

## *From Virginia Beach, Filipino-American band to provide dance-music for Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA) banquet and ball at Washington, D.C. on Sept. 13, 2008*

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 6 (PinoyGlobal) - Coming all the way from Virginia Beach, the *O'Original Band & DJ* will be providing the danceable music at the 15th annual *Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)* banquet and ball on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel of this city.

The *D'Originals Band* is headed by Alex Paragas, formerly of Pangasinan Province in the Philippines. He is the manager and head of the group. Goding Porteria is the band leader and the trumpeter, They have been playing together since 1993 when the band was first formed. Since then, the *D'Originals* have been in demand most specially by the Filipino-American physicians. They have been asked to play in New York West Virginia, Indiana and other major cities in the Eastern Seaboard. There are three vocalists: Alex, Emelene Lopez and Benilda Rubio. Jun Feliciano and Chris Milo are the other musicians.

Three local Filipino positive image highlighters lead the 20 outstanding Filipino awardees. They are **Bob Dacanay, Ph.D.** of Falls Church, Virginia; **Dr. Victor Lorica** of Potomac, Maryland; and **Dr. Jun Anthony Quion** of McLean, Virginia..

The bio-data of the 2008 honorees and the 280 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the 24/7 worldwide *PGON* web site: [WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM](http://WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM). The web site is viewed by Filipinos globally in the *Americas*, particularly in the United States and Canada; *Asia*, including the Philippines; the *Middle East*; and the *European* countries.

The TOFA 2008 Awardees are **Dr. Mark Asperilla** of Port



*D'Original of Virginia Beach*

From left: Alex Paragas, Emelene Lopez, Goding Porteria, Jun Feliciano, Benilda Rubio and Chris Milo.

Charlotte, Florida; **Bob Dacanay, Ph.D.** of Falls Church, Virginia; **Carmencita Quesada Fulgado, Ph.D.** of Jamaica Estates, New York; **Will Grant** of San Diego, California; **Zenaida Ferry Kharroubi, Ph.D.** of Montreal, Quebec, Canada; **Dr. Eusebio C. Kho** of Scottsburg, Indiana; **Rozita V. Lee** of Las Vegas, Nevada; **Dr. Victor Lorica** of Potomac, Maryland; **Debra Aguinaldo Nakama, Ph.D.** of Maui, Hawaii; **Nena M. Nera** of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; **Dolores**

**"Dolly" Ortal** of Honolulu, Hawaii; **Levy Mendoza Paler, RN-MSN** of Norfolk, Virginia; **Elvira G. Phelps, RN-MSN** of Reno, Nevada; **Dr. Jun Anthony Quion** of McLean, Virginia; **Dr. Edmundo F. Relucio** of Coal City, Illinois; **Dr. Francis V. Talangbayan** of Penn Valley, Pennsylvania; **Dante Raul (DR) Teodoro** of New York, New York; **Sonny Ungco** of Jersey City, New Jersey; **Dalisay "Dely" Villalon** of Northbrook, Illinois; **Dr. Peter Legaspi Yu** of Granger, Indiana.