



FALEA Carolers at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Resty Castro with Santa

## ALLIED PACIFIC BUILDERS TOPS PBN FASTEST 50

By Bernie Bernales

(Note: Portions of this article were quoted from Pacific Business News (PBN) August 11, 2006 issue from the article titled "Allied Pacific Builds Foundation for Steady Growth".)

Founded only four years ago, Allied Pacific Builders' (APB) revenues grew from \$721,681 in 2002 to \$5,967,168 in 2005, a jump of 726.84% and a leap to the top of PBN's list of Hawaii's fastest 50 small businesses for 2006. For such a distinction and outstanding accomplishment, APB's founder, Willie Alicar has been voted as the most outstanding member of the Filipino League of Engineers and Architects (FALEA) for 2006. Willie was awarded the special honor during FALEA's induction of Officers and Board of Directors at the Pacific Beach Hotel held on November 4, 2006. The members and the Officers of FALEA and the Filipino community at large are especially proud of Willie's entrepreneurial skills and accomplishment at APB.

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## Caroling Cheers & Camaraderie

By Zosima Agraan

The FALEA Christmas caroling kick-off practice was held at the Cruzata residence in Waipahu the day after the Thanksgiving Day. The caroling activity started from November 25, 2006 to December 23, 2006. The carolers sang at Ewa Beach, Salt Lake, Waipahu and Kapolei areas.

The caroling activity is the continuation of fundraising for the FALEA Scholarship Funds program. One of the houses that the carolers went to was Jason Baguio's, one of the FALEA scholarship recipients. It was good to see and talk to him. He graduated from the University of Hawaii with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He currently works at the Hawaiian Dredging Company. He promised to contribute articles to the FALEA newsletter.

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## President's Message

I wish to thank all of those who contributed to the success of the installation banquet and awards night held on November 4, 2006 at the Pacific Beach Hotel; below is an excerpt of my speech.

*“Our distinguished guest Consul Susie Natividad, Director of Design and Construction of the City & County of Honolulu, Mr. Eugene Lee and his Deputy, Mr. Craig Nishimura, both representing the Mayor's Office, our guest speaker and one of FALEA's founding fathers, Mr. Juny Laputt, friends, ladies and gentlemen, good evening.*

*With hope and humility, I embrace the privilege to serve as the 2006-2008 president of the Filipino American League of Engineers and Architects (a.k.a. FALEA). Thank you for your presence here tonight at this beautiful Pacific Beach Hotel as we celebrate the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this organization. This year has been a significant year for FALEA as it coincides with the year-long Filipino Centennial Celebration commemorating the first Filipino overseas workers in Hawaii.*

*I would like to commend the founders of FALEA, for without them we have not achieved what we are now. For the past Presidents, Officers and Board of Directors, many thanks to all of them for their continued support and dedication to this organization. The foundation of the projects that we have now can be traced from them, who have made this possible for us to carry out these tasks today.*

*For the newly installed officers and directors, congratulations. Please know that each of you deserve and have my highest respect for accepting the challenges ahead. There is much work ahead of us and many more challenges for us to face, but by working together with courtesy and respect, we can all achieve. The challenges we face are bigger than any of us can overcome individually, but there is no challenge we cannot overcome together.*

*The challenges for us are to build more members participation; increase our membership; and bring more technical people to the organization. Whether you are president of a company or a mere worker like me, whether you work in a small or big company, whether you are independent or part of a franchise, we need you to be in tune with our organization. It is time for everyone-it's time for you-to get involved. As Henry Ford said, “Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress, working together is success”.*

*In addition to the programs that we have now, we are continuously looking into other programs and community services that would be of value to our members. One of the innovative programs that we are currently exploring is to have FALEA scholars in the Philippines. We are now in the process of gathering some information and expect to implement this program in the near future. We have other projects in the works and will be working diligently on them these coming years. I, therefore request the new officers, board of directors and members to work together as one, so we could continue to uphold the true VISION AND MISSION of the organization.*

*For the Scholarship recipients and Outstanding Members in the Field of Engineering and Architecture, congratulations, you are all truly inspirational. You are being recognized for your hard work, dedication, accomplishments and the difference you make in the community.*

*To our guests, donors, patrons, benefactors and all those who supported us in one way or another, thank you for celebrating with us and contributing to the success of this occasion. It is our hope that you will continue to support FALEA in all its projects and functions.*

*To the management of Pacific Beach Hotel, our wonderful and energetic MC, Ms. Zeny Muyot, to all the performers and entertainers, to our Dance instructors who patiently taught us the Falea Dance which you would see in a little while, please help me give them a round of applause and especially to all of you for your presence here tonight.”*

Mabuhay and God Bless,

Nap Agraan  
President

# FALEA Officers



## CHRISTMAS PARTY

A well-attended FALEA Christmas Party was held on December 9, 2006 at the Philippine Consulate's Social Hall from 5:00PM to 10:00PM. Games, Prizes and food were excellent. Attendees were entertained by Audissey.f

Majority of the past FALEA Presidents attended and showed they were good sports when requested to do a newspaper dance game. Lots of games were participated by the attendees and almost everybody had a nice gift to bring home.

Another worthy deed done at the party was the solicitation of donations for the families in Bicol who were affected by the typhoon Duran.

Thank you all for coming and a big mahalo for all your donations. With your support, we believe that all FALEA activities towards worthy causes will be continuously achieved.

