



## Regular Monthly Meeting

General Assembly  
September 25, 2010, Athletic Bowl, Burnham Park, Baguio City

**BUGUIAS BENGUET**  
Program Coordinator

8:00 A.M.—9:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION—The Secretariat  
(Issuance of Certificates of Membership and Pledge of Commitment to New Members)

9:00 A.M. —12:00 NN - PROGRAMME PROPER

House Rules	<b>MR. FERNANDO EDICO</b> BFI Member
Invocation	<b>Ms. Olivia Calisen</b> BFI Member
Pambansang Awit	<b>Ms. Lourdes Lawangen</b> BFI Buguias Coordinator
Golden Years Hymn	<b>Ms. Felisa Cayading</b> BFI Member
Welcome Remarks	<b>Ms. Josephine Kebeng</b> BFI Buguias Coordinator
Greetings To Birthday Celebrators	<b>Mr. Camilo N. Abuan</b> BFI Member
Induction of New members & Inspirational Message	<b>Hon. Ireneo Calwag</b> Vice Mayor, Buguias Benguet
Kanta ti Panagbiag iti BARP (Post—Induction Song)	<b>The Community</b> Prof. B.M. Balweg, <i>conducting</i> BMC Director
Presentation of Mutual Assistance to Beneficiaries	<b>Ms. Eleanor C. Basawil,</b> OIC, BFI SSWC, & <b>Ms. Julieta A. Palasi,</b> Treasurer <b>Ms. Eufemia Agpaoa</b> Beneficiary
Response	
Intermission	<b>Buguias Coordinators</b>
Pasasalamat Draw	<b>Engr. Jesus Luzadas</b> Chair, BMC Credit Committee
President's Hour	<b>Pres. Federico A. Balanag</b> BFI Trustee & CEO
Closing Prayer	<b>Pastor Samuel A. Mayona Sr.</b> BFI Municipal Coordinator

**Camilo N. Abuan**  
Master of Ceremonies

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### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. **BFI Pre-Membership Seminar** - October 2, 2010 (1st Saturday), SSS Canteen, Harrison Road, Baguio City, , 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON
2. **Next BFI General Assembly** will be on October 30, 2010 (Last Saturday) Baguio Convention Center, Baguio City
3. **BMC Pre-Membership Seminar** - October 16, 2010, BARP Office lobby 9:00 A.M.
4. BARP Members participation in the elderly month celebration parade on October 5, 2010.
5. All members are advised to buy their copies of the *Golden Years Newsletter* every month.

## BARP INFO TEAM REACHES SOLANO, KAYAPA, IN NUEVA VISCAYA

(Based on the Team's activity report copy-furnished to GYN)

Last August 21, 2010, information dissemination about BARP was conducted in Solano, Nueva Viscaya done upon the invitation of residents in the area, particularly Ms. Linda Pille. The venue was the L&M Travelers' Inn. Participants came from not only Solano but the capital town of Bayombong, Nueva Viscaya and from Kayapa to the west.

As was done in previous visits to other towns, the history of the Blessed Association of Retired Persons Foundation, Inc., or simply BARP as it is popularly known, with its vision, mission and major thrusts and programs was imparted to the very attentive audience, whose attention was caught by the novelty of the topic. The resource persons of no other than BARP President Federico Balanag himself and Placido Abuan, another member of the Board of Trustees.

In the open forum, projects and programs that BARP is presently pursuing that are directed towards the betterment of the life of retirees and senior citizens took center stage. In the Mutual Assistance Program, particularly, President Balanag to mentioned that over Php154,000,000.00 was distributed to the designated beneficiaries of deceased members from year 2000 A.D. to the present, or a period of some ten years. For his part, trustee Abuan explained the processes and procedures of becoming a member in the Organization and specific benefits derived from such membership.

Towards the end of the affair, wherein Pres. Balanag observed the committed readiness of the participants to help Linda Pille spread the "good news" to their province mates, he announced that she would be BARP OIC Provincial Coordinator for Nueva Viscaya.

