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Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

Enclosed is the FY 2014 Senior Citizens Month report which includes the expenditures of all funds used for Senior Citizens Month activities, submitted in accordance with Public Law 17-35.

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# 2014 SENIOR CITIZENS' MONTH

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), Division of Senior Citizens (DSC) coordinated the annual events for the Senior Citizens Month (SCM) 2014, celebrated throughout the month of May. The theme for this year's month-long celebration, "Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow" is the official theme for the Nations celebration of Older Americans Month 2014, as developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living. In Chamorro, the translated theme is "Sumafu Pa'go Para Minaolek Agupa", placing emphasis on injury prevention and safety while encouraging citizens to help our *manamko* make healthy decisions in their daily lives.

Ms. Geraldine T. Gumataotao, Management Analyst with the Division of Senior Citizens, DPHSS was designated as the Chair for this year's SCM 2014 Central Planning Committee (CPC). Chair Gumataotao was supported by Ms. Kavita Hemlani Ré as Co-Chair who is with the Health Services of the Pacific, service provider of the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP). The first CPC meeting convened on January 28, 2014 at the DSC. Thereafter, the CPC met on every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month through April 22, 2014, with the close-out meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2014. Members of the CPC included representatives from government agencies and departments and private and non-profit entities, to include: HSP - NFCSP; Catholic Social Service (CSS) - Service Provider for the Case Management Services, Adult Day Care, In-Home Services, and the Emergency Receiving Home programs; Mayors' Council of Guam (MCOG) – Service Provider for the Senior Center Operations program; Kloppenburg Enterprises, Inc. – Vendor for the Transportation Services Program: 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature - Office of Speaker Judith Won Pat and the Office of Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.; Agat Mayors' Office; St. Dominic's Senior Care Home; Guam Fire Department; Lions Club International - District 204; Guam Medical Transport; American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) - Guam Chapter; Guam Spirit Lions Club; and the DPHSS DSC and Division of Public Health Bureau of Nutrition Services and the Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services.

The CPC developed the 2014 SCM Calendar of Events, consisting of nine (9) events, as follows:

DATE	I AL LIVILV	SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	VENUE/TIME
April 25 Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Guam Micronesia Island Fair	MCOG and the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB)	Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park (Ypao) 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

April 28	Senior Citizens Month	Office of Governor Eddie	Agat Senior Citizens
Monday	Proclamation Signing	B. Calvo; DPHSS/DSC;	Center
		Agat Mayor Carol S.	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
		Tayama, and the Agat	
		Senior Citizens Center	
		Participants	
May 6	Centenarian	DSC/DPHSS, St.	St. Dominic's Senior
Tuesday	Recognition	Dominic's Senior Care	Care Home
	Celebration	Home, MCOG, and Health	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
		Services of the Pacific	
May 7	Frail Elderly Mass	Catholic Social Service	Adult Day Care:
Wednesday		(CSS)	Dementia Care and
	]		Barrigada Center
			10:00 a.m. May
			Crowning
			10:30 a.m. Mass
May 12	Legislative Reception	32 <sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature	Hyatt Regency
Monday			11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
May 13	May Crowning	St. Dominic's Senior Care	St. Dominic's Senior
Tuesday	The state of the s	Home	Care Home
			10:30 a.m.
May 22	Guam Conference on	DSC/DPHSS, MCOG and	Pacific Star Resort and
Thursday	Aging	GVB	Spa (formerly Guam
			Marriott Resort and
			Spa)
			8:00 a.m. Pre-
			Conference
			9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
			Conference
May 27	Bingo Bash	MCOG, Military Order of	Compadres Mall
Tuesday		the Purple Heart, Fortune	10:00 a.m. to 2:00
		Bingo, and GVB	p.m.
May 31	Memory Wave and	DSC/DPHSS, CSS Adult	Micronesia Mall
Saturday	Awareness	Day Care-Dementia Care	8:30 a.m. Showtime
		Facility, MCOG, Lions	9:00 a.m. Wave
		Club International –	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
		District 204, Spirit Lions	Outreach
		Club	
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This year, DSC staff and members of the 2014 SCM CPC made appearances on both radio and television talk shows which included:

- ➤ KTKB 101.9 FM Megamixx,
- Damdaming Pinoy Show,
- > KOLG FM.
- > KUAM News Weekend Edition,

- ➤ KSDA Joy 92 FM,
- ➤ K57 AM Patti Arroyo Show, and
- KISH 102.9 FM.

