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From the Upan

By Vivian Tadeo

These are exciting times for FAACCV, which I'm happy to announce will now be called **Fil-Am Vancouver** as of the coming year, 2015! The Board of Directors including myself as Chair, have recently voted and passed a resolution to change the association's name to **Filipino-American Association of Vancouver Washington (FAAVW)** aka **Fil-Am Vancouver**. **Fil-Am Vancouver** is on a stronger path with a new name, a revamped outlook, and renewed inspiration to spread the Fil-Am power of joy to an ever-widening circle.



As 2015 approaches, flashbacks of the last two years start coming to view. These last two years were the greatest challenge ever presented to me as an officer of FAACCV. Having taken the position of Chair with some reluctance, I had resolved to pass on to the younger/newer directors the desire to maintain the Filipino culture and traditions wherever they may be. With this current

board of directors, it is so reassuring that there is still that strong desire. Having called myself a "career Fil-Amer" with my long history with the association, mentoring such a dedicated team was a delight and much more than I could have hoped for. Progressive minds coming together and birthing new and challenging ideas to better serve our community.

Thank you to you all my dear sweet board of directors. My job as Chair for the last two years was made easy by your "ever-readiness". Ready to give. Ready to work. Ready to assist. Ready to serve. Ready to laugh. Ready to sympathize. Ready to embrace. Ready to pray.

In readiness for the coming year, I'm also preparing to turn over the helm to our incoming Chair of FAACCV, Chuck Reidy. Chuck has been (continued on page 2)

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LCW-ILP gives thanks for donations

By Marci Hope

"Give thanks to our Lord" for the blessings we receive... Little Children of the World – Ingan Leyte Project (LCW-ILP) has been blessed for all the generous gifts that we receive from individuals and organizations. LCW-ILP is especially thankful for FAACCV's support. A special "Thank You" to: FAACCV and its **generous members** who have donated their time and resources to raise funds during the aftermath of typhoon Haiyan; to **Vivian Tadeo**, outgoing FAACCV Chairperson, who has been advocating for LCW-ILP & spearheading the fundraising events and to **Chuck & Cindy Reidy** for raising funds during Chuck's 2013 birthday party. Thank You All... FAACCV, you are awesome!

Recently FAACCV once again did another outreach. **Linda Phe-mister** of Felida Baptist Church donated 64 handmade girls dresses via Vivian and FAACCV chose LCW-ILP to deliver them to the needy children in the Philippines. A Special Thank You to Linda! These will be distributed to six neighboring villages that we serve.

On behalf of LCW-ILP **Thank You All for that you do!** You are an important part of ILP's mission – "Together, We Can Make a Difference" - Marci Hope, Founding Executive Director, LCW-ILP



Marci Hope, LCW-ILP and FAACCV Boardmembers displays the girls dresses donated by Felida Baptist Church

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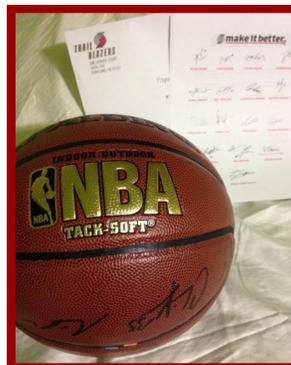
From the Upuan (cont'd.)

By Vivian Tadeo

an accomplished and long-standing member of this organization and I have the utmost confidence that he will bring much energy and dedication to the position in 2015.

I would also like to welcome a couple of new directors to the Board and they are Joan Roberts and Edel Tiolengco. Joan has been a great help in the past couple of years with some of our projects and events and we've finally persuaded her to join our group as a full pledged member. While Edel has been a board member some years ago and after a hiatus, she's decided to return to the fold and we're very excited to have her back. Welcome aboard Joan and Edel!

Many blessings to everyone for 2015, and wishes for a Maligayang Pasko sa inyong lahat!



PNN Silent Auction

Portland Trailblazers 2014-2015 autographed basketball with Certificate of Authenticity. Part of the proceeds will go to FAACCV's Scholarship Fund.

