

### **Three Illustrious Golden Lady Retirees Honored at Simple Rites**

Three gorgeous ladies were feted in simple rites at the NDA Central Office last October 28,2011. The retirees headed by Ms. Carmelita Sanchez, Division Chief Finance, Ms. Teresita S. Balleteros , Accountant IV and Ms. Elenita L. Hilario, Resident Auditor had a grand time reminiscing their wonderful years spent with NDA.

Mrs. Sanchez could not contain her tears as she shared her appreciation for spending a good number of years as Chief Accountant with the agency. She shared her experience working for other government agencies, but it was only at NDA where she found fulfillment and camaraderie. She also lauded the agency's sound and professional handling of financial resources and mentioned that corruption is a non-issue at the NDA as every transaction is handled in a very transparent way.

Ms. Hilario clarified several issues on the cases of disallowances , and said that these are normal cases anywhere and are within the bounds of checks and balances and part of auditing processes to safeguard national interests and proper fiscal management.

Ms. Balleteros, lamented that "mahirap mag-adjust na walang ginagawa sa bahay ..., nakakainip pala palipasin ang buong maghapon"! This rejoinder elicited laughter from the staff who gathered to celebrate the last remaining working days of the three golden ladies, as they feasted on a merienda cena.

Adm. Grace J. Cenas, thanked the three ladies for a job well done and encouraged them to still be an active partner in the industry. This ensued as Auditor Hilario expressed her desire to engage in small ruminant dairying, after retirement. Ms. Sanchez and Ms. Balleteros were invited to be pro-active partners in dairy programs as well.

Ms. Jackie H. Seguin, shared insights on growing old citing several significant notes from famous authors. As a fitting gesture , the three golden ladies were given cowboy hats and dairycow clocks as tokens of appreciation for their unselfish and dedicated service to the agency.

The whole NDA Family wishes all of them a more productive, happy and adventurous future as they move on to another chapter in their lives.

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