Additionally, there was media coverage in the:

- Marians Variety Guam,
- Umatuna Si Yu'us,
- Guam Pacific Daily News (PDN),
- Guam Super Shopper,
- > KUAM, and the
- Guam News Center.

DSC also promoted participation of SCM events by displaying outdoor vinyl banners proclaiming May as SCM in the villages of Agat and Dededo, and on a billboard at the Paseo Loop. The Department of Parks and Recreation is recognized for waiving the permit fees associated with the Paseo Loop billboard reservation. A traveling banner was also displayed at each SCM event.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

The following summarizes the highlights of SCM 2014:

# 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GUAM MICRONESIA ISLAND FAIR

The MCOG and the GVB arranged for the senior center participants to spend a day at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Guam Micronesia Island Fair held at Ypao Beach on Friday, April 25, 2014. A total of 321 seniors had the opportunity to enjoy island music and cuisine. The GVB provided the funding to transport the center participants to this event. This is the second year the seniors have had the opportunity to attend this event and from all accounts, the seniors are looking forward to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Guam Micronesia Island Fair.

#### PROCLAMATION SIGNING

On April 28, 2014, Honorable Governor Eddie B. Calvo signed Proclamation 2014-035 at the Agat Senior Citizens Center, officially proclaiming the month of May 2014 as SCM.

The coordination of the proclamation signing was led by the DSC, DPHSS staff Ms. Jocelynn Cruz and Ms. Evelyn Cruz, in collaboration with the Office of the Governor and hosted by Agat Mayor Carol S. Tayama and the *seniors* from the Agat Senior Citizens Center. For the past 9 years to include this year's event, the proclamation signing for SCM has taken place at one (1) of the 12 Senior Citizens Centers. The village center designated to host the proclamation event is selected in the order it became a Senior Citizens Center. After Agat, only three (3) Senior Citizens Centers remain on the list to host a Proclamation Signing Event: Santa Rita, Merizo, and Agana Heights.

This year's event was attended by approximately 200 individuals which included participants of the Agat Senior Citizens Center, members of the Senior Center Executive Council, representatives from the 32nd Guam Legislature, the MCOG, members of the Aging Network (CSS, HSP, and Kloppenburg Enterprises, Inc.), Mr. Jon Calvo from the Office of Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, members of the 2014 SCM CPC, DPHSS staff, and family and friends of the Agat Senior Citizens Center participants.

Senior Citizens Administrator (SCA) Arthur San Agustin and Ms. Helen Aguon, also known as Island Girl, co-emceed the event. Mr. Arthur B. Toves, President of the Agat Senior Citizens Center as well as Mayor Tayama and DPHSS Director James Gillan provided remarks, and Governor Calvo provided the keynote remarks urging residents to recognize our island's *manamko*' for their contributions and continuous involvement in our community, and commended caregivers, volunteers and community organizations for their dedication to our *manamko*'.

The successful production of this year's 2014 SCM Proclamation Signing event is attributed to the great team effort by DSC staff and to the following individuals, agencies, and organizations for their support and contributions:

Office of the Governor • Agat Mayor Carol S. Tayama • Agat Vice Mayor Agustin G. Quintanilla • Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr., 32nd Guam Legislature • Father Willy O. Lorilla • Agana Heights Mayor Paul M. McDonald • Asan-Maina Mayor Joana Margaret C. Blas • Barrigada Mayor June U. Blas • Dededo Mayor Melissa B. Savares • Hagatna Mayor John A. Cruz • Inarajan Mayor Doris F. Lujan • Santa Rita Mayor Dale E. Alvarez • Umatac Mayor Johnny A. Quinata • Guam Fire Department • Guam Medical Transport • Agat Municipal Planning Council • Bureau of Family Health & Nursing Services, DPHSS • Ms. Helen Aguon, Island Girl • Mrs. Norma Cruz • Ms. Geraldine Sablan • Mrs. Carmen Pinaula • Mrs. Josefa Portodo • Mr. Pacifico Martir • Mrs. Mary Charfarous • Mrs. Doris Ann Quichocho • Oceanview Cultural Dancers & Saina Ray Lujan • Agat Mayor Staff • Agat Senior Center Participants.

