



### General Assembly

May 26, 2012, Athletic Bowl, Burnham Park, Baguio City

**Ms. Victoria D. Esmil**  
**Kabayan, Benguet**

Program Coordinator of the Month

8:00 A.M.—9:00 A.M.—REGISTRATION—**The Secretariat**

(Issuance of Certificates of Membership and Pledge of Commitment to New Members and official ballots)

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

House Rules	<b>Ms. Victoria D. Esmil</b>
Opening Prayer	(On CD)
Pambansang Awit	<b>Ms. Priscilla Codiase</b>
Golden Years Hymn	<b>Ms. Victoria D. Esmil</b>
Welcome Remarks	<b>Mr. Florencio Otinguey</b>
Greetings to Birthday Celebrators	<b>Ms. Marina Francisco</b>
Induction of New BFI Members and Greetings	<b>Hon. Nicasio Aliping</b> , Councilor, City of Baguio
Intermission	<b>c/o Engr. Jerry O. Ortiz</b>
Presentation of Mutual Assistance to Beneficiaries	<b>Ms. Amalia B. Agpad</b> , Chair, SWC; <b>Ms. Julieta A. Palasi</b> , BFI Trustee & Treasurer
Response	<i>(Anyone from the beneficiaries)</i>
BARP Song of Life	<b>The Community</b> <b>Prof. B. M. Balweg</b> , <i>conducting</i>
Intermission	<b>Ms. Florencia Depago</b>
Grand Pasasalamat Draw	<b>Dr. Escosa and Mr. Quitariano</b> , BODs
President's Hour	<b>Prof. Federico A. Balanag</b> BFI President / CEO
Closing Prayer	<b>Mr. Thomas Dangos, Jr.</b>
	<b>Ms. Teresita Tagel</b> EMCEE

### ABS-CBN Visits BARP

Last May 8 and 9, 2012, ABS-CBN crew members visited the BARP Main Office at Otek St., Baguio City. The visit was a part of the preparation activities of ABS-CBN for the scheduled presentation and selection of the National Bayaning Filipino Awardees from among the regional awardees in three categories selected last February 17, 2012.

ABS-CBN came to BARP because its president, Federico A. Balanag, a former professor at the University of Baguio was the regional awardee for CAR in the individual category. The TV crew then took VTR shootings of the various programs and projects of BARP.

At the main office, President Balanag briefly refreshed the visitors with the vision, mission, and core values of the BARP Foundation, Inc. as well as its current membership, linkages and beneficial contributions.

From thence, the BFI President led the group to take VTR shootings portraying samples of BARP activities in La Trinidad and Tublay in its effort to help uplift and enhance social and economical life in its areas of influence.

They saw the La Trinidad Assembly of BARP members holding their assembly meeting at the La Trinidad Universal Building (May 29) then attended similar assembly at Acop, Tublay, also attended by the Municipal Mayor himself.

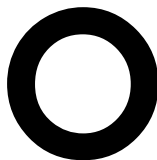
In Baguio, subsequently, the same TV crew took shots at the My Gulay Section of Artist Kidlat at the La Azotea Building, at Upper Session Road. The afternoon that day gave a chance for nominee Balanag to explain BARP positions on various community issues, at the same time calling on the government to pay heed to efforts of BARP in order to realize its dreams and plans, particularly for the elderly sector of Philippine society.

### RE M I N D E R S :

- BFI Pre-Membership Seminar - June 2, 2012** (1st Saturday), SSS Canteen, Harrison Road, Baguio City, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON
- Reminder:** To those who have invested in the BFI Investment Program, please get your Certificate of Investment at the BARP Office.
- BMPC Pre-Membership Seminar**— June 16, 2012 (3rd Saturday), BMPC Office, Otek Square Building, Otek Street, 2600 Baguio City, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.
- The next **General Assembly meeting** will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 (Last Saturday) at the Burnham Athletic Bowl, Baguio City.
- Calling all BARP Members who have not made their Building Investment, **DO IT NOW!**



From the Editor's Desk ...



## **n attending the BARP General Assembly Meeting in Bontoc**

Last May 12, 2012, I had the privilege and honor to be sent to represent President/CEO Federico A. Balanag in the General Assembly Meeting of the BARP members in Mt. Province. The meeting was held at the Multi-Purpose Function Hall of the Provincial Capitol Building in Bontoc, the capital town.

