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Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon!

The University of the Philippines Concert Chorus aka Korus is coming to town!

By Vivian Tadeo

The internationally acclaimed and multiple award winning choir ensemble from the University of the Philippines will be arriving in the US later this month for a multi-city winter tour.



Coming Dec. 21st.... UP Korus!

The Korus' winter tour will have its first stop in Seattle on December 12, 2013 and concluding in San Diego, CA with an arrival date of January 10, 2014. In between these dates, the vocal group will be stopping in Vancouver on December 16, 2013 for a five-day stay. While in town, the UPCC Korus will put on two shows which will be held at The Grotto, Portland, OR, and at City Harvest Church, Vancouver, WA.

For info on show dates and tickets, see ad on page 6 or go to www.brownpaper tickets.com and type 'Korus' under keyword. Also visit the UP Concert Chorus website at www.upconcertchorus.com for more info on this amazing group of entertainers.

With a brilliant 50-year tradition of compelling musical interpretations, vibrant choreography, theatrical impressions, eye-catching costumes, and a charisma that is uniquely Filipino, Korus has vastly entertained and captured audiences the world over.

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FAACCV and St. Joseph Catholic Church held fundraiser to benefit Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts

by Zenny Way



On November 23, 2013, The Filipino American Association of Clark County and Vicinity (FAACCV) in cooperation with St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vancouver, held a fundraising event to benefit the Typhoon Haiyan victims.

Typhoon Haiyan struck the Eastern Visayas region of the Philippines, with Leyte Province, Samar, and City of Tacloban amongst the hardest hit areas. The typhoon was considered to be one of the strongest on record, having caused a death toll of over 5,000 and hundreds more still missing. It also caused massive destruction with over a million homes damaged and roughly 330,000 Filipinos left homeless and lacking the basic necessities such as drinking water, food, and clothing.

Internationally, there have been millions of dollars raised for the relief efforts as the whole world realized the magnitude of the typhoon's devastation. With relief efforts underway for the survivors, many local citizens have expressed their concerns and made inquiries on how they can help the Filipinos who were affected by the disaster. FAACCV boardmembers responded by mobilizing and connecting within their network, and with the assistance of St. Joseph Catholic Church officials, they promptly coordinated the fundraising event held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving week. The boardmembers contacted and solicited food donations from local merchants and restaurants, such as Main Event Sports Grill, Good Taste Restaurant, Safeway, and Costco, to name a few. (See full Donor list below.) The church provided the venue for the event as well as the beverages and use of their kitchen equipment. The donated food varieties were served up to approximately 200 attendees who paid the minimum donation of \$10 while quite a number of local citizens also contributed larger amounts to the very worthwhile cause. The Portland Trail Blazers also donated game tickets and sports memorabilia that were auctioned off, and the proceeds added to the night's total receipts.

The fundraising event raised over \$3,000 that evening which were then promptly conveyed to Catholic Relief Services, an organization that was deemed to be the best church affiliate for getting aid quickly to those affected by the typhoon.

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Typhoon Haiyan Relief Efforts

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The Gonzalez family made the winning bid of \$750 for an autographed basketball donated by the Portland Trail Blazers.



A Note On Immigration Relief Measures for Filipino Nationals Impacted by Typhoon Haiyan from US Citizenship and Immigration Services (Issued November 25, 2013)

We in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) are deeply saddened by the effects of the typhoon that struck the Philippines on November 8, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims of this tragedy.

We have taken steps to provide relief to victims of the typhoon. Filipino nationals in the United States should visit the home page of our website to learn about a series of existing relief measures that may be available to them. In addition, we are proactively identifying and expediting pending petitions for alien relatives, the Form I-130, that have been filed by U.S. Citizens for their Filipino immediate relatives. Our standard security checks remain in place.

