



# Pinoy Bulletin

## FAAV Bi-annual Publication

### From the Upuan

Cori Harms

Editor: Zenny Way

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Dear Fil-Am community:

Mabuhay! Welcome to Fil-Am Vancouver's second and last newsletter for the year. I would like to take a moment to reflect during these holidays and thank the board of directors for allowing me to serve as their Board Chair for the past four years, half of which is during the pandemic. 2021 is almost over! This year, the pandemic is on its second year with many things not quite back to normal yet. The year continued to be challenging with our usual community outreach events being cancelled... however we still managed to make the year very productive. My sincere thanks to my team for their commitment and dedication.

Since the last issue of the Pinoy Bulletin here are the highlights of what we've accomplished these past six months:

July 12 - Sponsored shipping costs for donated clothes to the Lion of Juddah in Bulacan

Sep 8-11 - Coordinated Philippine Consulate Outreach

Oct 2 - FAAV Board retreat

Nov 22 - Sponsored a vaccination clinic for the Port of Vancouver Filipino Seafarers

Dec 18 - Oathtaking ceremony for the incoming officers for 2022

Dec 18 - Scholarship Awards

Ongoing - Typhoon Odette outreach, Cagayan de Oro, Halian Island, Leyte

Other Planned Activities- FAAV to host a dinner honoring the new Filipino priest in Vancouver

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### 2022 FAAV Board of Directors



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

### 2021 FAAV Officers/Directors

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Cori Harms

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season. Remember, Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Let us all be thankful for the blessings that we enjoy no matter how small. Consider sharing your blessings. With the present call for help in the Philippines related to the typhoon "Odette", please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Fil-Am Vancouver to support our continuing work for the community.

The easiest way to do donate is to write a check payable to Fil-Am Vancouver or by Venmo. If you would like to be one of our barkadas, please contact FAAV's welcome wagon committee chair Vivian Tadeo at [evcn@msn.com](mailto:evcn@msn.com) or any of our board members (see list page 1).

We also encourage you to visit our website at [www.filamvancouver.org](http://www.filamvancouver.org) for current updates.

A warm salute to my fellow hard-working board members as we wish the new FAAV board Chair, Luis Ordon, the best of luck in leading us into another chapter!

Maraming salamat po... at *Manigong Bagong Taon!*

**Cori Harms**

FAAV Board Chair 2018-2021



(L-R) FAAV Volunteers at the Consular Outreach: Vivian Tadeo, Hilda Connery, Evelyn Manalo, Honorary Consul, Enrico Tadeo, and Greg Manalo

## Consular Services Outreach

Zenny Way

Each year albeit with the exception of 2020, the Philippine Consular San Francisco conducts consular outreach missions to bring its various consular services to Filipino-Americans in various western cities without a consular office. This year the consular outreach was held on Sep. 8-11 at the St. Cecilia Center, Beaverton OR.

The local Honorary Consul, Attorney Enrico Tadeo, together with PACCO and FAAV volunteers have successfully managed and coordinated the traffic flow that ensued with the attendance of hundreds of Filipino-Americans needing consular services.

There were dozens of volunteers from PACCO and FAAV organizations to assist the consular staff and the public during the four days of the outreach. The services offered included issuance of Philippine passports, dual citizenship applications, civil registry ie, births, deaths, and marriages, Philippine voting registration, and notarial services. The appointments were scheduled online with a valid email address. On the first day of registration the demand for appointments quickly overwhelmed the website but the consular staff were able to accommodate some applicants who were unable to secure online appointments.

To safeguard against exposure during the pandemic, consular staff and volunteers were required to have proof of Covid vaccinations and were fully masked. As with local Filipino custom the elderly and infirmed were given priority in accessing the services needed.



Congratulations to PACCO VP, Lorelei Hosmillo on becoming a Filipino citizen!



Oath-taking ceremony for the new Filipino citizens

### ***Barkada Tayo!***

Be a Friend of FAAV (Nonprofit 501(c)3)

and apply for your Barkada card at:

[www.filamvancouver.org](http://www.filamvancouver.org)

email: [faaccv@hotmail.com](mailto:faaccv@hotmail.com)



## Philippines ravaged by Typhoon Rai

On Dec 16, 2021 Super Typhoon Rai, locally known as Odette made its first landfall in the Philippines bringing torrential rains, violent winds, floods, and storm surges to the Visayas and Mindanao Islands. Overnight, Typhoon Rai left thousands of families homeless, placing at risk some of the social and economic gains made since recovering from the fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic of the past two years.

