

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## ***Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA) 2009 Awards The President Of Katipunan, Fil-Am Association Of Maryland, Belle Santos - Owens***

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, July 08 (PinoyGlobal) - BELLE SANTOS - OWENS is the President of Katipunan, Fil-Am Association of Maryland, and Communications Director for the City of Baltimore Employees and Elected Officials' Retirement System. Her enthusiasm and task-oriented approach draws the attention of both government and private sectors which permits her to advance the Filipino agenda. Belle is unanimously selected as one of the 2009 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA) by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges headed by Nonoy & Aida Mendoza of the FILIPINO IMAGE MAGAZINE (FILIM) and the PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS (PGON), and the ROXANNE ANDREA MENDOZA (RAM) MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.

The popular project was initiated in 1990 and have been annually commended by the governments of the United States, Canada and the Philippines. The bio-data and photographs of the 2009 TOFA Awardees and the 380 Past TOFA are found in the Pinoy Global Online News (PGON) web site : [WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM](http://WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM). Informations pertaining to the TOFA such as the CRITERIA, HISTORY and other relevant informations are all in the web site. The unprecedented complete copy of several of the issues of FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine's Souvenir Journals, and the complete bio-data of the 2009 TOFA Awardees, their photographs, special messages and including all the Congratulatory Message ADs, in full color, are in the website and free for all to read globally - an unparalleled journalism feat.

The 3-day 16th annual event starts on Thursday night, Aug. 27, 2009 with an informal get together for the 2009 Awardees and their invited guests at the Presidential Suites of the Mendozas. Followed by a luncheon on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, with the VIPs commemorating the 22nd Anniversary of the founding of FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine. The 2009 Awardees will be formally introduced. Invited are VIP guests from the Philippines and several Past TOFA Awardees and their guests. At night time, is the Philippine Embassy VIP Dinner Reception. On Saturday, Aug. 29 at 8:30 a.m., the VIP Tour of the Historic Monuments around the Nation's Capital for photo opportunity, followed by a VIP Dim Sum Lunch. Starting at 6:30



*Belle Santos - Owens  
Baltimore, Maryland*

p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29th, is the prestigious Gala Banquet & Ball Award Presentations. Dance music is provided by a popular Filipino Band & DJ from Washington, D.C. The annual event is concluded after midnight with the traditional "After-the-Ball Filipino Breakfast" at the Mendozas' suite. All venues will be held at the fabulous J. W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., the hotel chain's Flag Ship.

FINAL 2009 AWARDEE LIST are Belle Santos - Owens - Baltimore, MD • Grace Valera-Jaramillo - Washington, D.C • Zeny Almario - Paterson, New Jersey • Angel Arando - London, England • Emmie Ortega Anderson - Honolulu, Hawaii • Dr. Tris S. Briones - Newburgh, Indiana • Ador Carreon - Ft. Washington, MD • George Daria - Virginia Beach, VA • Eileen DeCesare - Vienna, VA • Federico B. Gimenez - Vancouver, B.C., Canada • Erlinda Sayson Limcaco - Backwood, NJ • Dr. Bambi Lorica - Potomac, Maryland • Council Chairman Danny Mateo - Molakai, Maui, Hawaii • Luz Sapin Micabalo - Las Vegas, Nevada • Gus Mercado - Dallas, Texas • Sally O'Connor - New Orleans, Louisiana • Maricel Lichauco Quiroz - Chicago, Illinois • Dr. Jess Socrates - Hanover, Pennsylvania • Dr. Francisco Santos Sy - Bethesda, MD • Tony Pizarro -

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**Saturday, August 29, 2009**

**Starting at 7:00 p.m.**

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**The Grand Ballroom Washington, D.C.**



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- (3) Originator and Founder of the popular "Twenty Outstanding Filipino-Americans" (TOFA 1) in the United States and Canada since 1990 with 280 awardees in the web site;
- (4) Originator and Founder of the Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad" (TOFA 2) with diplomatic and consular establishments of the Philippine Government as a major source.

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**FUNCTION**

**NUMBER OF GUESTS**

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**Thursday • August 27, 2009**

**8:00 p.m.**

• VIP Get Together for TOFA Awardees

• **FREE to AWARDEES & Guests** (Hosted by Mendozas)      x \_\_\_\_\_      Hosted by the Mendozas

**Friday • August 28, 2009**

**11:30 a.m.**

**J.W. Marriott Hotel - Luncheon room**

• Honoring & Formal Welcome of 2009 TOFA

• **FREE to 2009 AWARDEES**

• VIP Special Guest from the Philippines      \$75.00      x \_\_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday • August 28, 2009**

**Philippine Embassy**

**6:30 p.m.**

• **FREE to 2009 AWARDEES**

• Ambassador Formal Welcome of 2009 TOFA      \$75.00      x \_\_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday • August 28, 2009**

**10:00 a.m.**

• **FREE to 2009 AWARDEES**

• VIP Tour of Historic Monuments & Spots

Including Dim Sum V.I.P. Luncheon      \$75.00      x \_\_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday • August 29, 2009**

**6:30 p.m.**

• J.W. Marriott Hotel - Grand Ballroom

• **FREE to 2009 AWARDEES**

TOFA GALA Awarding Banquet & Ball

VIP RESERVED SEAT - Blue Table Cloth      \$ 250.00      x \_\_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**12:30 midnight**

• **FREE to 2009 AWARDEES & THEIR GUESTS**

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