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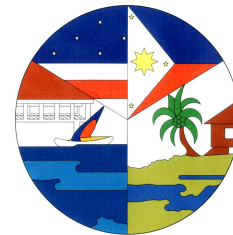


It is my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone viewing this Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to praise the officers, board members, and all the active members and volunteers who have demonstrated their commitment and worked together to be an integral part of our association.

On behalf of the FIL-AM Cultural Association of North San Diego County, I would like to invite everyone especially our Kababayan, to our 8th annual Filipino Proclamation Day with our theme being Expressing your Culture to be held on June 6th 2009 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. For more information, please see our website at www.filamsandiegonthcounty.com

I would like to extend a special thanks to Anthony, Enri, and Belle for putting our second annual newsletter together, as well as to everyone contributing data about the history of the Philippines and the association.

Thank you, City of Oceanside, Mayor of Oceanside, Officers and Board members, Oceanside Public Library, KOCT, the business community, our sponsors and several donors who always extend a helping hand to make any of our events, a success.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Maraming Salamat sa inyong Lahat

Here we are, our 8th annual year of fun... this year we will celebrate and will express our culture by sharing common interest in the Philippines and in the culture of Filipino people that may establish this union of friends dedicated to the cultivation and promotion of the Filipino heritage by showing cultural dances proudly presented by our very own officers and members of the association

I would like to extend a heartfelt gratitude for the Mrs. FIL-AM chairpersons especially Virgie Flemming for putting all the effort in this contest... and of course likewise to Wendy and Jackie... Thank you to Pat, Malou, Belle, and Enri for all the week-ends and time you all put in.. I cannot thank you all enough... The pageant is looking good, the cultural dances is taking shape. I salute the directors of scholarship Anthony, Dee and Nelly good job... my Vice President Mely for being there and getting all those models together for the cultural event. Zucette and Arminda for the showcase UR talent, it's not easy to look for local talented FIL-AM's. But you did it... Thanks..

A few things that I would like to point out in addition to the wonderful job that was done, is that we have to realize and keep in mind the purpose of why we do fund raisers, and the purpose of our fundraisers are for the benefit of those in the community and to further the education of children by granting them scholarships.

Just keep in mind that if you do not pull your boots up and come prepared to work and work hard putting your hearts and soul into the task then you are only hurting the cause and purpose of FIL-AM. So far, everyone in this association are all hard working individuals and I thank you all for these you made it all easy for me. Let's keep up the good work...



DATES TO REMEMBER

June 6, 2009: - FIL-AM Fiesta Celebration, Oceanside Civic Center, Oceanside 10am—4pm.

June 6, 2009: - Scholarship Presentation

June 27, 2009: - Freedom Day Parade at N. Coast Highway

August 8, 2009—Miss Fil-Am & Miss Pre-teen Fil-Am at Staff NCO, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

August 15, 2009: - Annual Picnic Luiseno Park, Douglas Dr. & Vandergrift, 12 noon-5 pm

October 24, 2009: - Halloween Dance O'Rama at Abbey Reinke Community Center, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

December 12, 2009—Children's Christmas Party. Location and Time is to be determined.

December 19, 2009: - Annual Christmas Party (venue to be announced)



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WELCOME

We are requesting all FIL-AM members (active/non-active) to renew their membership on our Annual Picnic on August 15, 2009.

Membership Standing:

Let us all welcome the new members of the FIL-AM Association:

WELCOME!!!

July through June Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to those born during the months of July through June



July through June Anniversaries:

Happy Anniversary to all those celebrating an Anniversary during the months of July through June.



"Not for ourselves but for others."

The Treasurer's Corner



Written by:
Ms. Mahlou
Hampto

Hi! I am Malou Soliman Hamto, the newly elected Treasurer from the last September 2008 election and has been a member of this association since 2002.

As Treasurer, I report and update the financial status of the association regularly. I give with my best effort to keep you informed as to how FIL-AM Association acquires its source of income and how efficiently and effectively it uses its funds.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all members as well as the non-members for all the monetary donations, in services or in kind. We will give you an overview of how our events, especially the fund raising activities, transpired in the form of financial report. Every end of the year, there will be a balance sheet to be presented at the board, which will be audited by our Auditor Ms. Enri Fulmore before publication.

This year, the association has started with \$12,491.39. With our fund-raising activities, this money had grown due to the net income of the following events:

Valentine Dinner Dance on February 07, 2009 - \$1,248.36.

Mother's Day Delight on May 9, 2009 – \$455.26

March 21, 2009 Car Wash Scholarship Drive – \$455.26

April 18, 2009 Bowl-A-thon Scholarship Drive – \$105.00

The last two events were done solely to raise money for our Scholarship Fund, which will be given to the deserving senior high school applicants to help them with their college expenses. The prizes will be awarded on June 6, 2009 event.

Other sources of income of the association come from membership dues, website advertisements, ticket sales and donations.