The Typhoon has now claimed at least 375 lives and over 500 people injured and still others reported missing by local police. More deaths are expected to be confirmed as rescue operations continue. But aid workers face the difficult task of reaching some regions that are cut off due to debris-filled and waterlogged roads with telephone and internet connections still down. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has conducted an aerial inspection of the areas ravaged by the storm. Videos posted on social media by his aides show extensive damage to Siargao, Dinagat, and Mindanao islands.

An estimated 16 million people in 6 of the Philippines 17 regions are affected, leaving 2.4 million vulnerable people in need of assistance. Many of them require housing, food, potable water, and medicines. Additionally, the affected Filipinos need access to sanitation and hygiene facilities.

Source: BBC.com



## Fil-Am Vancouver outreach in the Philippines

**Misamis Oriental** On Dec 25, 2021, FAVV with the coordinated efforts of its Director Hilda Connery, donated \$500 towards relief efforts for the residents affected by Typhoon Odette in the township of Malanang Opol. The funds were used directly to distribute food items to the families in need and in time for the holiday season.

**Halian Island, Siargao** FAVV Barkada, Jolly Monzon originated from Halian Island and the island is one of many areas devastated by Typhoon Odette. FAVV rallied its directors and collectively, they were able to raise \$500 to help the residents of Halian Island.

**Ingan Leyte Project (ILP)** Executive Director, Marci Liquid Hope, spearheaded relief efforts for the townpeople of Ingan, Leyte who were affected by Typhoon Odette. With many residents made homeless from damaging winds and torrential rain there was a need for basic necessities such as food and potable drinking water. FAVV contributed to the relief efforts with a total amount of \$200.





## PLEASE HELP

FAAV is raising funds to help victims of Typhoon Odette (Rai) which swept through the southeastern islands of the Philippines last December 16, 2021. Thousands are in need of basic necessities such as food, water, and shelter.



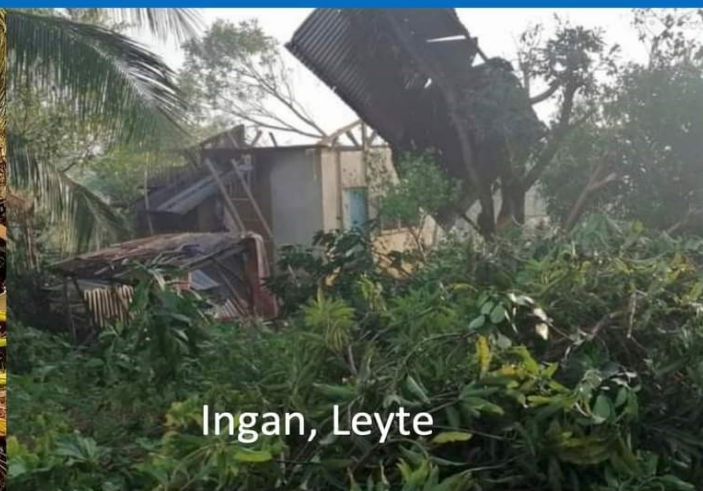
Malanang, Opol, Misamis Oriental



## FAAV Fundraising for Typhoon Odette (Rai) Relief



Halian Island, Siargao,  
Surigao del Norte



Ingan, Leyte

Lack of clean drinking water has exacerbated the humanitarian crisis on the devastated islands. Your donation, no matter how small, will help the people as they start to recover.

### Ways to donate:

*Benevity:* Filipino-American Association  
of Vancouver WA

*Or Send Check to:*

**Fil-Am Vancouver** c/o Chuck Reidy  
5003 NW 141<sup>st</sup> St, Vancouver, WA 98685



*For more ways to donate:*

Email: [faaccv@hotmail.com](mailto:faaccv@hotmail.com)  
or call: Cori Harms (360) 521-4198

2021 Typhoon Odette Response Team  
Filipino-American Association of Vancouver, WA  
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## Fil-Am Vancouver local outreach

Zenny Way

On Nov 22, 2021, the FAAV Board voted to adopt a Covid Vaccine Clinic for the Seafarers who were docked at Fort Vancouver.