# CENTENARIAN RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

The DPHSS/DSC in coordination with HSP, St. Dominic's Senior Care Home and the MCOG held the annual Centenarian Recognition Celebration to recognize those seniors identified to turn 100 years of age or older in the calendar year 2014. Ms. Geraldine T. Gumataotao of the DSC, DPHSS served as the lead coordinator in the planning of this celebration, with assistance from Sr. Emelita Cinco, Administrator of the St. Dominic's Senior Care Home and Ms. Kavita Hemlani Ré of HSP. The tri-partnership proved to be a winning approach as the celebration was held at St. Dominic's Senior Care Home in Barrigada Heights and HSP served as the conduit to engage our community organizations and businesses to support the celebration. The MCOG also served as a co-sponsor providing St. Dominic's with \$2,500 to help with the Centenarian Recognition Celebration and their May Crowing event. Over 100 guests attended the 2-hour celebration.

2014 Centenarians: This year, eight (8) women were identified to be recognized at the celebration held on May 6, 2014 at St. Dominic's:

- 1) Oliva Leon Guerrero Untalan Arroyo, age 102
- 2) Irene Fernandez Laygo, age 101
- 3) Rita Calvo Artero, age 100
- 4) Joaquina Mendiola Roberto, age 100
- 5) Maura Rufo Robeniol, age 100
- 6) Regina M. Reyes, age 99
- 7) Estelle Greenway Minot†, age 101
- 8) Carmen Navea Mina†, age 100

However, two (2) were recognized posthumously, Mrs. Minot and Mrs. Mina. Five (5) *Centenarians* were present at the celebration, namely, Mrs. Arroyo, Mrs. Laygo, Mrs. Artero, Ms. Robeniol, and Mrs. Reyes; unfortunately, Mrs. Roberto was unable to attend the celebration.

Several dignitaries were able to join us for this celebration as well. Present were Governor Eddie B. Calvo and First Lady Christine Calvo, Jon Calvo of the Office of Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. and Senator Frank Aguon, Jr. of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature, and Mayor Melissa Savares (Dededo), Mayor Joana Margaret C. Blas (Asan-Maina), Mayor Dale E. Alvarez (Santa Rita), Mayor Vicente Taitague (Talofofo), and Mayor Rudy Matanane (Yigo).

The program began with Mistress of Ceremony Ms. Joleen Almandres opening the event, followed by the welcoming remarks provided by Sr. Emelita, remarks by Senior Citizens Administrator San Agustin, and then the blessing of the Centenarians by Deacon Frank Tenorio. After the blessing, Governor Calvo delivered his remarks and presented the Governor's Certificates of Recognition. Alongside the Governor, First Lady Christine Calvo presented floral bouquet courtesy of Radhi's to the families of the deceased Centenarians and presented fresh leis courtesy of the Palau Community Association of Guam to Centenarians who were able to join in their celebration.

After the Governor and First Lady's presentation, SCA San Agustin along with Cost-U-Less Manager Steve Aguon presented the iconic gifts, sponsored by Cost-U-Less, to the surviving Centenarians or their family representative.

The readings of the Centenarians' bio-data were read by Ms. Jeanette Gomez and Ms. Jocelynn Cruz; followed by the presentation of the Congressional Certificates of Recognition by Mr. Jon Calvo; and the presentation of the Legislative Resolutions by Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. and Senator Frank Aguon, Jr.

The presentation of birthday gifts from Senator Rodriguez, Jr. and Sr. Emelita were made followed by the presentation of individual gifts from gift sponsors. This year's gift sponsors were as follows:

- The gift sponsor for Mrs. Arroyo was the Guam Chapter of the AARP,
- The gift sponsor for Mrs. Laygo was the Iloilo International,
- The gift sponsor for Mrs. Artero was Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr.,
- The gift sponsor for Mrs. Roberto was the Sunshine Lions Club,
- > The gift sponsor for Ms. Robeniol was the Lions Club International, District 204, and
- ➤ The gift sponsor for Mrs. Reyes was Guam Medical Transport.

