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From the Upuan

Cori Harms

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Dear Fil-Am community:

Mabuhay! Welcome to Fil-Am Vancouver's newsletter for the first half of the year. It's been more than a year since our lives have changed because of Covid-19. Living through a pandemic has shifted many things, from where we work, what we eat, and what we wear. Zoom meetings, sweat pants, kitchen being a few steps away, has been the new norm. The many roles we've had to take on in the past 18 months or so — teacher, childcare provider, short-order cook — have changed us.

Most of us continue to work remotely. Some lost jobs. We know that continuing to live under the constraints of this pandemic is challenging. There are plans to transitioning to go back to the work place. By adhering to county regulations, we are all prioritizing the health and safety of our community as well as that of people across the world. With vaccination rates climbing toward targets that will allow us to return to normal, some people may be experiencing anxiety. This could be a new or different experience for many.

All Americans have been affected by these major events. A consequential election. Rising cost of living. Gas prices are no exception. Traveling this summer may present a few extra hurdles to clear before you leave. Depending on your destination, you may be required to get a COVID-19 test, provide proof of your COVID-19 vaccination, or in some cases quarantine. These challenges have only strengthened our resolve to lead and to help others do the same. FAAV has been hard at work, adapting all of our meetings to a virtual platform, coordinating our donations and community outreach, locally and even to our native land. But we need to do more!

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Meet the 2021 FAAV Board of Directors



2021 FAAV Officers and Directors at the virtual oath-taking ceremony with Inductor Eric Tadeo. (L-R): Cori Harms, Rita Schalo, Joan Robers, Francis Guevara, Edel Verzosa, Chuck Reidy, Gretel Ness, Eric Tadeo, Vivian Tadeo, Evelyn Manalo, Bernie Gerhardt, Bernice Bevard, Zenny Way, Bob Osilla, Amy Freedland, Hilda Connery Luis Ordon, Norie Wu, Jon Oribello, and June Reyla

2021 FAAV Officers/Directors

- Cori Harms, Chair
- Rita Schaljo, Vice-Chair/Webmaster
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- Gretel Ness, Asst Treasurer
- Joan Roberts, Secretary
- Francis Guevara, Asst Secretary
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- Vivian Tadeo, Welcome Wagon/Archivist
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- Jon Oribello, Photographer & DJ
- Amy Freedland, Community Resource
- Bernice Bevard, Director
- Bernie Gerhardt, Director
- Bob Osilla, Director
- Hilda Connery, Director
- June Reyla, Director
- Luis Ordon, Director
- Norie Wu, Director

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Cori Harms

For Fil-Am Vancouver, our usual community outreach events were cancelled. Philippine Consulate outreach; Independence Day Picnic; and most recently the annual Christmas event "Pasko na Naman".

We held our first "in person" meeting on June 18. What a feeling! That was a good start! The Board has plans for a retreat before the end of the year to refocus and plan for the coming year.

My sincere thanks to my team for the commitment and dedication in pursuit of FAAV's mission. Here are the highlights of what we've accomplished these past 12 months:

- Awarded 3 Scholarship Awards in December
- Local donations: PPE's for Care Homes in Clark County; Winter Hospitality Overflow; and Open House Ministries; and Seafarers who were docked at Port of Vancouver
- Reached out to senior members of the Fil-Am community
- Oathtaking of the Board, Jan. 2021
- Covid-related outreach to our homeland included donations to FMM (Feed Metro Manila); Sagip Hospital, Manila; Lion of Judah in Bulacan
- Other Activities:
 - * Tagalog and English Classes taught by FAAV director June Reyla
 - * Farm to Families, food and groceries distribution: partnered with COFALA (Coalition of Filipino Assn, Seattle)

* Welcome Wagon committee hosted dinners to newly arrived Filipinos in the area.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter as much as I did! Please consider making a donation to Fil-Am Vancouver to continue supporting the great work that our board and volunteers do for the community. The easiest way to do so is to write a check payable to Fil-Am Vancouver. If you would like to be one of our barkadas, please contact FAAV's welcome wagon committee chair Vivian Tadeo at evcn@msn.com or any of our board members. We encourage you to visit our website at www.filamvancouver.org as it is constantly being updated with stories and calendar events.

