



PAMET – San Diego

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PAMET – San Diego Celebrates Inaugural Ball

The most awaited inaugural ball of the Philippine Association of Medical Technologists (PAMET) San Diego Chapter took place at the Holiday Inn By The Bay in San Diego on August 6, 2011. It was an evening of food, music, and dancing attended by local members and colleagues coming from PAMET-USA Michigan, Texas, Midwest, Northern California, Southern California, Nevada, Indiana, and New York chapters. It took a little over a year for PAMET SD to hold its inaugural ball. Since the day of its foundation, the officers focused all their efforts in getting the association off the ground. There were membership campaigns, fundraisers, charity walks and the first continuing education symposium.

The officers and members of PAMET SD have plenty of reason to celebrate. In addition to all work involved in establishing the association, they took the enormous task of hosting the 13th biennial meeting of PAMETUSA. PAMET SD is the first chapter that hosted a national meeting barely a year after its foundation.

The evening of the inaugural ball started with the singing of the *Star Spangled Banner* by Estrelle Zarza, first vice president, followed by Roger Lariosa, corresponding secretary, who sang *Lupang Hinirang*. The invocation was led by Lavenia Correa, second vice president while Marie Parayno, auditor, welcomed the audience to the inaugural ball.

The Holiday Inn provided two dinner choices: Spiced Seared Salmon or London Broil. As dinner was being served, Annie Generoso, third vice president introduced the 2010-2012 PAMETUSA president, Nile Alconcel of Michigan for her keynote speech. Ms. Alconcel delivered a speech titled *“The Role of the Filipino Laboratory Professionals in the United States’ Health Care Practice”*. Her speech was both energizing and inspiring.

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PAMET-San Diego Officers formally introduced during their Inaugural Ball August 6, 2011 at the Holiday Inn By The Bay.



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PAMET USA National President Ms Nile Alconcel recognized by PAMET SanDiego

It was a very candid talk about the role of the Filipino laboratory professionals in the delivery of health care in the United States. It was a time when all the laboratory professionals in the audience must have felt so much pride in the work that they do. It was a time when a laboratory professional felt appreciated for the long hours of hard work to help save a human life, to aid in the diagnosis of disease or to simply determine one's status of health.

It was soon after the keynote speech that Ms. Esther Madamba, PAMETUSA immediate past president, introduced the officers of PAMET San Diego. All the officers lit a candle symbolizing their commitment to serving PAMET SD.



PAMET USA Immediate Past President Esther Madamba giving her speech

In her inaugural address, PAMET San Diego president, Let Negado thanked her mentors: Esther Madamba and Art Trinidad for their support in the formation of PAMET San Diego. She also applauded all the officers and members for contributing their time and resources in fulfilling many of the association's objectives. There were certificates of appreciation awarded during the night along with door prizes to entertain the audience during dancing intermissions.

The inaugural ball served as the formal introduction of PAMET San Diego as the 16th Chapter of PAMETUSA. It was a memorable and historic event for PAMET San Diego members. As the association enters its second year of existence, PAMET SD continues its commitment to serving the community of San Diego and upholding the high standards of clinical laboratory profession.



PAMET SoCAL President Art Trinidad recognized by Let Negado & Marie Parayno of PAMET San Diego



PAMET – San Diego Hosts PAMETUSA 13th Biennial Executive Board Meeting

PAMET San Diego Chapter hosted the 13th Biennial Executive Board Meeting of PAMET-USA, Inc. last August 4-6, 2011 at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, San Diego, CA. Officers, members and guests from PAMET-USA led by President Nile Alconcel arrived on August 4th to a rousing welcome picnic organized by the host chapter, PAMET-San Diego.

PAMET-USA executive board members and colleagues from various chapters were welcomed PAMET SD president Let Negado, and other officers, Lot Sigarlaki, Merlie Aquiler, Eva Abergas, Chito and Margie Gaza at the Embarcadero Marina North at Seaport Village. The welcome picnic was an afternoon filled with warm hellos and a taste of San Diego hospitality. It was a time when some of us took a break from all the pressures of lab work and bonded with a colleague or made new friends.

August 5th was the official first day of the Biennial Meeting. A seminar was held in the morning offering three outstanding lectures of current interest. Maria Victorio, of San Diego County Public Health Laboratory lectured about the “Applications of Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis”, Judy Heng (PAMET-Texas) “Measuring Percent Outliers for Lab TAT in the ED” and Eileen Licuanan (PAMET-SD) lectured on the “Validation and Qualification Procedures in Blood Banking”. Based on our surveys, all lecturers were rated excellent by attendees. After the morning seminar, the executive board had some networking and socials over a buffet lunch featuring the *South of the Border* gastronomical delights. The rest of the afternoon was spent with the PAMETUSA executive board meeting.

In the evening, all PAMETUSA executive board members and guests were invited to a dinner reception at Lavenia Correa’s residence in Scripps Ranch. Lavenia Correa is PAMET San Diego’s second vice president. A variety of Filipino dishes prepared by the officers and members of PAMET San Diego made a great warm welcome. Mr. Celso Macaspac provided entertainment as hosts and guests battled with karaoke singing exchanges. It was indeed a very enjoyable night!



PAMET National Delegates during the farewell picnic at Admiral Baker’s to conclude the 13th Biennial Executive Meeting



“The President’s Message”



Dear PAMET San Diego colleagues,

I hope you had a wonderful summer. After all the busy months of planning and preparing for our inaugural ball, it is now time to focus on our future activities. The first one on the list is the coming “Step Out San Diego Diabetes Walk” to be held on October 23, 2011 at De Anza Cove in Mission Bay. Team PAMET San Diego is registered as a team.

On November 6, 2011 at 8AM. we will again participate in the annual “Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure” for breast cancer research. The start line is on 6th Avenue at Palm and the finish line is on Balboa Drive south of Quince. The pre- and post-event activities take place on the grassy area along 6th Avenue between Laurel and Quince.

The preparations for the Far Eastern University Medical Technology Alumni Homecoming scheduled for Feb. 3, 2012 is in progress. The event will be held at the FEU Medical Technology School in Quezon City. PAMET NOR-CAL will be sponsoring a seminar providing 6 contact hours of CE units. More details about the seminar will follow as soon as the program becomes available.

PAMET San Diego has incorporated with the State of California as a nonprofit corporation. We are currently applying for federal and state tax exemption.

Our next spring symposium is scheduled for April 2012. We will be offering 4 contact hours of CEU. Details to follow in our future newsletter.

Sincerely yours.

Let Negado

President, PAMET San Diego

*PAMET San Diego Inaugural Ball, August 6, 2011
And
Farewell Picnic for PAMET-USA Delegates*



Let's Go
PAMET !!!



Please Save The Dates

*October 23, 2011 – “Step Out San Diego Diabetes Walk”
De Anza Cove in Mission Bay*

*November 6, 2011 – “Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the
Cure”, From 6th Ave @ Palm to Balboa Drive*

*April 2012 – PAMET San Diego Annual CEU Symposium,
Details to Follow*

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