

Interview Transcript

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Filipino Music and Dance

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Persons Present: Ahmed Alsheikh

Mrs. Tiffany Barrion

Ahmed: Hello Mrs. Tiffany! I'm Ahmed Alsheikh and I'm from The Broadcaster Newspaper and we are very honored to have you on our newspaper

Mrs. Tiffany: Thank you! I'm fine, and a little scared.

Ahmed: Our topic today is the Filipino celebration that was celebrated a few days ago, first of all I'm very curious to know what the celebration is called?

Mrs. Tiffany: The celebration was called "Filipino Music and Dance"

Ahmed: Cool! Now that we know what it's called, can you tell us whether it's a cultural or a religious celebration?

Mrs. Tiffany: It's more of a cultural activity that we celebrate every year.

Ahmed: Since it's celebrated every year, I'm assuming that it is important in the Filipino culture. Can you tell me about how important it is? And is there a special event that lead to this celebration being a part of the Filipino culture?

Mrs. Tiffany: I want to clear one thing firstly, this is actually a fundraising event for the church, so that church kind of gave us a task to raise money, and that's what it is basically for. I'd say that people have different opinions on why it is important, and I feel that it is a great opportunity to show people a part of the Filipino culture. Especially that Filipinos are a part of Deming community. And again, it's not a religious celebration, but it's a great opportunity to share cultures.

Ahmed: I strongly agree with what you said, Filipinos are a big part of our community here in Deming and I believe that we should have more examples of cultural events which can promote

peace among us. Let's focus now more on the event that was held here in Deming, did you celebrate it yourself?

Mrs. Tiffany: Yes of course! In fact, I was one of the performers and it wasn't just me, the whole Filipino community here performed!

Ahmed: Can you please share with us a few pictures that you took in the event if you took any?

Mrs. Tiffany: I took a lot of pictures, I actually had an SD can full of pictures from the even so yes sure!

Ahmed: From this celebration alone! Awesome.

Mrs. Tiffany: Well, I want to mention that this is the second time we celebrate the "Filipino Dance and Music" here in Deming, and last year our event lacked the pictures so we wanted to ensure that we have plenty of pictures this year.

Ahmed: I also want to ask you something very important, how long do you celebrate it and when?

Mrs. Tiffany: The celebration was just a one-evening event and it was held January 20th from 7pm- 9pm, so it lasted to two hours.

Ahmed: Going back to how it is celebrated in the Philippines, I was wondering if it was a national holiday there?

Mrs. Tiffany: No, it's more of a fun event that families and communities celebrate.

Ahmed: I want to have an idea about Filipino food, so I want to ask you about the foods and traditional dishes associated with the event.

Mrs. Tiffany: Well, in the event here in Deming, they served different types of food, including Pancit, which is rice noodles. They also served Adobo, which is basically chicken, soy sauce, and vinegar. They also had Spring rolls and what we call and afterwards we ate what we call Cassava cake for desserts. And I really like the food you should try it.

Ahmed: Are you good at cooking those traditional dishes?

Mrs. Tiffany: I know how to cook one of them, but not all of them.

Ahmed: Every culture has its own type of music; can you tell us about the songs associated with the event, so we can have an idea about Filipino songs?

Mrs. Tiffany: Well, most of the music we played were Filipino. We started by singing the national anthem of the Philippines, and then we danced to traditional folk dances, we listened to a couple of Filipino music but most of them were in English. Some of the songs that were sang there include “Crazy for you” and other international songs.

Ahmed: It’s very interesting to know that Filipinos listen to Filipin songs but in English. By the way where was the activity held so I can show up next time?

Mrs. Tiffany: The activity was held in the “Holy Family Parish Home”. And we will be happy to see you there next time!

Ahmed: Thank you so much Mrs. Barrion, it was a pleasure interviewing you for our school’s newspaper and we wish a happy day!



Filipino Pancet



Filipino Adobo

