

TOFA "Circle of Leaders" in Virginia Beach - - -

Filipino Community Leaders at a breakfast get-together

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA., Nov. 25 (PinoyGlobal) Past TOFA Awardees of the *Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)* and several Filipino community leaders and high achievers from the Virginia Beach, Norfolk and other Hampton, Virginia areas recently tendered a breakfast get-together to congratulate the region's 2008 TOFA awardee, **Levy Mendoza-Paler**, RN, MSN of Norfolk, Virginia. Levy

is an outstanding management executive as a nurse administrator and a dedicated community leader in the Hampton region. She is currently the Associate Chief Nurse at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center at Hampton Virginia and the Outpatient Community Clinic in Virginia Beach. She is the Clinical Director of the Care Coordination Home Telehealth Program.

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Virginia Beach-Norfolk Filipino Community Top Leaders

First row from left: **Romy San Antonio**, (TOFA 2007), served for 9 years as president of the Filipino American Veterans of Hampton Road; **George Daria**, Executive Director of the Philippine Cultural Center; **Isidro "Cid" Barrera**, LCDR, SC, USN (Ret.), (TOFA 2006), president of the Kahirup International Foundation and former president of Filipino-American Veterans, both of Tidewater. Standing same order: **Mrs. Francis San Antonio**, former Mrs. Philippines; **Nenita Cacanindin** and **Paul Cacanindin**, both executive officers of the Philippine Cultural Center; **Levy Mendoza-Paler**, (TOFA 2008), the honoree; **Venus Tomaneng** (TOFA 2004), former president of the Filipino Nurses Association,

former president of the United Ilocano Association, and former president of the Filipino Women's Club ; **Rose Daria** (TOFA 1997), "Grand Dame of Beauty Queens"; Cultural Director of the Council of Filipino Organizations in Tidewater (CUPOT); former president Filipino Women's Club; former president of the Filipino Nurses Association: **Aida J. Mendoza** of **FILIM** and **PGON**; **Ofelia Barrera** of CUPOT; **Coring Padilla** (TOFA 2002); one of the founders and first chairman of the Council of Filipino Organizations in Tidewater (CUPOT); spearheader extraordinaire of the Filipino community in the region; and Nonoy Mendoza of **FILIM** and **PGON**. (PinoyGlobal Photo)