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2nd FAACCV Phil Independence Day Picnic

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It was in 1898 when the first Philippine Republic

was established, declaring independence from over three hundred years of Spanish occupation of the islands, named after Spanish royalty. But other things were in store for this young country in the subsequent half century, and history brought American occupation, an American-supported self-government-in-training (“Commonwealth Government”), and the travails for WWII and Japanese occupation of the islands. With all these, the June 12, 1898 declaration was almost forgotten. In fact, July 4, 1946 was considered the country’s “independence day”, as that marked the America’s grant of self-government, after liberation from the Japanese occupation.

It did not take too many for the Filipinos and the Philippine government to realize the significance of the June 12, 1898 declaration of independence, and that the historical intervention since then did not really change the status of the country’s first act of self-determination. Thus, Philippine Independence Day was restored to the June 12 date.

It is a privilege to be able to remember and celebrate that day when the Filipino people declared by its own initiative that it is truly a nation defined not just by its geography, but also by its people, its unique culture and character.

Please join us in this celebration, June 14 (the nearest Saturday!), at Vancouver Lake Park, at 11 am. Bring your favorite dish to share, and join us for fun and games and prizes, as we celebrate the birth of the Philippines.
by Eric Tadeo

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Community Outreach on Immigration

If you are a typical Filipino, you or someone you know, will have questions about U.S. immigration. Come join the Filipino American Association of Clark County and Vicinity on Saturday, May 24, when it hosts U.S. Customs and Border Protection Supervisor, Doug Glover. Mr. Glover will answer your immigration questions, explain the arrival and admission process into the United States, and dispel the myths associated with how his officers decide on who to allow in, who to refer for further questioning, and who gets refused admission. He will also clarify what Filipinos are really allowed to bring into the

U.S. and what actually happens to those knock-offs his officers end up confiscating!

What: FAACCV Community Outreach Event featuring Doug Glover, Supervisor, US Customs and Border Protection, Portland, Oregon

When: Saturday, May 24, 2008

Time: 1 to 4 pm, Free Event

Where: Clark Public Utilities Community Room
Vancouver Service Center
1200 Fort Vancouver Way
Vancouver, WA 98661

by Gretel Ness



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From the Upuan

February proved to be a popular month for a handful of FAACCV directors to visit the Philippines. Board Director Judy Abel mixed business with pleasure by hosting a healthcare worker recruitment seminar in Manila and in Cebu and then later on meeting up with fellow Board Member Gloria Imperial for some much needed relaxation at a



The Chairwoman

Leila Merriman, meanwhile, returned to her hometown of Pampanga to visit family and friends.

Former Chair, Eric Tadeo, along with his wife, Vivian, joined myself and my family to visit family friends in Bukidnon, Mindanao. While in Bukidnon, we attended the annual **Kaamulan Festival** which is a cultural festival highlighting the rich customs and traditions of the 7 ethnic hill tribes of Bukidnon:

Talaandig, Higaonon, Umayamnon, Manobo, Tiwahanon, Matigsalug, and Bukidnon. Celebrated at the same time as Bukidnon's Foundation Day, it features a program outlining the historic beginnings of Bukidnon, a trade fair, garden show, food fest, agricultural fair, rodeo & horse show, a street dancing contest, as well as rituals showcasing tribal Bukidnon culture. Indeed, the word "kaamulan" is an indigenous Bukidnon term for "gathering."

A common question posed to myself and my family whenever folks hear that we visited Mindanao is whether we felt safe while there, especially since my husband is Caucasian and my children are of mixed descent. This trip was my husband's second trip to Mindanao, my third, and my children's first ever. Needless to say, we never felt in danger. The people were very friendly and hospitable and never gave my family and I any cause for concerns. If anyone is interested in visiting Bukidnon, Cagayan De Oro, or Davao, I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Gretel M. Ness, Esq., Chair 2008

Palawan is Best Beach in Asia

Conde Nast Traveler one of the most respected and widely read travel magazine voted Palawan as the Best Beach in Asia on their Great Asian Beach Finder article. Palawan stands out among other beaches here in Asia. Also on the list are Phuket, Bali, Maldives and Langkawi.

