

## 2010 Newsletter Priscilla Magdamo & Fred Abraham

2010 was a pretty exciting year for us, with some highs and a few struggles.

Priscilla was active with her music, teaching, doing workshops, both locally and globally, and composing arranging music, and doing a few local performances. And much tending of house and garden. Fred continued with writing/publishing several articles (many are also posted on our web site), and launching new directions of learning in evolution of hominid brain and speech, complexity (Boolean and brain networks), and the philosophy of emancipation, some energized by attending lectures at UVM's Complexity Science Center and philosophy lectures at St. Michael's College and Silliman University.

A highlight of our year was spending almost a month in the Philippines, accomplishing business, visiting relatives, and performing workshops by Priscilla and lectures by Fred. A lowlight of the year was doing mitigation work on our rental building in Stowe, a real pain in the butt and pocketbook. A highlight for Fred was having to play a solo with the Waterbury Community Band, a piece for which he had a passion from teenage years when idolizing the music played by Raphael Mendez, in this case a new arrangement of his *La Virgin de la Macarena*. There was also sadness with the loss of a niece and a cousin in the Philippines, and another gravely ill.

Shaun has started his own corporation developing high tech devices, a courageous step. It is progressing well and he is hoping for further grant funding for product development. His partner, Wendy, took a high-level administrative public-relations job at Ben & Jerry's. She is also active in/and head of the local Toastmasters' Club. His dogs continue to spend some time with us. Val continues her job with a biochemical lab and singing with a rock/blues band, Split Rock, in Lake Placid. Her husband, Jamie has jobs from stable management, restaurant work, to community development. Val works the Lake Placid Horse Show in the summer.

Other highlights were occasional visits to and from Val & Jamie, going to Val's concert, Thanksgiving dinner with the Rogers, and a great foliage season visit from Ralph.

Finally, our sister Esther, and our brother Lew, sold their home and designed, built, and now live in, a new home which they designed to meet their special needs.

Most of the family lives close by, and we are lucky to get to see them often.

Back up a page to select among our photoblogs, one of family history, another of our trip to Dumaguete.

Happy New Year from Priscilla and Fred