FAACCV 2014 Scholarship Award

by Julius Agbayani

FAACCV is happy to announce that the recipient of the 2014 FAACCV Scholarship Award is Benneth Cenita. Benneth is a Freshman at the University of Washington, Seattle, pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He graduated last June 2014 from Union High School in Vancouver, Washington at the top 6% of his class and has also served as an intern at SEH America. His past teachers, coaches, and mentors have described him as having an "excellent work ethic", "one of the finest young men I've had the opportunity to get to know" and also as an individual "with a personal commitment to community involvement". It was not an easy process to select the recipient of this year's Scholarship Award, but we believed unanimously that we have made an excellent choice in Benneth Cenita. Following is the essay that Benneth submitted:



We spent most of our time in my mom's home town of Manila. I loved the experience of daily life there. Every morning we would eat balut, sold by vendors who ride around on bicycles and deliver door to door. Balut is cooked duck embryo, it's the type of thing you would see on Man vs Food or something similar. It looked disgusting, but it tasted good. Sometimes we would take a Jeepney and go to the "pelengke" or the market, where vendors would be selling fresh foods. Even children would stand there all day and sell tomatoes or some other fruit to help put rice on their families plates. I also often saw people wearing knock-off American goods like fake Nike sneakers or fake G-Shock watches.

In 2009 I had the opportunity to travel to my parents' home country, the Philippines. Going back to the Philippines had been something I really wanted to do, as I was only 2 years old when last I visited and didn't really remember anything. I guess you could say I grew up in Filipino culture and values. My parents and extended family members were very family oriented, I ate Filipino food daily, and I understood the language. However, I didn't really know my origins. Growing up, my mom would always tell us stories of her childhood spent in the Philippines as a way of teaching my siblings and me life lessons. For example, she'd teach us to be more hard working by telling us stories of how she sold tomatoes at the market when she was 10 years old to help provide for her family, or how difficult it was financially to get an education. I wanted to visit the Philippines so I could further understand my roots and what it meant to be a Filipino.

Life in the Philippines was so simple. The most eye-opening experience of my trip was when we visited one of my Dad's brothers in his home province. A week prior to us arriving in the Philippines, a typhoon had struck in that area. I remember being so shocked when we got to my Uncle's house as half of his house was gone, my cousins were walking around half-naked, and they were forced to eat on the cement floor of their house. It all seemed horrible to me, but to them it really wasn't. They just lived a life simpler than I did back in America. My uncle and his family bathed in the nearby river, my cousins walked to school, and they cooked dinner over a fire instead of a stove. Visiting my Uncle just showed me that many people didn't even have running water or electricity, while I complained about not having a phone or the newest gaming system.

Finally, visiting the Philippines changed me as a person both in my character and perspective of life. After seeing how some of my family lived on the other side of the world, I learned to become more humble and appreciative of life. I was able to experience the stories my Mom told me growing up which helped me understand all the struggles and the success that have come out of it all. I found a new respect for the life that my parents have provided me. I couldn't imagine going through life and living the same way my Uncle and cousins do on a regular basis. I lived such a sheltered life compared to theirs. I could continue to feel guilty because of the way they have to live, but I realize now that they still live happy lives and manage to find joy in the simplest things. So instead I can look back at all the things I've witnessed and remember how truly blessed I am to be given opportunities to pursue my goals.

Benneth Cenita

Sharpen those essay-writing skills and apply for FAACCV's Scholarship Award. The award (amount TBD) will be presented to an eligible and aspiring student selected by the Scholarship Committee.

For more details and to apply for an FAACCV Scholarship Award, contact:



FAACCV Scholarship Committee
c/o Julius Agbayani, CPA
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98682
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Application Deadline:
May 31, 2015

FAACCV 2014 Retreat

By Lourdes Mashinski



After a year of planning, the third weekend of October was upon us and it was time to put FAACCV's annual retreat into motion. The board members and their families headed to the Villa at The Beach in Lincoln City, a luxurious home away from home big enough to accommodate our large group.

The first day started very early for some of us. Directors Kiko, Jon and Lourdes and their families drove to the Yaquina Bay in Newport to do some early crabbing. They were able to take home one passing size Dungeness and an abundance of red rock crabs. After crabbing, the adventure

continued on to the Oregon Oyster Farms where a sack of oysters was picked up. Back at the Villa and with our group well stocked with groceries and sleeping arrangements organized, we got down to business.

Saturday was the busiest day of the weekend! The scheduled retreat started on time at 9 am and also ended on time, having wrapped up the important tasks on our list that needed to be completed. One of which were the appointments of the 2015 Officers of FAACCV. While the most important topic of the retreat, and which created a lot of buzz, was the name change! Everyone seemed very serious though we still managed to make it fun and interesting at the same time. Many thanks to our very patient retreat facilitator, Eric Tadeo, for keeping us focused!