Palawan was considered as the country's last frontier. It houses two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the coral rich Tubbataha Reefs and Puerto-Princesa Subterranean River National Park. Palawan was also on the list of Conde Nast 12th Annual "Green List".

Link to Conde Nast article:

<http://www.concierge.com/cntraveler/articles/detail?articleId=11432&pageNumber=1>

In the November/December 2007 issue of the National Geographic, a panel of experts rated island destinations

in East and Southeast Asia and gave Palawan, Philippines the highest rating.

The following is lifted from said National Geographic Issue:

Palawan, Philippines

Score: 72

"Incredibly beautiful natural seascapes and landscapes. One of the most biodiverse (terrestrial and marine) islands in the Philippines. The Calamianes Group of Islands in northern Palawan are particularly beautiful—extensive fringing reefs, sandy beaches, majestic vertical karst cliffs, mangrove forests, seagrass beds, and protected bays and inlets. Home to



Palawan is Best Beach Overall according to Conde Nast Traveler

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**Filipino-American Association
of Clark County and Vicinity**



Philippine Independence Day



Come join us in celebrating Philippine Independence Day. Bring your favorite dish for our potluck style picnic. We will be playing games, winning prizes, and so much more!!!

Saturday, June 14th @ 11am

Vancouver Lake Park

6801 NW Lower River Road

Vancouver, Washington 98660

Eagle N & S Shelter
\$2 Parking Fee for Cars, Vans

Driving Directions:

I-5 to either Mill Plain or Fourth Plain
Exit W on Fourth Plain or Mill Plain Blvd
turns into Lower River Road
follow signs to park.



For more information please contact: Eric Tadeo (360) 690-0774 email evcntadeo@msn.com or Julius Agbayani (360) 735-7470 email agbayani@gmail.com. You may also visit our website at www.filamclarkcounty.org

UWAJIMAYA CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY, MAY 2008

Uwajimaya will be celebrating 10 years in Beaverton on Saturday, May 17th, 2008. We are putting together a multicultural community celebration for the wonderfully diverse public.

We would like to invite the Filipino Community to participate in songs, dances, cultural booths, crafts, foods, martial arts, etc. to represent your special and unique Philippines.

We would be honored to have you involved in this event. If you

know of anyone interested please have them contact me:

Bernie Capell (Events Coordinator)
Uwajimaya....503-643-4512
Fax #.....503-350-1672
bernie@uwajimaya.com

I am at the store Tuesdays and Wednesdays only,
from 7am to 5pm

4th Ambassadors' Tour 12-15 July 2008

The Philippine Consulate General and the Office of the Department of Tourism launched the 4th Ambassadors'/ Consuls' General and Tourism Directors' Tour which will be held on 12-15 July 2008.



The tour, now on its fourth year, is a joint collaboration among the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Tourism and the Department of Trade and Industry, through the collective efforts of the Philippine Ambassadors, Consuls General, Honorary Consuls and Tourism Directors based in the United States of America and Canada.

Around 600 participants joined the tour in 2007. Since the inaugural tour of 2005, a marked increase in the number of participants has been observed. The tour gives our kababayans the opportunity to witness first-hand the economic progress the country has achieved and for them to rediscover their homeland.

2nd Moonrise FilmFest

Everyone is invited to the 2nd Annual Moonrise Film Festival on April 25-26, 2008 at the Holladay Park Plaza located at 1300 NE 16th Ave.; Portland, OR 97232 .