A Form I-130 petitioner can check his or her case status online at www.uscis.gov or by contacting the National Customer Service Center at [1-800-375-5283](tel:1-800-375-5283) or [1-800-767-1833](tel:1-800-767-1833) (TDD assistance). In addition, a petitioner can sign up to receive automatic case status updates by e-mail as one's case is processed. If one has filed a Form I-130 and received a request for evidence or any other type of communication from USCIS, one should read the notice carefully to ensure that one responds to the same USCIS Service Center that sent the notice.

Members of Congress and members of the community have requested that the Philippines receive a designation of Temporary Protected Status, commonly known as "TPS." The Department

of Homeland Security, along with other federal agencies, is reviewing these requests, the conditions in the Philippines, and other relevant factors in assessing whether a TPS designation is warranted.

We are monitoring the situation closely and actively considering what additional measures we can take to assist and support individuals affected by the tragedy.



With the stormy weather still pounding the Visayas region, the survivors are seen here searching what remained of their homes after the typhoon devastation.

From the Upuan

By Vivian Tadeo

An Open Letter to the Fil-Am Board



If this computer can transmit germs, you would all be sneezing, coughing, blowing your noses, sucking lozenges and drinking hot tea with honey. Such is the condition of this old body of mine. Ailing as I am, my heart is beaming with gratefulness and thanksgiving.

Once again FAACCV rose to the occasion! It is with a great feeling of elation that we successfully pulled together a well-attended fundraiser in just a little over a week. A fundraiser that will benefit our beloved Philippines that just went through the ire of Typhoon Haiyan.

Food solicitations by the board from our local merchants that came through with their generous contributions were astonishing! There was no shortage of food. There was no shortage of help. There was no shortage of energy. Most of all, there was no shortage of willingness amongst the directors. Even spouses, children, and friends were put to work. Setting up tables and chairs. Picking up food donations. Serving with a smile. Cleaning up and vacuuming. Tired directors all around, but the atmosphere exuded with joy.

Aside from the main reason for the fundraiser, it is so heart-warming to see you guys work tirelessly for a worthy cause that is so close to our hearts. More than the generous monetary contributions, this project was a big success in that FAACCV was able to bring together a community that cares.

Well done my friends. I do not need Thanksgiving Day to thank you all. If this computer has hands, high five to you all. If this computer has arms, BIG hugs to everyone.

LCW—Little Children of the World/Ingan Leyte Project

By Rita Schaljo

Former FAACCV Boardmember, Marci Hope, is spearheading relief efforts to help the local population in Leyte who were affected by Typhoon Haiyan. Marci belongs to the ministry group known as LCW/Ingan Leyte Project whose mission it is to help disadvantaged children in the Visayan region of the Philippines.

With the advent of the Typhoon Haiyan disaster, they have also undertaken efforts to distribute food and rebuild homes for the typhoon victims. The group is involved with Silliman University and the Philippine Army in receiving donations of food and packaging it into individual family packages. Each package will include 3-5 Kilos of rice, 3 cans sardines, 2 bottles (350ml) water, 5 packages noodles, 3 candles. The cost of each package will be \$8 to \$10. The Philippine Army will fly the food packages to Tacloban and Samar.

LCW has also identified four homes that they'll be providing roofing (P600 per sheet) for, along with other repairs so the affected homeowners can have proper shelters.

With Marci's connection to FAACCV, the association's boardmembers voted to raise funds to help the LCW/Ingan Leyte Project, and has so far accumulated over \$2,000 for the group's relief efforts.

Anyone can give a gift for the Typhoon Relief Fund on the LCW website or call the Little Children of the World office at 770-358-2771 and they will channel it to meet the needs as soon as possible. On the website (www.littlechildren.org) select "Urgent Needs" in the payment window and write "typhoon relief" in the comments box.



Shown above is one of the homes slated for reconstruction with the help of LCW.