The vaccine drive provided Covid shots and holiday gift packages to 25 Filipino Seafarers. The Seafarers remain stranded at sea and welcome treats, warm clothing, and other comforts that remind them of home.

The Pacific Coast Coalition for Seafarers organize a winter Holiday Drive annually. For information on how you can donate or volunteer your time send an email to [pccseafarers@gmail.com](mailto:pccseafarers@gmail.com).





### WINTER HOLIDAY DRIVE FOR SEAFARERS

This winter season, the Pacific Coast Coalition for Seafarers is continuing our COVID vaccine clinics & delivering holiday gift packages to seafarers who remain stranded at sea. We're looking for donations in the following items or monetary donations to acquire these necessities.

**For more information on how to donate or volunteer,**  
Contact us at: [pccseafarers@gmail.com](mailto:pccseafarers@gmail.com)



**TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO, SOAPS**



**SNACKS, CANDY, TREATS**



**WARM CLOTHING: JACKETS, HATS, GLOVES**



**FOR \$10 DONATION, ADOPT A SEAFARER, FOR \$250, ADOPT A SHIP, FOR \$500 ADOPT A COVID VACCINE CLINIC**

DONATIONS BY CHECK CAN BE MAILED TO:  
PACIFIC COAST COALITION FOR SEAFARERS  
PO BOX 83808 PORTLAND, OR 97283

FOR PAYPAL DONATIONS: [TINYURL.COM/SEAFARERS-CARE](https://tinyurl.com/seafarers-care)

## Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz

**WHAT:** 25th Anniversary Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 5 pm

**WHERE:** St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Beaverton, OR

San Lorenzo Ruiz is the first Filipino saint venerated in the Roman Catholic church. He is the patron saint of, among others, the Filipino people. Every year the Feast for San Lorenzo is held at a select parish, an event that brings representatives from each of the various Filipino-American organizations in Oregon and SW Washington to worship and celebrate the patron saint together.



FAAV Director, Rita Schaljo singing with the church choir



FAAV Director, Vivian Tadeo representing Fil-Am Vancouver

Archbishop Alexander K. Sample with his congregants



## Fil-Am Vancouver Scholarship Awards

Bernie Gerhardt

The Filipino-American Association of Vancouver (FAAV) annually selects two outstanding students to be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each. This year the FAAV Scholarship grants go to **Jacob Gianan** and **Rachel Zeta**.

FAAV would like to acknowledge and give special thanks to the following Donors for their continued support and donations to the FAAV Scholarship Fund for 2021: OnPoint Credit Union \$1,350; Lam Research \$5,000; and Microsoft \$800.



**Jacob Gianan** was a recent graduate of Camas High School ranking at the Top 5% of his class of 2021. He also garnered the Washington State Honors Award being in the Top 10% of graduating high school students in the state.

On the national level, Jacob participated in the National Merit Program for which he was awarded the National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, being in the top 50,000 of over 1.5 M students who entered the Program. Jacob is pursuing a Bachelor of Engineering at the University of Washington College of Engineering.

### Apply for a Fil-Am Vancouver Scholarship Award!

Open to students pursuing a vocational, certificate, technical, associate, or bachelor's degree program.

Details and application online at:  
[www.FilAmVancouver.org/scholarship](http://www.FilAmVancouver.org/scholarship)

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**Rachel Zeta** recently graduated from Mountain View High School with multiple honors: Washington State Honors Award 2021, AP Capstone Award 2021 and AP Scholar with Distinction 2021.

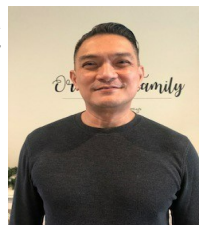
The Scholarship Review Committee was impressed with Rachel's personal statement on her application. Rachel wrote a narrative that illustrated Rachel's tenacity in overcoming barriers to follow her dream of being accepted into the Advertising Program at University of San Francisco. Rachel related "I knew it would be a lot simpler and cheaper to stay in-state, but I didn't want to be practical like my mom, I wanted to be passionate like my dad. I am (very) ready to go out of my comfort zone to pursue my dreams."

## 2022 FAAV Officers and Directors

**Luis M. Ordon**  
Chair

Luis has previously served as a Board Director and in various officer capacities over the years with FAAV.