Friday – Dinner and a Green Empowerment-in-the-Philippines slide show: 6-7:30pm

Movies begin @ 7:30pm

Cost: \$25/single; \$40/couple; \$60/family (four or more)

Saturday -- \$5 matinee 4-6pm; \$7 evening 7-9pm

\$1 raffle tickets for Patagonia tickets

Mention: PACCO and Asian Reporter

\$5 Plant-a-tree-in-the-Philippines certificates – printed on rice paper – will be available

Proceeds will fund renewable energy and water projects, and environmental films, in the Philippines

On behalf of Moonrise Festival Committee: contact

steph: stephanie@greenempowerment.org; 503.284.5774

4th AMBASSADORS/CONSULS GENERAL and TOURISM DIRECTORS TOUR of THE PHILIPPINES

10-18 July 2008 (return date flexible)

Basic Tour: July 12-15 includes the following:

- _ Round trip air fare from the USA and Canada
- _ 3-4 nights stay at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel
- _ Buffet breakfasts at the hotel
- _ Visit to Malacañang Palace includes meeting with President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
- _ 2-3 dinners with entertainment
- _ Two lunches, including one at Malacañang
- _ City tours of Manila and Makati
- _ Out-of-town day tours

(choice of Corregidor, Taal/Tagaytay, Villa Escudero, Kawit)

Grand welcome and airport amenities

Contact:

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indigenous peoples who consider the land and sea their ancestral domains. To date, tourism development has been selective and purposive, thereby preserving islands' aesthetic appeal as well as social/cultural and environmental integrity."

"The island has had a Biosphere Reserve status since early 1990s, showing local interest for conservation and sustainable development. More work needed to protect karst forests and marine biodiversity, as well as to promote community-based tourism for social benefit."

"Town of Nido is undergoing significant growth of tourism enterprises. Some inappropriate coastal development is associated with this (e.g., foreshore development). Care will be required to maintain values appealing to visitors. Current environment unspoiled. Waters surrounding El Nido appear clean."

DAMBANA at The Grotto: The Filipino Community Launches Legacy

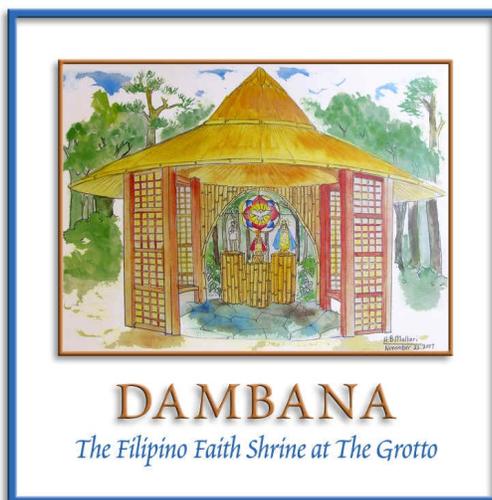
On Sunday, February 10th, more than 100 key leaders of the Filipino Community of Oregon and supporters gathered at the Conference Center of The Grotto in Northeast Portland for the official launching of *Dambana: The Filipino Faith Shrine*.

This shrine is a collaboration between the Filipino Community of Oregon and The Grotto (The National Sanctuary of our Sorrowful Mother) in Portland. It will be built on the upper gardens and will feature the image of the Santo Niño (Infant Jesus), as well as the Blessed Mother and San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint – symbols of the community's cultural affinity with these intercessors.

Dambana, the *Tagalog* word for shrine or altar, is envisioned as a sanctuary that blends Filipino faith and culture, a symbol of the Community's unity and dedication that will serve a legacy to future generations.

"This is our Filipino dream in Oregon – to build the *Dambana*, as a testimony to our strong and involved community, grounded in its faith and values, and dedicated to serving each other and all. Much like in every Filipino home where there is a dedicated place of worship, we will now have a shared altar, a sanctuary here in our home away from home," Pia de Leon, one of the organizers of the project shared at the launch.

Although The Grotto is a Catholic shrine, it was created as "...a place for all peoples of the earth," dedicated to the peace of humanity. Today, The Grotto remains a place of peace and quiet reflection for all people, regardless of religious orientation. Few metropolitan areas are fortunate



enough to have such a beautiful and serene 63-acre botanical garden that is open to everyone, especially one that regularly welcomes over 240,000 visitors of all faith each year. "And now, we [Filipinos] have been invited and are grateful for the opportunity to stake our permanent place to gather and worship," shares Dolly Pangan-Specht, fundraising chair for the project.