*The Christmas Party was chaired by Angie and Suzie.*



Santa with beautiful helpers Suzy & Angie



Past Presidents do the shrinking paper dance

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## Happy New Year!



### A joint message from our President and our Secretary

By now, everyone is preparing for the year 2007 and before anything else, we would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the Installation Banquet on November 4, 2006, Christmas Party on December 9, 2006 and our Caroling Scholarship Fundraising that ran from November 24, 2006 to December 23, 2006. Because of the collective efforts of our officers, Board of Directors, volunteers, donors, families, friends, and most importantly, our members, we were able to successfully accomplish those FALEA activities with joy.

With our brief stay as the President and Secretary of FALEA, we truly appreciate the officers and Board of Directors for their hard work and unselfish dedication that made FALEA a well respected and much admired organization.

When FALEA is able to help members or new immigrant to land a job, or help the members review for the Examinations and pass the required licenses, or by just giving moral support to new members looking for a job, or giving scholarships to deserving students in Engineering and Architecture, or donate cash for the storm-stricken families in the Philippines – that is a true testament of our success. That is something which we are very thankful for.

On behalf of the officers, board of directors, we humbly thank you, our members and supporters, for all your genuine support for all the FALEA years. We wish you and your family a healthy, safe and a very blessed New Year.

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# Installation & Awards Banquet Pics



FALEA Officers singing the National Anthem



Nap with Governor Candidate Iwase



(from left) John Ramos , Outstanding Architect Gilbert Rocas, Outstanding Engineers William Alacar and Marites Calad, and Nap Agraan.

The event included the awarding of a total of \$3,000 scholarship to the following students who are currently enrolled in undergraduate engineering: Ms. Abigail Tapawan is a graduate of Mililani High School and is currently enrolled at the Oregon State University taking up Electrical Engineering; Mr. Marc John Ragasa is a graduate of H.P. Baldwin High School in Maui and is currently enrolled at the Colorado State University taking up Civil Engineering; Mr. Michael Ven Escario is a graduate of Lanakila Baptist High School and is currently enrolled at the UH Manoa taking up Electrical Engineering; and Ms. Maria Rodeleen Llamas is a graduate of Waipahu High School and is working to become an Architect. Outstanding members in the field of engineering and architecture were also recognized and the recipients were Ms. Marites Calad (Engineering), Mr. William Alacar (Engineering), and Mr. Gilbert Rocas (Architecture).

## WHO AM I?

Riddle by Jovenard L. Mapanao

**I am the one who finishes the race,  
is in every street, is at the end of each place.  
I am also the one who begins each eternity  
and the one who ends all time and space.**

Do you know the answer? CALL ANGIE @ 382-6290. The first caller with the correct answer will receive a Gift Certificate and will post your name on our next newsletter. GOOD LUCK!



Marisol with future American Idol daughter Patricia who sang her own music composition.



Emcee Zeny Muyot with Marcky and Gianne

# Activities atbp.

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APB specializes in roofing construction but also does general contracting work. At the time of this publication, the company was working on five jobs- one military and four state projects- including the largest contract to date for the company, a \$1.68 million renovation and repainting of Red Hill Elementary School.

Willie Alicar's hands-on management style has enabled the company to take advantage of Hawaii's booming construction economy. In addition to running the company, which currently has about 15 employees, Alicar also works in the field along with his other two project managers. "I'm hands-on as much as I can", he said. "I'm running projects from day one until now....I don't just delegate it to my engineers."

Thomas Youth, lead business development specialist in the SBA's Honolulu Office said, Alicar's responsiveness and customer service orientation are two things that have helped his business prosper. "When I need something from him, he's responsive, he gets back to me to try and provide the information", Youth said. "I think that sort of carries over to what he does in the business world as well, the way he deals with his customers". Willie Alicar says that one of his secrets to success is to get things done as soon as possible, sometimes the day the clients make a request.

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## Best 2006 Gift for Joey and Maribel Resurreccion

A very healthy baby boy - the best 2006 gift to Joey and Maribel Resurreccion. Congratulations!!

## CAROLERS cont. from page 1

Thanks to the following who donated money and/or fed the carolers. Big mahalo too to those people who donated money without the carolers singing at their houses.

### With Caroling

1. Nap Agraan Family
2. John Ramos Family
3. Jimmy Domingo Family
4. Juny Laputt and Family
5. Pedro De Guzman
6. Buddy Aguinaldo Family
7. James Baguio Family
8. Flor Abad & Family & Friends
9. Paul Lucero & Family
10. Eisma & Barredo Families
11. Lily and Arcie Reconoce
12. Joe Simpliciano Family
13. Lea Condello Family
14. Resty Castro Family
15. Magdaleno Family
16. Metrose & Jacildo Families

### Donations by:

1. Armando Acidera Family
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5. Oscar Paez Family
6. Art Lucio Family
7. Jimmy Alimboyoguen Family
8. Roy Bravo Family
9. Noe Orcine Family
10. Jerry Felicitas & Family
11. Roger Urbi & Family

The carolers concluded with food, singing and wishing each and everyone Happy Holidays at the Agraan residence. Total funds collected was **\$3,000**.

Congratulations carolers!!!



Guitarist Jojo Lopez & Ramon Bonoan led our carolers.

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## Famous Quotation:

"For in the final analysis, our most basic common link, is that we all inhabit this small planet, we all breathe the same air, we all cherish our children's futures, and we are all mortal. "

John F. Kennedy, Speech at The American University, Washington, D.C., June 10, 1963



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