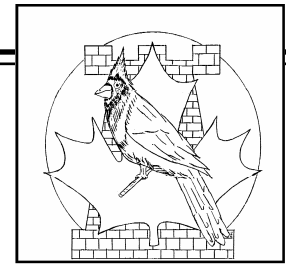


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## MAO, IAMA and Philippine Independence Gala Night

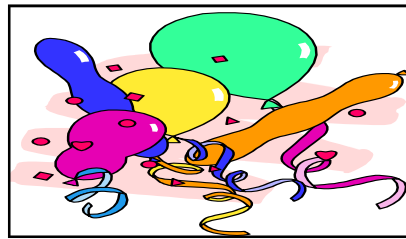
We used to be MAO - Mapua Alumni of Ontario. Now we're IAMA - Ontario, International Association of Mapua Alumni - Ontario. The change conforms with the National Associations (in Manila) naming conventions for affiliate organizations.

However, it resulted in some confusion at the Philippine Independence Gala night held on June 14th at the Ruby Restaurant in Scarborough when IAMA was not called during the parade of colours despite the valiant efforts of Josie Cuisia and Ed Frondoza to attract the MC's attention by unfurling and waving the MAO banner. It seems, the hosts couldn't find MAO in their list since we were listed as IAMA.

Feeling disappointed, the IAMA representatives comprised of Josie Cuisia, Mandy and Cora Albovias, Gerry and Eula Rulloda, Ric and Janette Goce, and Ed and Andrea Frondoza vented their frustration on the ten course dinner. It was good.

The event was a success with many Filipino organizations participating. It was a formal occasion and many came wearing the national attire of "barong tagalog" and "mestisa dress".

This was the first formal Filipino interorganization event that IAMA participated in and it was an enjoyable experience. And as IAMAs reputation and influence grows, we can expect to be called upon to play a more active role in the community. This is an important role, but not IAMAs major goal. Our primary responsibility is towards the members of the association, "To serve the professional interest of its members and to promote professional consciousness..."



### New Officers Inducted

by *Angelito.B.Martin*

The new set of officers of the The International Association of Mapua Alumni - Ontario were inducted in a Dinner Dance held at Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel in Toronto, last April 27. They were sworn into office by Consul Sylvia Montes Marasigan of the Philippine Consulate.

In his induction address, the new President Edgar Frondoza acknowledged and thanked the tremendous contributions of many members and past officers towards building a solid organization.

Mr. Frondoza expressed pride at the achievement of the association since it was founded two years ago. He encouraged the members to continue with the good work and challenged them to look ahead.

In his congratulatory message, Consul General Francisco Santos extended his felicitous greetings to the officers and members of the association. "I am happy to note that the Mapua Alumni of Ontario have been in the forefront of every significant undertaking designed to promote the welfare of Filipinos in Canada." He said.

Vice President - Program and

Planning Josie Cuisia presented the planned events for 1996. Vice President - Membership, Gerry Rulloda was beaming with happiness as he reported that there are now over 200 members. Ric Goce, Vice President - Career Development explained the scheduled courses and seminars.

The event was attended by some 190 members and guests. The occasion was graced by Marc Ballesteros, a Viva recording artist and Ms. Angie Bansil who sang to the delight of the audience. Also providing entertainment was the professional ballroom dancing couple of Rene and Vicky Cipriano.

The task of MC was shared by Pasky Oliveria (Director, Executive Committee) and Rene Bunag (Treasurer).

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## Scholarship Programme Launched

by *Pasky Oliveria*

It has been a major goal of the association to help in the University education of children of members of the association. And during the Induction Dinner/Dance, this goal will soon be realized. A 50/50 draw was held to raise the initial money for the fund. \$145.00 was raised. This amount will be augmented by several fund raising events, starting with the *Garage Sale* on July 6th.

In the Executive Board meeting held on April 30th, the Board created the Scholarship Committee and appointed Pasky Oliveria as Chair. The committee was assigned the task to draft the selection criteria and the procedures for awarding the scholarship.

Initial proposal was to award \$500 per year to deserving students. If you have any suggestions please call Pasky at (905) 828-1009.

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## 2nd Internet Seminar Held Inventory Control Seminar to be Scheduled

IAMAs 2nd Internet seminar was held last May 25th at the premises of the Applied Information Management Services Inc. (AIMS) in Etobicoke. The seminar attracted nine people (5 IAMA members and 4 guests).

The seminar provided a general understanding of internetworking and focused on accessing and surfing the World Wide Web. This was a hands-on seminar and the attendees had each a PC as they explored and discovered the unlimited source of information available at their finger tips.