On behalf of the officers and board members of the Filipino-American Association of Vancouver WA, we want to thank you for your continued support through the pandemic. We are optimistic that the economy will rebound as vaccination increase. We celebrate our positivity, initiative and continued commitment in these unsettling times. Although we do not meet you face to face, we are available for support.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Together we will get through this! Please continue to be safe and take care of each other.

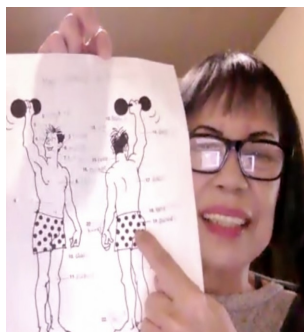
Maraming Salamat po!

Cori Harms, FAAV Board Chair

Free online Tagalog classes!

Conversational Tagalog Class is an hour online class held 2x a week, Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8-9PM PST, via Zoom, where participants gain common Tagalog vocabulary and practice speaking the language. This is a 1st level class, meant for students who have very limited or zero knowledge of Tagalog.

The class is taught by June Reyla. Mrs. Reyla has a PhD in English Language and Literature and was an ESL Professor at LA Valley College for over 13 years. She also previously taught at the College of the Canyons and LAUSD Adult School, and authored an English-Filipino Dictionary in 2005. She has been teaching Conversational Tagalog to students both in the US and abroad for over a decade. For more information about the classes or to sign up, please email June Reyla at norievince@gmail.com.



Libreng Pag aaral ng Pambansang Wika, Tagalog (Filipino)

Inilunsad kamakailan ng FAAV ang "Conversational Tagalog(Talastasang Tagalog)" at "Tagalog For Kids (Tagalog para sa mga bata)", sa layuning isulong ang paggamit ng ating sariling wika, Filipino (Tagalog).

Ang wikang Tagalog o Filipino ay ang pambansang wikang ginagamit ng mga Filipino.

Lingid sa kaalaman ng iba, Ang Pilipinas ay may isang daan pitumpung (170) wika. Subali't ang Tagalog / Filipino ay ginagamit na pambansang wika ng buong sambayanan.

Matatandaang ang ating bayaning si Jose Rizal ay naglahad ng kasabihang "Ang hindi magmahal sa sariling wika ay higit sa hayop at malansang isda." Kaya't dahil dito nais ng samahang FAAV na pagyamanin ang wikang Tagalog (Filipino) sa pamamagitan ng pag aaral ng libreng pag aaral ng wika ng Inang Bayan sa "Zoom" (online)

Ang pag aaral ng wikang Tagalog ay bukás sa sinomang nagnanais matutunan ang wikang ito. Mangyari lamang na makipag – ugnayan kay Tita June sa norievince@gmail.com o sa sino mang kasapi ng FAAV, na may liham elektroniko (email) : faaccv@hotmail.com. Maari din namang sundan kami sa facebook sa pangalang FAAV o dili kaya'y mag iwan ng kalatas sa messenger.

Maraming salamat po.

June Reyla

Fil-Am Vancouver Covid-19 related outreach in the Philippines

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Dear FAAV through Vivian Tadeo,

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are sending this letter to you with our heartfelt gratitude for your love and support to our ministry.

We thank you for the gift (\$400 converted to P19,334) you sent through PNB to our China Bank account.

Your gift has allowed us to start our Community Pantry where members of our immediate community was able to receive and share basic food needs at this time where they have limited or no access to food sources.

Please let us know how we can pray for & with you. It is our prayer that through your generosity to Sagip, the LORD will supply all your needs.