After the gifts were distributed, the Guam Sunshine Lions Club sang a special surprise song for the Centenarians of "You Are My Sunshine". Then the cakes, one 3-tiered celebratory cake from Crown Bakery and six (6) individual cakes from the Asahi Association of Guam were paraded into the grotto area by representatives of the Asahi Association of Guam, Palau Community Association of Guam, DSC and SCM CPC; while *Jesse and Ruby* played instrumental music in the background. After the candles on the cakes were lit, *Jesse and Ruby* led the singing of the "Happy Birthday" song. After the candles were blown out on the individual cakes, the eldest, Mrs. Arroyo and the youngest centenarian, Mrs. Reyes, blew the candles that were on the 3-tiered celebratory cake.

At the end of the celebration, Mrs. Gumataotao and Mrs. Ré delivered the closing remarks thanking all those who helped make the event possible and successful. The closing was followed by the blessing of the meal by Deacon Tenorio.

*Special Thanks* is extended to the following that contributed and supported this year's celebration:

Governor and Mrs. Eddie B. Calvo • Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr. • Deacon Frank
Tenorio • Asahi Association of Guam • Bank of Guam • Coke Foremost Guam •
Cost U Less • Crown Bakery • Curry Kebab • Guam Bakery • Guam Chapter,
AARP • Guam Fire Department • Guam Medical Transport • Guam Sunshine Lions
Club • Health Services of the Pacific • Herbie Perez and Family • Iloilo International
• Innovision Photography • Jones and Guerrero Company, Inc. • Lions Club
International, District 204 • Mayors' Council of Guam • Office of Congresswoman
Madeleine Z. Bordallo • Office of Speaker Judith T. Won Pat • Pacific War Museum
Foundation • Palau Community Association of Guam • Payless Markets • Pomika
Sales • Radhi's • St. Dominic's Senior Care Home • Tina Lizama • Tommy Taitague
• TriVision Media Group LLC.

#### FRAIL ELDERLY MASS

The Frail Elderly Mass is an event hosted annually by CSS. In the last two years, the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother and masses were held concurrently at both Adult Day Care Centers – at Guma Gineflie' in Dededo and at the Northern facility in Barrigada Heights. The May Crowning began at 10:00 a.m. on May 7, 2014, followed by the Mass at 10:30 a.m., and then refreshments or a light meal was served to those who participated in the service. Present at the event were Adult Day Care clients, members of

the SCM CPC, staff and management of CSS, family, friends, and interested members of the community.

The MCOG provided financial support in the amount of \$1,000 for the Frail Elderly Mass, \$500 for each Adult Day Care site.

#### LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

On May 12, 2014, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislature hosted the annual Legislative Reception for our senior center participants at the Hyatt Regency Hotel from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Coordination for this event was led by Mr. Vince Arriola from the Office of Speaker Judith Won Pat and Ms. Rose Calvo from the Office of Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. The event featured raffle drawings, give-aways, dancing to the music of a live band and a photo booth where groups or individuals could have their photos taken to remember this event. It was a fun day for the seniors. Approximately 389 senior participated in the event and the seniors are looking forward to next year's Legislative event.

### MAY CROWNING

The May Crowning event, hosted by St. Dominic's Senior Care Home was held on Tuesday, May 13 at the St. Dominic's Senior Care Home in Barrigada Heights. The event included a Catholic Mass and a presentation of floral bouquets to the Blessed Mother. Seniors representing the Agana Heights and Sinajana Senior Centers and members of the SCM Central Planning Committee participated in the event.

The MCOG provided financial support to St. Dominic's in the amount of \$2,500 to be used in support of the May Crowning event and the Centenarian Recognition Celebration.

# 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GUAM CONFERENCE ON AGING (GCOA)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual GCOA was sponsored by the DPHSS/DSC Guam Senior Medicare Patrol Project (SMP) and the Guam State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP); Guam Visitors Bureau and the Mayors' Council of Guam.