Reserving the straight news report of my entire Bontoc-Tabuk assigned trip to the Board of Trustees, particularly President Balanag himself, I wish to focus in this sharing-of-ideas-with-you something that unexpectedly struck me. Because I came to the venue of the meeting way ahead of its 9:00 A.M. scheduled start, I was able to observe what transpired before, during and after the affair. Two ladies were prominently kept busy. I came to know them soon as Ms. Helen Kimmayong, the BARP Provincial Coordinator vice the late Fr. Edward Sumedca; and Mrs. Hazel Sumedca Fagyan, the newly appointed Municipal Coordinator of Sagada who introduced herself as my former student in Spanish at MSAC (Mountain State Agriculture College) now BSU (Benguet State University). The latter's features, especially the facial, failed to manifest the ravages of the passage of time, a sure positive note to the care of her spouse, Alexander W. Fagyan.

While waiting for the arrival of possible late comers, the assembly requested practice in the singing of the Golden Years and the BARP Song of Life. When I asked the participants to refer to the texts in the Golden Years Newsletter, they informed that they, including the coordinators, had no copies of the current issue just as the case in past issues. As the verbal practice was conducted, they remarked that the Golden Years Hymn could be sung by any senior citizen while the Song of Life was appropriate for BARP members only, the reason obviously for their request for more repetitions to perfect the rendition of both lyrics and melody thereof by heart. But as that was done, the message emblazoned in meaningful verses and relayed in near-Cordilleran gaygayu melody gained impact on

their thoughts and emotion.

Unity ("no boundaries"), Equality ("no colors dominate", "no high or low"), respect for human dignity ("where each member is held great") caring and sharing ("serve our brothers"), unselfish volunteerism ("without care for fame or gold"), and God-directedness ("till we hear God's lyre and harp"). What heart cannot be touched by that? The neophyte inductees could only raise their hands in great expectation.

But to my consternation, although by on means a surprise, came an ironic twist. In the program proper, the announcement gave the main agenda: to confirm the resolution made previously to separate from the main BARP Organization but still affiliate with it later. The initial enthusiasm was greatly encouraged when the invited Guest Speaker and Induction Officer Gov. Leonard Mayaen of the province, promised to give and release One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000) right away to their organization once that "separation" is perfected with documentary evidence. But he at once cautioned about the requirement of a quorum to decide on that much important matter. He was told that there were 800 (Eight Hundred) registered member of BARP/BFI in Mt. Province but the registration of participants in the meeting showed that only 120 members were present coming from five out of ten municipalities where there were BARP members under a municipal coordinators. Of those who came, most came from only two municipalities.

When my turn to speak came, I went to the issue directly, telling that their ambition was no surprise, it was part of all-recognition of growing-up and, therefore, could to be appreciated. I clarified that our Constitution and By-laws contain provisions on chaptering and we have vice-president on chapters Mrs. Menchita R. Damoslog. But that in such a move, there are rules and regulations to be followed. If these are followed and the act is wholly and duly approved by the Board of Trustees, then no problem. Otherwise, difficulties might arise. It should be remembered that there are those who join BARP to have a chance to reach out, giving help or service to more number of people whom they do not even know and they can only do so in the wider BARP original. The paramount aim is to protect and assure the continued good and welfare of the members, I sounded a caution. Presiding

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**List of Deceased Members for April 1 to April 30, 2012**