Filipino-American Events Calendar

DECEMBER 7, 2013 – PASKO NA NAMAN

DATE: Saturday, December 7, 2013

TIME: 5:30 pm No Host Bar; 6:30 pm Dinner

Hors d'oeuvres will be available during the 1st hour

SPONSORED BY: Filipino American Association of Clark County and Vicinity

LOCATION: Hilton Vancouver, 301 W 6th St, Vanc. 98660

COST: \$48 <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/491125>

CONTACT: Lourdes Mashinski lourdesandy@hotmail.com ; Vivian Tadeo (360) 574-6275

<https://www.facebook.com/events/626190607431977/>

Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance Celebration & Induction of 2014 Officers and Directors

Featuring Warm Reception Band & DJ Jon Oribello

December 7, 2013 – CSO CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Saturday, December 7

TIME: 5:00 pm - Midnight

SPONSORED BY: Cebuano Speaking Organization

LOCATION: Salem Eagles Lodge, 2771 Pence Loop SE, Salem, OR 97302

COST: \$30, Adult; \$15, Children 7-12 Free

CONTACT: Mila Dones, 503-508-1079;
Dr. Flora Stanisich, 503- 931-5683
Maricel Beaman, 503-282-8974
Ruth Olandria, 503-252-8871
Music by Manila Band

DECEMBER 11, 2013 - PACCO HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

DATE: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

TIME: 6:30 pm – 9 pm (Registration starts @ 6 pm)

SPONSORED BY: Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon

LOCATION: United Way of the Columbia-Willamette
619 SW 11th Ave., 1st Floor Community Room, PDX 97205

COST: \$20 for members; \$30 for non-members

CONTACT: leihosmillo@msn.com or call Jaime Lim at (503) 285-1994

DECEMBER 12, 2013 - BANGON PILIPINAS PDX TY-PHOON HAIYAN FUNDRAISER

DATE: Thursday, December 12

TIME: 5:30-7:00 PM

SPONSORED BY: APANO (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon)

LOCATION: Leftbank Building 240 N Broadway, Portland OR
CONTACT: aimee.santoslyons@gmail.com; 5034732960

We will feature poetry, and stories from Filipinos directly affected by the storm and live music from [Cynthia Alexander – renowned Filipino artist](#).

Funds raised from this event will benefit the [Coalition Against Trafficking in Women - Asia Pacific](#). Bangon Pilipinas PDX seeks to support relief efforts that have a gendered understanding of communities' needs during recovery and reconstruction.

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Bull's-eye word game update

by Nilda Loriz

Bull's-eye, the quick word game all ages can play simultaneously with no waiting for your turn, challenging yet fun to play for the entire family is now available in Amazon.com and the fourth store of New Seasons Market located in Raleigh Hills at 7300 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy., Portland, OR, which brings the total number of stores carrying the game in the U.S. now to more than 72 specialty toy stores. Also this year, the game became available in the Philippines at several branches of the National Bookstore and Rustans Department stores.



Kazoodles employees happy to stock up on Bulls-eye Games

During the recent visit of Ms. Emelie Katigbak, Tourism Officer under Gov. Vilma Santos in Batangas, DNA family gave her two copies of the game to bring back home. DNA family hopes to promote their game personally in the Philippines on their next trip there. Also, local store Kazoodles is stacking up for the Holiday Season with owner Mary and her Manager April (who said, "Look what we caught today"?) after DNA delivered another order of their word game. Kazoodles was the first store in WA who carried their game as well as Learning Palace. Bull's-eye is a great Christmas gift for families and friends or for any occasion. Hurry to your local stores today and get your copy before their stock of first limited edition games are gone.

Filipino-American Events Calendar (cont'd.)

DECEMBER 14, 2013 – 36th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCH AND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DATE: Saturday, December 14, 2013

TIME: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm

SPONSORED BY: Fil Am Friendship Club of OR (FAFC)

LOCATION: Garden Home Recreation Center, 7475 SW Oleason Rd, Portland, OR 97223 <http://www.thprd.org/map/map.cfm?fid=9>

COST: Free

CONTACT: Medy Saqueton 503-760-7710 lmsaqueton@comcast.net; Ligaya Humbert 503-654-8391 ligaya.humbert@gmail.com