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. (Proverbs 11:25)

In Christ,



Sagip Community



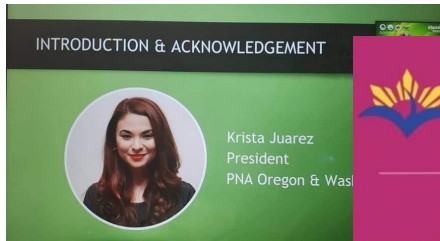
Lion of Judah Ministries FAAV Director, June Reyla in partnership with Lion of Judah, traveled to the City of Malolos, Bulacan in the beginning of 2020 to bring goodwill, cheer, and bags of treats to the children of Malolos. FAAV donated \$500 to this worthy organization to help with their mission.



FFM On April 23, 2021, FAAV donated \$800 to the Feeding Metro Manila (FMM), a non-profit organization, with focus on hunger relief charity and zero waste advocacy in the Philippines. The funds were used to feed families near Laguna de Bay. Find out more about FMM at www.feedingmetromanila.com.



Fil-Am Vancouver local outreach

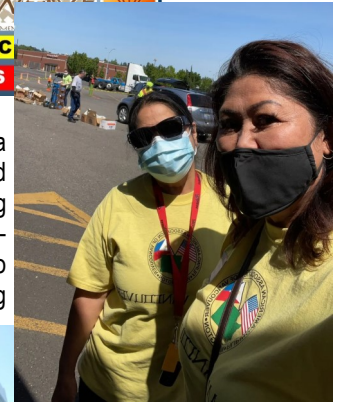


The 20th PNA Western Regional Conference hosted by the Philippine Nurses Association of OR & WA (PNAOW) was held on 4/30–5/2/21.

The event was held virtually and in person at Heritage House, Portland, OR. PNAOW President Krista Batacan presided at the conference. FFAV directors Cori Harms and Vivian Tadeo were on hand to assist at the event.



This team of FFAV Directors, Rita Schaljo, Cori Harms, Edel Verzosa, and Zenny Way volunteered on 5/15/21 along with other local community groups to distribute groceries and personal supplies to the public. The event was held at Living Hope Church, Vancouver.



Filipino Bayanihan Center Launch

WHAT: Bayanihan Center Launch Celebration

WHEN: Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 11:00am

WHERE: 1537 SE Morrison St. Portland, OR

The Filipino Bayanihan Center is a result of continued community collaboration and will serve as a hub for services and resources, research and advocacy, and leadership development. The center aims to connect community members to essential resources, while building capacity to engage with the issues we face as a Filipino community towards positive change. The center aims to create a space where Filipinos can find a home amongst one another and create opportunities to connect with, and to advocate for our motherland and fellow kababayans.

The center's programs and projects are in continuous development to reflect and respond to the fast-changing needs of the Filipino community, and will include: accessible and free space for events and activities for the Filipino community, free community pantry with essential food offerings, health clinics and workshops, culturally-relevant educational discussions, Filipino arts and literature lending library, and many more. For more info please email kamusta@bayanihan.oregon.org



Congratulations GRADUATES



Sydney Ryley Ness graduated from Central Catholic High School this past June. She will be attending Washington State University in Pullman, Washington in the fall.

Sydney hopes to follow in her mom's footsteps and go to law school after college.

Sydney is the daughter of FAAV Director Gretel Ness and Brian Ness.



Maria Schaljo recently graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Digital Technology and Culture

Washington State University, Vancouver Spring 2021

Maria was a recipient of an FAAV Scholarship Award and is the daughter of FAAV Director Rita Schaljo and Steve Schaljo.

Jacob Gianan (L) is a graduate of Camas High School Class of 2021. He will be pursuing a Mechanical Engineering degree at University of Washington.

Hannah Gianan (R) graduated from Seattle University with a BS degree in Biology. She will be continuing her education with an Occupational Therapy Doctorate degree at University of North Dakota.