#	Member Name	Address	Date of M'ship	Date of Death	Age	Amount Contributed	SMAP AID	SMAP (Php)	RMAP (Php)	Total (Php)	Beneficiary
1.	Dumogen, Segundina T.	Baguio City	10.26.02	04.01.12	79	28,144.00	5.00	32,305.00	20,000.00	<b>52,305.00</b>	Laroza, Joan D.
2.	Cat-ag, Sodenia G.	Buguias	05.25.02	04.01.12	77	30,815.00	20.00	129,220.00	20,000.00	<b>149,220.00</b>	Francisco, Natividad C.
3.	Calaoa, Julia F.	Itogon	10.30.04	04.02.12	75	25,796.00	20.00	129,220.00	15,000.00	<b>144,220.00</b>	Ramos, Grace C.
4.	Gawid, Meliason B.	Bakun	04.29.06	04.03.12	73	25,169.00	20.00	129,220.00	10,000.00	<b>139,220.00</b>	Gawid, Rosa
5.	Contada, Mary K.	Bakun	06.28.08	04.04.12	80	19,217.00	15.00	96,915.00	10,000.00	<b>106,915.00</b>	Contada, Clemente
6.	Gaspili, Sonny C.	Buguias	08.26.06	04.05.12	57	25,124.00	20.00	129,220.00	10,000.00	<b>139,220.00</b>	Gaspili, Elma A.
7.	Anipo, Flora G.	Tublay	10.25.08	04.08.12	59	17,700.00	15.00	96,915.00	10,000.00	<b>106,915.00</b>	Pangusban, Venus A.
8.	Labinio, Walis B.	Bakun	02.28.09	04.10.12	78	16,850.00	15.00	96,915.00	10,000.00	<b>106,915.00</b>	Labinio, Herminia
9.	Baybay, Rosita T.	Baguio City	04.27.02	04.10.12	76	13,615.00	5.00	32,305.00	20,000.00	<b>52,305.00</b>	Bartolome, Cristina T.
10.	Taynan, Cristeta M.	La Trinidad	12.17.00	04.11.12	76	33,245.00	20.00	129,220.00	20,000.00	<b>149,220.00</b>	Taynan, David
11.	Supusop, Mary P.	Baguio City	05.25.02	04.12.12	62	25,944.00	15.00	96,915.00	20,000.00	<b>116,915.00</b>	Supusop, Cesar
12.	Lawagan, Luisa W.	Baguio City	11.29.03	04.14.12	74	19,964.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	<b>15,000.00</b>	Elgamo, Josephine L.
13.	Salming, Lilia T.	La Trinidad	11.29.03	04.16.12	73	22,705.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	<b>15,000.00</b>	Salming, Belen
14.	Balao-in, Walisan C.	Mankayan	11.29.03	04.30.12	76	23,670.00	20.00	129,220.00	15,000.00	<b>144,220.00</b>	Balao-in, James
15.	Wagayan, Manay G.	Buguias	04.26.03	04.30.12	69	15,142.00	20.00	129,220.00	15,000.00	<b>144,220.00</b>	Aleo, Imelda W.
16.	Todyog, Olivia T.	La Trinidad	11.27.04	04.30.12	54	27,337.00	20.00	129,220.00	15,000.00	<b>144,220.00</b>	Mangaoang, Leah
17.	Gadate, Isabel B.	Kabayan	11.27.04	04.30.12	58	21,375.00	20.00	129,220.00	15,000.00	<b>144,220.00</b>	Sangao, Shelby G.
18.	Sabiano, Paulino N.	Atok	11.29.08	04.30.12	74	15,625.00	15.00	96,915.00	10,000.00	<b>106,915.00</b>	Sabiano, Julius C.
19.	Regala, Ireneo R.	Baguio City	03.17.01	04.30.12	87	<u>23,845.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>96,915.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<b>116,915.00</b>	Regala, Felicidad
						431,282.00	280.00	1,809,080.00	285,000.00	<b>2,094,080.00</b>	

Ave. no. of active members with SMAP Fund: April—8,923

- ◆ Note: Payments of benefits are subject to completion of required documents submitted to the BARP Office.
- ◆ To the Beneficiaries: Coordinators are not entitled to any percentage of the amounts received by you!