Applied Information Management Services (AIMS) which provided the venue and resources for the seminar is a multi-faceted information management services company. It's major services include: Computer Training, Network Engineering, Systems Integration and Business Consulting.

AIMS is also an Internet Service Provider and offers internet access at the low rate of \$20.00/month for 60 hours. For more information on internet

services call Steve Lawson of AIMS at (416) 234-2227.

The next seminar to be scheduled is Inventory Control. There is a lot of interest on this subject as shown in the results of the survey. For more information on the Inventory Control Seminar, please call Ric Goce at (905) 475-4236.



### IAMA - Ontario 1996/1997 Officers

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Ric Goce

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### AFTERNOON AT THE RACES WOODBINE TURF CLUB HIGHWAY 27 AND REXDALE BLVD OCTOBER 5, 1996

Cost: \$24.95 per person

Includes: LUNCH (All you can eat buffet) served starting at 12:00 PM.  
ADMISSION  
PROGRAM  
GRATUITIES AND TAXES

Dress Code: No Jeans

To reserve your spots, contact any member of the executive or send your cheques payable to

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# Tech Bits

by: Josie Cuisia

## More on Group Problem Solving

In the last issue of the newsletter, we gave you some insights into creative thinking.

Creative thinking is one of the ground rules in group problem solving. The others are active listening, supporting behaviour, leveling, assertiveness and consensus decision making.

This presentation will focus on consensus decision making. Some, if not many of us, are involved in group meetings which we either facilitate or participate in. Decisions are made in these meetings. Ideas are generated during these meetings at work, school, community or social groups or even at home.

There are many techniques that can be used to stimulate ideas. Among them are brainstorming, nominal group technique and consensus seeking.

1. Brainstorming - used to help a group create as many ideas as possible in as short time as possible. Brainstorming is most effective with simple problems. There are three types: Stop and Go brainstorming, Sequencing (more structured) and Buzz Session.

2. Nominal Group Technique (NGT) - used to minimize inhibitions some people feel in the free Wheeling brainstorming groups, where dominant personalities can exert undue pressure and control.

The basic concept of NGT is that participants gain a greater understanding of the problem than brainstorming, and share a greater sense of responsibility and accomplishments.

3. Consensus seeking - A process

by which the group strives to reach substantial agreement in a team; everyone at least partially agree with each other. It is not a "majority rule" or a "unanimity" decision.

In consensus seeking:

- everyone contributes to each decision
- everyone listens
- conflicts between ideas are welcomed as helpful and useful.
- avoid arguing to "win"
- avoid voting, averaging, and random choice methods to reduce tension.
- use logic and the most relevant information available.
- everyone is responsible for the decision process and results.

Use whichever works for you.

## Plans for 1996 Christmas Party Underway

by Eula Rullloda

With the success of the last spring dance held last April 27 in Toronto, the Social Committee has already started preparation for the traditional Christmas party.

Based on the feedback from those who attended, the Executive Committee has decided to hold the coming Christmas party at the same place at Howard Johnson's Plaza Hotel in downtown Toronto on November 30th. Special room rates are available to members of IAMA desiring to stay overnight at the hotel.

The committee has also booked the popular Filipino Rock Band "Inner Vision" for the musical entertainment at the party.

## Check your I.Q. (Imagination Quotient)

Submitted by: Josie Cuisia

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(Answer on Page 4)

### Programs Bared

by: Arlene Martin

At the Induction Dinner/Dance held last April 27th, Ric Goce and Josie Cuisia, chairs for the Career Development Committee and Program & Planning Committee respectively, presented the various career development seminars and social activities planned for 1996/1997.

The seminars included Accessing and Surfing the World Wide Web, Introduction to Micro to be conducted by Roger Marcos, Fiber Optics Technology and Industrial Communications by Rene Bunag; Computer Programming (UNIX and OS) by Arlene Martin; Water Treatment by Cora Albovias; Paint Technology by Pasky Oliveria; Quality Management and Statistics Process Control by Josie Cuisia; Purchasing and Policies by Butch Veloso; Materials Management by Gerry Rulloda.

The Social events include: bowling and golf tournaments, kids bowling, night at the races, family picnic, casino night and the Christmas Dinner/Dance.

#### Answers to Check Your I.Q.

1. Circles under the eyes
2. Man over board
3. I understand
4. Downtown 5. Backward Glance
6. He's beside himself
7. Three degrees below zero
8. Mind over matter
9. Scrambled eggs
10. Neon Light
11. Split second decision
12. Mixed up kid
13. T- Bone
14. Stop Overnight

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Please complete and return this application form with \$10.00 membership fee to any officer or mail it to:

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