The GCOA, Chaired by two (2) DSC, DPHSS staff, Ms. Charlene San Nicolas and Ms. Jeanette Gomez, was held at the Pacific Star Resort and Spa on May 22, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Kavita Hemlani Re', Co-Chairperson of the 2014 Senior Citizens Month Central Planning Committee, served as the Mistress of Ceremony.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the GVB who provided funding for the transporting of seniors to the conference event. The seniors transported were from the Senior Citizens Centers and the Adult Day Care Centers.

The GCOA event included a morning fitness session, presentations, volunteer recognition, and exhibitors, including durable medical equipment and chiropractic; health screening, and music and dancing.

A total of 522 individuals participated in this one day event which included: 336 participants or 64% registered center participants from the two (2) Adult Day Care Centers and 12 Senior Citizens Centers; 65 or 12% from the General Public 60 years and older; and 121 or 23% from the General Public below 60 years of age. The General Public count included aging network staff, dignitaries and exhibitors.

**Pre-Conference Activities:** The morning program included a fitness session on Zumba conducted by Certified Zumba Instructor Angelica Concepcion. The morning preconference presentation was "Diabetic Skin and Foot Care" by Dr. Edna Ganacias-Acuña, CWS, FAPWCA with HSP.

Conference Activities: The conference began with the National Anthem sung by Rebecca Respicio of the Department of Youth Affairs and Guam Hymn sung by Paz Cruz of the Yona/Talofofo Senior Citizens Center and Jose San Nicolas of the Merizo Senior Citizens Center. The opening conference remarks were provided by SCA San Agustin followed by the first conference presentation entitled "Be Older. Be Wiser. Be Safer." by Alesia Ogo, Occupational Therapist with the Occupational and Physical Therapy Association of Guam (OPTAG); then "When to Give Up the Car Keys" by Attorney Robert Cruz with the AARP, Guam Chapter 4837; and the morning sessions concluded with a conversation with Acting Governor Ray Tenorio". The Acting Governor used his session to recognize the Guam SHIP and SMP volunteers and partners for their hard work and dedication in support of the division's Medicare based-programs.

The final session of the day was on "Personal and Home Safety" by Police Lieutenant Arthur W.J. Paulino, Community Affairs Officer, Auxiliary Services Division with the Guam Police Department.

Health Screening was an on-going activity and included blood pressure, body mass index and blood sugar. They were provided by Guam Community College's (GCC) Medical Assistance Program students supervised by their instructor. Counseling was also provided to those participants identified with elevated readings by volunteers of the Guam Nurses Association and Mountain-Pacific Quality Health. Of the 106 participants who registered for health screening, 92 completed the screening. Of the 92, 34 were identified with elevated blood pressure readings and 26 with elevated blood sugar readings, with six (6) referred to their private medical physicians for further assessments.

There were 22 governmental, non-profit and private organizations who participated as exhibitors, sharing program and product information that would benefit and engage seniors to remain active and safe in their communities which included:

#### Government of Guam:

- Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities
- Department of Labor Senior Community Service Employment Program
- ➤ Department of Public Health and Social Services Division of Senior Citizens
- Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority (GHURA)
- > Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT), CEDDARS University of Guam

Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation

#### Federal Government:

- ➤ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Benefits Administration
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Guam Vet Center

### Non-Profit Organizations:

- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Guam Chapter 4837
- Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence
- ➤ Guam Legal Services Corporation Disability Law Center

#### Private Sector:

- Mountain-Pacific Quality Health
- Guam Caring Angels, Inc.
- > G4S Security Systems (Guam) Inc.
- Guam Regional Medical City

# Durable Medical Equipment & Chiropractic:

- ➤ A.D.I.O Chiropractic Center
- HealthCare Specialties
- > MEDPHARM
- > MD Wholesale
- ➤ Health Services of the Pacific

### Aging Program Service Providers:

- CSS Case Management Services, Adult Day Care, and In-Home Services
- ➤ Health Services of the Pacific National Family Caregiver Support Program

Additionally, there was a table centerpiece competition and raffle drawing activities held.