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*BARP information dissemination drive held at Police Social Hall Kayapa, Nueva Viscaya last September 7, 2010. Inset shows Resource Speaker Mr. Balanag explaining and answering questions—GYN*



## EDITORIAL

### FORMER BARP TRUSTEE IS OCOBC'10 AWARDEE

Lourdes Bello is one of four worthy recipients of the locally prestigious Outstanding Citizen of Baguio City (OCOBC) award during the Baguio Day celebration last September 1, 2010. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of BARP from 2000 to 2007 and a volunteer Internal Auditor of the Organization. There were originally 41 nominees. This number was gradually reduced to 21 to 11 to 5 to finally only four. From this process we can imagine the rigid screening applied to finding the best of the best among the nominees: four of them.

The awardees could fall under any of at least nine categories, namely 1. Professional, 2. Business, 3. Public Service, 4. Community Service, 5. Arts and Culture, 6. Science, 7. Technology, 8. Agriculture, and 9. Sports. Others could be added. 82 year-old Madame Bello could easily fall under 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 for the purpose of the Award.

The panel of judges may have surely considered her 43 years of dedicated service in the different schools of Baguio, rising from the ranks to General Education Supervisor for Home Economics Elementary Level until she retired on June 28, 1993. Special mention could be made of her two national awards, *i.e.*, Most Outstanding House Economics Teacher Elementary Entry Level and Green Revolution National Awards. Then First Lady Imelda Marcos did not give such presidential award except to really deserving performers. The green revolution, by the way, for those who do not know it, was a pet project of Madame Imelda Marcos to plant trees and other greeneries to counter destructive denudation. Could Lourdes Aldana-Bello have had a hand in the planting of Pine trees at the ground of the Baguio Convention Center, otherwise a marvelous facility like the sturdy Maharlika Bldg., put up by Imelda?

Danes bread although coming from Danes chain of bakeries by different names run by her son in Baguio always conjure the idea of quality bread products under her maternal watchout.

The said panel may have focused on the above-mentioned achievements but I personally see something else related to the reward at hand. The award bespeaks of Lourdes Bello as a good fruit coming from a good tree, a family tree. She asserts that she believes in miracles but that need not be in her case. It was more a natural thing that she was a good progeny born of a good family that in turn descended from a respectable lineage. If ever there was a miracle that happened to her, it was that she did not get pampered by the status of her family for she even is the younger sister of the late Jose S. Florendo, a two-time councilor of Baguio City. The Danes Bakery chain of the Aldanas, run by her disciplined CPA son with a staff of over 150 employees has helped in the economic and commercial boom of Baguio City. She had no time for vicious pastimes like mahjong or tong-it, but she entertains her family and visitors with lifting love songs, in English or in Iloko. Her household seems to radiate with the aura of the religious. The prayer before meals that she composed is at once full of thanksgiving and altruistic wishes for her less blessed fellowmen.

Charity and honesty are her world as attested even by teachers under her former supervision. According to them, she reacted to defects not by chiding but by encouraging to improve performance. Honesty? The quality of sought-for Danes bread can witness to that.

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## BARP FOUNDATION, INC. IS INDEED BLESSED

In its 12 years or so of existence, and almost a decade of the MAP program, our BFI, the Blessed Association of Retired Persons, Inc, has given out more than Php 154 Million of Assistance to the beneficiaries of 1,540 members who went ahead to that great beyond.

In fact, during the month of July 2010, BFI released more than Php 3.6 Million to 30 beneficiaries or an average benefit of Php 120, 778/ beneficiary.

How did we do this, you might ask? Because we are more than 10,000 members, and still growing in number, who are faithfully paying their membership fees and SMAP contributions, who are patronizing our Multi-purpose Cooperative and Botica ng Bayan, who are enjoying the fellowship of the entire membership every General Assembly meeting—imagine the joy of hearing the “Happy Birthday” song rendered by the multitude, greeting the birthday celebrants every month!

