourdes Molina received said equipment in behalf of SCA. L-R: Rose Merza, Erik Mose; Balong Movilla; Marvin Castil; Arceli Canullas; Father Orly; Eden Tongson; Lourdes Molina; Pitong & Allan Tongson.

**Email of Jane Mirador-Villena (SCA Batch 85)** -- Congratulations sa first issue ng BaKuLaw. Sana masundan pa. Galing talaga ng SCABEST. I posted pix sa website nyo, mga walang caption kasi excited na ako!



**Email of Annaliza Metra-Cruz (SCA Batch 89)** -- Labas kamo pa ta solid yay batch moyo. Iba talaga no main ama-ama yay grupo ambo bilang komi nin humin labay umako nin responsibilidad maski pa tana komon nin mag-organize nin yahoogroups.

**Email of Melen Tongson** -- I am amazed with the work you put in. I wonder where you get the free time to get it rolling. Sorry for the late reply, we were out of town in celebration of Ronel's b-day last Sept 29 and our 9th year anniversary. We just got back today. I heard about this. . . talked about BaKuLaw issue during our getaway but decided to wait until I got back to reply. It's a great work of art so to speak. I admire the overflowing ideas/time to keep us connected/entertained.

**Email of Jimmy Fune** -- Saludo ako sa iyo Choy. Galing mo talaga; madibis in short. Kahit busy ka, may panahon pa rin sa Bakulaw. Bigyan mo naman ako ng konting inspiration dahil kahit marami akong oras wala akong ginagawa. "Gusto kung bumait pero di ko magawa".

**Email of Pico Espino (SCA Batch 84)** -- My hats off to you. You have made all these concepts into virtual reality inspite of the fat ay the fact payti that more than half of your time has been spent on culling the taxes imposed

**SCABEST** at Market! Market! Enjoying good food with good company and San Mig Light. Isa pa nga! L-R: Mario Minas; Pitong; Shiela Madreo; Malou Agapito; Angie Gabriel; Chie Abille; Winston Ginez & Marvin Castil.

by the government na they just waste anyway. (No pun intended, puro fun intended). I want to share my emails in it and will be more than willing to give my piece of meat, ay mind pala into it. Its a long overdue paper. Parang kwento non pag ikaw ang naging Presidente at artista ang choices, that will be really kalawakaw. Ang Minister of Defense, si Toni Perer. Minister of Interior Defense, kelangan taga Zambales, si Eloy Vulcanizer. Para 35 years of interior experience. " Basta lubot, ipuslot" yan ang slogan ng tindahan nya. Then you begin to ask, bakit ganun? Eh kalawakaw nga eh. Minister of Sports and Development, si Azutar, what more can you ask for?. . . That is kuwentong kalawakaw for now. Yan ang mga nagbabagang balita mula sa nasusunog na tv patrol. . . kalawakaw talaga.

**Email of Eden Tongson** — I had a hard time explaining to my daughter Sam the word "Bakulaw" as a newsletter. I hope it can be changed so as to avoid any misinterpretation to people who would simply judge such publication based on the title without reading the text of the article. Also, it carries our batch name, and I have some reservations on "Bakulaw" as the official publication of our batch. (*The publication is now known as Balita @ Kuwentong Kalawakaw, but others may still refer it as Bakulaw.* — Editor)

## 2008 SCABEST Scholarship Program Updates . . . by Eden Tongson

Another school year has been completed. The SCABEST Scholarship Program, now on its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, has been blessed so much during the past year.

Three (3) beneficiaries were successfully supported during the school year 2007-08. Based on the report submitted by Lourdes Molina, she received the following donations: Vicky Menoza—P5,000; Edwin Maneja—P4,835; Winston Ginez—P12,500; Odie Espino & Myrna Bernal (\$250) - P11,135; Imee Mayo & Luis Mendez (\$150) - P6,450; Angie Dumapit—P2,000; and Molly Lua—P2,500. These donations totaled P44,420, out of which, P19,200 was disbursed for stipends and enrollment allowances of the three (3) scholars this school year, leaving a balance of P25,220.