As soon as the retreat ended, a Dinner Feast was prepared and served! Crabs, Oysters, Razor Clams, Pork Sinigang and Chicken Barbeque! We even had some guests join us, previous director Frances Verzosa, MD, and longtime FAACCV supporters, Germie Sarmiento and Ida Mendoza.

The retreat weekend was deemed a big success by all having achieved what we set out to do with gastronomical pleasure and considerable enjoyment mixed in. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done! Exciting times are upon us and the journey continues on!



FAACCV board members and retreat facilitator, Eric Tadeo



Money
- Sense -

by Cori Susi Harms

Save Money....

Saving money is not the easiest thing to do. It requires you to prioritize your needs and

wants tomorrow ahead of your needs and wants today.

Human beings are not wired to be good at that.

And that is unfortunate because the safety nets provided by the government and employers in the past are looking pretty shaky these days. The result: Saving money for your own future has never been more important.

Rule of thumb. Live below your means. Now, that is the challenge for all us....

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FAACCV June 2014 Photo Gallery

A time to socialize

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC



And a time to play ...



↑ The Fil-Am Friendship Club of Beaverton, Oregon brought their Tinikling Dancers...



← Louranza Cabanilla sang as Elsa from the movie "Frozen"

Join the Picnic in June 2015!!!

Birthing babies at Shalom Paanakan and Mercy Maternity

By Fonda Daly

Going back to the Philippines was like going back home. I still have many friends there and the clinic I worked at before is still running under the lead of some very amazing Filipina midwives. My heart was warmed again by the nuances of Filipino culture, especially their singing and never ending warm smiles.

I was invited back to help out at two maternity clinics that are very busy, and thanks to the financial support of many people reading this I was able to do so. September alone proved to be a very busy month at Shalom Bahay Paanakan, located just outside Manila in Antipolo. In thirty days they had 148 births, and Mercy Maternity, in Davao had just about as many. Needless to say I had no problem staying busy. In six weeks I was able to help out with multiple prenatal and postpartum check ups, process labs, assist several deliveries and managed to deliver thirteen beautiful Filipino babies.



A young Filipino couple with their newborn at Shalom Paanakan

Both of these clinics strive to bring holistic care to for the poorest of poor. That means providing women with Bible devotions, prenatal teachings with topics such as nutrition and family planning, postpartum care and trained midwives to assure safe deliveries for both the mom and the baby. All too often birth is a dangerous endeavor for those who lack access to care that can lead to complications and even death. That is why Shalom and Mercy strive to give much needed care to those in need who would otherwise be turned away from hospitals due to their financial situation. Most complications are solved through education during the pregnancy. It amazed me how many women take to heart what they learn during prenatal education and strive to put their new knowledge into action of how to live healthier in very practical and affordable ways.

Even though I'm stateside now, my hope is to be able to return. In the meantime, the staff at Shalom and Mercy strive to bring their patients much needed care with dignity and love. If you are interested in supporting these ministries you can donate to Shalom via <http://www.actioninternational.org/ministries?item=93> and Mercy under the ministry of Newlife International via snail mail at PO Box 20683 Portland, OR 97294 (please write check out to Newlife International). Once again thank you for your support. I wouldn't have been able to this without you. It's been an honor... Many Blessings.

Fonda Daily
Midwife

Fonda Daly with one of the newborn babies she assisted with during birth.



FAACCV PHOTO BOOTH



FAACCV board members and supporters celebrated board member Nilda Loriz and husband Doug's 50th birthdays on August 30, 2014



Fil-Am Vancouver basketball team (L-R) Keempe Vitug, Neptali Santiago, Jay Castro, Julius Agabayani, Ronald Martinez, OJ Vitug, Hyzon Santiago, and Jay Saavedra

The Joys of Summer Gardening

By Vivian Tadeo

...sitaw, bataw, patani....

You can sing the entire "Bahay Kubo" and find almost all of the vegetables mentioned and more in my garden.

The emergence of the cold season at the end of every Summer is always a sad one for me. For it means watching my vegetable

leaves turn from luscious green to brown. I am a farmer at heart. I have the complexion and rugged hands to prove it. By the early signs of Spring, the



weeds that managed to survive the winter shiver with frightened anticipation as they hear my small electric roto tiller revving up. Time to spread the dried leaves and the compost I accumulated all year and till into the soil. Time to nurture closely the seeds I have started indoors.