Indeed BARP is blessed and it is our prayer that BFI will live on to bless others and continue to serve the members from generation to generation! (BVA)

### The Golden Years Hymn

*Melody by: Dean Macario Fronda, SLU*

*Lyrics by: Mrs. Lyra B. Andam*

This life is God's given gift  
That we ought to treasure endlessly.  
Our minds and our hearts and skills  
Truly are a blessing to our country.  
We live and we take the lead  
Let our voices ring out loud and clear.  
Joyful and graciously  
We serve with pride and dignity.  
(Repeat)

We serve on faithfully  
And with our heads held high eternally  
Marching courageously  
One in heart and mind and body.  
Treading our nation's streets  
Let all the wars and problems cease.  
Bravely face all dangers  
and light the torch  
That will truly make our country free.  
(Refrain... This life...)

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## List of Deceased Members AUGUST 1 to AUGUST 31, 2010

#	Member Name	Address	Date of M'ship	Date of Death	Age at Death	Amount Contributed	SMAP Aid	SMAP (Php)	RMAP (Php)	Total (Php)	Beneficiary
1	Apil, Anthony D.	Tuba	05/25/02	08/01/10	68	20,600	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Apil, Milagros
2	Basilio, Andrew M.	Mt. Prov.	05/30/09	08/01/10	51	5,576	5	34,690	5,000	39,690	Lomong-oy, Joan B.
3	Taynan, Maria D.	Atok	01/26/02	08/01/10	72	21,800	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Taynan, Buddy B.
4	Sapata, Helen B.	Apayao	06/24/06	08/01/10	46	12,165	20	138,760	10,000	148,760	Octaviano, Marieta A.
5	Balicdang, Lina N.	Atok	10/25/03	08/02/10	71	21,625	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Quintos, Bibiana C.
6	Tamayo, Juanita O.	Mankayan	02/23/02	08/02/10	64	18,685	10	69,380	15,000	84,380	Tamayo, Frederick
7	Bangsoyao, Albert B.	Buguias	07/26/03	08/03/10	57	19,250	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Fermin, Rosemarie B.
8	Pelayo, Rodolfo C.	Baguio City	10/25/03	08/03/10	73	16,130	10	69,380	15,000	84,380	Pelayo, Lourdes
9	Colian, Bonnie P.	La Trinidad	02/28/04	08/04/10	64	11,995	5	34,690	15,000	49,690	Colian, Bonnie Jr.
10	Fontanilla, Rosario M.	Baguio City	02/29/08	08/04/10	69	9,550	10	69,380	5,000	74,380	Fontanilla, Rosalie M.
11	Curisay, Carmen P.	Tuba	10/30/04	08/06/10	71	15,000	20	138,760	10,000	148,760	Curisay, Cheng P.
12	Bamba, Jun P.	Baguio City	06/26/04	08/09/10	70	17,910	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Bamba, Leosi
13	Dominguez, Annie E.	La Trinidad	05/26/07	08/10/10	54	7,415	5	34,690	10,000	44,690	Esteban, Klent Jones
14	Singwayan, Concepcion	Buguias	11/30/02	08/11/10	78	20,750	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Singwayan, Romeo B.
15	Ciano, Coteling E.	Tuba	08/25/07	08/12/10	65	11,765	5	34,690	5,000	39,690	Brillio, Remy C.
16	Tindo, Esican B.	Buguias	10/25/03	08/13/10	71	18,800	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Lapic, Angela T.
17	Blgo, Mary A.	Buguias	06/28/03	08/14/10	75	20,793	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Agustin, Alfreda
18	Yampan, Hermito C.	Baguio City	10/28/01	08/15/10	62	14,190	5	34,690	15,000	49,690	Yampan, Doris W.
19	Ballada, Sagayo C.	Buguias	06/26/04	08/16/10	73	17,550	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Ballada, Andrew
20	Batnag, Rosaria G.	La Trinidad	11/30/02	08/17/10	69	21,200	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Batnag, Alfredo U.
21	Baldos, Modesto C.	Baguio City	06/29/02	08/17/10	69	17,500	15	104,070	15,000	119,070	Napa, Amelia C.
22	Gittabao, Mayan B.	La Trinidad	06/28/03	08/18/10	72	17,175	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Gittabao, Manuel B.
23	Pakilo, Pepito B.	Buguias	06/29/02	08/18/10	65	22,110	20	138,760	15,000	153,760	Pakilo, Anita
24	Gayumba, Sixto L.	Baguio City	01/28/06	08/18/10	71	12,743	10	69,380	10,000	79,380	Gayumba, Lolita
25	Apnoyan, Elena C.	La Trinidad	08/28/04	08/19/10	52	9,375	0	0	10,000	10,000	Apnoyan, Bonifacio C.

