



ANNUAL COORDINATOR'S ORIENTATION MEETING

The Annual Coordinators Orientation Meeting will be held at the SSS Canteen, 8:30 A.M. on March 12, 2011 instead of July 23, 2011 as indicated in the BARP Calendar for this year.

Due to the importance of this annual gathering among provincial, Municipal and Barangay Coordinators we urge everyone concerned to attend the same as announced. For this reason, all coordinators are compulsory required to be present in person. This early announcement is to ensure 100% attendance.

The important issues to be taken up will deal with the duties and responsibilities of coordinators which generally are not complied with. After validation of the survey questionnaire returned to the office, it shows incomplete answers to the questionnaires. The reasons why this survey questionnaires are floated to coordinators is to understand what problems are being encountered by the coordinators in the field and at the same to closely monitor and evaluate their yearly performance and compliance to the Rule and Regulations relative to the Foundation's Vision and Mission. Other important concerns deal with submission of collections of fees and contributions from members to the office; not conducting regular membership meeting in your respective area of responsibilities and submission of reports required of such meeting plus copy of the agenda taken during such meeting.

On top of these concerns is our coalition membership with partylist DIWA (Democratic Independent Workers Association). Important issues regarding DIWA will be presented to the participants and other matters referring to the coordinators on this occasion.

Along this line, we urge everyone concerned to be present personally in this annual gathering. Let us always develop working together as one Team — *"Together Everyone Achieves More"*! See you soon. — **FAB**

REMINDERS

1. **BFI Pre-Membership Seminar - March 5, 2011** (1st Saturday), SSS Canteen, Harrison Road, Baguio City, , 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON
2. **BMC Pre-Membership Seminar**— March 19, 2011, BARP Office, 9:00 A.M. 9:00 to 12:00 Noon
3. **Next BFI General Assembly** will be on **March 26, 2011** (Last Saturday) Burnham Athletic Bowl, Baguio City.
4. Reminder: For those who have invested to the BFI Investment Program, please get your Certificate of Investment at the BARP Office.
5. Last day for payment of Annual Dues for 2011 will be on March 31, 2011. Please pay on time.

BARP OPENS NEW PMES SITE

BARP Foundation opened a new site at Pines Park, LM 4 La Trinidad, Benguet for its Monthly Pre-Membership Education Seminar. This is being initiated to augment its regular PMS held at the SSS Canteen every 1st Saturday of the Month. This is done in response to requests from people desirous to join the Foundation.

Last February 12, 2011, the first PMES activity at Pines Park was conducted with initial 27 applicants coordinated by Aida Patot, a barangay coordinator at Atok, Benguet, who made the arrangement with Josie A. Kawi, President/Gen. Manager of the Topmake International Manpower Services under POEA-054-LB-022103-R. The activity was considered a success and so a similar PMES will take place in the same venue again.

Along this line, again due to frequent requests from various individuals for the Foundation to conduct PMES also in Tuba, Sablan, Itogon, La Trinidad, Tublay and other places, the organization is considering conducting similar activity in these places. This plan is based on reaching and spreading out its vision far and near.

A PMES will be conducted again at **Pines Park, La Trinidad, Benguet on March 26, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.** **Starting April 9, 2011**, a PMES will be held regularly there while the PMES at the SSS Canteen goes on as usual.

For further information, please get in touch with the BARP Office located at the 1st ground floor of Otek Square Building, Otek Street, Baguio City, Tel. No. (074) 446-8954 or E-mail us at barp.foundation@yahoo.com.

IMPROVED LENDING REVENUE

For those members needing capital for your businesses and for other important needs, like school tuition fees for children, etc., we encourage you to apply for loan at our own Cooperative. Remember that the interests we pay, a part of it will be returned to us in the form of patronage refund and interest of our share capital. You will not get this benefit from other lending institutions.

