

Guam Island Fiesta Tour

Welcome to Humatak

Sunday, October 9, 2022

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11:30 am
Arrival of guests

12:00 pm
Opening remarks from
Mayor Johnny A. Quinata

12:30 pm
Blessing of the food and opening of the table

12:30 - 1:30 pm
Dance floor opens
entertainment by Ruby & Jesse (tentative)

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Cultural Dance Group (tentative)

1:30 - 2:30 pm
Heritage tour with the Humatak Foundation
(tentative)

3:00 pm
Departure of Guests

What is a fiesta?

The Spanish Catholic missionaries introduced the system in which individual saints were honored and recognized on their patron feast date. This system was easily adapted into the Chamorro social celebrations at each of the village. It became an occasion to get-together with families and friends from around the island to pray and celebrate. (www.guampedia.com)

San Dionisio, Celebrated Saint



The first name that was given to the church in 1681 was in honor of San Dionisio el Aeropagita. St. Dionysius the Aeropagite was converted to Christianity by St. Paul in his speech at the Aeropagus in Athens (Acts 17:34). He became the first Bishop of Athens. A later legend has confused him with the holy martyr of Gaul (France), Dionysius who was the first bishop of Paris.

(Photo and information: www.guampedia.com)

The Village of Humatak



Mayor: Mayor Johnny A. Quinata
Population: 782
Village Flower: Pink Plumeria or Fragipani

The village of Humatak is located in the southwestern side of the island and is part of the Haya (Southern) District. This village derives its name from the word "uma". "Uma" means to carry something on the back or a heavy load on the shoulders. Humatak is the smallest and second oldest of Guam's villages after Inaláhan. This is the village that Ferdinand Magellan is alleged to have visited and it was through his escapades with the villagers that led him to rename Guam, the "Island of Thieves." (www.mcog.guam.gov)



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