Jacob and Hannah are the son and daughter of Hubert Gianan and Theresa Mallari.



Margaret Gutierrez is a Union High School Graduate Class of 2021

Margaret is the daughter of Bim and Ariel Gutierrez and niece of Edel Verzosa.



Michael Way is a recent graduate of the US Marine Corps Echo Company Recruit Training, San Diego, CA May 20, 2021

He is currently undergoing advanced military training in Fort Lee, VA.

Michael is the son of Alexander Way and grandson of FAAV Director, Zenny Way and Guy Way.



Congratulations to Audrey Bevard (9) on her First Communion at St. Joseph Catholic Church on 5/2/21.

Audrey is the daughter of FAAV Director Bernice Bevard and Nick Bevard.

Former President Noynoy Aquino leaves behind a nation in mourning



Former Philippine President, Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III was laid to rest on Saturday, June 26, 2021, next to his parents, democracy icons Ninoy and Cory Aquino. The former president died on Thursday, June 24, at the age of 61.

President Duterte declared 10 days of national mourning and called Aquino's death "an opportunity to unite in prayer and set aside our differences". Noynoy's cremated remains were now laid next to his parents at the Manila Memorial Park in Sucat, Paranaque.

The Philippines 15th president served from 2010 to 2016 following the death of his mother, former President Corazon Aquino. Although he arrived in office on the coattails of his parents, Aquino went on to create a significant legacy in his own right. His sound economic management and image of incorruptibility inspired confidence from investors long spooked by crooked politics, coup attempts, and corruption scandals. On Aquino's watch, gross

domestic product mushroomed to an average 6% annually, the largest in 40 years. Annual foreign direct investment rose to \$8.3 billion in 2016 from just \$2 billion before he entered office. The country's credit ratings all went up.

Source: www.asia.nikkei.com

Former Philippines President Benigno S. Aquino III welcomed by His Holiness Pope Francis at the Sala Del Trono of the Apostolic Palace on December 4, 2015.



Congressional Gold Medal (CGM)



On November 30, 2016, U.S. Congress passed legislation granting the Congressional Gold Medal award to deserving individuals or groups, including Filipino and American Veterans of World War II, signed into law by President Obama

on December 14, 2016. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award bestowed by the U.S. Congress to an individual or group.

An organization, the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project (FilVetREP), a non-profit, non-partisan volunteer group, has been designated by the U.S. Mint as the official liaison for the design process for the Filipino Veterans of WWII Congressional Gold Medal. In consultation with FilVetREP, the designs (left) have been approved by the US Mint and by the US Secretary of Treasury.

On May 22, 2021, three Congressional Gold Medals were awarded in a ceremony in at Peninsula Park in Portland: Paul L. Ramirez, Frank U. Carino and Apolonio M. Sebastian (all deceased). Families and friends of the awardees attended the ceremony that included honor guard service by the USV-JSC Region 10, 101st Division, greetings from the office of Senator Jeff Merkley and from the Philippines Consulate General. Filipino retired US Army Brigadier General Oscar Hilman presented the medals.

There are other potential awardees in Oregon. To issue the awards will require some funds to be raised for purchase of more medals and other related expenses. Criteria and eligibility for the CGM is detailed at www.filvetrep.org website.

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

(Nonprofit 501(c)3)

Who is Yuka Saso?

Ken Browne www.olympics.com



Yuka Saso became the first Filipino golfer to win a major tournament as she clinched the US Open. "Golf was all I had," says Yuka Saso, who's blazing a trail for Filipino golf.

Her thrilling victory at the US Open on June, 6th as she bested Japan's Hataoka Nasa in the third hole of a sudden death playoff has changed the game for an entire country. The first Filipino golfer, male or female to win a Major.

"I was born in the Philippines, I grew up there," the 19 year old told Olympic.com last year. "But we moved to Japan when I was four or five." "I couldn't speak Japanese and I didn't have any friends so my dad brought me to the driving range, to the golf course, that's the only thing I did."