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- ◆ 26 SMAP benefit based on 6,938 average number of members with SMAP balance.
- ◆ *Note:* Payments of benefits are subject to completion of required documents to be submitted to the BARP Office.
- ◆ No certain percentage of amount received by the Beneficiaries be given to Coordinators. For the guidance of the beneficiaries.

### Eugenia Dauz 73<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration

A delegation composed of several members of the Board of Trustees and staff from the BARP Foundation joined Mrs. Eugenia Dauz, a member and former director of the Multi-Purpose cooperative (BMC) in her 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebration held at her home town residence in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur last September 5, 2010.

The delegation comprising President Federico A. Balanag, Mr. & Mrs. Jaime Bugnosen, Mr. & Mrs. Tolentino O. Opiniano, Mrs. Julieta Palasi and niece, Mr. & Mrs. Crispin Buli-e, Sofia Epac, Dr. Placido B. Abuan, Tranquilino Ramos and Narciso Tabajen arrived in Tagudin at 12 noontime where several relatives and visitors were on hand to welcome the group from the BARP Foundation.

After a brief introduction of the guests present followed by a prayer for the prepared grace laid on the table, the group from BARP sang a song entitled "Maligayang Bati" dedicated to the Birthday celebrator whose birth date falls on the 1<sup>st</sup> month of "Ber".

The BARP group joined by all the invited relatives and guests to this celebration were then ask to form single line and help themselves fill their plates with the sumptuous lunch prepared for the occasion. It was a wonderful gathering of meeting new friends as well as old acquaintances in this progressive town of Tagudin, home to many successful professionals.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
SEPTEMBER CELEBRANTS!**

### KANTA TI PANAGBIAG ITI BARP

(BARP Song of Life)

By: Prof. B.M. Balweg

Iti BARP awan binneddangan  
Iti BARP awan sinarpawan  
Amin ket gayyem ken kabagyan  
/: No pateg ti pagsasaoan.:/

Ubing man ken nataengan  
Tunggal maysa padayawan  
Awan nababa, awan nangatangato  
/:Padapada't kinatao.:/

Adu't karit daytoy a biag  
Ngem ababa, di agbayag  
Partakantay ngarud panagserbi  
/:Uray taga anya nga ili:/

Suroten nga sireregta  
Silaw ti BARP ken sirmata  
Agserbita'y nga kasla idi  
/:Sitatan-ok nga idir-i.:/

Dayta ti biagtay ken ragsak  
Annak ti Gunglotay nga BARP  
Kantatay dayta nga nalawag  
/:Ingga't nadosan nga awag.:/

Maipalagip kadayto  
Ti iggen ti BARP a pannuro:  
"Kitaem kad' no anya't maitulongmo  
/:Saan nga dayta magun-udmo!"/

-gibusna-

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A Certificate of Authority was sent to her later from the BARP Central Office in Baguio City. She was also provided with a CD of the Golden Years Hymn and a copy of the BARP Code of Ethics and Conduct.

Later on September 7, 2010, a similar information dissemination drive was done in Kayapa also in Nueva Viscaya. This time, the activity was in response to the invitation or request of Mr. Luis Segundo, the OSCA Chairman of the Municipality and an active member of BARP Foundation, who had attended the gathering in Solano. The venue in Kayapa was the Police Social Hall as approved by Hon. John Balasya, the town Mayor.

Meanwhile, on September 11, 2010, while in Paracelis, Mountain Province with Larry Tiggangay, Editor-in-Chief Bienvenido M. Balweg of GYN, took the time to meet with Mrs. Paz Rafael and her friends where they held a lengthy sharing about BARP and its BMC subsidiary and their possible organizational enhancement in to Paracelis and Mrs. Rafael committed herself to attend the Pre-Membership Seminar in Baguio City within the next two months to know more about the Foundation and its workings.