For those non-BMC members who are BFI members, we encourage you to become members of our Cooperative and enjoy the above mentioned benefits/privileges. We know that some of you are acquiring loans from other lending institutions who are charging higher interest. Why not just become a BMC member? If only all of us BFI members are also members of BMC, we could proudly say that we are one of the big cooperatives in this region of the country! (**ARO**)

BMC GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION

Tolentino O. Opiniano, BMC General Manager informed the Chairman of the Board that the **Annual General Assembly** of members is scheduled on **March 27., 2011** (Sunday). It will be held at the **Baguio City Hall, Multi-Purpose Hall, from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

Important concerns and issues will be presented to the general members for appropriate action. Aside from reports of the various committees, the Treasurer will be reporting on the financial condition of the coop. The General Manager will also make his 2010 accomplishment report. On top of the above reports, the 2010 Annual Budget and Proposed Development Plans of the BMC will also be presented for its approval including the proposal of reducing the member of the Board from 11 to 9 Board Members.

Following will also be the election of five (5) new members of the Board for a term starting 2011 to 2013. Some of the Board members whose term expires this March 2011 and others had already expressed their interest to present themselves a second term. Those whose terms expiring are the present Chairman, Prof. Federico A. Balanag, Monroe G. Taclawan, Menchita R. Damoslog, Juliet A. Palasi and Jaime Castro.

Five new Board members will be elected this year by the General membership. The BMC management in-charge of this activity is now calling those members who may be interested to run for the Board to file. Deadline for filing certificate of candidacy will be on March 11, 2011. COC form can be secured from the BMC Secretary, Jean Favor.

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MOUNT KABUNIAN SCENERY

Have you reached the foot of the enchanted Mount Kabunian in Central Bakun? The BARP Team almost did the mission as the assembly hall is just a kilometer away. The team composed of Trustees Menchita Damoslog, Juanita Ibis, Bial Palaez, Cris Buli-e, our pilot and Danny Camodag, Bakun Municipal Coordinator, were authorized by BARP Foundation Federico A. Balanag to conduct a Pre-Membership Educational Seminar (PMES) in Central Bakun, the original seat of Municipal Government. The mission was in response to the request of elders for residents desiring to join our BARP Foundation.

Trustee Ibis described the trip beautiful and enjoyable. Just imagine the winding, zigzagging, and the up and down steep dirt and partly paved road from Sinipsip junction to Central Bakun. The group were not at all bothered with the condition of the 32 kilometers provincial road because they enjoyed the panoramic and attractive view.

Not aware of the distance and difficult road condition the team miscalculated their timing. They arrived in Central Bakun at 1:00 P.M. instead of 10:00 A.M. which means they were behind three hours in their schedule. Anyway, our expected audience composed of Barangay Officials, Senior Citizens, Cooperative and PTCA officials and members did not disperse. Instead they prepared a welcome program specially our late lunch consisting of beef, chicken pinicpican blended with kintoman rice plus native wine and delicacies prepared and served at the new Barangay Hall.

The afternoon program was held in front of the Barangay Hall adjacent to the multi-purpose cooperative building. Before the forum on PMES an opening portion with warm and friendly welcome remarks from the Central Bakun senior residents led by Punong Barangay Mr. Flores L. Tamiday and followed alternately from others.

Centerpiece of the PMES include the benefits that a member of good standing normally receive from our BARP Foundation, his rights, duties and obligations. This portion was ably handled by Vice President for Education and Membership Bial A. Palaez. He further explained why many people joined BARP. They come from the City of Baguio, Benguet Province, the Cordillera Region, many from the lowland regions including some from abroad. BARP on record has 16,000 registered members with 11,000 active while the inactive are currently updating and reactivating their membership in accordance with BARP rules and policies.

Trustee Menchita Damoslog, Vice President for Chapter discussed the DIWA programs and project assistance including scholarship for qualified and deserving children of BARP members. Trustee Juanita Ibis, the Foundation PRO concentrated on the services accorded to BARP members of good standing. She, being a doctor of education, discussed discipline, moral values and honesty in the foundation. Both contributed in answering and explaining clarifications to questions asked from the audience.