He also works as a senior Program and Management Analyst for the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Transmission Engineering organization. Luis is married to Melissa Ordon and they have three children (ages 30, 28, 13). He and his family have lived in Vancouver, WA since 2007. Luis has an MBA from Willamette University, OR, and an MPA from Troy University, AL.



**Rita Gaerlan Schaljo**

Asst Chair

Rita has been a long-standing member of FAAV and has served in various capacities in her many years with the organization. She is looking forward to serving her second term as Asst Chair in 2022.



Rita grew up in Ilocos Sur and obtained her Psychology degree from the University of the Philippines, Diliman Campus, and her teaching degree from San Diego State University. She currently assists special needs children in learning important life skills. She shares her love of music by singing at church and singing with local bands such as the Holy Moly Band, Kuwerdas, One District Under Groove, and the Cool Horns of Soul.

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## Introducing Fr. Leo Pestano at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Cori Harms



Our Lady of Lourdes Church (OLL) is on an exciting transition in the middle of a pandemic. The church underwent a change in spiritual leadership with the installation of Father Leonardo Pestaño as the new parish administrator. It came as a perfect timing for the Filipino community in the area for they were able to incorporate the 9-day Simbang Gabi novena in their Christmas celebration. I am honored to introduce him to you through this article.

Father Leo, as he is fondly called, has a long background in ministry and service. I was fortunate to attend the Simbang Gabi and came to love Father Leo's preaching style. He writes his homily and preaches "to the heart and not the head", with a touch of humor. From his own words, read his background below.

*"I was born on October 25, 1967 in Tigbauan, Iloilo, Philippines, and am the youngest of six children. My father, Leopoldo Pestaño Sr (1932-2020), was a licensed marine engineer; and my mother, Gerarda Trompeta Pestaño (1932-2012), was a high school teacher and business woman. I have one brother Leopoldo Jr (1960-2019) and four sisters (Lorna, Helen, Susan and Mary Ann (1965-2021). My parents reared us to the right Christian values, teaching us through their example.*

*At the age of 12, I graduated from Tigbauan Central Elementary school and decided to enter St. Vincent Ferrer Minor Seminary to begin my high school formation. During this time, I also resumed studying piano at Colegio Sagrado Corazon De Jesus Conservatory of Music. After graduation, I began four years of study at St. Vincent Ferrer Major Seminary earning a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Philosophy.*

*I studied theology for five years at St. Joseph Regional Seminary. To broaden my experience, I also explored many areas of interest including Archdiocesan Pontifical Server and Liturgical Services; Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook; environment and natural resources protection advocacy; and Catholic evangelization training.*

*I was ordained a transitional deacon November 21, 1993; and ordained a priest April 13, 1994 for the Archdiocese of Jaro in Iloilo, Philippines. Once ordained, I began serving as pastor or associate pastor in various parishes in the province of Iloilo. I also traveled to many outlying areas to celebrate Mass each week - usually going by pump boat to other islands or on very long bumpy rides up into the hills.*

*In 2005, I relocated to Seattle, WA and have been assigned at St. Edward, St. Paul, and St. George in Seattle; St. Vincent de Paul and St. Theresa in Federal Way; the Tacoma cluster of St. Ann, Visitation, St. John of the Woods, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, St. Joseph, and Sacred Heart; and most recently St. Joseph in Sequim and Queen of Angels in Port Angeles.*

*I enjoy being in the beautiful outdoors, carpentry work, and playing piano. My love for the outdoors started at an early age when my mom would bring me to visit our family's farms where rice and produce of all kinds were grown. As I got older, I got involved in the supervision of the farm and learned all I could about each step of the process from preparing the soil to going to market. My dad's mechanical skills inspired me to be a handyman and influence my problem-solving skills and for a perseverance to never give up until things get done.*

*I'm heartily looking forward to begin my assignment at Our Lady of Lourdes and meeting this parish family as we grow in faith together."*

Fr. Leonardo Pestaño

## Portland's Best New Chef of 2021



A Portland chef is getting some big recognition after getting named one of Food & Wine's Best New Chefs of 2021.

Carlo Lamagna is one of 11 chefs at 10 restaurants who have been awarded the honor. Lamagna has been a chef for about 22

years and owns Magna Kusina in SE Portland.

The chef who was born in the Philippines, spent parts of his youth there and in Detroit, and has cooked at higher end restaurants in Chicago (Perennial Virant) and Portland (Clyde Common). He opened his own restaurant, with its modern take on Filipino food in August, 2019.