<p><b>SILVER THREADS AMONG THE GOLD</b></p> <p>Darling I am growing old Silver threads among the gold Shine upon my brow today Life is fading fast away.</p> <p>But my darling you will be, will be Always young and fair to me Yes, my darling you will be, will be Always young and fair to me.</p> <p>When your hair is silver white And your cheeks no longer bright With the roses of the May I will kiss your brow and say.</p> <p>Oh, my darling mine alone, alone You have never older grown Yes, my darling mine alone You have never grown older.</p>	<p><b>Ay Baket Lakayakon</b></p> <p>Ay basket lakayakon Oban amin buok kon Kub-bo pay tay bukot kon Nacapsot toy tumeng kon Ngem uray pay no kasta basket Sika la't ay-ayatek Arig amin a mul-mula Adda panaglaylay da.</p> <p>Ay lakay baketak kon Kuraret toy kudil kon Napalalo't tuleng kon Nacapsot toy mata kon Ngem uray pay no kasta lakay Ay-ayatenka unay Kas nobela ken istorya Adda amin gibusda</p>	<p><b>Memorial Services</b> Call: Mr. Winifred C. Dacanay, <b>Irisan Funeral Services</b> (Day and Night Service), No. 22 Purok 5, Irisan, Baguio City Cell phone Nos. 09194286191 &amp; 09228799315 Authorized servicing mortuary of BARP Foundation, Inc.</p>
<p><b>MENESES-CARAMAT OPTICAL CLINIC</b></p> <p>G/F Otek Square Bldg., beside BARP Office, Otek Street, Baguio City 2600 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday to Saturday)</p>		

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**“LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW PROJECT”**

There is a new proposal in town: the project of an auditorium as proposed by the Senior Citizens Association of Natubleng, Buguias, Benguet. The building shall be owned by the association to be used for increased generation of revenue. The members shall share in the maintenance expenses, repair, improvement and related services. Operating like a cooperative, it shall adopt a Housing Code in the operation and management of the building. Its main objective is to put up a lease agreement for organizations who want to use it for social functions, seminars, religious fellowships, political meetings, reunions of family clans and other similar gatherings.

The site of the project is owned by the Senior Citizens Association of Natubleng. The passage of a code will prescribe the rates for the use of the auditorium. If properly maintained and beautifully decorated, it can become a tourist spot in Natubleng. Displaying the indigenous products along the walls and framing pictures of olden times and creating a mini-museum will attract the guests. The auditorium will be economically planned, but generous in flowing space, it will be simple but functional. The landscape outdoors will be a visual spectacle of greenery with designed flower beds, profuse plants and tall hedges.—SNNigos

**CREDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The BARP Multi-Purpose Cooperative has released a total of Php2,264,000.00 for loans granted to sixty four (64) borrowers for the month of April 2012.

The different kinds of loans applied, for various purposes were: 1. Productive loans - 9 (vegetable and flower farming, hog raising, purchase of farm inputs like insecticides and fertilizers). 2. Providential loans - 34 (for tuition fees, house repair, personal needs, construction materials, school uniforms, travel expenses, payment of city services, car repair and death aid). 3 Micro-finance -15 (capital for souvenir and curio shop, sari-sari, dental clinic, mining venture, wagwagan business, repair of riprap and repair of passenger jeepney). 4. Medical and Hospitalization expenses - 5 and emergency - 1.

For the terms of payment: 3 months - 4 borrowers; 4 months - 3; 6 months - 8; 5 months - 1; 10 months - 2 and 12 months - 46.

Ninety nine (99) reminder—letters were mailed to delinquent borrowers, including their respective co-makers.—SNNigos

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,**

**MAY CELEBRATORS!**

**Best wishes and congratulations!**

**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.:/

**THE GOLDEN YEARS HYMN**

*Melody by: Dean Macario Fronda, SLU  
Lyrics by: Mrs. Lyra B. Andam*

*(Refrain)*

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.

*(Repeat Refrain)*

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officer Kimmayong seemed bent on a final votes for separation despite my showing that the cause of the written repudiation of the Board of Trustees of their (Mt. Province Group), first resolution for separation was not in turn answered in writing. I pointed it out to LGU Admin. Officer Elizabeth Longid who nodded her head in acquiescence.

The final outcome of discussions brought out three stands: yes for separation, no for separation, table the issue for further scrutiny. Helen made it clear that those who will opt to be with the BARP/BFI mother organization directly will not be barred from doing so. A meeting of the coordinators followed right after the adjournment of the GA meeting. Helen said no need for me to attend that meeting. I, too, could not accommodate her invitation for me to visit Bauco that day. My official itinerary directed me to proceed to Kalinga, particularly Tabuk City. That I did, assured of brighter prospects with the presence and helping hands of HRO Engr. Domingo Bakilan and DepEd Retiree Helen Lingayo. But that is another story.