Mrs. Rafael, is a recognized social leader as shown by her active participation in community concerns and attention to cultivation of hilly farms and gardens. She mentioned that Congressman Maximo Dalog, a promoter of BARP, came to see the condition of post-harvest facilities and farm-to-market roads and redrying facilities in view of the encouraging corn production of Paracelis. — GYN Staff

**PATRONIZE OUR COOPERATIVE**

We invite you all, our co-members in BFI, to become members of BARP Coop and avail of the services being offered as follows: Lending, Savings, Medicines, Food Supplements, and Food Supplies like rice, coffee, sugar, milk, and honey at competitive price. Also items like laundry soap, bath soap, toothpaste, etc. are available. All your purchases are recorded for purpose of computing your patronage refund at the end of the year. Canned goods, cooking oil, and some food seasonings will also be available soon.

In all of these you will be entitled to a patronage refund and earn interests on your share capital and savings deposits.

Did you know that earned interests here are tax-free? That's a very big advantage. Also, the interest rate for savings deposits is higher here than what the banks are paying. So what would you do now? Grab the opportunity and have a bite of the cake. Come and join us at BARP Coop and let's make the difference.—ARQ

**Former BARP Trustee...Continued from Page 4**

True, Ramon runs the business but Mama Lourdes is the guiding spirit that disciplined her children who are now all successful professionals in their own lines more for service than profit. You can also imagine the temptations that buffeted her, but which she resisted, whenever she catered food to participating athletes in athletic competitions among public schools. No wonder BARP grew well under her co-care when she served as internal auditor for years denying remunerations in return for the job because she says she has enough, others are more in need. What a mind, what a heart! This woman for emulation.

**CONG. VERGARA INDUCTS NEW BFI OFFICERS & MEMBERS**

Veteran Baguio City Congressman, the Hon. Bernardo M. Vergara, inducted the new officers of BFI during the General Assembly Meeting at the Athletic Bowl Grandstand last August 25, 2010.

Before a throng of a fairly good attendance of the membership despite cloudy skies and soft showers, the new officers who took their oath of office were: Jose T. Taguba, Chairman of the Board; Benigno V. Andam, Executive Vice President; Monroe G. Taclawan, Vice President for Internal Affairs; Bial A. Palaez, Vice President for Membership and Education; Menchita R. Damoslog, Vice President for Chapters; Tolentino O. Opiniano, Vice President for Finance; Julieta A Palasi, Treasurer; Cristeta R. Antonio, Auditor; Dr. Juanita D. Ibis, Public Relations Officer; Dr. Placido B. Abuan and Dr. Juliet P. Bagano, Business Managers; Frank L. Daytec, Marshall; Jacqueline P. Gingino, Board Secretary; and Nars Padilla, Liaison Officer.

Congressman Vergara, also a BARP member, undertook his second role as inducting officer to 29 new members that included a foreign national from Seattle, Washington. The new members came from different Municipalities of Benguet, Mt. Province and Baguio City.

Immediately after, our servant in Congress shared his "inspirational message" to the crowd where he elaborated on the guidelines issued by President Noynoy Aquino on the use of the lawmakers' CDFs, that these funds should be used more for the Filipino youth in their education and for the welfare of senior citizens. He assured that BARP will benefit from his CDF. Then he extolled BARP for its enduring programs and its still growing membership support. He challenged the members to be ever God-fearing and persistent in doing good for the present generation to follow. (BVA)



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Blessed Association of Retired Persons Foundation, Inc.  
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Dear **Prof. Balanag:**


Please accept my sincere gratitude to all the officers and members of the Blessed Association of Retired Persons Foundation, Inc. for your letter of congratulations sent to my office.

Such expression of support and confidence in my leadership has strengthened my resolved, my commitment, and my dedication to be of service to the Filipino people and I really feel honored and grateful for the new mandate given to me.

I know the enormous responsibility placed upon me as the second highest leader of our country. Thus, I am counting on your organization's continued support as I pursue my advocacies geared towards greater economic growth that will be enjoyed by all, including citizens in the remotest barangays.

Again, thank you, and more power.

Very truly yours,

  
**JEJOMAR C. BINAY**