"Magna Kusina is what I'd like to call a modern Filipino restaurant," said Lamagna. He also incorporates in his menu the cuisine of his childhood, with techniques he's picked up over the years with a flair for farm-to-table offerings.

For Lamagna, his restaurant is more than a place to champion Filipino cooking. It's also a way to honor his late father. "I'm proud of you. I am not worried about you. Just promise me you won't forget who you are and where you come from." It's a promise Lamagna knew he could keep through food. "From the point that he passed away to now, the goal was to open a Filipino restaurant and show the world our family's cultures," says Lamagna.

Long term, Lamagna dreams that Magna Kusina will one day become a pillar in the Filipino community. "I want it to be more than just a restaurant, a place where people feel safe and comfortable, and where they can come together and share stories."

Source: kgw.com

Magna Kusina menu item: Tuhog—skewers of meat and seafood



## 2022 FAAV Officers and Directors

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**Joan Roberts**

Secretary

Joan joined FAAV to attain her long time goal of being of service to the community and to stay connected with her Filipino heritage. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Philippine Normal College with a Major in Psychology. She now lives with her husband Brad in Clark County. Joan is also a proud mother whose only son Joseph has a career

with the US Air Force.

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

**Chuck Reidy**

Treasurer

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 Cami; and 3 grandkids.

Chuck graduated from Saint Martin's University, Lacey, WA with a BA in Management Information Systems. He served in the US Air Force for 20 years; became a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer; and now works for Microsoft as a Customer Success Account Manager for various US government customers. Chuck previously served as Chair for FAAV and is entering his fourth year as Treasurer.



**Bernice Bevard**

Auditor

Bernice was born and raised in Manila and graduated with a degree in Business Management from the Ateneo de Manila University. In 2002, she moved to the US to pursue her MBA from Gonzaga University. While living in Spokane, WA, she met her now husband, Nick, who was doing his externship at Deaconess Medical Center. Bernice moved to the Portland-Vancouver area in 2007 when she and her husband Nick tied the knot.

The Bevards have been blessed with 2 energetic & fun-loving kids, Audrey and Liam. Bernice currently works as a Finance Manager at Nike. In her spare time, she enjoys travelling, watching movies and relaxing with her family.

**June Reyla**

Newsletter Editor I

June is a retired ESL professor of Los Angeles Valley College and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) in Los Angeles, California. She moved to Vancouver, WA in 2016.

June has traveled to and lived in various parts of the world to teach English as a Second Language. She also conducted various seminars and workshops for teachers on Methods of Teaching, here in the US and overseas. June has published a book on ESL teaching methods and a Tagalog-English Dictionary. At present, she does interpreting, translating work, and offers free Tagalog lessons to the Fil-Am community or to interested students.



**Gretel Ness**

Asst Secretary

Gretel is a long time member and supporter of the Fil-Am community and is looking forward to serving as Asst Secretary for 2022.

When not volunteering her time with FAAV, she serves as 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.

**Francis "Kiko" Guevara**

Asst Treasurer

Francis was born in Manila and raised in Quezon City and Marikina along with his two brothers and two sisters. He migrated to Guam in 1980, where he met his wife Susan. They moved to Vancouver, WA in 1998. Francis has previously served FAAV as a board member since 2000 but after a couple of years absence recently became active again.

Francis is also involved in various church ministries at Holy Redeemer and who likes choice music, faith formations, and Simbang Gabi. Francis enjoys spending time with family and friends, fishing, biking, walking, singing, and dancing.



**Cori Harms**

Asst Auditor

A native of Pampanga, Cori is from the big Susi family. She migrated to Portland in July 1990, presently residing in Battle Ground. Married to Robert Harms since 1992, mother to Kenneth & Jewel (26-year old twins).

Cori is an Accounting professional; was a board member for OnPoint Community Credit Union for 9 years; worked for Meggitt Corporation as its Financial Controller until her pandemic voluntary termination in August 2020. With her early retirement, she frequents the beach house in Long Beach peninsula.

Cori has served FAAV since 2012 in different capacities; most recently as the Board Chair for the past four years. She is now stepping back as its leader and wishes the new leadership well.

