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## ***Dolores "Dolly" M. Ortal, TOFA 2008 Awardee - charismatic, compassionate, phenomenal, generous, candid individual***

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 4 (PINOYGLOBAL) - Dolores M. Ortal is unanimously selected as one of the 2008 *Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)* by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges of the *Filipino Image Magazine (FILIM)* and the *Pinoy Global Online News (PGON)*, and the *Roxanne Andrea Mendoza Memorial Foundation (RAM)*. The TOFA was initiated in 1990 and the bio-data and photographs of the 320 Past TOFA Awardees found in the PGON web site: [WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM](http://WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM).

The 3-day 15th annual event starts on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 with an informal get-together for the 2008 awardees; followed by on Friday with a VIP Luncheon at the hotel. At night is a reception at the Philippine Embassy. The following Saturday morning, a VIP Photo Opps at various historic spots, and a luncheon. At night is the formal gala Banquet and Ball Award Ceremony; capped by the traditional Filipino breakfast immediately after the ball. All 2008 TOFA Awardees are Special Guests of Honor to all the activities. Guests wishing to attend any functions are asked to donate entrance fee. *As a tradition since 1990, net proceeds to all the TOFA functions are donated to charitable Filipino organizations.*

### **Dolores M. Ortal**

Charismatic, compassionate, phenomenal, generous, candid individual, that is Dolores "Dolly" M. Ortal. These are the qualities that helped her succeed in any endeavor she put her heart into.

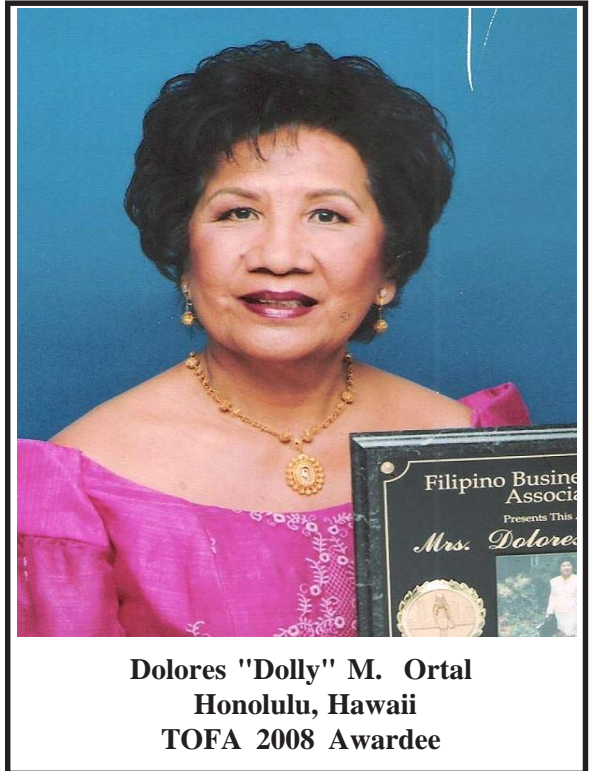
"Whatever good I can do, I will do it now for I may not pass this way again" is her way of life. No wonder she would bring home strangers to her home who are stranded in the airport when there are no available hotel rooms.

Ortal was born, raised and educated in Laoag City, Philippines. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1959 at the Ilocos Norte Normal School, now known as MMSU College of Teacher Education. She taught in the City Schools of Manila and Laoag City for 13 years. Her crusade for sponsoring gifted but financially disadvantaged students had its humble beginning in these years.

She is married to her high school sweetheart, Simeon Q. Ortal, a licensed Civil Engineer in the Philippines and in the State of Hawaii. Ortal was working on her Masters when her family migrated to Hawaii in 1972 under the Professional Visa. The Ortals have three uniformed daughters: Blesilda Spratley, a Registered Professional Nurse and a Major in the Army, who is now deployed in Iraq; Gracia Mitchell and Annie Purvis who are with the Air Force, and a son who is in college at the University of Hawaii. She has 10 \*\*HAPA grandchildren. She considers her family as the very essence of her being.

Ortal's work experiences could be well described as remarkable. She is a Jack of all trades a master of all, from teacher to hotel worker, salesclerk, clerk/interpreter, insurance agent, realtor-associate and finally realtor-broker of her own agency. She did them all in style and with gusto.

Ortal shares her passion for education with her husband. She believes that education is life and a continuous process and the greatest heritage one can help perpetuate for the youth, leaders of tomorrow. Husband and wife founded DREAMS COME TRUE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, that awards scholarship to high school and college recipients. Today there are more than 50 individual awardees and many organization recipients in Hawaii and in the Philippines. To mention a few are Northwestern University, Ilocos Norte College of Arts And Trades, MMSU College of Teacher Education, Mayor Michael Farinas Scholarship Program, Mayor Alfredo Valdez BIN-I Foundation, Mayor of Sarrat Scholarship Program, Diocese of Tagum for Seminarians, Mayor of Pinili Educational Program, all in the Philippines. In Hawaii 5 UH students, Scholarship Programs; for Filipino Business Women's Association, Filipino Women's Civic Club, INCAT Alumni Association of Hawaii, UH Iloco Foundation, United Laoaguenos of Hawaii and more. DREAMS has branched out to other civic endeavors like; ADOPT A SCHOOL,\* MALNOURISHED FEEDING PROGRAM,\* MEDICAL INSURANCE TO INDIGENT FAMILIES, COMMUNITY LIBRARY, DONATE BOOKS, COMPUTERS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. DREAMS has produced physical therapists, nurses, civil engineers, teachers and bankers who are now productive citizens and giving back to the community. The whole Ortal family is into DREAMS.



**Dolores "Dolly" M. Ortal  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
TOFA 2008 Awardee**

In spite of her hectic schedule as a wife, mother, mentor, and realtor she finds time to serve as a volunteer in the community. She is a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Philomena and Holy Family Church, a member of the Kalakaua Lions, served as treasurer for the United Filipino Council of Hawaii (The Umbrella Organization in the entire State) and a current Auditor; Chairs the Mrs. Hawaii-Filipina Scholarship Pageant 2008, UFCH Fiesta Co-chair 2007 and 2006, was chair of the Terno Ball 2005, Maria Clara Ball 2006. She is currently treasurer of the United Laoaguenos of Hawaii and Hawaii Filipino Women's Club; Secretary of Laoag Circle, Caballero de Dimasalang and Cagayan Valley Association of Hawaii. Ortal is president and co-founder of the Phil-Am Cultural Association of the Pacific, that promotes Dagiti Kannawidan ken Kultura ni Pilipino. On top of all these community commitments, she finds time to write Drama script for radio stations in Hawaii KNDI and KORL that are very much enjoyed by thousands of listeners. She hopes that very soon the program could be aired globally.

Ortal has been a recipient of many awards. She cherishes most: 2008 INCAT CENTENNIAL MOST OUTSTANDING ALUMNI- PUBLIC SERVICE for DREAMS COME TRUE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION which she shares with her husband and 2007 NWU OUTSTANDING ALUMNI FOR HUMANITARIAN AWARD, also for DREAMS. In 2004 she was Filipino Business Woman of the Year, 10 Filipino Women of the Year 2002, Parents of the Year Nominee 2004, Most Valuable Realtor or Real Estate Hale 1979-1981. She was Hermana Mayor 2006 and would you believe she was crowned Mrs. Balikbayan at age 70. She did all these in the name of scholarship. She calls the crown icing of the cake.

Ortal is inherently generous. She does not have a personal agenda in helping people. She helps others unconditionally. She is full of gratitude for all her blessings and in giving back she say - "a blessing shared comes back in tenfold." #

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