

THE TIME TO CELEBRATE

10th Anniversary

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And so they came to celebrate! Those loyal to the organization, members, officers, and friends alike were there to celebrate the 10th anniversary of PAMET-NV. They all came to enjoy this much awaited momentous occasion to celebrate "A DECADE of SERVICE". As it was in the beginning and as it is after 10 years, this coveted celebration was again an absolute masterpiece of its kind that will pass and be preserved in the Chapter's history.

It was August 2009 when PAMET-NV reached its decade milestone. It was celebrated on January 23, 2010 and was held in a place fitting for its hometown... a casino convention hall. Of course, like the very first inauguration in August 1999, there is always that inevitable gambling on the side. After all it is Las Vegas, right? It was held in Santa Fe Casino on Rancho, a good few miles away from the heart and glitter of the dazzling lights of the Las Vegas Strip. 10 years ago its birth was celebrated at the then-Holiday Inn Casino located in the heart of the Strip. The Holiday Inn Boardwalk Hotel and Casino is now long gone and has made way for new money making projects. Las Vegas can never keep up with these numerous face lifts taking place along the strip and its outskirts. It's a never ending construction sites that Nevadans have to endure for an undetermined length of time. PAMET-NV is keeping up with the pace. It is also changing, growing and improving.

The 6th set of officers was sworn in during the anniversary celebration. PAMET-USA National 1st VP, Leo Fabriquer inducted the officers. Since he is PAMET-NV's very own it was very convenient for him and for the association. National President Esther Madamba sent her heartfelt apologies as she was unable to make the trip from PAMET-TX. It was a well attended occasion. Techs from different hospitals in the valley were there. Members and non-members had an absolute good time. Though PAMET-SOCAL representations (led by President Art Trinidad) outnumbered PAMET-NORCAL (led by President Dan Dominguez), both made the enjoyment more complete. They all exhibited their talents in line dancing which only a few of our members knew how. Nestor Tuazon of PAMET-Southern California demonstrated it to a group of enthusiasts who were eager to learn the moves. "Did they get it yet?" was the facial expression of the disc jockey as he played the music over and over again. Everyone had a great time learning some new moves on the dance floor.

There was also karaoke! But only a few had the courage to demonstrate their voice talent. Everyone knew there were more than few talented singers out there, but their shyness impeded their ability to show what they could do. The food was simple but good. Since it is Las Vegas, it was served buffet style... of course. Where else in the country can you get so much food for so little a price? After everyone had their fill, there were a few quick ceremonial speeches, the induction of officers, some singing and dancing, and more eating and drinking. It was a wonderful time to connect with friends. The party didn't stop till midnight.

RECOGNITIONS:

Dr. Shirley Cruzada.....Invocation
Dr. Racoma.....Keynote Speaker
Evelyn Sayre.....Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Ferdie Destura.....Outgoing President
Fita Lim.....Incoming President for 2010 and 2011
Leopoldo Fabriquer.....Inducting Officer
Nelly Almoina and Angel Mercado.....EMCEES

CONGRATULATIONS to all the officers at the start of the next decade. May PAMET-NV become stronger with the help of its memberships to forge on to a new and higher height to serve the community, the profession and the person.