Aside from the above, last December 2007, we received several donations which were used partly for the Giftgiving and additional funds for the scholarship per instruction of the donors. These donors include Robert Romero; Mario Minas, Bada Mantes and Shirley Bueno. Their donations were included in the general fund of SCABEST.



**Myrna Bernal (L-1) & Odie Espino are regular donors to SCABEST Scholarship Program.**



**Winston Ginez and Joy, with Shiela Madreo, Malou Agapito & Erik Mose.**

### The SCABEST Scholars

Our first scholar is Erwin Manuel, 15 year old. He is the eldest child of the three (3) children of Mila Dela Cuadra, our classmate from Lipay.

Erwin is an incoming 4th year student in SCA. Lourdes Molina strongly recommended that we support Erwin's last year in high school on the ground that the boy has performed well academically.

Joar, 17, our second scholar, finished a 6-month vocational training course in TESDA and presently employed by a mining company operating in Acoje. He is the third among (7) children.

Charmy, 16, sister of Joar, was given 6 months of stipend support. She finished her first year in Lipay High School, and ranked 4th in her class.

Both Joar and Charmy are children of Arceli Canullas. Arceli takes various odd jobs including selling fish to help support her children through school.

Jerickson Minimo, 16, 4<sup>th</sup> year at the Mena Memorial National High School, son of Evelyn Mas (married

to a Minimo). Evelyn and her husband are seasonal farmers in Longos. They have five (5) children.



**Couple Luis Mendez & Imee Mayo, both are now based in California never fails to send their annual donations to the Scholarship Program.**

### Applicants For Scholarship

To date, we have six (6) applicants who will be screened by the Scholarship Committee sometime in May. For the information of everybody, the following are the regular activities performed in relation to the implementation of the SCABEST Scholarship Program.

1. Application Period. Dissemination of invitation for interested applicants; applicants are made to fill-out and submit application forms.
2. Orientation of Scholars and Applicants. Scholars, applicants and their parents are given a 2-hour orientation workshop regarding the Project. The SCABEST organization is introduced to the scholars and guardians who are not members of the batch (thru the SCABEST movie); the aims, objectives, nature, types and conditions of scholarship support are also discussed during this activity; scholars considered for the current year are made to sign a contract with their parents and with the members of the scholarship committee as witnesses.

## 2008 SCABEST Scholarship Program Updates . . . from Page 7



**Mila Dela Cuadra is the first recipient of the SCABEST Scholarship Program when her eldest, Erwin, was chosen as the first scholar. Mila is a teacher but works during weekends at a gas station to augment her income for the schooling needs of her 3 children.**



**Arceli Canullas is a mother to her 8 children. Her 2 children, Joar and Charmy are both scholars of the SCABEST Scholarship Foundation. She accepts all kinds of odd jobs .**

**SCABEST turned over its donation of TV & DVD for SCA's AVR. Gina Morta joined us w/ her baby boy.**

3. Evaluation of Application Forms and Screening of Applicants. This is done by the Scholarship Committee during the above activity. The scholars for the current year are chosen and revealed.
4. Releasing of Stipends. This is done bi-monthly by Lourdes Molina, the program treasurer and cashier. Scholars are given their first stipend upon proof that they are officially enrolled every 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June up to the 4th week of April of every year.
5. Monitoring of Project. Treasurer and other members of Scholarship Program Committee require the scholars to submit copies of their quarterly report card.
6. Reporting. Treasurer submits her bi-annual financial report to the Project Leader who reports this to SCABEST along with the academic status of the scholars and their parents feedbacks.
7. Evaluation of Project Impact and Reporting. This is done 3-5 years (and periodically henceforth,) after the scholars shall have finished their academic programs to determine the impact of the project on the lives of the beneficiaries, their families, and communities.

