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Filipino American Association of Clark County & Vicinity

Phil Comelec Oks voting by mail in US

Responding to the growing clamor of U.S.-based Filipino overseas absentee voters, the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has finally agreed to adopt postal voting in the U.S. in time for the May 14 Philippine senatorial and party-list elections.

The move was welcomed by Philippine foreign service posts in the US as a practical step toward achieving a more extensive and meaningful participation of Fil-Am voters in the country's elections.

"The Fil-Am community's insistent and impassioned plea for this to happen has paid off. We hope that with this development, more and more of our *kabayans* will believe in the Philippine government's sincere desire to broaden their involvement in decision-making back home, and actually take part in this political exercise," Consul General Maria Rowena Mendoza Sanchez of the Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco said.

Comelec's move enables the Philippine consulates general in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Honolulu, and Agana, Guam, as well as the Philippine Embassy in Washington D.C. to receive and count ballots sent by mail by voters within their respective coverage areas.



Registration for overseas Filipinos has ended on 31 October 2006

Aside from the US, Philippine embassies in London, in the United Kingdom, Ottawa, Canada, Rome, Italy, and Canberra, Australia, as well as the consulates in Sydney, Milan, Vatican City, Toronto and Vancouver have all adopted postal voting for the coming elections.

The Philippine Embassy in Singapore
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Shaina for Miss Philippines-Rose Festival 2007



Shaina Bowyer

Shaina Bowyer was born on New Year's Day 1989 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon. She has lived in Vancouver

since June, 1990. Shaina is 5'2" tall and about 110 lbs with long black hair, and is of mixed Filipino and American ancestry.

She attended Riverview Elementary, WyEast Middle School, and is presently a senior at Mountain View High School in Vancouver. Shaina is
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From the Upuan



The Chairman

Filipino American Association of Clark County Incorporates. Again.

Yes, after losing our incorporation a few years ago, due to a paperwork technicality, we are again a registered non-profit corporation in the State of Washington, with all the benefits and responsibilities accorded to such an entity. Next step is to obtain federal

tax-exempt status (“501(c)(3)”). We are working on it.

So the legal structure is on again. But what is more important is who we really are, what our objectives are, and what do we do to get there. Why band together as Filipino-Americans in Clark County Washington? We certainly have a choice to go along and continue our lives as Filipino-Americans, integrated with the community-at-large in our jobs, our children’s schools, the churches we attend, and continue to attend the parties of our families and immediate circle of Filipino friends. Yet there is more we can do. And getting organized is one of the best tools in expanding our impact as a community of Filipino-Americans.

Our mission is to preserve the Filipino heritage and values in Clark County Washington, and in doing so, be a valuable contributor to the betterment of the community. The association exists to serve. And as pragmatic people that we are, we desire to direct our service to the community to areas where we can be most effective.

Who can we most effectively serve? I say, three groups:

1. Local Filipinos. Those of Filipino heritage in our locality, i.e., Clark County and vicinity. The bonds of common roots allow greater understanding of the needs and desires of our fellow Filipinos. Often, the best help a Filipino can get is that from a fellow Filipino.

2. Local community. Those in Clark County, our immediate community. The Filipino in the United States falters if he/she stays isolated from the immediate community. To be a viable segment of the local community, the Filipino needs to contribute to the cause of better environment, better health, better education, better government and better living conditions.

3. The Philippines. Those in the Philippines, the native land with which we identify. The ‘ties that bind’ are often back in the ‘old country’, and the delights and sorrows that emanate from the Philippines translate into similar delights and sorrows among those who are in foreign lands.

How do we do all that? We have some ideas, but we’d like to hear from as many interested people as possible as to what you think this association should be focusing on. And we’ll talk about that some more in the next issue.

In the meantime, please take the opportunity to contact any of our current directors. We believe that the best resource a group like us could ever have is not money, not building facilities, not material assets. It’s people ... people who are of the same mindset and have a personal appreciation of the objectives. And people who like to eat and laugh and tell Filipino jokes.

Wondering about the title of this column? ‘From the Upuan’ is simply a literal rendering of what this column really is ... “From the Chair”.

Enrico Tadeo, Chair 2007

FAACCV Directors Join Philippine Trade Mission

The Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon (PACCO) went on its second trade mission to the Philippines on February 16, 2007. The 24-member trade delegation was led by PACCO president Jaime Lim. According to Jet Pizarro, trade mission organizer, "The purpose is to assist Oregon and Clark County business community establish relationships with Philippine business leaders and government officials to develop business opportunities."