Time to teach my 6 year old grandson that these little plants will grow to have tomatoes. At the age of two, he helped me for the first time to plant seeds and veggie starts, upon which he reported to his Mom that



we planted "nuts and leaves". Wow, to the eyes of a two year old, those just can't be tomatoes because he sees nothing but leaves. Lola had to explain more.

My passion for gardening came from the genes of my maternal grandfather, though my two daughters are convinced those genes have skipped a generation. I smile. For it takes only one blooming tomato and you are hooked forever.

Gardening, as a passion is enjoyable, relaxing and is what I call "chicken soup" for my soul. The joy of harvesting the fruits of one's labor is only secondary to sharing the harvest and having a chance to mentor other would be "farmers".

My car sticker aptly says it all. "I brake for plants and fabric". And that's another whole story.



Are You Covered by President Obama's Immigration Action?

By Gretel Ness



Based on a briefing on November 20, 2014 by the White House, the following is a summary of the Administration's announcement of executive actions on immigration.

Here are the **principal components** as we currently understand them:

1. **Enforcement Priorities.** Many of the existing memos on enforcement priorities and prosecutorial discretion will be replaced by a new memo that will name three enforcement priorities, which will be operational immediately:

i. Suspected terrorists, convicted felons (including aggravated felonies), convicted gang members, and people apprehended at the border;

ii. People convicted of serious or multiple misdemeanors, and very recent entrants (i.e., those who entered after 1/1/14);

iii. Those who, after 1/1/14, failed to leave under a removal order or returned after removal.

The memo will contain "strong language" on using prosecutorial discretion appropriately. (continued on page 8)

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While most other memos on the subject will be rescinded, the victims of crime memo and the USCIS memo on issuance of NTA's will stand.



2. **Border Security.** The Secretary of DHS will announce a South Border "command and control" campaign to coordinate and better use resources at the border.
3. **State and Local.** *Secure Communities* will be discontinued and replaced by a *Priority Enforcement Program (PEP)*. What it means that Secure Communities will be discontinued is unclear. Unclear if they will stop fingerprinting people and unplug the technology and interoperability of the federal and local databases. Detainers will be discontinued for all except national security cases. Instead of detainers, there will be a request for notification when a law enforcement entity is about to release a convicted criminal.
4. Nothing on **family detention** will be included in this package.
5. No changes to *Operation Streamline* which targets immigration entry and reentry for federal prosecution.
6. Two **deferred action initiatives** that combined are estimated to benefit 4.4 million:
 - i. **Deferred Action for Parents (DAP).** Parents of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (of any age) who have been continuously present since 1/1/10, and who pass background checks and pay taxes, will be eligible to apply for deferred action, which will be granted for a 3-year period. The plan is to stand this up within 180 days (for applications to be accepted). Note that parents of DACA recipients are not eligible.
 - ii. **Expansion of DACA.** DACA will be revised to get rid of the age cap, and to change the date that continuous presence must have started to 1/1/10. It also will be granted for 3 years (including those with pending renewal applications). Ready in 90 days.
7. **Pending Proceedings.** There will be a review of cases currently under proceedings to see who is prima facie eligible for the relief stated in this program, and those cases will be closed.
8. **Immigration Court Reforms.** There will be a package of immigration court reforms that will include qualification of accredited representatives and ineffective assistance of counsel issues.
9. **U/T Visas.** Three more types of offenses will be added to the list of offenses for which DOL can certify for U status. No specifics were available regarding which offenses will be added. T visa eligibility may also come into play with respect to DOL.
10. **Worksite Enforcement.** DOL will coordinate with other agencies regarding worksite enforcement activities.
11. **Foreign Entrepreneurs.** Certain investors will be able to be paroled into the U.S., or be granted parole in place if already in the United States, for job creation (no further details at this time). This will be done by regulation. Also, entrepreneurs, researchers, inventors, and founders will be eligible for national interest waivers. This will be implemented through policy guidance.
12. **Pre-registration for Adjustment of Status.** Individuals with an approved employment-based immigrant petition who are caught in the quota backlogs will be able to pre-register for adjustment of status to obtain the benefits of a pending adjust-

ment. This is expected to impact about 410,000 people. This will be done by regulation.

