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Linda Stanfield Receives Top IPPS Award at WESTPEX

Linda and Her Late Husband Frank Founded Society in 1974



The International Philippine Philatelic Society (IPPS) honored **Linda Stanfield** and her late husband **Frank** with IPPS's highest award, the IPPS Lifetime Achievement Award, at WESTPEX, in San Francisco, California, on April 25, 2009.

A summary of Linda's philatelic achievements and the presentation of the Award were made by **Don Peterson**, IPPS coordinator Overseas Operations. Linda and Frank Stanfield, with several other dedicated Filipinos, established the IPPS in Manila in September 1974. The IPPS has prospered and become the premier Philippine collecting society in the world, with nearly 200 members worldwide. Frank Stanfield died on April 29, 1979. Today, as a result of their inspiration and energy, the society boasts a top notch web-site, quarterly auction, library, international meetings, society awards and an award-winning all-color quarterly *Philippine Philatelic Journal*. Established in 2008, the IPPS Lifetime Achievement Award honors Philippine stamp collectors who have provided exceptional service and many years of dedication in support and promotion of Philippine philately.

Don Peterson also read the names of all current IPPS officers and appointed chairmen in IPPS's Philippine and Overseas Operations. Recognition was also given to **Eugene A. Garrett** and **Bob and Angela Yacano** for their significant contribution to the growth and success of IPPS and the journal.

A total of 25 Philippine collectors and friends attended the meeting. IPPS members Ray Coughlin, Ron Maineri, Don Peterson and Bill Oliver shared interesting and humorous thoughts about Linda. Tommy Sim, who couldn't be at the meeting, called in on speaker phone and congratulated Linda. Several of Linda's family members also attended, including Dora and Gaby Onorati and others. The last portion of the meeting was an excellent and highly interesting presentation on "U.S. Navy-Philippine Related Covers" by Bob Rawlins. That evening, many of the attendees and their families gathered for dinner at Luneta Bistro, an outstanding Filipino restaurant in San Mateo, California, where good times and story telling continued. our many thanks to Ron and Barbara Maineri, Bob and Angela Yacano and Bill Oliver for their photo contributions.



Ray Coughlin and Linda Stanfield having a serious discussion about Philippine stamps at the April 25, 2009 IPPS meeting.



Bill Oliver, Linda Stanfield and Vivian Oliver at Luneta Bistro Restaurant, San Mateo, California after the IPPS meeting, April 25, 2009