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From the Upuan

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Greetings Everyone,

As the new FAAV Chair I'm very excited to have this great opportunity to reach out to our Barkadas and the Fil-Am community. By the time you read this article and the newsletter we will be in the midst of enjoying the annual Fil-Am picnic celebrating the Philippines' Independence.

It feels good to be able to say this after two years of isolating and being apart from one another. As liberating as it feels not having to wear masks any longer for some us, we should always be mindful that others may feel the need to continue wearing masks and this is totally fine as well.

Although we had to cancel several of our socio-cultural activities these past two years, FAAV continued to stay active with our outreach programs. We never skipped a beat and although I give equal credit to all our board of directors and Barkadas for the different ways we were able to provide pandemic support to our front-liners in our local community and to the Philippines, I would like to use this opportunity to give a special shout out to our former chair, Cori Harms. It was not an easy task having to navigate through the unknown and all the uncertainties of these last two years. I personally feel that Cori did an excellent job leading FAAV through the pandemic and I am proud of all the outreach activities that FAAV were able to accomplish during that period.

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(L-R clockwise): Vivian Tadeo, John Oribello, Francis Guevara, June Reyla, Bernie Gerhardt, Cori Harms, Zenny Way, Evelyn Manalo, Gretel Ness, Edel Verzosa, Rita Schaljo, Bob Osilla, Luis Ordon, Bernice Bevard, and Joan Roberts (not pictured: Amy Freedland, Chuck Reidy, and Hilda Connery)

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Fil-Am Vancouver
invites you to join and celebrate
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Annual Philippine Independence Day Picnic

June 12, 2022
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Beaches Cashback Day

Bernie Gerhardt

On April 28, 2022, the Filipino American Association of Vancouver (FAAV) and Beaches, a popular Vancouver restaurant partnered up in a fundraising effort to benefit FAAV, a not-for-profit organization. Beaches restaurant has continually supported non-profit organizations via their "Beaches Cashback" program with a goal of raising money for the various local groups. The program involves participants dining at Beaches on a designated day and by mentioning the organization they are supporting, half of their dining expense will be donated towards that particular organization. For example if your dining cost is \$50, then \$25 goes to the designated organization. This year, some of the Filipino Seafarers anchored at Port Vancouver along with FAAV Barkadas, friends, and families came to dine at Beaches in support of the fundraising program. FAAV with the restaurant's assistance raised a total of \$1,400, which greatly exceeded the organization's first year fundraising effort. The funds earned this year will be divided equally between FAAV's Scholarship and General funds.

Bernie Gerhardt, chair of the FAAV Scholarship committee spearheaded the event with Beaches restaurant and together with FAAV express their gratitude to all the directors, the Barkadas, their families, and friends who have supported the fundraising event. With the success of this year's event, FAAV would like to participate in the "Beaches Cashback" for a third year to reach their goal of sustaining the scholarship program for the long term.



FAAV Directors with friends and families dining at Beaches restaurant on Cashback Day.



Cashback Day at the Beach Supporting:



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THURSDAY, Apr 28th

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Asian and Pacific Islander Month (May)



May 21, 2022: FAAV Directors Zenny Way, Evelyn Manalo, and Barkadas, Felma Saunders and Amy Aguinaldo performed a hula dance with Pearla Boyd as the lead dancer at Macy's Vancouver Mall.



May 14, 2022: FAAV Directors Vivian Tadeo, Joan Roberts, and Rita Schaljo hosted a welcome table at Macy's Vancouver Mall to promote Asian and Pacific Islander month.



May 12, 2022: FAAV Director Zenny Way, along with her daughter Niki Way, members of Fil-Am Portland, Asian Reporter, and PACCO attended the Asian and Pacific Islander Leadership dinner sponsored by PACCO at the Oregon Convention Center.

From the Upuan

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As we start to ramp up our in-person activities with FAAV, I hope and ask for your continued patronage. Even though restrictions have eased, there is still that sense of uneasiness for some, as well as the ever-changing safety rules and guidelines that we need to adhere to and adapt. So please bear with us as we navigate through our new norm. As always, our goal in FAAV is to provide support to our Filipino community both here and in the Philippines through our community outreach programs. We are only able to accomplish all of these through your unending help so thank you.