"It takes more than a team of dedicated volunteer organizers to realize this mission. More than the practical goal of raising \$50,000 for construction costs, the important focus is the UNITY that this will bring about, because we firmly believe that when we come together in this, money will follow. We are counting on the support of all Filipinos not just in Oregon, because this is after all a National Shrine." Specht further explains.

Construction, which will be undertaken by A.C. Schommer and Sons, will commence in May. The *Dambana* is scheduled for unveiling and dedication on September 28, 2008, during the Eucharistic Celebration of the feast day of San Lorenzo Ruiz, now on its 12th anniversary. This tradition has now become a major Portland event that draws Filipinos from all over Oregon and Washington and continues to strengthen the community.

Fully tax-deductible donations can be sent payable to The Grotto memo: DAMBANA, PO Box 20008, Portland, OR 97294, or online at www.TheGrotto.org. In all cases please note DAMBANA with your donations. For further details, please contact Pia de Leon, 503.481.5228, piadeleon343@yahoo.com

For help in preparing your taxes, contact:

Mabuhay ang Pilipino!!!

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Quarter Page Ad - \$ 30.00
Half Page Ad - \$50.00

For help in preparing your taxes, contact:

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Council of Filipino American Associations by Eric Tadeo

In the 1970s and 1980s, there were many attempts to get the various Filipino-American associations in this area together. A 'summit' of head of organizations was held in order to exchange information, get to know each group's activities. This "presidential group" may be considered the prototype of what is now the Councils of Filipino-American Associations. Among the early attempts at a collaborative project was one that involved the creation of a professorial chair in the University of Oregon in honor of former Philippine president Corazon Aquino.

An organizational meeting in 1998 in Vancouver Washington was followed by a general convention in Salem in 1999, where the original trustees were named.

CFAA achieves its goals by assisting member affiliates and acting as clearing house of the various events in the Filipino American community. Avoiding duplication of effort, it does not do projects already being done by affiliates. When requested, or occasionally, on its own initiative, CFAA extends supporting advisory and/or coordination functions. It also encourages affiliates to collaborate on projects.

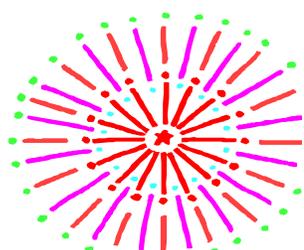
Most of the energies and resources of CFAA are intended to be expended not in organizing events or working directly on projects, but on facilitation, coordination, getting people to get in contact with the resources they need, publicizing events, maintaining a calendar, keeping lines of communication open and

continually flowing, forming ad hoc project teams, endorsing and/or launching selected projects that are considered community-wide-benefit endeavors.

CFAA, even in the early stages, has served to galvanize unity in the Filipino American community in Oregon and SW Washington. Project collaborations among several associations may not have happened without CFAA as information. The availability of CFAA network had contributed to the success of affiliate events. The federal tax-exempt status acquired by CFAA had become a major benefit for affiliates. Obviously, a long road had been traveled and many things accomplished, but the journey continues.

The journey envisions a united Filipino-American community in this geographically large and spread-out region. The type of unity envisioned is not characterized by homogeneity of opinions, but one of community awareness – awareness that there are over 12,000 Filipino Americans in this stretch of geography, with whom we can network and side-by-side work to preserve the Filipino heritage. It's the type of unity that allows for Filipinos in the Portland metropolitan to know that there is a big Filipino event in Coos Bay, for example. It's the type of unity that allows several associations to collaborate on a large project that is otherwise too difficult for one association to accomplish.

The challenge is service – CFAA aims not to be served by, but to serve the community.



Congratulations to

Gretel Ness

**Attorney at Law
Parker, Bush & Lane**



Gretel is one of the winners in the Portland Business Journal's 40 under 40 for 2008! The Awards ceremony was held March 20th at the Gerding Theater Lobby at the Armory in Portland Oregon.

From your Fil-Am Clark County friends

Exchange Students Need Hosts

Cultural Homestay International (CHI), a non-profit educational program, is seeking applications from families who want a chance to share the culture and way of life of a US family with a teenager from another country.