Guam SHIP & Guam SMP Recognition Event: The Guam SHIP (locally known as the Guam Medicare Assistance Program) and the Guam SMP Project co-sponsored this event. The two programs, Guam SHIP and Guam SMP, provided the conference giveaways, 600 lunch bag colors and 600 can lids, as well as incorporated its annual recognition of program volunteers and partners as part of the GCOA. Historically, the recognition event is held as a separate affair hosting only volunteers and partners; however, this year approximately 500 conference attendess witnessed the recognition given to volunteers and partners for their hard work and dedication in support of the division's Medicare based-programs. Guam SHIP and Guam SMP program volunteers recognized were: Ms. Lourdes Babauta, Mr. Rodolfo Colet, Ms. Venancia Colet (represented by her daughter Ms. Bernadette Colet), Ms. Maria Indalecio, and Mr. Romolo Pellacani.

Volunteers were each given an engraved plaque and kukui nut lei. It is also noteworthy to mention that Acting Governor Ray Tenorio gave accolades to the aforementioned

volunteers earlier during the conference by presenting each with a certificate of appreciation for their volunteer contributions.

Program partners recognized were the DSC's Long Term Care Ombudsman, Ms. Evelyn Cruz, a Social Worker with the Bureau of Adult Protective Services; and CSS' Title III Case Management Services (CMS) Program. Recognition for Ms. Cruz was given for her efforts in heightening and promoting SHIP and SMP awareness at the Skilled Nursing Facility, St. Dominic's Senior Care Home, and at both Adult Day Care facilities when she conducts monthly presentations to patients, clients and their families at these sites. Seventeen (17) CMS program staff members were recognized for their efforts in providing Medicare information and assistance to the island's homebound, frail seniors, their family and caregivers. The CMS staff each received a Certificate of Appreciation and kukui nut lei with three (3) staff members given special recognition and an engraved plaque for inputting over 100 client contacts into shiptalk.org during the 2013 calendar year.

#### BINGO BASH

A favorite past-time for many senior center participants is playing bingo. As a result, a Bingo Bash was arranged by the MCOG, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Fortune Bingo and GVB for the participants to enjoy at Compadres Mall in Dededo on May 27. Approximately 345 senior center participants attended the activity.

However, because of technical difficulties with the bingo machines, there was minimal bingo playing and more socialization.

# MEMORY WAVE AND OUTREACH AWARENESS

The Memory Wave and Outreach Awareness was sponsored the DPHSS/DSC, CSS, MCOG, the Lions Club International, District 204 and Guam Spirit Lions Club. Coordinating members included Ms. Monica Untalan of DPHSS/DSC, Ms. Julie Perez of CSS, Ms. Cynthia Eclavea of MCOG, Ms. Annabelle Dancel and Ms. Herbie Perez both from the Lions Club.

This event was held at the Micronesia Mall on Saturday, May 31, 2014 with the intent to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia and its impact on our island's senior citizens and to encourage greater support and advocacy to programs that would benefit seniors afflicted with this disease and their families that provide support and care to them. The Memory Wave took place at the intersection of Routes 1 (Marine Corp Drive) and 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with approximately 120 people participating in the early morning wave, most of who were dressed in uniformed purple shirts imprinted with Alzheimer's Awareness and the emblems of the sponsoring organizations. The shirts were printed using Adult Day Care program funds and sold to replenish program funds.

The Outreach Awareness portion of the activity was held at the center court of the Micronesia Mall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with Ms. Herbie Perez and Mrs. Kavita

Hemlani Re' serving as Mistresses of Ceremony. The Outreach Awareness included a presentation by Senators Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. and Senator Aline Yamashita to recognize five (5) dedicated and active volunteers of the Guam SHIP and SMP Project which included: Ms. Lourdes Babauta, Mr. Rodolfo Colet, Ms. Venancia Colet, Ms. Maria Indalecio, and Mr. Romolo Pellacani.

