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The ugly truth has been confirmed. No delegate from the Midwest will attend the three-time postponed 2010 national convention of the moribund National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (NaFFAA). The convention has been rescheduled for San Francisco

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Nov. 19-21, 2010
, in a yet to-be-determined venue.

This writer has dubbed the Midwest delegates the “Jellygates,” as a tribute to Ms. Jelly Carandang, the NaFFAA state chair for Illinois. In an unprecedented move, Ms. Carandang blasted the NaFFAA national leadership in an e-mail sent to the federation e-mail lists. A copy of Chairperson Jelly’s e-mail that carried the sting of a deadly jellyfish (pun intended) is reproduced in this article, [A Brave Voice from the Land of Lincoln Tells NaFFAA National Leaders to Go Jump into Lake Michigan](#)

Engr. Ed Navarra, the activist NaFFAA regional chair for the Midwest, told this writer that it seems that the federation’s regional officers are “*ginagawang mga gago*” by the national

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executive officers (NEOs). (The NEOs are making fools of other federation officers and members.) Chairman Navarra says that it takes at least a year to prepare for a national convention. And postponing it disrupts the schedule of working people. And postponing it twice is adding insult to injury.

The NaFFAA conventions are usually held in the month of September. The federation chairman, Gregorio “Lagareng Hapon” Macabenta, announced its postponement first to October 2010 and then moved it again to November.

A NaFFAA pundit says that the NaFFAA’s November 2010 convention could be held at the San Francisco
's
Golden Gate
Bridge

, so that the federation’s NEOs could jump off it. Or pushed off the bridge during or immediately after the convention? This would be tantamount to following what now-Toronto, Canada-based journalist, Romeo P. Marquez, wrote about the NEOs and the landmark bridge, [NaFFAA Cofounder Tells Ruling Clique Members to “Jump Off the Golden Gate Bridge”](#)

NaFFAA National Office in a Dietz, oops, Ditch?

R eports also say that in reality, it is Lorna Dietz, Mr. Macabenta’s Girl Friday at his Filipinas

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Magazine office, who is now running online the NaFFAA national office. The NaFFAA's national office is now only a “virtual reality,” to use an online term, as it was forced to close it for its failure to pay rental. More details are found in this article penned again by Romeo P. Marquez: [NaFFAA Now “Homeless” in DC, As Its Top Officials Resign as Organization Teeters on Insolvency](#)

A “Deaf (sic) Throat” of this writer said that especially when Mr. Macabenta is inebriated, it is Ms. Dietz who runs the federation and also the magazine office.

Another pundit says that if Ms. Dietz is actually running the affairs of the NaFFAA, including the affairs of Mr. Macabenta, then it is true that the federation has fallen into a Dietz, oops, ditch.

Ms. Dietz recently found her 15 minutes of fame by appearing in several articles published in this website, among them of which are:

[Lorna Dietz Fears Lynch Mob in Chicago and a New NaFFAA Century Club \(Part II of “Dietzcoveries’ Series”\)](#)

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[“Dietzcoveries:” Sex, Lies and NaFFAAgate](#)

Finally, Poet-pundit Fred Burce Bunao, the founding president of the Los Angeles, California-based Philippine-American Society of Pundits, Humorists and Wags (PASPHAW), quips that the 2010 NaFFAA convention – even it is attended only by the NEOs and a few of their robots – will still be considered an international event. Why? The poet-pundit says that the NaFFAA national leadership is composed of multiethnic community leaders. Some NEOs are of Canadian descent (“Cana diyan, Cana doon, Cana dito”), Korean ancestry (“Saan ang lagay ko riyang?”), Japanese descent (“Lagareng Hapon”) and European blood lines (from NATO countries, as in “No Action, Talk Only”).

Ms. Dietz is rumored also to be of partly Russian descent, as she is supposedly a kin of celebrated Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, as described in this article:

[NaFFAA’s “The Good, the Bud and the Ungodly”](#) # # #

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