Volunteer families provide room, board and family life while learning about another part of the world from the teen they're hosting. Host families are expected to provide a comfortable, nurturing and safe "home away from home".

The high school students come from Belgium, Brazil, China, Colombia, Germany, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Switzerland, Thailand, Taiwan and Vi-

etnam. They will have their own health insurance and spending money. The program has local coordinators intended to guide and support the family and the student during a three-week summer program or during the school year.

For more information or to apply, contact Cultural Homestay International thru Rosalie Hedin in the Vancouver, WA area at 360-606-8427 or go to www.chinet.org and click on the Academic Year Program.



Families share US culture with teenagers from overseas.

PNAOW Medical Mission continued from back page

They prepared all sorts of delicacies including lechon, wild hog, various fresh fruits, vegetables and fish. We also had black rice and how delicious that was! After dinner we were escorted to our sleeping quarters. I had the pleasure of sharing a room with Madonna, again. The next morning we had another scrumptious brunch. Even our Caucasian friends ate fried smoked and dried fish, and the fresh vegetables.

Our fun and games had to end. We started sorting out our medications and toiletries and got them ready in bags to distribute to our recipients. After lunch, we started our mission. We were told that we were to serve about 200 families. We took their blood pressures, asked questions from the people, questions related to their health and well being. We found out how hard working they are. Most of their problems were body and joint aches, especially back aches most probably due to hauling and carrying heavy stuff. They also complained of earaches and sore eyes. These people live in a place surrounded by trees and in a very high elevation that most probably these are allergies and altitude-related problems. Our 3 doctors who were with us at our mission later confirmed our "nursing assessment". About one half of the townsfolk we saw had high blood pressure. We did advice them not to eat too much salty foods like their salted fish, but what can they do. That is their staple food.

After our initial interview, we sent them to the 3 doctors waiting to recheck them and would give them additional advice. There, they received our donations of various medications like multivitamins, antihistamines and medications for pain and fever. They also received rice and various toiletries. I have never seen more grateful people than these townsfolk. They kept thanking

us for going to their place. It was an experience I'll never forget. People there live off their lands and foods are "organic" so to speak. The only problem is the salty foods; no wonder most of them have hypertension. Anyway, it was such a satisfying experience and I should say a job well done by the group. I will do it again if given the chance, no matter how difficult the trip may be.

We have a lot of people to thank for the donations that we received including PNAOW officers and members, who took time off for this trip, to Ms. Thelma Magno for her generous donation of various medicines, to the Heritage Society of Portland, Oregon, and many, many more.

We saw a poor country but happy people who live in it. We were happy to be able to do hands-on mission and we know that these townsfolk were grateful. That was the end of our mission. We continued on to Banaue to see the Rice Terraces. I am so sad to say that I was disappointed because the rice terraces no longer looked like the ones in my elementary books; one of the 7 wonders of the world is not as beautiful as it once was.

We continued on to Drs. Ron and Flor's resort and stayed there until it was time to go back to Manila where we continued to Cebu for vacation with the girls.

All in all, I can say that it was a great experience, and I'm sure, we'll do it again; don't know when and where yet, but the PNAOW has a continuing mission to the more needy regions in the Philippines and I hope that our gracious donors will continue to support us.

Upcoming Events

April 5, 2008 - Tagalog for Kids Classes

Saturday / 3-5 pm

Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the Month

Shorewood Market and Café, Located in the Shorewood Apartment Complex

5555 E Evergreen Blvd, Suite D (corner Shorewood Dr), Vancouver, WA 98661

Cost: Free, other dates: Apr 19, May 3 & 17, Jun 7 & 21

A project of Fil-Am Clark County & Vicinity

Contact: RitaSchaljo@msn.com 360-281-8009

Lourdesandy@hotmail.com 360-931-3812

Basic Tagalog classes, primarily for children, but accompanying adults have found this series very helpful as well.

Materials provided, donations welcome.