One of the programs of the association is the hospitality program which, as of to-date, we had spent \$175.00 to give flowers or donations when there are sickness and/or death in the family of our members. We also had spent almost \$400.00 for Administrative Expenses so far for this year. And on March 02, 2009 we also donated \$200.00 to the Oceanside Senior Citizen Association.

As of May 31, 2009, our association has successfully raised a sum of \$15,885.58 in funds. Every month, a cash flow summary is reported so that income and expenses are totally accounted for. However, on June 6th, our 8th Annual Filipino Cultural Day which is the FIL-AM biggest event of the year, we expect a considerable amount of expenses for which we also hope that donations and opportunity drawing tickets sales would be high enough to offset these expenses. Throughout the year, we will continue to organize fund-raising activities such as Miss FIL-AM in August, Halloween Party in October and Christmas Party in December. We thank you and hope that you continue to lend your support FIL-AM on these continuing endeavors.



"...support"

Philippine News: FIL-AM veterans get first batch of checks

MANILA, Philippines—Filipino-American veterans in the United States received last week the first batch of checks from the US government representing their lump sum compensation for services rendered during World War II, the Philippine embassy in Washington reported.



The checks were handed out at a reception hosted by Philippine Ambassador to the US Willy C. Gaa at the Philippine embassy to commemorate the “Araw ng Kagitingan” last April 8. Gaa did not mention how many veterans were included in the first batch.

Retired Major General Antonio Taguba, who represented US Veterans Administration Secretary Eric Shinseki, handed out checks to qualified veterans who were present at the reception, the embassy report said.

The checks were part of the benefits Filipino veterans were able to secure after decades of lobbying the US Congress for recognition and compensation for their services during World War II by virtue of the economic stimulus package approved by US President Barack Obama.

The checks were accompanied by a letter from Shinseki stating that the beneficiary’s application “had been received and duly approved.”

One of the recipients was Alberto Bacani, a 98-year-old Filipino-American veteran who said in his remarks that the check “has brought about a contagious feeling of happiness and full delight to us veterans at this time.”

Under the stimulus law, veterans who are US citizens will receive a one-time payment of \$15,000 while those who are living outside the US will get \$9,000. The compensation is on top of other benefits which they are getting both from the US and Philippine governments.

The USVA must receive all claims for compensation no later than February 16, 2010, which is one year from the date of enactment of the law.

In his remarks, Gaa called on everyone to “remember those who fought in defense of our nation and people so that we can live today in freedom and liberty.”

For his part, Taguba said: “I cannot underscore enough the significance of today’s ceremony. It is not only a day of remembrance of those who fought valiantly at Bataan, but a historic moment for those who have long since passed and those who are with us this evening.”

A news crew from the ABC News network featured in its evening news program the embassy’s celebration of “Araw ng Kagitingan,” along with a brief background on the Filipino veterans struggle and victory to achieve recognition and benefits from the US government for their services in WW II.

The coverage also included footage and a report on the “Araw ng Kagitingan” activities of the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago and interviews of Chicago-based Filipino veterans.

Your Feedback

This annual publication is designed as an informal way to keep each other up-to-date on what is going on around the Filipino Community.

Let us know what you like about this Newsletter and what we can do to improve it.

We welcome your feedback; please let us know

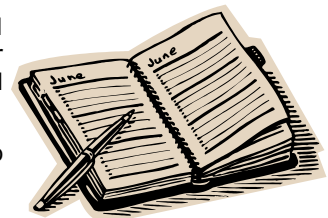
if you have any ideas on how to make it better. If you would like to provide an article, our next issue will be published in June 2010. Questions/answers are always appreciated.

Please let us know of anyone new to the Filipino Community and anyone leaving us. We will post the “Welcome

Aboard” and “Farewell and Thanks” and list their names and additional information if provided..

Help us make The Filipino Newsletter better!

We look forward to hearing from you...



Mark your calendars—The next Filipino Newsletter will be published in June 2010.

In The News



Written by:
Mr. D. Fulmore
 And
Ms. B. Limoge

"...what's been
 happening"

2008/2009 YEAR IN REVIEW OF EVENTS

Since the last Fiesta, FIL-AM has been stepping up the challenge to better serve and give back to the community. In appreciation of the hard work for the June 7th event of 2008, awarding ceremonies were held on **June, 15, 2008**, for the volunteers, members, officers and directors, it was also the FIL-AM way of celebrating Father's Day at the Luiseno Park in Vandegrift Blvd., corner Douglas Drive, Oceanside, CA. It was a picnic in the park with giant pizzas, cake, salads and of course, Filipino food! It was a day of handing out flowers, cash prizes and certificates of appreciation as well.

Following the June 15th activity was the **June 28th** 15th Annual Freedom Days Parade, held from 10 AM - 12 noon from Wisconsin Ave and South Coast Highway to Civic Center Drive, Oceanside, CA. FIL-AM joins this parade yearly with their floats and marching group. FIL-AM officers and directors, members and volunteers share their time and talents by decorating their floats and vehicles, or by merely marching. Winners of Mrs. FIL-AM, Little Miss and Miss Pre-teen Fil-Am Beauty Pageant join this event as the association's showcase of Fil-Am women's beauty and grace.