13. **AC21.** "Same or similar" occupational classification will be clarified by USCIS.
14. **L-1B.** The "specialized knowledge" guidance will finally be released by USCIS.
15. **H-4 EADs.** The regulation will be finalized covering employment authorization documents for H-4 dependents, probably in December or January.

16. **OPT.** The length of time in Optional Practical Training for STEM graduates will be expanded and the relationship between the student and the school will be strengthened for this period. Other changes, such as allowing STEM OPT post-master's degree where only the first degree is in a STEM field is under consideration. This will be done by regulation.

17. **PERM.** A full rulemaking will be undertaken to modernize the PERM labor certification application program.

18. **I-601a Waivers.** The provisional waiver will be expanded to include spouses and children of lawful permanent residents. The definition of extreme hardship will be expanded and clarified.

19. **Advance Parole.** There will be a new advance parole memo that will address the issues raised in the case of *Matter of Arrabally-Yerrabelly* and make clear that CBP should honor the advance paroles issued by USCIS.

20. **Parole in Place.** PIP will be expanded to include families of individuals trying to enlist in the armed forces.

21. **Visa Modernization.** There will be a Presidential Memorandum directing the agencies to look at modernizing the visa system, with a view to making optimal use of the numbers of visa available under law. Issues such as whether derivatives should be counted and whether past unused visa numbers can be recaptured will be included in this effort.

22. **Integration.** A second Presidential Memorandum will set up a Task Force on New Americans.

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**UST Concert at The Grotto
June 3, 2014**



**UST Concert at Clark College
June 5, 2014**



UST Singers and some of the attendees back-stage after the concert



Lourdes Mashinski, FAACCV board member with several of the visiting UST Singers

FAACCV Board of Directors and Officers 2015



CHUCK REIDY, Chairperson

Chuck is a mestizo, born and raised at Clark Air Base in the Philippines and who is married to Cindy Fernandez Reidy. They have 3 children: Clarissa, Carlo and Cameron (fraternal twins) and a new granddaughter, Malia. Chuck graduated from Saint Martin's University, Lacey, WA with a BA in Management Information Systems. Retired from the US Air Force (20 yrs) he is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and now works for

Microsoft as a Technical Account Manager for the Veterans Administration. 2015 will be Chuck's first year serving as Chair and is immensely looking forward to the year ahead.



CORI HARMS, Vice-Chair

A native of Pampanga, Cori is from a big Susi family. She migrated to Portland in July 1990, and moved to Vancouver when she married Robert Harms in 1992. She is a graduate of Philippine School of Business Administration, major in Accounting, and held a CPA license in Manila. She works for Meggitt OECO in Milwaukee as Asst Controller. She is also a board member of OnPoint Community

Credit Union; past treasurer and board member of Aguman Capampangan, which was co-founded by her late father-Ben Susi.

Cori is a mom of twins, Kenneth and Jewel, both 19 years old. Favorite times for Cori includes: weekends at the coast, shopping, gardening, spending time with her 79-year old Mom Sol Susi and doing charity work.

Cori has served FAACCV for the past three years. She has high respect for the FAACCV board and how it serves the FilAm community. Cori is looking forward to 2015 being her third year serving as FAACCV Vice Chair.

JOAN ROBERTS, Secretary

Joan recently joined FAACCV to attain her long time goal to be of service to the community and to stay connected with her heritage. Joan was born in Manila, and grew up in Antipolo City. Joan received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Philippine Normal College, Major in Psychology. She moved to Clark County a few years ago to be with her husband, Brad. Her only son, Joseph, recently joined the US Air Force.



An enthusiastic and sociable person, she loves to make people laugh. Joan enjoys traveling, social celebrations and being around family and friends. She also enjoys singing and is a member of the St. John Choir and the Simbang Gabi Choir.

FRANCIS "KIKO" GUEVARA, Asst. Secretary

In 1998, Francis moved to Vancouver from Guam with his wife Susan. They enjoy fishing, dancing, singing and spending time with family and friends.

Francis has been in the banking industry for 30 years. He is also active in his church and community. Francis enjoys being a part of FAACCV and always looks forward to helping the community with this great group.



JULIUS AGBAYANI, Treasurer



Julius Agbayani is a Certified Public Accountant who recently opened his own accounting business. He is licensed to practice in WA and OR. He received his B.A. in Business Administration, with emphasis in accounting, graduating Cum Laude from WSU Vancouver in 2006. He specializes in small business accounting and taxation.