April 5, 2008 - 4th Annual Little Children of the World (Philippines) Dinner and Culture Night

Saturday / 6 pm

First United Methodist Church, 401 East 33rd St, Vancouver, WA, 98663

Cost: \$15 per person

Contact: Marci Hope—jmmhope@comcast.net, cell 360-991-6123,

Esther_Piol@nike.com, frances@newvillatravel.com.

Proceeds will go towards children's school needs and the development of the Ingan Leyte project campus.

April 12, 2008 - Aguman Dinner-Dance

Saturday / 6 pm

Aguman Capampangan Northwest U.S.A.

Legins Restaurant

Cost: \$35 per person, \$25 for children 15-18 with an adult

Contact: Cori Harms (360) 260-8895

Frida Alejandrino (503) 579-8205

Profits will go towards our Medical and Dental Mission.

Music by 'Just 5'. Special entertainment by Ernie Quilban.

April 19, 2008 - Tagalog for Kids Class

Saturday / 3-5 pm (see April 5 event for details)

April 25-26 – 2nd Moonrise Film Festival

Holladay Park Plaza (more details on page 4)

1300 NE 16th Ave.; Portland, OR 97232

Enjoy acclaimed documentary films that highlight environmental issues in the Philippines.

Friday dinner @ 6 pm, movie @ 7:30 pm

\$25/single; \$40/couple; \$60/family (four or more)

Saturday Matinee \$5 fr 4-6 pm, Sat evening \$7 fr 7-9 pm

May 3, 2008 - Tagalog for Kids Class

Saturday / 3-5 pm (see April 5 event for details)

May 17, 2008 - Tagalog for Kids Class

Saturday / 3-5 pm (see April 5 event for details)

May 17, 2008 - FILCANAM Bowling Tournament (Filipino Canadian American)

Saturday / Time: TBA

Filipino American Association of Portland and Vicinity

Location and Cost: TBA

Contact: Ben Avecilla, Phone: 503/761-6115; email:

bacavecilla@msn.com

May 24, 2008 - Fil-Am Clark Co Community Outreach

Customs and Border Protection Information

Saturday / 1 to 4 pm

Clark Public Utilities, Community Room

Vancouver Service Center

1200 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98661

Cost: Free, Contact: Gretel Ness gmn@pbl.net

Community Outreach event with invited guest speaker,

Doug Glover, Supervisor, US Customs and

Border Protection, Dept. of Homeland Security.

May 31, 2008 - Barong n Terno Ball

Saturday / 6 pm no-host cocktails, 7 pm dinner, dancing 'til midnight

Filipino-American Friendship Club of Oregon

Embassy Suites, Portland Airport

Cost: \$45 per ticket (Dinner & Dance)

Contact: Raul Madarang (503) 848-8824, Bennie Ramirez

(503) 524-7229, Gloria Rivera (503) 646-6556, Myrna

Boyce (503) 620-9646, Jet Pizarro (503) 516-4756

100% of the net proceeds from this formal event will be

donated to The Dambana Project at the Grotto, a Filipino

Faith Shrine. Music by The Manila Band. Barong for the

men and Terno for the women. If you don't have a Barong

or Terno, formal attire is required.

June 7, 2008 - Tagalog for Kids Class

Saturday / 3-5 pm (see April 5 event for details)

June 14, 2008 – Phil Independence Day Celebration

Saturday / 11 am

Fil-Am Association of Clark County and Vicinity

Vancouver Lake Park - Eagle N & S Shelter

6801 NW Lower River Road

Upcoming Events continued

Vancouver, Washington 98660 Eagle N & S Shelter
Potluck; \$2 Parking Fee for Cars, Vans
Contact: Lourdes Mashinsky 360.891-8389,
Lourdesandy@hotmail.com
Eric Tadeo (360) 690-0774, eventadeo@msn.com
Julius Agbayani (360) 735-7470, agbayani@gmail.com
Second annual Philippine Independence Day celebration.
Driving Directions: I-5 to either Mill Plain or Fourth Plain;
Exit W on Fourth Plain or Mill Plain Blvd turns into Lower
River Road; follow signs to park.