DECEMBER 21, 2013 – UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES CONCERT CHORUS "S'ALIW HIMIG": ISANG LAKBAY-TAGLAMIG ("Melodious Melange": A Winter Tour)

DATE: Saturday, December 21, 2013

TIME: 2:00 pm

SPONSORED BY: ICTSI Oregon, Inc. & the Port of Portland in conjunction with the Filipino American Association of Clark County and Vicinity

LOCATION: City Harvest Church, 8100 NW 9th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98665

COST: \$12 General Admission; \$25 VIP

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/503232>

CONTACTS: Vivian Tadeo (360) 574-6275; Cori Harms (360) 521-4198 or charms1013@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/events/488886537876632/>

December 21, 2013 - ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: Saturday, December 21

TIME: 6 PM - Midnight

SPONSORED BY: Filipino American Association of Portland

LOCATION: Fil-Am Center

COST: \$10

CONTACT: Bob Bayot @ bobbayot@peoplepc.com

December 22, 2013 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SANTA CLAUS

DATE: Sunday, December 22

TIME: 3:00 PM - 6 PM

SPONSORED BY: Filipino American Association of Portland

LOCATION: Fil-Am Center

COST: Free

CONTACT: Bob Bayot @ bobbayot@peoplepc.com
<http://www.filam-portland.com/>

DECEMBER 28, 2013 – REBUILD FUNDRAISER for the Visayas! Featuring REX NAVARRETE

DATE: Saturday, December 28th

TIME: 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Venue 126 on SW 2nd & Pine in Portland
Stay tuned for details and ticket information!

DECEMBER 31, 2013 – NEW YEAR'S EVE & COSTUME PARTY

DATE: Tuesday, December 31-January 1, 2014

TIME: 8:00 PM - 1 AM

SPONSORED BY: Filipino American Association of Portland

LOCATION: Fil-Am Center

COST: Free

CONTACT: Bob Bayot @ bobbayot@peoplepc.com

Prizes for the best costume! Arroz Caldo and Pancit will be served.

<http://www.filam-portland.com/>

Gifts and Graces Foundation—FAACCV Community Outreach

By Nilda Loriz

FAACCV responded to the call of "Gifts and Graces", an active NGO in the Philippines which helps community groups improve and market their products. The women are often from poor communities but are willing to work long hours to produce items that they then offer to corporations for their Christmas gifts or giveaways. They train the women in making bags out of "retasos" (fabric remnants), market them and connect the women's livelihood groups with donors, designers, and markets. This in turn, helps the less privileged women become economically productive.

Chair Vivian Tadeo was first contacted by Gifts and Graces' CEO Vicky Garchitorea, who saw the beautiful hand-made bags that Vivian makes to sell. Vivian soon sent a Balikbayan box of "retasos" to G and G. With Vivian's "retasos" and G and G's designers, the women were able to make beautiful bags (see picture below). and other products. FAACCV came on board and paid the shipping for the second box of "retasos" as part of their third quarterly outreach program. This outreach program was the first venture outside of the USA that FAACCV has undertaken. Vivian will also continue to send her "retasos" on a regular basis.

FAACCV supports Gifts and Graces because it believes in the power of social entrepreneurship as a means of overcoming poverty. It empowers women to earn an income by producing quality hand crafted items and become self-reliant members of society. By buying their products, you too can give a hand. You can also be a part of this on going project by contributing to the shipping cost of a Balikbayan box of "retasos". For more information on how you can contribute, please contact Vivian Tadeo, FAACCV, or go to www.filamclarkcounty.org.