Julius is active in the community. He serves as Treasurer of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon and Kiwanis International –

Cascade Park. He is also on the board of the SW Washington chapter of the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants. He enjoys basketball and taking part in running events.

GRETEL NESS, Asst. Treasurer



Gretel, a partner and immigration attorney with the Portland firm of Parker Butte & Lane, focuses her practice on employment immigration, family immigration, and citizenship issues. In line with her specialty, Gretel has the unique advantage of knowing firsthand what it is like to be an immigrant in a new country, having immigrated from the Philippines in 1985.

In her leisure time, Gretel enjoys spending time with her family, walking the beaches of Ocean Shores, WA,

reading and traveling.

FAACCV Board of Directors and Officers 2015

BERNIE GERHARDT, Auditor



Bernie Gerhardt has been active on the FAACCV Board for six years. She came out of retirement to work part time for "Friends of the Carpenter," a Faith based Day Center for the Community. Bernie is a Volunteer and Community Outreach Manager

Bernie and her family have hosted three Filipino Muslim exchange students from Mindanao, for three separate school years to introduce

the students to the American Culture and for the community to be exposed to the Filipino Muslim Culture.

When Bernie is not doing public service, she enjoys spending time with her son, Paul; her two daughters, Taryn and Amy; and her three grandchildren.

EVELYN KATIGBAK, Public Relations Officer

A pure Batangueña, Evelyn Katigbak has been active with the Fil-Am Association of Clark County since 1990. She has served the association in different capacities, as its Chairman and as the PRO. She has brought various Filipino artists to perform in the Northwest such as Gary Valenciano, Vina Morales, Diva To Diva's Kuh Ledesma & Zsazsa Padilla, The Hitmakers and more. Most of these concerts have contributed to the fund-raising efforts of the association.



Evelyn Katigbak was a former TV news anchor with PTV Channel 4 in Manila during the Cory Aquino's government. She holds a degree in Mass Communication. Evelyn has two children, Trixie & Nico and she also owns and operates an adult care home in Portland.

LIELANIE VILLANUEVA, Newsletter Editor



Lielanie is married to Julius Agbayani and together they have two girls, 10 year-old Alexa and 9-year-old Adrienne. She and her husband, Julius run an accounting business.

Lielanie has been an active FAACCV board member having also served in various capacities such as Secretary and Webmaster throughout the years. She is looking forward to another exciting year with the organization. In her spare time, Lielanie enjoys gardening

and crafts.

LOURDES MASHINSKI, Public Relations Officer



Lourdes grew up in her hometown of Valenzuela, named after her great grandfather, Dr. Pio Valenzuela. Lourdes immigrated to San Francisco, CA at the age of 14. After 15 years in the Bay Area, Lourdes and husband Andy moved to Vancouver, and has been involved with FAACCV for the past 8 years. Lourdes celebrated her 25th year with Nordstrom and volunteers at St. Joseph Catholic Church;

sings with the Simbang Choir SW WA Deanery and is the CFAA Calendar Administrator for the Filipino community in both OR and SW WA.

2014 has been a year of quality time with Andy and their two girls, Angie and Zoe.

ZENNY WAY, Newsletter Editor

Zenny is a real estate broker specializing in new home sales and currently works for Lennar, a national homebuilder. She has been involved in several local community outreach programs and for the past six years, has served on the FAACCV Board of Directors. Zenny is looking forward to another exciting year serving as Newsletter Editor with the association.



Zenny and her husband Guy have two sons, Alex & Patrick, one daughter, Nicole, two teen grandsons, Alex & Mikey, and two unruly granddogs, Boris & Rocket. In her leisure time, she enjoys hanging out with family and friends, practicing yoga, and playing golf.

RITA SCHALJO, Webmaster



Rita Gaerlan Schaljo hails from the land of Lam-Ang. She enjoys working with special needs children in the Vancouver School District. She sings for the Lord on weekends and with the Warm Reception Band once a week :) She is a proud mother of Maria who is a Junior in high school at the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics. Rita loves to read when she is not driving her daughter around to her Violin class, Art class, soccer games and Boys and Girls Club activities, as well

as helping with Homework. She is glad for the support of her husband Steve, who understands that she has to attend Fil-Am meetings and activities at least once a month to keep her sane.