Three directors of the Filipino American Association of Clark County and Vicinity were part of the trade mission. Jet Pizarro, Fil-Am Clark County director, was the head coordinator of the mission as chair of the Trade and Investment Committee of PACCO. A long-time IT (information technologies) professional, Jet is also co-founder of an import/export company. Gretel Ness, the association's treasurer, is an



PACCO courtesy call on Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

immigration attorney and a partner in a prominent Portland law firm. Enrico Tadeo, the association's chair, is a general practice attorney and mediator, who will also be exploring potential business opportunities for Vancouver. They, and the rest of the delegation, made a courtesy call to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Other highlights

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PACCO's Philippine Float at Rose Festival 2007



2004 Philippine Float

The Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon (PACCO) is planning to build a Philippine Float this year for the 2007 Centennial Celebration of the Rose Festival. Designs for the float are still being considered. Anyone

interested in submitting their ideas can contact any of the PACCO Philippine float organizers below.

Candidates for Miss Philippines-Oregon & South-West Washington will ride on the float. Coronation Ball for the candidates will be held the evening of the Rose Festival Parade.

The parade schedule is as follows:

8:00 -9:00 am - formation of all the participants for the Parade at the Rose Quarter Auditorium
 9:00-10:00 am - positioning of all the riders in the float and rehearsal for the dancers/walkers
 10:00-1:00 pm-PARADE

Miss Philippines Coronation Ball:

6:00 - 7:00 pm No-host bar
 7:00 pm Dinner / Coronation

Fil-Am individuals or groups interested in participating in these events can contact:

Dory Osilla-Lim(503)516-9298

e-mail:dorylim@juno.com

Corrie Lalangan(503)285-6241

e-mail: Imart@comcast.net

SimeonMamaril(503)2467720

CharlieCatala(503)3537838

Tagalog for Kids

Tagalog-for-Kids was launched on March 3, 2007 in response to the need of Filipino-American parents in the Vancouver, Washington area to teach their children the language and culture of their heritage. The class is geared towards pre-school and elementary aged kids, but, older kids and kids-at-heart are also welcome.

The lessons are presented in picture-book format for easy learning. The children's vocabulary of Tagalog words are first built, including frequently used sentences and phrases. They also learn children's

A Ba Ka Da E

songs

and listen to Tagalog stories. They will soon learn the A-Ba-Ka-Da and eventually progress onto Pilipino grammar.

Classes are held every first and third Saturday of each month at 3 P.M. in the homes of volunteer families. The class is free. Donations, however, are welcome and they are tax deductible through Fil-Am Assoc. of Clark County, the main sponsor of this bi-monthly activity. For more information, contact RitaSchaljo@msn.com or (360) 281-8009.

Crystal for Miss Philippines-Rose Festival 2007

My name is Deverie Crystal Fernandez. I was born and raised in the Philippines. I moved to the U.S. in 2001 and lived here in Portland ever since. I am 21 years old, turning 22 next month on the 12 day of April. I graduated at Portland State University last June 2006 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Sciences and completed the nursing pre-requisites. I work at Providence Health System as a Home Health Aide/Certified Nursing Assistant and I plan to pursue a Nursing degree in the near future. I



Crystal Fernandez

enjoy being around children and find it rewarding to be able to help other people. I love to spend time with my family and friends. I enjoy playing sports such as volleyball, tennis, pool, bowling, and snowboarding. In addition, I am also fond of Arts and Crafts.

Although I am now living in the United States, I still carry with me the Filipino Culture and I am confident and proud to say that I am a true "Pinay" inside and out.

Phil Comelec ... (continued from page 1)

has been selected as the only pilot site for Internet voting, while all the rest of the foreign service posts will continue to administer personal voting.

Under the Comelec guidelines for postal voting, before March 15, 2007, the poll body will send mailing envelopes directly to the registered voters, including the following: list of candidates, instructions to voters, two envelopes, paper seal, and a blank ballot.

The 30-day voting period for regular voters will start on April 14, 2007, Philippine time, and end at exactly 3 p.m. of election day in the Philippines, May 14, 2007.

Registered seafarers, however, will still be allowed to cast their ballots in person at the embassy/consulate

"The 30-day voting period for regular voters will start on April 14, 2007, Philippine time, and end at exactly 3 p.m. of election day in the Philippines, May 14, 2007. "

where they are registered within 60 days before the close of the elections in the Philippines.