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UP CONCERT CHORUS
The University of the Philippines
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**Saturday,
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2:00 pm**

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General Admission

City Harvest Church
8100 NW 9th Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98665

For Tickets Contact:
Vivian Tadeo 360-574-6275
evctadeo@msn.com



Simbang Gabi

Vancouver, Washington Area and
Southern Deanery, Archdiocese of Seattle

Schedule of Masses

Date	Time	Participating Parishes
Sat, Dec 14, 2013	11:00 am	St James Cathedral 804 9 th Ave, Seattle WA 98104 (206) 622-3559
Sun, Dec 15, 2013	-	Attend Mass at your own Parish
Mon, Dec 16, 2013	6:00 pm	St John the Evangelist Catholic Church 8701 NE 119 th ST, Vancouver, WA 98662 (360) 573-3325
Tue, Dec 17, 2013	6:00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 4723 NW Franklin St, Vancouver, WA 98683 (360) 695-1366
Wed, Dec 18, 2013	6:30 pm	St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church 200 W Jones St, Yacolt, WA 98675 (360) 687-4515
Thu, Dec 19, 2013	6:30 pm	St Mary of Guadalupe Catholic Church 1605 N 65 th Ave, Ridgefield, WA 98642 (360) 887-8194
Fri, Dec 20, 2013	7:00 pm	St Joseph Catholic Church 400 S Anderson Rd, Vancouver, WA 98661 (360) 696-4407
Sat, Dec 21, 2013	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart Catholic Church 1603 N Parkway Ave, Battle Ground, WA 98604 (360) 687-4515
Sun, Dec 22, 2013	11:30 am	Holy Redeemer Catholic Church 17010 NE 9 th St, Vancouver, WA 98684 (360) 885-7780
Sun, Dec 22, 2013	4:00 pm	St Rose de Viterbo Catholic Church 2571 Nichols Blvd, Longview, WA 98632 (360) 425-4660

"Ala eh" from the province of Batangas!

By Vivian Tadeo

Only a stone's throw away from Manila, everything you want to see and do in the Philippines is in this province. Thus, the catchy slogan of "Ala eh" (All here. So near). Batangas, home of the famous "Barako" coffee, "bulalo" and "magkayakap na suman" among other things.

Our home once again came to life last October 13th, when FAACCV hosted a welcome get-together for the visiting tourism officer of the Province of Batangas, Emelie Katigbak who also happened to be the sister of our very own FAACCV Director, Evelyn Katigbak. As usual, there was an abundance of food. Filipinos sure have a different meaning for "refreshments". If you do not have to use a spoon and a fork, it is not considered real food. So the planned refreshment-only potluck turned out to be dinner for about forty people who attended.

The afternoon started with introductions, followed by a video greeting from Governor Vilma Santos, who charmed the guests with her gregariousness. Emelie's narrative about Batangas followed and her portrayal of Batangas was like rediscovering this beautiful place and its offerings all over again. It convinced me to include this province by the sea in my itinerary on my next visit to the homeland. A short Q and A followed. Gracious Emelie ended her talk with an open invitation to her province of Batangas and if the timing is right, an audience with the governor no less.



Guest of Honor, Emelie Katigbak (third from left) with sister Evelyn Katigbak (far left), and their hosts, Eric & Vivian Tadeo



Money
- Sense -

by Cori Susi Harms

I tend to justify what I buy for myself as a treat for working hard. Money Sense tells me to take a second look at how I spend my hard-earned money. Take the amount the item costs and divide it into your hourly wage. If it's a \$150 pair of shoes and you make \$15 an hour, ask yourself, are those shoes really worth ten long hours of work? It helps keep things in perspective.

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
4606 NE 126th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98682
Email: agbayani@gmail.com

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FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION HAIYAN FUNDRAISING NIGHT at the Moda Center



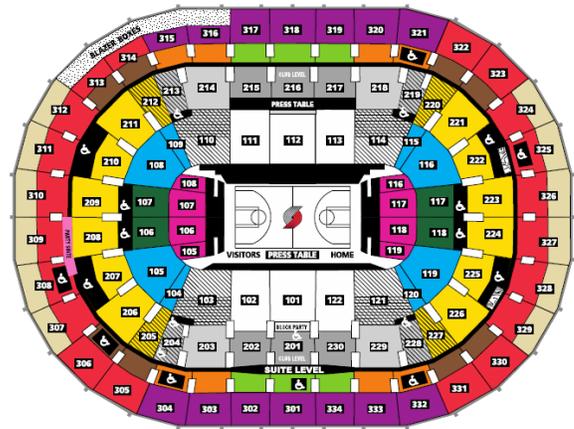
2013-2014 | PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS

The Portland Trail Blazers are teaming up with the Filipino American community while fundraising efforts are underway to help the survivors of Typhoon Haiyan. With each ticket purchased through this group promotion, you will be helping the people in the Philippines. Don't miss this unique opportunity to celebrate your Filipino American heritage with family and friends while helping the people devastated by Typhoon Haiyan when the Trail Blazers take on the Houston Rockets on December 12th.