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JON ORIBELLO, Photographer and DJ

Jon was born in La Union, Philippines and is the oldest of 6 children. He and his wife Myrna migrated to the Northwest in 2009 and together they have a daughter named Jamela. John is a Computer Engineering graduate and now runs two businesses: Jon Oribello Photography and January DJ. 2015 will be Jon's second year with FAACCV and he's excited to be a part of the association and all that lies ahead.



VIVIAN TADEO, Director

Still keeping her cul-de-sac busy with constant company, Vivian is also the loving Lola of Mason Carlo Emmanuel Humphries, 7 years old and Jack Richard Enrico Humphries, 1 year old.

When not busy in front of her sewing machine creating tote bags, she tends to her garden sowing upo, kalabasa, sitaw, batak, and patani. She not only sews and sows, she loves to welcome new "kababayans" to the family home she shares with husband Eric and daughter Noelle.



AMY FREEDLAND, Director



Amy is looking forward to her 6th year with FAACCV having served in several capacities over the years. She has been active in raising funds and garnering donations from local and overseas resources to support several FAACCV and other fundraising projects close to her heart.

For 2015, Amy plans to enjoy her retirement and live part of the year in the Big Island of Hawaii, where her two sons and their families reside. Her three grandchildren are Dillon DeMarcus, LeAndra Avrielle & Arie Kimiko

Auli'i Freedland.

Amy's husband, J. Gary Freedland will continue to support and meet with the U.S. Coast Guard Retirees of the Pacific Northwest. Both Amy & Gary also plan to stay connected with her hometown of Candon, Ilocos Sur, with an upcoming visit that will also include Singapore and Vietnam.

BOB OSILLA, Director



Bob Osilla is a graduate of University of the East with a Bachelor's degree in Law. He has worked for Comcast for 27 years and has since retired from the company. He's now the Operations Manager for Santa Barbara Investments and will soon open his own Filipino Bakery in Portland, to be called Santa Barbara Bakery.

Bob is also the Founding Director of Filipino Business Professional Network, and an active member of both Fil-Am Portland and PACCO. He's

very much looking forward to his third year term with FAACCV. Bob has been married to Charisse for the past 27 years and together they have one daughter, Jade. In his spare time, Bob enjoys camping, hiking, and traveling to exotic places.

EDELIZA "EDEL" TIOLENGCO VERZOSA, Director

Edel is a single mother of two beautiful girls, Nicole and Christianne. She has worked at a local hospital for 12 years and is also involved in her church's music ministry and with other community choirs.

Edel loves to dance Zumba and traveling to exotic locales. Her most recent travel was to Kauai, HI, which was the ultimate vacation for her. She has previously served with the Fil-Am Association from 1995-2005. With her girls all grown up, she's now able to have time to serve the Fil-Am community after almost 10 years in hiatus.



BERNICE BEVARD, Director

Born and raised in Manila, Bernice migrated to the US and pursued her MBA from Gonzaga University in 2002. She moved to the Portland-Vancouver area when she married Nick in 2007.

The Bevards have a daughter Audrey, and son, Liam. Bernice is currently a Sr. Financial Analyst at Nike. In her spare time, she enjoys watching movies and relaxing with her family.



Bernice has been involved with FAACCV since 2008 but will be taking a leave of absence for much of 2015.

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NILDA LORIZ, Director



Nilda was born in Manila and graduated in FEU with a degree in Mass Communication. She and husband Doug (a retired Air Traffic Controller) are blessed with a daughter, Anna (10), now in 5th Grade. They've established DNA Family Games LLC in 2011 to invent and produce family-friendly board games.

A stay-at-home Mom and a school volunteer, Nilda is also an avid photographer, loves traveling, gardening, promoting and attending trade and game shows. She has also served as a board member and has held various offices with FAACCV. However for 2015, Nilda will be on a leave of absence as Director.

THELMA MAGNO, Director



Thelma Magno graduated from Phil. College of Commerce major in Accounting/Bus.Mgmt. – later graduated from University of Portland with a Masters in Bus. Adm. - President and CEO of Magno-Humphries Labs., in Tigard Oregon since 1982. The company manufactures and distributes dietary supplements, OTC Drugs and nutritional supplements to Major Drug Wholesalers, Independent Drug Stores, and various market-

ers in the US and foreign countries.