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List of Deceased Members January 1, 2011 to January 31, 2011

#	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	Bagat, Felicidad G.	Itogon	10/29/05	1/1/10	63	11,685	10	78,100	10,000	88,100	Matias, Gregory Ann B.
2	Libang, Teodora B.	Bauko	7/29/06	1/1/11	74	17,024	15	117,150	10,000	127,150	Marcena, Nilda B.
3	Alfonso, Jose D.	Tuba	3/26/05	1/3/11	73	12,172	5	39,050	10,000	49,050	Alfonso, Marilyn
4	Rosal, Pedro R.	Itogon	11/26/06	1/04/11	68	15,119	20	156,200	10,000	166,200	Rosal, Raymundo B.
5	Nasak, Felomina A.	Besao	7/31/04	1/4/11	67	20,060	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Ngalob, Eunice
6	Costina, Edrico A.	La Trinidad	9/4/02	1/6/11	66	18,159	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Costina, Gerald
7	Ansibey, Tolnina S.	Buguias	9/27/03	1/6/11	76	21,506	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Ansibey, Michael S.
8	Holman, Maria Corona B.	Buguias	11/28/09	1/7/11	72	4,200	5	39,050	5,000	44,050	Holman, Marilyn B.
9	Nucaza, Virginia D.	Baguio City	8/31/01	1/7/11	70	22,080	20	156,200	20,000	176,200	Mangulabnan, Emelda N.
10	Gamongan, Cecilia N.	Itogon	2/28/00	1/7/11	75	18,114	10	78,100	20,000	98,100	Bagano, Linda G.
11	Diwas, Juan B.	Buguias	8/30/03	1/9/11	74	18,764	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Diwas, Joseph S.
12	Imbong, Lolito C.	Buguias	11/29/03	1/9/11	71	18,375	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Sab-it, Cristine I.
13	Tosay, Matia L.	Buguias	5/25/02	1/10/11	67	20,425	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Tosay, Thomas
14	Palag-oc, Cecelia M.	Bauko	1/30/10	1/10/11	68	5,750	5	39,050	5,000	44,050	Pelayo, Helen P.
15	Balawis, Benito T.	La Trinidad	9/30/06	1/10/11	80	11,175	20	156,200	10,000	166,200	Balawis, Pepita A.
16	Matuday, Ernesto	Kabayan	4/2/02	1/15/11	71	19,861	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Naisod, Lourdes T.
17	Gampol, Edward B.	Baguio City	11/29/03	1/17/11	66	21,834	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Caparas, Lyn G.
18	Mana-a, Luis O.	Bauko	3/25/06	1/19/11	74	17,475	20	156,200	10,000	166,200	Mana-a, Cedric
19	Baroy, Eugene P.	La Trinidad	10/28/06	1/19/11	59	9,690	5	39,050	10,000	49,050	Baroy, Mary A.
20	Cayetano, Anita P.	Mankayan	9/28/02	1/21/11	55	21,365	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Cayetano, Priscilla
21	Begya, Leona P.	Buguias	9/27/03	1/22/11	75	20,975	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Begya, Leonora
22	Landiza, Mando A.	Atok	11/14/02	1/23/11	69	21,209	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Gambulo, Thelma L.
23	Laduan, Matso D.	Buguias	11/27/04	1/25/11	74	19,105	20	156,200	15,000	171,200	Victorio, Arcelyn L.
24	Bulayo, Lito K.	Tublay	2/27/10	1/25/11	61	5,750	5	39,050	5,000	44,050	Bulayo, Crispino N.
25	Sab-ot, Bensina A.	Buguias	3/1/02	1/31/11	73	19,259	5	39,050	15,000	54,050	Anlubey, Rosalie S.
						411,563	385	3,008,005	320,000	3,328,005	

♦ SMAP benefit based on **7,813** 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.

♦ **Coordinators are not entitled** to any percentage of amounts received by **beneficiaries**. For the guidance of the beneficiaries.