Our end of year Christmas gathering is just right around the corner so I hope to see you all there.

Mabuhay, at maraming salamat po!

Luis M. Ordon
FAAV Chair



To engage in humanitarian, civic, educational, cultural and charitable activities that would preserve, promote, and share with the community the customs, values, and heritage of the Filipino culture.

10 things you don't know about me

Luis Ordon

1. I was born in Manila, Philippines, but I was raised in San Francisco, CA (I call the Bay Area home).
2. My favorite Filipino dishes are Pork Sisig and Bulalo.
3. I'm the 2nd of 7 children (3 girls and 4 boys).
4. I served in the US Army for 20 years (retired in 2007).
5. I suffer from gout and this causes me to walk with a cane from time to time.
6. I have 69 parachute jumps under my belt (fun fact... I hate heights).
7. I have two undergraduate degrees and two graduate degrees. That's because I took advantage of opportunities given to me and I kept changing career fields.
8. I am a true introvert by nature... so it is really a challenge for me to socialize on a regular basis.
9. I've coached several sports including hockey, baseball, soccer, basketball, and volleyball. I am currently coaching high school volleyball at my daughter's school.
10. I plan on retiring in the Philippines. I'd like to do it sooner rather than later. However, any place will do as long as it is with my wife.



Editor's note: Luis Ordon is FAAV's newly elected Chair and who has also previously served in various officer capacities with the organization over the years.

Back to the office

Bernice Bevard

I still remember the day - March 13, 2020 - when the world as we knew it came to a halt. It was Friday the 13th and like some sort of bad joke, we were told that it would be the last day of in person school and work for a month. At that point, I was hopeful and even confident that things would go back to normal in no time.

Well, that month became several months. In some cases, including mine, it turned into years. I got used to my "new normal" of working from home and being able to take the kids to and from school and to sports activities. There were times when I missed seeing my co-workers and being able to interact with other adults during the day, but I found that I was quite productive and actually got more done because I didn't have to waste 2-3 hours commuting.

I worked from home just shy of 2 years and 2 months. After 3 failed attempts by Nike to bring employees back over the last year due to new waves of Covid, our company finally opened the campus back up in May and invited employees to start coming back to the office. Like many others, I had my reservations about going back in person. I had got-



ten so used to my routine that it was hard to imagine how we could go back to the way things were pre-Covid. The idea just seems so odd to me after being away for so long. Despite that, I also felt some excitement in anticipation of our first day at the office. In many ways, the first day at work felt like the first day of school - sporting my new clothes and new backpack, making my way around campus, finding my new desk, meeting my old boss for the first time ever in person, meeting teammates and co-workers that I had only seen with via Zoom. There were lots of hugs, chatter, laughter, stories, introductions, invitations for coffee or lunch and even some goodie bags to welcome us back. All in all, I must admit that I actually enjoyed it. I loved the interactions, the energy and the conversations with dear old colleagues I had not seen in years even pre-pandemic.



It has been 4 weeks now and we are still in transition - both at home and at work - and are adjusting to new schedules and new expectations. But just as we did when the pandemic first started, we will continue to thrive and make things work. That's just what we do.

2022 Philippines Presidential election

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The **2022 Philippine presidential election** was held on Monday, May 9, 2022, as part of the 2022 general election. This was the 17th direct presidential election and 16th vice presidential election in the Philippines since 1935, and the sixth sexennial presidential and vice presidential election since 1992.

Incumbent president Rodrigo Duterte was ineligible for re-election because the president is limited to a single term under the 1987 Philippine Constitution. Incumbent vice president Leni Robredo was eligible for re-election but chose to run for the presidency instead. Therefore, this election determined the 17th president and the 15th vice president. The president and vice president are elected separately, so the two winning candidates can come from different political parties.