**Zenny Way**

Newsletter Editor II

Zenny was born and raised in Manila, Philippines and has also lived in Southern California since her teen years. She presently lives in Vancouver where she has been involved in various local community outreach programs and for the past eleven years, has served on the FAAV Board of Directors.

Zenny is also a real estate broker professional specializing in the sale of residential and investment properties. She and her husband Guy are blessed with two guapo sons, Alex and Patrick, one lovely daughter, Nicole; and two adorable grandsons, Alex and Mike.





## 2022 FAAV Officers and Directors

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**Evelyn Manalo**

Community Relations Officer I

Evelyn is actively involved with the Filipino-American Association of Vancouver, WA and has served the association in various capacities through the years. She has held the position of Chairman, PRO, and Director. Evelyn is active in fundraising efforts such as bringing Filipino artists for concerts, soliciting the Blazers autographed basketball every year for the association's Pasko Na Naman, among others.

Evelyn graduated from college with a degree in Mass Communications and was a former TV news anchor with PTV Channel 4, the government TV station in the Philippines, during the Cory Aquino administration. Evelyn is married to Greg Manalo and has two children, Trixie and Nico. Evelyn & Greg own and operate adult care homes in Portland.

**Bernie Gerhardt**

Community Resource Developer I

Bernie was born in Santa Lucia, Ilocus Sur, Philippines. Bernie is looking forward to her 13<sup>th</sup> year on the FAAV Board. Although, Bernie has retired from 34 years in the social work arena, she enjoys spending her time volunteering in the community: St. John's Catholic Church, Ft. Vancouver Regional Library, American Field Services (international high school exchange) and Directors of Volunteers of Public Association.



**Hilda Connery**

Welcome Wagon Committee

Hilda is from Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. She holds a Liberal Arts Degree from the Philippines, majors in Economics, Culinary Arts, and Cosmetology. Hilda recently attained her license in hair styling and coloring from Elite School of Beauty in Vancouver. She also holds a Massage Therapy License.

Hilda immigrated to the US soon after she married Bob Connery in 2014. She has since become a widow whose sole focus is her only daughter, Bhianca who is in college.

**Edel Verzosa**

Director

Edel has been an ardent supporter and active member of FAAV since 1995 and is looking forward to another year serving the Fil-Am community.

She has two beautiful daughters, Nicole and Christianne. Edel works at a local hospital and is also involved at her church's music ministry and other community choirs. She loves to dance Zumba and traveling to exotic locales



**Nori Wu**

Director 2019-2021

2022 brings an end to Nori's volunteer term as FAAV Director.

*Our sincere thanks to you Nori for your great work with the organization and our very best wishes in your future endeavors.*

FAAV Board



**Bob Osilla**

Community Relations Officer II

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. Currently he's the Operations Manager for Santa Barbra Investments and also owns and operates Sta. Barbra Bakery.

Bob has been married to Charisse for the past 30 years and together they have one daughter, Jade. In his spare time, Bob enjoys camping hiking, and traveling to exotic places.

**Amy Freedland**

Community Resource Developer II

Amy is looking forward to her 11 years with FAAV having served in several capacities over the years. She has been active in raising funds from local and overseas resources to support several Fil-Am Organizations like Fil-Am Association of Vancouver, Washington and Fil-Am Hawaii.



In 2022 Amy will retire from her business, Freedland's Travel after 42 years. Married to Gary for almost 44 years they will enjoy their retirement by traveling to Hawaii, Philippines, Japan, Australia, New Zealand & Europe. Amy is looking forward to a productive year with FAAV.



**Vivian Tadeo**

Welcome Wagon Committee

As CEO of the Tadeo household, Vivian keeps her family and friends well fed and her adorable grandsons, Mason, Jack, and Max well loved and cuddled. If she is not behind the sewing machine, she is found talking to her flowers and tending to her "Pinakbet" Garden.

Though her knees are not as cooperative these days, Vivian also loves to "swing and salsa". A lifetime "Fil-Amer", she likes to remain close and spend time with her kababayans just as if she has never left her homeland.

**John Oribello**

Photo Historian

John Oribello is originally from La Union, Philippines and the eldest of 6. He moved to the US in 2009 and is married to Myrna.

John is a Computer Engineering graduate, an experienced photographer, and an audio/visual engineer.

John loves the outdoors - fishing, clamming, mushroom foraging, and also enjoys traveling.



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.