June 21, 2008 - Tagalog for Kids Class

Saturday / 3-5 pm (see April 5 event for details)

July 3-5, 2008 - 12th National Conference, (FANHS)

Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS)

Anchorage Hilton Anchorage,

500 West Third Avenue

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Cost: TBA

Contact: Dorothy Laigo Cordova, Executive Director
FANHS NATIONAL OFFICE

810 18th Avenue, Room 100, Seattle, WA 98122

206.322.0203 E-mail: fanhsnational@earthlink.net

Website: <http://www.fanhs-national.org/>

There is call for papers, panels, presentation.

July 4, 2008 - Fil-Am Portland & Vicinity Picnic

Friday / Time: TBA

Filipino-American Association of Portland and Vicinity
Blue Lake, Multnomah Cottages

Cost: TBA

Contact: Ben Avecilla Phone: 503/761-6115

email: bacavecilla@msn.com, or Fely Martin Phone:

503/252-2229; email: fenmar@msn.com (Fely)

July 12, 2008 - Annual PAA Summer Picnic

Saturday, / 12:00noon - 4:00 p.m.

Philippine American Association of Lane County

Alton Baker Park, Eugene OR

Cost: Small donation per family

Contact: Anselmo Villanueva 541.485.1755 x202

anselmo.villanueva@gmail.com Bring a potluck dish to

share; plates and utensils provided

August 2, 2008 – CSO 2008 Summer Picnic

Saturday / 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Cebuano Speaking Organization (CSO)

Rooster Rock Ph: 800-452-5687

Cost: Free (potluck)

Contact: Julie MacFarlane - 503-648-8257

julianaemacfarlane@msn.com

Lourdes Zakrzewski - 503-805-5621

zakrzewskil@usa.redcross.org

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Romy Agudelo 503-408-6997 romya1206@yahoo.com

Ruth Olandria 503-252-8871 willyruth@msn.com

Open to all members, family and friends. POTLUCK!

August 9, 2008 CFAA Convention

Saturday / Time TBA

Council of Filipino American Associations

TBA, Portland Oregon

Cost: TBA

Contact: Gideon Alegado, Cynthia Mounts

Annual Fil-Am community convention sponsored by

CFAA. More details to come.

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in Clark County and to serve our community.*

**Check us out on the Web:
www.filamclarkcounty.org**

PNAOW Medical Mission to Nueva Vizcaya

by Lettie Tadeo

A group of Filipino-American nurses from the Philippine Nurses of America Association (PNAOW) Oregon and Washington chapter went on a medical mission to the Philippine province of Nueva Viscaya.

On January 31, 2008, the group of PNAOW officers and members headed to our stopover in Nueva Ecija. We stayed at the Resort of Drs. Ron and Flor Esteban (Ron is Aces Susi's cousin). There we were treated like queens with all the native foods that you could think of. We had a little R & R then prepared or sorted out our donations, and get them ready for allocation.

The next day, we continued on to Nueva Viscaya with the two SUV's provided by Ron & Flor. That was a ride to remember. If anyone of you have been to Hearst Castle through Big Sur via Highway 101, the view is similar. The only difference is that the California highway is wider and asphalted, whereas the Nueva Viscaya highway is not. It is so narrow and steep that if we ever had a vehicle coming from the other direction, I don't know what our drivers would have done. The road going up and down the mountains looked more treacherous and steep than Big Sur on Highway 101. One of the girls has a phobia of heights so I

tried to divert her attention to other things. I myself was scared but I pretended not to be. Some of us who already have Hypertension got worse so we had to play nurse to one another.



Lettie Tadeo and PNAOW Medical Mission group to Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines

We stopped at a restaurant for lunch, atop the mountains. What a great view of Mother Nature! We continued on to Nueva Viscaya and arrived at sundown. The Mayor and a group of townsfolk, including their elder, who happens to be Emmy Rice's father-in-law, greeted us. They prepared a program for us. They performed their native dances and even asked some of us to join. Some of our brave friends did. What fun! I know I made a fool of myself but so what, I had fun anyway. After speeches and prayers, Pastor Rice and his family treated us to a royal feast. (continued on page 7)