Bongbong Marcos and **Sara Duterte** won the presidency and vice presidency, respectively, becoming the first presidential and vice presidential candidates to be elected by a majority since 1986, and the first presidential ticket to win together since 2004. This is expected to also mark the return of the Marcos family to power for the first time since the People Power Revolution. The Congress of the Philippines will meet

in late May to canvass the results and formally proclaim the winners of the election.



Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos waving the Philippine flag during his last campaign rally before the election on May 7 in Paranaque, Philippines (top right).



Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, President-elect and Sara Duterte, Vice-President elect

Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr., born September 13, 1957 commonly referred to as Bongbong Marcos or BBM, is a Filipino politician who is the presumptive president-elect of the Philippines. He previously served as a senator from 2010 to 2016. He is the second child and only son of former Philippine President, Ferdinand Marcos, Sr. and former First Lady, Imelda Romualdez Marcos.

Sara Zimmerman Duterte-Carpio, born May 31, 1978, commonly known as Inday Sara, is a Filipina lawyer and politician who is the presumptive vice-president-elect of the Philippines, having won the 2022 election. She is currently serving as the Mayor of Davao City since 2016, and previously from 2010 to 2013. She was also Davao City's vice mayor from 2007 to 2010. She is the daughter of President Rodrigo Duterte.

Travel tips for the Philippines

Evelyn Manalo

After nearly two years, the Philippines has reopened travels to visitors who are fully vaccinated and has also eased some travel restrictions including removal of quarantine at accredited hotels upon arrival at the airport.

As of this writing, my husband Greg and I are fresh from a one-month vacation to the Philippines. Rules keep changing so please make sure that you check with your airlines first or some of the websites that I've listed below for some travel updates to the Philippines.

- Have an RT /PCR test done 48 hours prior to your flight, or a rapid (cont'd on p 6)



Greg and Evelyn Manalo in Batangas, Philippines



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FAAV members and their Barkadas attended the 12th Annual Oregon Consulate Corps "Celebrate Trade" Gala on May 19, 2022 at the Portland Art Museum .



FAAV members welcomed their new Barkadas Amy Aguinaldo and Dolly Horton at their May 2022 board meeting.



FAAV members and their Barkadas attended the Martin Niviera concert on Feb 18, 2022. at the Double Tree Hotel Portland.

Travel tips for the Philippines

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- antigen test 24 hours before your flight. A google search will yield the various vendors that offer these services. They are mostly covered by your health insurance and are normally located near PDX for your convenience.
- Ensure that you have your Covid-19 vaccination card, passport, and flight information ready when you go to your RT/PCR or RAT. Results will be emailed or texted to you. It is best to print and have a hard copy handy, and take a screenshot on your cell phone as well.
- Register with One Health Pass at <https://www.onehealthpass.com.ph>, choose e-HDC icon, at least within 24 hours before your flight. Once registered, they will provide you with a QR code that you need to show the airline upon check-in. Both print and screenshot are acceptable, together with your RT/PCR or RAT negative covid test results.

For the most recent travel updates to the Philippines, visit <https://travel.state.gov>, <https://www.philippineairlines.com> <https://dfa.gov.ph> , to name a few reliable sources of information.

In addition, if you are a foreigner or a non-Filipino citizen, the airline may require you to have Covid travel insurance. Again please check with your airline prior to your trip for this or other compliance. Also, if you are island-hopping and you're going to Boracay, Palawan or other destinations in the country, expect some delays as the port of entry may require you to register again and obtain a different QR code prior to boarding your vessel, the process is similar to the OneHealthPass registration.

Complicated... Yes but fear not, there will be staff standing by to assist travelers with questions and who are very willing to answer questions for Ate, Kuya, Sir, or Mam. Just enjoy and savor all that respect and courtesy that Filipinos always deliver.



Now that you've complied with all the travel requirements, are practicing safety (be mindful of locations with active volcanoes and extreme weather patterns), and social distancing while out and about on the countryside... you'll find that indeed you have more fun in the Philippines!

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It's a girl!



Baby Adriel Rich Angeles
Born May 6, 2022
5 lbs 9 oz
Big brother: Remiel Leano
Parents: Ronallen Leano
John Edrich Angeles



Jade Pizarro Osilla graduated with a Masters degree in Health Management at Oregon Health and Science University. She is currently the Associate Director for LifeLines, a mental health treatment facility.