Further, exhibitors and entertainment were provided throughout the event. There were 26 exhibitors from various governmental, non-profit and private organizations who shared program and product information that was in line with this year's theme "Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow." Additionally, the organizations promoted services for individuals, families, and caregivers who provide care to individuals afflicted with Alzheimer's and related dementia. Exhibitors included:

- 1. Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Division of Support Services
- 2. Department of Public Health and Social Services Division of Senior Citizens
- 3. Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center
- 4. Guam Developmental Disabilities Council
- 5. Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT), UOG
- 6. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 7. American Association of Retired Persons
- 8. Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence
- 9. Guam Diabetic Association
- 10. Guma' Mami. Inc.
- 11. Latte Stone Lions Club
- 12. Sunshine Lions Club
- 13. Tamuning Stars Lions Club
- 14. A.D.I.O. Chiropractic
- 15. G4S Security Systems (Guam), Inc.
- 16. Guam Caring Angels
- 17. Guam Nursing Services
- 18. Guam Visiting Nurses
- 19. Health Care Specialties
- 20. Health Services of the Pacific
- 21. Pacific Sleep Center
- 22. CSS (Adult Day Care, Case Management Services, In-Home Services, Karidat Program, and Respite Care Services Programs)
- 23. HSP, National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP)
- 24. Kloppenburg Enterprises, Inc., Transportation Services Program (TSP)
- 25. Mayors' Council of Guam, Senior Center Operations (SCO) Program
- 26. SH Enterprises, Inc.: Elderly Nutrition Program, Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals Component

Entertainment was provided by local talent: Mr. Ernane Balinas of the Adult Day Care Center; Ms. Beth Cauley of the Guam Nursing Services; Ms. Rose Martinez Certeza; Mr. Peter Santos; and the Natibu Dance Academy.

Health Screening was an on-going activity that included blood pressure, blood sugar testing, and counseling which were provided by the Guam Nursing Services and Guam Diabetic Association. Of the 90 participants screened, 40 were senior citizens.

As the Memory Wave and Outreach Awareness Event culminated SCM 2014, SCM CPC Co-Chair Ms. Geraldine Gumataotao delivered the closing remarks to thank all those who participated in the day's activities as well as in all the events held in celebration of SCM 2014.

# SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH 2014 EXPENDITURES

The following is a breakdown of the expenditures for SCM 2014:

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY	PAYEE	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
Hotel Venue for Guam	Pacific Star Resort and	\$13,800	Division of Senior
Conference on Aging	Spa (formerly Marriott		Citizens – State
Purchase Order	Resort and Spa)		Agency funds
P146A03177			(\$12,811.52 Local)
	j		and Senior Medicare
			Patrol Project
			(\$988.48 Federal)
600 x \$3.10 per	Vernon Company	\$1,860	Division of Senior
Insulated Tote Bags for	(The)		Citizens – State
the GCOA			Health Insurance
P146A02648 and			Assistance Program
P146A02649			- 100% Federal
600 Lids x \$.57 per lid	Vernon Company	\$342	Division of Senior
for resealing common	(The)		Citizens – Senior
cans P146A02751			Medicare Patrol
			Project – 100%
			Federal
	TOTAL	\$16,002	

# **CONCLUSION**

The SCM activities would not have been made possible without the support and collaboration from government, private and non-profit organizations, home and health care organizations and businesses, and Aging Network service providers and vendors. Each event involved a tremendous amount of planning and coordination to achieve this year's successful celebration, as evident by our networking capacity to increase event coordination and sponsorship.

The DSC staff conducted a debriefing after the Proclamation Signing, Centenarian Recognition Celebration, GCOA and the Memory Wave and Outreach Awareness and the

CPC members held a SCM close-out meeting on June 24, 2014 to share their successes, challenges, and to make recommendations to improve their planning of their respective events for next year's celebration. The DSC is fully committed to celebrating next year's SCM while continuing to be of service to *I Mañaina-ta* and ensuring they receive services they need and most assuredly deserve.

The DSC looks forward to the continued collaboration with the Office of the Governor, Office of the Congresswoman, Guam Legislature and several key partners such as the MCOG, St. Dominic's Senior Care Home, Guam Fire Department, the Guam Medical Transport, Lions Club International – District 204, Guam Spirit Lions Club, American Association of Retired Persons – Guam Chapter, and aging program service providers and vendors, as we celebrate Senior Citizens Month in 2015. Biba *I Mañaina-ta*!