August 23, 2008, the annual summer picnic was held at the Luiseno Park in Douglas Drive cor. Vandegrift Blvd, in Oceanside, CA, from 12 noon - 4 PM. The association provided the main dishes and drinks while some members also brought in their favorite desserts and Filipino dishes. It was a successful event because of many people who came and renew their membership, and also there were new members who registered. It was also the day that the FIL-AM scholar was awarded his prize. It was an afternoon of great food, camaraderie, games and fun!!! :

An election for new officers and directors was due and so it was held on **Sept. 28th** at the Mission View Manor Mobile Homes Club House in Mission Ave., Oceanside. An election committee was composed to oversee the election. The officers and directors who will serve for 2 years, 2009 until 2010, will be installed at the end of the year so their term would commence on January 1, 2009.

On **October 25, 2008**, hundreds came in their costumes because it was the FIL-AM's Halloween Dance O'Rama! at the Abby Reinke Community Center. Everyone was excited to win the Halloween Costume Contest – scariest, funniest, sexiest, most original and the Best Costume! Everyone came home as winners because of opportunity drawings, great dancing and good food!!

The Children's Annual Christmas Party was held on a cold afternoon on **Dec. 14th** at the Luiseno Park but everyone came prepared wearing their jackets and their warm smiles. There were food for everyone to enjoy, games, prizes and gifts for kids but most of all, Sta. Claus came to town!!!

The year ended with the Annual Holiday Ball at Staff NCO, Camp Pendleton in Oceanside on **Dec. 20, 2008**. It was also the time when the newly elected officers and directors were inducted by Oceanside Mayor Hon. James Wood. It was a time of giving, sharing great moments with friends and family, dancing and enjoying good feast!

Feb. 7, 2009 Love was in the air on that night at the Abby Reinke Community Center in Camp Pendleton, as the Valentine's dinner dance hosted by the association was another successful endeavor! The night was made special with great deejay music, requested songs, sumptuous dinner, games, opportunity drawings and having chosen the King and Queen of Hearts. It was a romantic night to remember.

The FIL-AM Scholarship Committee composed of Dee Weber, Nelly Taguba, and Anthony Fulmore spearheaded two fundraising events this first half of the year. The first one was the **March 21st** carwash held at a gas station in El Camino Real. The next one was the Bowl-a-Thon which was held on **April 18th** at the Bowling Center in Camp Pendleton. All proceeds from these two events will go to the scholarship funds that will grant FIL-AM senior high school students cash to help them defray their college expenses.

On **May 9th**, at the Abby Reinke Community Center, the Mother's Day Delight was held again in honor of the great women of our society. It was a dinner dance made memorable with good entertainers and deejay music. It was a night made memorable for mothers and grand mothers with their families.

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Editor's Corner.

First, I would like to thank the President of the FIL-AM Rica Derosier, Enri Fulmore, Belle Limoge and Malou Hamto for their help, input and support of the FIL-AM Newsletter, without them the Newsletter would not be possible. The members of our support staff will continue to play a critical role in FIL-AM North San Diego County Newsletter in the future to keep all members informed. Your ideas and inputs are greatly encouraged to assist us in providing the best accurate information to all of our members.

FIL-AM WEBSITE: As some of you know, FIL-AM has a website www.filamsandiegonthcounty.com, The website showcases FIL-AM activities, available spaces for advertisements, personal announcements and a donor's page where your donation/contribution will be posted. If you are interested to advertise or donate, please contact any of the officers or Belle at (760) 525-8174, or simply fill out the feedback portion on the web.

Meetings and Event Schedules

Next Meeting:

July 6, 2009 (1st Monday) 7 pm at Mission Library Oceanside, CA 92054

Future Meetings:

Executive Meeting—1st Monday each month at Mission Library, Oceanside, CA 92054. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. FIL-AM members are most welcome to attend.

Event Schedule:

June 6, 2009 at 10:00am:

8th Annual Filipino Fiesta Celebration Day. Theme: Express your Culture

Location: Oceanside Civic Center, 330 N. Coast Highway,



SUDUKO

The rules of Sudoku are simple. Place a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty cell

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ANSWERS ON REVERSE

PINOY JOKES:

Sa States, isang Bikolano ang nanalo sa Lottery. Takbo agad siya sa Lottery Office para kunin ang ang pera.

Bikolano: I want my \$20 million!

Lotto Official: No, Sir, Hindi po ganoon ang pag bayad namin. Sa umpisa, bibigyan ka namin ng 1 Million. Every year thereafter, Ibibigay namin sa iyo ang 1 Million.

Bikolano: Kailangan ko na ang buong pera ngayon!

Lotto Official: Talagang hindi pwedi dahil may kasulatan diyan sa likod ng ng ticket na hindi pwedi ang Lump Sum!

Bikolano: Look, I want my money now! Pag hindi niyo ibibigay ang \$20 million ngayon, ma-buti pa, Ibalik niyo na sa akin ang \$1.00 na puhunan ko sa ticket!!!

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Suduko answers

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