### **Prayers**

*We pray...*

*That the donors who gave and even those yet to extend their assistance to our present and future beneficiaries will be abundantly blessed by Him from whom all riches and blessings come;*

*That our scholars will be dedicated in their studies, will be developed into conscientious and responsible individuals, and will have successful lives ahead so they can inspire and benefit their families and their communities;*

*That our members who have selflessly given their commitment and service so that this project will be sustained will be also blessed and will be continuously protected from harm; and*

*That through this project we can continue to praise Him who gives us all wisdom, strength, wealth, and the gift of service. AMEN.*

**We appeal to the kind and generous hearts of all to please help support our SCABEST Scholarship Program.xxx**



## Primetime SCAlawakaw! [SAMBALE 101!]

**Email of Pitong.** Sambale ka? Duman? You're the man! Hino man? Mama Eman.

Last weekends, sa aking pagmumuni-muni matapos akong nakipag-usap sa aking mga anak, akin lang napag-tanto na darating ang panahon na ang ating salitang Sambale ay mawawala balang-araw. Katulad ko, ang aking mga anak ay di alam magsalita ng Sambale.



**Pitong & family @ Mountain Woods Hotel, Subic.** — So I told my kids, I will teach them one Sambale word a day. As the saying goes -- *"One Sambale word a day is 7 Sambale words a week!"*

Karamihan sa atin ay nasa ibang bansa, kaya I doubt kung meron alam na Sambale word ang inyong mga anak. Maging tayo rito na naiwan sa Pilipinas, kung ang ating mga asawa ay hindi mga taga Sta Cruz, ang tendency natin ay kausapin ang ating mga anak sa Tagalog, o practice English sa ating mga tahanan. Tulad ko, ang aking asawa ay from Naga City, kaya Tagalog kami sa bahay. Kahit na yong mga klasm8s natin na nagkatuluyan tulad nila Carmel Manila and Fe Ebuena, Balong Movilla at Ondette Abalos, Yol Mon at Nerissa Maquiao, at si Romel Barrera at Arlene Ebuena (Batch 89). Pare-pareho silang mga Sta. Cruz, pero marahil Tagalog o English ang kanilang usapan sa kanilang tahanan.

So I told my kids, I will teach them one Sambale word a day. As the saying goes -- *"One Sambale word a day is 7 Sambale words a week!"*

The first word I taught them is "TITINGKAPON". Sa mga Tagalog, ang ibig sabihin nyan ay lalaki na kinapon ang kanyang ari. May pagkabastos, di ba? Pero ang TITINGKAPON sa Sambale ay HAHANAPIN. Example given by Lourdes Molina: *Titingkapon ko ot yay lalakin manglabi kongko nin husto.* ("I will still find the man who will love me full price!").

Di ba nakakatuwa ang ating salitang Sambale. Eto pa – "TATAKAN MO". Sa mga Tagalog, it simply means "to put a mark". Pero sa atin sa Sambale, we use "TATAKAN MO" to mean "puwet mo".



**Lourdes Molina (4th from left)** with Angie Gabriel, Eden Tongson & Ondette Abalos. — *Titingkapon ko ot yay lalakin manglabi kongko nin husto.* ("I will still find the man who will love me full price!").

Kapag nasa Sta. Cruz ka, and you overheard somebody saying -- "I take a bath!" Wag mong aakalain na balikbayan yon at nag-eenglish sa mga kanayon nya. He is simply saying -- "Ayti ka ibat?" -- which means – Saan ka galing? Similar Sambale words include "I run" or "ayran" which means stares and our famous "ya" for yes.

Noong bata ako, sabi ng Indo ko -- "Isulot mo yay bayo mon BISWOK." [Wear your new pair of slippers.] Ang "biswok" ay matandang Sambale word na ang ibig sabihin ay tsinelas or slippers in English. Pero kung iyong susuriin, ang biswok is a bastardized English of "beach walk". True enough, Beach Walk is a brand of slippers. Pero ayon kay Balong Movilla, mas sosyal ang mga taga-Candelaria, ang tawag nila sa tsinelas ay "cross".