Jade is the daughter of Charisse Pizarro and Bob Osilla, FAAV Board member and who also owns and operates St. Barbra Pinoy Bakery.



Tracy Katigbak and Nate Markham recently announced their engagement. Tracy is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a Triple Major BA and an Executive MBA. She is the daughter of Greg and Evelyn Manalo. Nate graduated from Ithaca College, NY with a BS in Sports Management. His parents are Dave and Christine Markham.

Tracy and Nate plan to wed this summer in Portland, OR.



Zoe Mashinski (R) Union High School Class of 2022 Zoe is headed to the Bay Area for the summer with her sister Angela to experience life in California.

Angela Mashinski (L) earned her Bachelor of Arts (English: Creative Writing) December, 2021 at the age of 19, from the University of Washington. On June 11th, Angela will be participating in the 147th UW Commencement Ceremony at the Husky Stadium along with almost 7,000 graduates.



Baby Isa
1 year old
05/29/22



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Samot-Sari ni Ka June (potpourri)

June Reyla

Alam ba ninyo na... (*Did you know that...*)

Ayon sa Kasaysayan, Si **Gat Jose Protacio Rizal** – ang ating pambansang bayani ay nagkaroon ng 9 (siyam) na pinintuhong kababaihan?

According to Philippine history, Gat Jose Rizal, our national hero, had 9 women in his life.



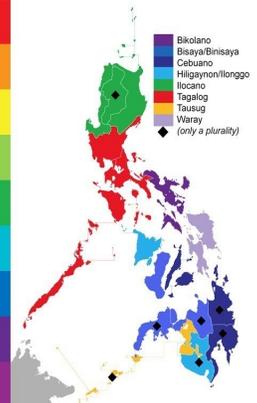
Ang **Philippine Tarsier** – ang pinaka maliit na unggoy sa buong mundo at ito'y matatagpuan sa Bohol, Samar, Leyte at Mindanao sa Pilipinas. Ang hayop na ito ay nakakalingon ng tila kwago, naiti ikot nya ang kanyang ulo palibot.



The Philippine Tarsier, the smallest primate in the world, can be found in Bohol, Samar, Leyte and Mindanao in the Philippines. This primate is like an owl, it can turn its head 180 degrees.

Ang Pilipinas ay may isang **daan walumpong (180) wika**. Subalit may walong (8) Pangunahing wika: **Tagalog, Ilocano, Pangasinan, Pampango, Bicol, Cebuano, Hiligaynon at Waray-Samarnon**

The Philippines has 180 languages. But there are 8 main languages, namely, Tagalog, Ilocano, Pangasinan, Pampango, Bicol, Cebuano, Hiligaynon and Waray-Samarnon.



Mga kasabihan (Proverbs)

“Ang hindi magmahal sa sariling wika ay higit sa hayop at malansang isda.” (*He who does not love his/her national language is worse than an animal and a smelly fish.*)



“May pakpak ang balita, may tenga ang lupa.” (*News has wings the earth has ears.*)

“Walang sisira sa bakal kundi ang sariling kalawang.” (*Nothing destroys an iron, but its own rust.*)



“Ang taong gipit sa patalim kumakapit.” (*A desperate person can cling to any knife.*)



Money
- Sense -

by Cori Susi Harms

High gas prices? Some ways to save money on Gas!

- ◆ *Keep your tires inflated*
- ◆ *Drive light. Ditch the junk in your trunk*
- ◆ *Embrace cruise control*
- ◆ *Slow down and enjoy the ride*
- ◆ *Don't stop short*
- ◆ *Accelerate slowly*
- ◆ *Keep your windows up*
- ◆ *Keep temperature control under control*
- ◆ *Remove racks that are not needed*
- ◆ *Seal the gas cap properly*
- ◆ *Use the right motor oil for your vehicle*
- ◆ *Plan and combine trips*
- ◆ *Get your gas on Mondays*
- ◆ *Drive less*