Counting will be performed by the embassies/consulates immediately after the close of the voting precincts, which should be simultaneous with the close of the precincts in the Philippines at 3 p.m. of May 14. The proceedings will be open to public viewing, and watchers from representing candidates and political parties will be given access in accordance with Comelec guidelines.*** PCG 2/6/07

FAACCV Directors Join Philippine Trade ... (from page 3)

of the trade mission included attending a government/business forum organized by the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry and one-on-one business matching organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Various industry sector meetings were scheduled with the trade delegation. They included IT and IT-enabled services, health and wellness, electronics, giftware, real estate investment and tourism investment.

The trade mission was not all business. The delegation had the opportunity to tour the city of Manila, attend a luncheon hosted by the Philippine Department of Tourism, and met with popular Philippine Senator Richard Gordon, chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross Chairman and presented him with a check to aid with the Bicol typhoon relief. Various Filipino-American organizations in Portland and Vancouver, WA, including Fil-Am Clark County, helped raise the funds for the typhoon relief.



PACCOC members having dinner with Philippine President Gloria

The 2007 trade delegation is the first trade mission from Oregon to visit the Philippines in a decade, said Pizarro, who added that he hopes that it will lead to increased commerce and closer ties between Oregon, SW Washington, and the Philippines.

The Philippine American Chamber of Commerce, a nonprofit corporation founded in 1996, promotes trade, tourism and economic relations between Oregon/SW Washington and the Philippines and aims to promote goodwill among the Asian-American communities. ***

Shaina for...(continued from page 1)

on the highly acclaimed Mt. View dance team which has won or placed at State level competitions for the past 4 years. She is also a member of the school choir, and works part time at a local retirement home where she has been promoted to first level supervisor. She plans on attending Clark College next fall and may study Pharmacy Technology.



Shaina Bowyer

Shaina likes to travel and has been to the Philippines, Hawaii, New England, Florida, Yellowstone, and Northwest states.

Shaina likes to hang out with friends, attend school functions, listen to music, and play games on the computer. ***

Tawa naman diyan



Nurse: Miss, gising na!
Patient: Ah, bakit?
Nurse: Oras na ng pag-inom ng gamot.
Patient: Anong gamot?
Nurse: Sleeping pills.

Pedro: Alam mo, yung pusa namin, kahit nakalagay sa lamesa at walang takip ang ulam namin, hindi kinakain!
Juan: Maniwala ako?!
Pedro: Tootoo!
Juan: Ano ba ang ulam nyo?
Pedro: Asin!

Upcoming Events

March 17, 2007 - Escrima @ The Rocky Butte

Saturday @ 10 am, sponsored by: PACCO Kabataan
 Location: Northeast Rocky Butte Rd Portland Or, 97220
 (off of 82nd and Halsey)
 Cost: Free, Contact: Alex (209)402-0864
 Watch or share experiences with Alex on the Filipino Martial Arts –Escrima -self defense with sticks.

March 17, 2007 – CFAA Board Meeting

Saturday / 11:30 am – 4 pm
 Sponsored by: Council of Filipino American Associations of Oregon and Southwest Washington (CFAA)
 Location: Great Wall Buffet Restaurant in So. Salem
 2875 Commercial St SE, Salem, OR 97302 (503) 589-9988
 Cost: Buffet - \$8.99, Contact: Gilbert Gaviola, gilbertcg@comcast.net; Simeon Mamaril, sidama@juno.com
 The 1st quarterly meeting of CFAA, hosted by GSFAA in Salem. Venue is reserved from 11:30 am – 4 pm. The meeting of CFAA board members is open to all who wish to attend and observe, but rsvp to ensure seating.

March 17, 2007 – Tagalog For Kids

Saturday @ 3 pm
 Sponsored by: Fil-Am Association of Clark County and Vicinity
 Location this date only:
 18720 SE 21st St, Vancouver, WA 98683 360-604-4473
 Cost: Free
 Contact: Rita Schaljo (360) 281-8009, ritaschaljo@msn.com
 The Tagalog class for children is held every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 3pm, hosted by volunteer families.

March 17, 2007 - Movie Night (Angels of the Night and special showing of Magnifico)

Saturday @ 7 pm, Sponsored by: PACCO Kabataan
 Location: Fifth Avenue Cinemas
 510 SW Hall St Portland, Oregon, 97201
 Cost: Appreciate donation of \$3 or 2 canned goods to benefit our Balikbayan Box Drive. (Read more re Balikbayan Box Drive at: www.idealists.org/en/org/158339-302.)
 Contact: Alex (209)402-0864, Please RSVP number of attendees by emailing: kabataanpdx@yahoo.com
 Special viewing of "Magnifico" after "Angles of the Night";
 CAUTION: This film contains adult themes and profanity and may not be appropriate for young children. Short discussion prior to movie showing; popcorn, Filipino snacks, and light refreshments will be served!