**Again, if you are in Sta. Cruz, and you overheard somebody saying -- "Coca-cola" -- wag mong aakalain na isa na namang balikbayan yon at nag-eenglish sa mga kanayon nya. Sa mga taga California, "Coca-cola" is soda, pero sa Sambale, it is short for "no makuka, maku hila" ("kung pupunta ka, pupunta sila").**

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Another Sambale word na bastardized English tulad ng biswok ay ang "MADIBIS" which means "MAGALING". But actually, madibis was taken from the word "the best". So if you mean "pinakamagaling ka" you say that in Sambale as "pinakamadibis ka". "Pagalingan tayo" -- in Sambale, you say "padibisan ta".

Do you remember during our elementary days? We pay 10 centavos for the bread we called "piding". Masarap yang "piding" na yan lalo na kung lagyan mo ng palamang Milkmaid o yong gatas condesandang "Darigold". Actually, the "piding" bread is "nutribun" – a supposed bread donated by the US Government to provide nutritious supplement food to Filipino children. However, the word "piding" is a bastardized English word taken from the word "feeding", because we eat the "nutribun" during "feeding time" at 3 PM.

Si Roger Morana, isang Sambale from Sabang at nakapag-asawa ng Kapampangan, uses the word "kodakon" when he asks his kids to take a picture; and the word "kolgit" when he asks for toothpaste.

Noong bata pa tayo, for "jack n poy", we use the word "silik" which was taken from the English word "select". So kung mamimili tayo ng taya, o kung sino dapat ang mauna sa laro – we normally challenge our playmates to "silik" to determine the "taya" o yong dapat mauna sa laro.

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na ang salitang Sambale ay tunog manok. Pakinggan natin ang dalawang taga Sta. Cruz na nag-uusap:

SC #1: kuka? ("*punta ka?*")

SC #2: kae. onkot? ("*hindi. bakit?*")

SC #1: no kuka, ko ko. ("*kung pupunta, pupunta ako.*")

SC #2: ok, ko ko nunin pigaw ku ka. ("*ok, punta pala ako para punta ka rin.*")

SC #1: no ko ko, bisa ko ka, ko la. ("*kung punta ako, bago pupunta ka, pupunta sila.*")

SC #2: ok, lako tamo nunin mako. ("*ok, marami pala tayong pupunta.*")

SC #1: kika kaka ko? ("*pwede sama kuya ko?*")

SC #2: ka na, lako tamo ana ("*wag na, marami na tayo.*")

SC #1: kapasnop ka ("*nakakainis ka?*")

SC #2: ika ("*ikaw?*")

Di ba, panay "ka ke ki ko ku" ang ating mga salita na kasing tunog ng "kok ko ro ko kok". Kaya kung may ibang tao na nagsasabi na parang tunog manok ang ating Sambale, marahil totoo. Ano sa palagay nyo? By the way, kung may alaga kayong aso, wag ninyong pakainin ng mga

buto ng manok. Masama yon. Kase, yong buto ng manok ay masyadong maninipis at matutulis na maaring bumutas sa mga intestines ng ating alagang aso at kanilang ikamatay due to internal bleeding. With this in mind, papaano si Balong Movilla na malimit tumambay sa Naulo at may himas-himas na teksas na panabong? Ang kanyang mga alaga ay manok na panabong, pero ang kanyang pina-pakain ay buto ng kalderetang aso. Masama rin ba?