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VISION CARE PROGRAM

A FREE EYE CONSULTATION and 20% discount on graded EYEGLASSES to all BARP Members at

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Otek Street, Baguio City
9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday to Saturday)

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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As we noticed the thick clouds descending from the mountain top and cliffs down to the fields, the group prepared to move early for home sweet home for fear that it will rain in the afternoon making the dusty road slippery.

An instant query about the enchanted Mount Kabunian and Doligen as written in the tourism brochure. Mr. Palaez who has previous knowledge on the Benguet Tourism took time to relate the legend for confirmation by the Bakun elders and the notes runs – many people from various places come to visit Mount Kabunian. When tired and at rest, they are automatically serve food by the intangible mountain spirits. This legendary practice has been going on for centuries and one day a hunter named Dolegen who came from far north tired and on rest at the rocky center of Mount Kabunian. Suddenly, he was served food. After his meal he carted away the utensils placing in his hunters bag the plate, cup and spoon. Angered, the mountain spirits picked up Dolegen and pasted him in the rocks with his penis organ through which spring water passes thru at public view. After this juncture, the Bakun elders were full of smiles which is an indication of confirmation on the enchanted Mount Kabunian legend.

And before our departure for home the Bakun elders reiterated their invitation for another PMES next year, a much bigger one with more BARP Trustees lead by President Federico A. Balanag. They are determined to increase their present 250 Bakun membership with BARP. -Juanita Ibis

BARP Song of Life

Lyrics & melody by Prof. B.M. Balweg 8-21-07

For BARP, there are no boundaries;
For BARP, no colors dominate,
All mankind forms one sound family
/:Where each member is held great.:/

For BARP, there is no young or old;
For BARP, there is no high or low,
Man is free and full of dignity,
/:Him we'll serve before we go.:/

This life is full of challenges
But time is short and few the days,
Hasten then our arms to accept and serve
/:Every man whate'er his base.:/

Abide by our great principles,
Our motto bright we'll e'er uphold:
Serve our brothers still as we had served
/:Without care for fame or gold.:/

And that's our life, our dream, our joy
We sons and daughters true of BARP;
That's the tune our hearty trumpets blare
/:Till we hear God's lyre and harp.:/

Maipalagit kadatayo
Ti iggen ti BARP a panuro
Kitaem ka'd no ania't maitulongmo
/: Saan nga daya magun-odmo. :/

**CREDIT COMMITTEE
MONTHLY REPORT**

The Credit Committee reports that it was able to serve sixty-nine (69) borrowers for their needed loans. The total loan released was **Php2, 181,728.00**.

Breakdown of loans from January 1 to January 31 was as follows:

1. Capital for business & Commercial ventures (Boats management, sari-sari store & wagwagwan)—22 (Number of Borrowers)— 3.13%
2. Construction & repair of houses —16 (Number of Borrowers) —4.31%
3. Agricultural & backyard livelihood (Vegetables, poultry, piggery, rice)—14 (Number of Borrowers) —4.92%
4. Personal use, medicines (Emergency)—12 (Number of Borrowers) —5.75%
5. Travel expenses, tuition fees (Providential)—5 (Number of Borrowers) —13.8%

The various productive and provident loans offered to members in moments of financial need provided them with the basics of food and shelter. We have likewise given the families the ease and support in their daily lives & tuition for the children.

We look forward to an increase of members (as we did some verbal campaign) and asset growth, with the kind of strong leadership that we have now, the integrity, professionalism & respect as they are all service-conscious and value-oriented. The continuing development and programs of our organization is reflective of the motto "to serve as we had served".— **Sonya N. Nigos**

**BARP-DIWA Coalition Membership
Form, now available**

Application forms for the BARP-DIWA Coalition membership forms are now available at the BARP Office, Otek St., Baguio City for easy pick-up. Get in touch with the office to register and secure your IDs in order to avail of privileges and benefits arising therefrom.

Thank you and God Bless!

“When I raised my hand to take the oath, I raised it for mankind, not for money.”- Dr. Charles Cheng, Baguio City