March 18, 2007 - PACCO Kabataan Meeting and Stand Up Speak Out Program

Sunday. Time: TBA, Sponsored by: PACCO Kabataan
 Location: Tambayan, Cost: Free
 Contact: Alex (209)402-0864
 Meeting of PACCO Kabataan.

March 21, 2007 – PACCO Networking Meeting

Wednesday @ 6 pm
 Sponsored by: Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon (PACCO)
 Location: Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232.
 Cost: Free, Contact: Jaime Lim: jaimelim@juno.com
 Monthly Networking mtg, every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

March 31, 2007 - Little Children of the World, 3RD Annual Silent Auction and Dinner

Saturday / 5:30PM TO 9:30PM
 Sponsored by: Little Children of the World (LCW) – the Ingan Leyte Project (ILP)
 Location: First United Methodist Church – Jason Lee Hall
 401 E. 33RD St., Vancouver, WA 98663
 Cost: \$15.00 for one, \$25.00 for two
 Contact: Marci Hope 360-574-4442; jmmhope@comcast.net
 Ramon Guevara 503-292-2528, Mike Mignano 503-381-7774
 To Benefit Little Children of the World (LCW)- the Ingan Leyte Project (ILP) serving 65 less fortunate children and their families in Ingan, Hinunangan, S. Leyte, PHILIPPINES. Your support will give empowerment to these children and their families trying to escape poverty.

April 7, 2007 – Tagalog For Kids Saturday @ 3 pm

Sponsored by: FAACCV, Location: TBA, Cost: Free
 Contact: Rita Schaljo (360) 281-8009, ritaschaljo@msn.com

April 8, 2007 - Annual Easter Potluck and Egg Hunt

Sunday @ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Sponsored by: Filipino-American Friendship Club of Oregon
 Location: Charles F. Tigard Elementary School,
 12850 SW Grant Street, Tigard, OR 97223
 Cost: Please bring a main dish to share with all.
 Contact: Raul Madarang at 503-848-8824,
 Email: filamfriendship@comcast.net

April 14, 2007 - Symposium On Child Abuse & Domestic Violence

Saturday @ 1 pm -5 pm
 Sponsored by: Greater Salem Filipino American Association
 Location: J.L. Parrish Middle School at Capitol St, Salem
 Cost: TBA, Call 503-304-7160.

April 18, 2007 – PACCO Networking Meeting

Wednesday @ 6 pm, Sponsored by: PACCO
 Location: Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland
 Cost: Free, Contact: Jaime Lim, email: jaimelim@juno.com

April 21, 2007 – Tagalog For Kids Saturday @ 3 pm

Sponsored by: FAACCV, Location: TBA, Cost: Free
 Contact: Rita Schaljo (360) 281-8009, ritaschaljo@msn.com

Upcoming Events continued

May 5, 2007 – Tagalog For Kids Saturday @ 3 pm
Sponsored by: FAACCV, Location: TBA, Cost: Free
Contact: Rita Schaljo (360) 281-8009, ritaschaljo@msn.com

May 5, 2007 - Annual Barong n Terno Ball
Saturday @ 6 pm
Sponsored by: Filipino-American Friendship Club of Oregon
Location: Embassy Suites, at Portland Airport
Cost: \$45.00/person
Contact: Raul Madarang 503-848-8824
email: filamfriendship@comcast.net
Formal Dinner and Dance Event. Band: The Manila Band

May 16, 2007 – PACCO Networking Meeting
Wednesday @ 6 pm, Sponsored by: PACCO
Location: Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland
Cost: Free, Contact: Jaime Lim, email: jaimelim@juno.com

May 19, 2007 – Tagalog For Kids Saturday @ 3 pm
Sponsored by: FAACCV, Location: TBA, Cost: Free
Contact: Rita Schaljo (360) 281-8009, ritaschaljo@msn.com

May 26, 2007 - Flores De Mayo/Santacruzán
Saturday @ 4:30 - 9:00 pm
Sponsored by: Greater Salem Fil-Am Association (GSFAA) & Salem/Portland Divine Mercy & Our Lady of Fatima (DMOLF)
Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church- Salem, Oregon
Cost: TBA
Contact: Gigi Wolf 503 370-9972 email: gigi@davestkd.com