Portland Trail Blazers vs. Houston Rockets

Thursday, December 12th @ 7:30PM

Forest	100-Level	# of Tickets	___ @ \$81	= \$	_____
Yellow	200-Level	# of Tickets	___ @ \$61	= \$	_____
Red	300-Level	# of Tickets	___ @ \$24	= \$	_____
		Processing Fee	+ \$5.00		
		Total	= \$		_____



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One Center Court, Suite 200
Portland, OR 97227

For more information contact:
Tracy Katigbak
503.963.3942
tracy.katigbak@trailblazers.com

Orders received more than 30 days prior to the game date will be mailed to the above address.
Orders are filled on a first-come first-served basis and are subject to availability. No refunds or exchanges.

FAACCV Board of Directors and Officers 2014

VIVIAN TADEO, Chairperson

Still keeping her cul-de-sac busy with constant company, the veteran Lola of almost 6 years to Mason Carlo Emmanuel Humphries, added a new grand son, Jack Richard Enrico Humphries, born last October. When not busy in front of her sewing machine creating tote bags, she tends to her garden sowing upo, kalabasa, sitaw, bataw, 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.



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. Cori believes in continuous education. She pursued other courses in City University of Vancouver and Portland State University and also attended a lot of business conferences

related to her field. She works for Meggitt OECO in Milwaukee as Assistant Controller. She is also a board member of On-Point Community Credit Union; past treasurer and board director of Aguman Capampangan, a Filipino American association in Portland which was co-founded by her late father, Ben Susi.

Cori is a busy mom of twin 18-year old teenagers: Kenneth and Jewel who both are seniors at Heritage High School. Favorite times for Cori includes: weekends at the coast, shopping, gardening, spending time with her 78-year old Mom Sol Susi and doing charity work.

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.

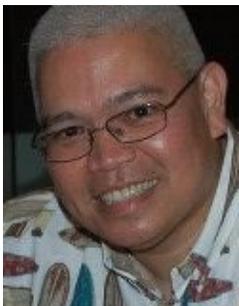
In her leisure time, Gretel enjoys spending time with her family, walking the beaches of Ocean Shores, WA, reading and traveling.



FRANCIS "KIKO" GUEVARA, Auditor

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.



NILDA LORIZ, Secretary

Nilda was born in Manila and graduated in FEU with a degree in Mass Communication. She lived and worked as an Exec. Secretary and Assistant Marketing Manager in Dubai, UAE for 14 years. She moved in the U.S. in 2002 and got married. She and husband Doug (a retired Air Traffic Controller) are blessed with a daughter, Anna (9), now in 4th Grade. They established DNA Family Games LLC last 2011 to invent and produce family-friendly board games. Their first-ever word game called "Bull's-eye", an idea that woke Nilda up in 2008 is now available in more than 72 specialty toy stores in the U.S., Amazon.com and recently in the Philippines (National Bookstore and Rustans). Their website is www.dnafamilygames.com.



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 boardmember and has held various offices with FAACCV and is looking forward to her 5th year with the association.

FAACCV Board of Directors and Officers 2014

EVELYN KATIGBAK, Asst. Secretary



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 Hit-makers 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.

RITA SCHALJO Newsletter Editor

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 Sophomore 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 :).



ZENNY WAY, Newsletter Co-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 five years, has served on the FAACCV Board of Directors. Zenny is looking forward to another exciting year serving as Newsletter Co-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, doing yoga, and playing golf.