Thelma has one son, Ricky, daughter-in-law Charis, and grandsons Mason and Jack. Thelma will be on a leave of absence as Director for 2015.

Filipino-American Events Calendar

December 6, 2014 – Pasko Na Naman*

DATE: Saturday, December 6, 2014
 TIME: 5:30 pm No Host Bar; 6:30 pm Dinner
 SPONSORED BY: FAACCV-Filipino-American Assn of Clark County & Vicinity
 LOCATION: Ambridge Event Center, 1333 NE MaSheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, PDX
 COST: \$48

Live Music by Ernie Quilban and Friends & DJ Jon Oribello
 CONTACTS: Vivian Tadeo (360) 574-6275; Cori Harms (360) 521-4198 or charms1013@gmail.com

December 6, 2014 – CSO Annual Christmas Party

DATE: Saturday, December 6, 2014
 TIME: 6:00 pm—12 pm
 SPONSORED BY: Cebuano Speaking Organization (CSO)
 LOCATION: Ambridge Event Center, 1333 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Portland 97232 (near Lloyd Center)
 COST: \$40 Adult; \$20 Child Buffet Style
 Live Music by Manila Band
 CONTACT: Mila Dones milajohnson15@yahoo.com

December 10, 2014 – PACCO Annual Holiday Celebration

DATE: Wednesday, December 10, 2014
 TIME: 5:30 pm No Host Bar; 6:30 pm Dinner
 SPONSORED BY: Philippine American Chamber of Commerce (PACCO)
 LOCATION: United Way of Columbia-Willamette, 1st Floor Community Room, 619 SW 11th Ave., Portland 97205
 COST: \$30 (Member) \$40 (Non-member)
 CONTACTS: Lorelei Hosmillo leihosmillo@msn.com
Proceeds to benefit student scholarship fun/community center project.

May 16, 2015 - Barong and Terno Ball

DATE: May 16 2015
 TIME: 6 PM - Midnight
 SPONSORED BY: Filipino American Friendship Club of OR
 LOCATION: Embassy Suites, Portland Airport
 COST: TBA
 CONTACT: Nora Madarang 503-803-0567 nmadarang@gmail.com

June 6, 2015 - CSO Charity Ball

DATE: Saturday, June 6, 2015
 TIME: TBA
 SPONSORED BY: Cebuano Speaking Organization (CSO)
 LOCATION: TBA
 COST: TBA
 CONTACT: Mila Dones milajohnson15@yahoo.com

June 13, 2015 - Philippines Independence Day Picnic*

DATE: Saturday, June 13 2015
 TIME: 11:30 am
 SPONSORED BY: FAACCV-Filipino-American Assn of Clark County & Vicinity
 LOCATION: Frenchman's Bar Regional Park, Riverview Shelter, 9612 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver
 COST: Potluck
 CONTACT: Lourdes Mashinski 360-931-3812
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Happy Birthday!

Lourdes Mashinski Dec. 14

Gary Freedland Dec. 31



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Simbang Gabi

Vancouver, Longview, Ridgefield, Battle Ground, Camas
Southern Deanery, Archdiocese of Seattle

Schedule of Masses

Date	Time	Participating Parishes and Pastor
Sat, Dec 13, 2014	11:00 am	St James Cathedral 804 9 th Ave, Seattle WA 98104 (206) 622-3559 Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
Sun, Dec 14, 2014	Vary	Attend Mass at your own Parish
Mon, Dec 15, 2014	7:00 pm	St John the Evangelist Catholic Church 8701 NE 119 th ST, Vancouver, WA 98662 (360) 573-3325 Fr. Thomas Belleque
Tue, Dec 16, 2014	6:00 pm	St Joseph Catholic Church 400 S Anderson Rd, Vancouver, WA 98661 (360) 696-4407 Fr. Gary Lazzeroni
Sat, Dec 20, 2014	11:00 am	St. Rose de Viterbo Church 2571 Nichols Blvd, Longview, WA 98632 (360) 425-4660 Fr. Bryan Ochs
Sat, Dec 20, 2014	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Catholic Church 1603 N Parkway Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604 (360) 687-4515 Fr. David Mayovsky
Sun, Dec 21, 2014	11:30 am	Holy Redeemer Catholic Church 17010 NE 9 th St, Vancouver, WA 98684 (360) 885-7780 Fr. Tom Nathe