June 2, 2007 – Tagalog For Kids Saturday @ 3 pm
Sponsored by: FAACCV, Location: TBA, Cost: Free
Contact: Rita Schaljo (360) 281-8009, ritaschaljo@msn.com

June 2, 2007 - Festival Of The Philippines
Saturday @ 11am to 5pm
Sponsored by: Asian Reporter & Uwajimaya
Location: Uwajimaya - 10500 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Highway
Beaverton, Oregon 97005
Cost: Free, Contact: Jason Lim at the Asian Reporter
Phone# 503-283-0595 Fax# 503-283-4445,
E-mail: ARFoundation@asianreporter.com,
Website: www.ARFoundation.net, or
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citement as the martial arts groups capture the energy and vitali-
ty of the Filipino stick fighting arts. Taste some of the local cui-
sine, shop at the marketplace booths. Business vendors, crafters,
cultural groups, are welcome.

June 2-8, 2007 - Gawad Kalinga (GK) Bayanihan Build
(Other date: June 16-22, 2007)
Sponsored by: ANCOP/Gawad Kalinga
Location: Philippines
Cost: \$450-\$650 USD (inclusive of meals, accommodations,
transportation within the Philippines; build site determines
Registration Fee)
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For more information on GK Build, please visit [http://
www.ancopusa.org/gkbuild/index.htm](http://www.ancopusa.org/gkbuild/index.htm).

June 9, 2007 - Rose Festival 2007 Parade & Miss Philippines Coronation Ball
Saturday @ 10 am - parade & @ 6 pm - dinner/coronation ball
Sponsored by: Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon
Location of Dinner/Coronation Ball:
Red Lion on the River
909 Hayden Island Drive, Jantzen Beach
Portland, OR 97217
For Directions, Contact: (503) 283-4466
Cost: \$30.00/person
Contact:
Dory Osilla-Lim (503) 516-9298 e-mail: dorylim@juno.com
Corrie Lalangan (503) 285-6241, e-mail: Imart@comcast.net
Simeon Mamaril (503)246-7720, Charlie Catala (503) 353-7838

June 16, 2007 – Tagalog For Kids Saturday @ 3 pm
Sponsored by: FAACCV, Location: TBA, Cost: Free
Contact: Rita Schaljo (360) 281-8009, ritaschaljo@msn.com

June 16, 2007 - Philippines Independence Day Picnic
Saturday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sponsored by: Greater Salem Filipino American Association (GSFAA)
Location: Riverfront Park, Salem, Oregon
Cost: Potluck, Contact : John Alamarez, President 503-304-7160
email: Johnalamarez@aol.com

June 16-22, 2007 - Gawad Kalinga (GK) Bayanihan Build
Sponsored by: ANCOP/Gawad Kalinga
Location: Philippines (see above June 2-8 date for info)

June 20, 2007 – PACCO Networking Meeting
Wednesday @ 6 pm
Sponsored by: PACCO
Location: Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland
Cost: Free, Contact: Jaime Lim, email: jaimelim@juno.com

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Overseas Voters' List Now Available Online PCG Press Release 26 February 2007

The certified list of overseas absentee voters for the May 14 senatorial and party list elections in the Philippines (CLOAV 2007) is now available online, the Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco announced recently.

The Consulate General said the list can be found at the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) website, www.comelec.gov.ph, particularly under the heading "Overseas Absentee Voting."

The list contains the names of all eligible Filipino overseas absentee voters all around the world whose applications for registration have been approved by the poll body. It consolidates the list generated from both the 2003 and 2006 registrations.

A quick-search feature enables the user to search for names individually, but an option to search on a per-country basis is also available.

The San Francisco consulate accounts for 4,840 of

the more than 26,000 registered voters in the list covering the North and South American continents. These include permanent residents, contract workers, dual citizens and other categories of overseas Filipinos.

Some 250 of the San Francisco consulate's voters applied for registration during the consulate's outreach programs to other states such as Alaska, Washington, Colorado, Oregon and Idaho, as well as cities like Fresno, San Jose, Salinas and Sacramento.

Under the COMELEC guidelines, each registered voter will receive an envelope containing a blank ballot, a list of candidates, two envelopes, and instructions for filling out the ballot and mailing it to the consulate or embassy where he or she is registered.

Further questions may be addressed to Consul Anthony Mandap, who can be reached at (415) 433-6666 ext. 310. *** www.philippineconsulate-sf.org