CHUCK REIDY, Webmaster



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).

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.

LOURDES MASHINSKI, Public Relations Officer

Lourdes and her husband Andy moved to the Portland-Vancouver area in 2000, and has been involved with FAACCV since 2006. It has been 7 years and she's still at it and more! Lourdes has been employed with Nordstrom for the past 24 years, and actively volunteers at St. Joseph Catholic Church and School; sings with the Simbang Choir SW WA Deanery; CFAA Calendar Administrator for the Filipino community in both OR and SW WA.



In 2009, Lourdes was crowned Mrs. Philippines of Portland. Lourdes had her head shaved this past June, 2013 to raise funds and had doubled her goal for St. Baldrick's, a childhood cancer charity funding the most promising research to find cures for kids with cancer.

AMY FREEDLAND, Resource Developer



Amy is looking forward to a two-month trip to the Philippines with her husband, Gary, to spend Christmas & New Year with family & friends in Manila and Candon City, Ilocos Sur.

In 2014, she plans to enjoy her retirement and do some traveling to Hawaii, which is her second home and where her two sons and their families reside with their three grandchildren, Dillon DeMarcus, LeAndra Avrielle & Arie Kimiko Auli'i Freedland. Her goal next

year is to focus on helping and continuing to be involved in the Fil-Am Community, most especially FAACCV!

Her 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 start a once-a-week feeding program for children in a barangay elementary school in her hometown of Candon, Ilocos Sur.

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BOB OSILLA, Asst. Resource Developer

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 Barbra Investments and will soon open his own Filipino Bakery in Portland, to be called Santa Barbra 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 second 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.

BERNIE GERHARDT, CFAA Representative



Bernie Gerhardt has been active on the FAACCV Board for six years. Since Bernie "retired" from the State of Washington, she has been committed to public service in the community. 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.

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 named Audrey, and have recently been blessed with a new addition to their family, a son who they named Liam. Bernice is currently a Sr. Financial Analyst at Nike. In her spare time, she enjoys watching movies and relaxing with her family.

JON ORIBELLO, Director

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.



2014 will be Jon's first year with FAACCV and he's excited to be a part of the association and all that lies ahead.

LIELANIE VILLANUEVA, Director



Lielanie is happily married to Julius Agbayani and together they have two girls, 8-year-old Alexa and 7-year-old Adrienne. She is very active in her daughters' school and is the treasurer for the PTO. Lielanie graduated from Washington State University – Vancouver, with a Bachelor's degree in accounting. She and her husband, Julius run an accounting business.

Lielanie has been an active FAACCV boardmember 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 she enjoys scrapbooking, stamping, gardening, and crafts.

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 marketers in the US and foreign countries.



Happy Birthday!

- Lourdes Mashinski Dec. 14
- Mikey Way Dec. 18
- Gary Freedland Dec. 31



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Top Philippine Fashion Designers Opened Portland's 2013 FashionXt

by Gretel Ness

This year, Portland's version of Fashion Week was the much talked about Fashionxt (pronounced Fashion Next). It was an event that celebrated forward fashion, new technology, and a commitment to sustainability with four days of fashion shows held on Oct. 9-12, 2013 at the Vigor Shipyard on Swan Island, Portland, OR.

The US-Philippines Society opened Fashionxt on Oct. 9, 2013, which featured top Filipino fashion designers to mark observance of Filipino American History Month. Philippines on the Runway featured designers such as

Alan Del Rosario, Anthony Cruz Legarda, David Tupaz and Francis Libiran. Libiran designed the gown that Megan Young, Miss Philippines, wore at the Miss World 2013 competition where she won the top honor.

In recognition of the Philippines' continuing contribution to America's rich cultural heritage, the designers blended traditional and modern styles and fabrics including rare textiles made from pineapple fiber. Representatives from Fil-Am Clark County and Fil-Am Portland and Vicinity attended the event and also purchased some of the fashion forward creations.



A model wearing a creation by Philippine designer, Alan Del Rosario



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