Going back sa ating usapin, may isang Sambale word na palaging ginagamit ni Doc Mol Two (Dr. Molly Lua, anak ni Romy's Hardware na dating Tan Tiong Store) kung sya ay nakikipag-usap sa kanyang mga pasyente, kaibigan at iba pa na hindi alam ang Sambale — eto yong -- "AMPAKUNG". Laging ginagamit ni Doc Mol Two etong word na AMPAKUNG lalo na kung nakikipagdiskusyon sya. Sa wari-wari ko, hindi naman Sambale word yan kundi salita ng isang Intsik na lumaki sa Sta. Cruz at gustong mag-Tagalog. Para kay Doc Mol Two, ang "AMPAKUNG" stands for "papaano kung".xxx

**Dr. Molly Lua & girlfriend, Alpha Anzures, who is from Magallanes, Cavite. Huli ka Molly!**



## Email Resbak ni Balong [SAMBALE 101-b!]



Noong Pebrero, dahil iyan ay buwan ng mga puso, mangyaring sagutin natin ang katanungang ni Atty Pitong -- Ang PUSO ba ay lalaking pusa?

Kung sa kadahilanang ang puso ay lalaking pusa, tiyak akong mahigit sa siyam na buhay mayroon ang ating email group. Baka naman gender sensitive po kayo? Sa ngayon pa lamang ay hinihingan ko na

kayo ng paumanhin que puso o pusa man yan. Subalit sa Palauig "puha" ang tawag sa pusa at "puho" naman ang puso. Naalala ko tuloy tuwing sumasakay ako ng LRT at napapadaan sa R. Papa Station. Ang lagi kong tanong ay -- "Kaano-ano kaya ni Angel Arfapo na taga Guisguis si R. Papa?" Isa pang katanungan -- "Kaano-ano kaya ni **Barak** Obama ang mga Miraflores sa Sta Cruz?"

Did you know that:

1. Ang dialect sa Bolinao, Pangasinan ay kapareho at base din sa Sambale natin. Mangyari, noong unang panahon ayon kay Atty Pitong, ang territory ng Zambales includes the first district of Pangasinan tulad ng Infanta, Bolinao, Agno, Republik of Anda, at iba pa -- at ang Sta Cruz ay nasa gitna ng Zambales at karapat-dapat na tanghalin na kapitolyo. Kung papaano nangyari at nawala ang first district ng Pangasinan sa teritoryo ng Zambales -- ay atin pa etong ire-research.

2. Ang Sambale ng Candelaria, Masinloc at Palauig ay hindi Sambale kundi Hambale dahil wala silang letrang "S". Kaya ang

totoong Sambale ay ang Sambale natin sa Sta Cruz.

3. Ang araw ng palengke sa Sta Cruz ay Martes, Huwebes at Simba. Sa Candelaria naman, ang araw ng palengke ay Miyerkoles, Biyernes at Lunes. Ang kadahilanan nyan ay namamalengke muna ang mga



**Molly Lua, Pitong, Marvin Castil & Eric Medida at "Sabang Bahay Ang Aming Bati".**

taga-Candelaria sa Sta Cruz, then nire-repack nila para ibenta naman sa susunod na araw sa kanilang palengke. This info is courtesy of Gemo Mantos, kuya ni klasm8 Bada.

4. Anong paninda na binibili ng mga taga Sta Cruz sa Candelaria? Sirit? Isdang lagoy-lagoy.

Eto ang mga halimbawa ng translation ng Sambale to Hambale. Ang "pagong" (which is "turtle" in English; but "tartol" sa Infanta) ay "kurlong" sa Hambale; ang "pasorsor" ay "dinarani"; ang "kalabasa" ay "kalabaha"; ang "mais" ay "maeh"; ang gulay na "loco" ("gabi" sa Tagalog) ay "aba" sa Hambale; ang "ibot" (as in year of the rat) ay "bolaki"; ang gamot na "Vicks" vapo rub ay "Vick" sa Hambale (singular po sila); ang "santol" ay "katol" sa Hambale (pero hindi ito Lion or Tiger katol na binibili natin sa Tan Tiong Store o kayak ay Ongteco).xxx



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