Saso worked hard on her swing, watching countless golf videos and knew what she wanted from a young age. "When I was nine I said to my dad, I want to be a professional golfer like Rory McIlroy.

Her father and life coach Masakazu, a very good golfer himself, didn't laugh he took his daughter seriously and took her back to the Philippines at nine, where Yuka could home-school, play golf every day and work towards her dream.

Now she's 19 and it's come true: Saso turned pro in November 2019 after earning an LPGA Tour of Japan card for 2020, she's the Philippines' female No. 1 and right now she's even ranked high enough to qualify for Tokyo 2020 – just weeks from now.

Meet our new Honorary Consul of the Philippines for Oregon and Washington

by Gretel Ness

How does one even begin to recount the immeasurable contributions and achievements of someone as accomplished as our new Honorary Consul, Enrico "Eric" Tadeo? Throughout his professional career, he has worn many hats, including as a computer programmer and software engineer for over 30 years managing system mechanization and maintenance projects, a Certified Mediator helping clients resolve conflicts in family cases, landlord/tenant disputes, and neighborhood and community-based issues, and of course as a private practice attorney helping clients with immigration issues, estate planning, probate, contracts and general legal needs. And if these aren't enough, he also somehow found and still finds the time to serve the community. He was a founding director of multiple community based non-profit organizations like the Community Mediation Services, the Clark County Association of Mediators, the Council of Filipino American Associations, and the Filipino - American Association of Clark County and Vicinity, aka the Filipino American Association of Vancouver WA (FAAV). He also served as director of service organizations like the Good News Community Health Center and Thriving Families. He was a Commissioner with the Vancouver Cultural Commission and even served as an adviser with Vancouver's local newspaper, The Columbian. He taught Sunday School, led Bible studies and served as an elder at his prior church. He served as president of Vancouver USA Singers, a volunteer community choir, and also taught 5th and 6th graders in a classical Christian school. What can he not do? And this is precisely why his recent appointment by the Philippine government to serve as Honorary Consul for Oregon and Washington is so fitting. What better way to honor all of his accomplishments and community service than to have his native country bestow him this appointment.

Yet despite all of these accomplishments and achievements, and all of the accolades and praise heaped on him, you will not find a more humble and down to earth person. If you are a young person looking for mentorship and guidance, Mr. Tadeo will take the time to mentor you, listen to you, and guide you. If you are a peer looking for honest feedback or just a kind, friendly ear, he will talk to you and give you perspective. We, at FAAV, are proud to have Mr. Tadeo in our midst and feel honored to be able to call him our mentor, advisor, friend, and more importantly, a member of our FAAV family.



*Isabel Quinn Halsey
May 29, 2021
8 lbs. 8 ozs.
21" long*

*Congrats
to the Halsey and
Reidy families on
their cute new
addition...*

Baby Isabel!



To engage in civic, cultural and activities that promote, and community values, and Filipino



humanitarian, educational, charitable would preserve, share with the the customs, heritage of the culture.

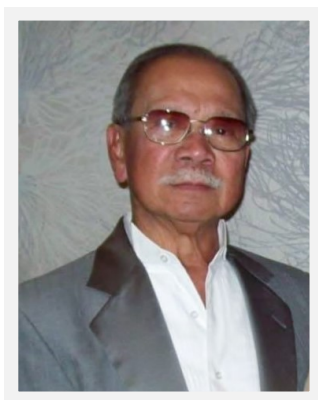
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In memoriam



RUDY BUGAYONG ESTIGOY

10/30/36 — 12/27/20

Farewell to a beloved Friend and

Husband to Perla

Father to Rhodora, Rhoda, Rhonda, and Rommel
Grandfather to Jacqueline, Matthew, Noah
and Sophie

Former member and past President of Fil-Am
Vancouver (fka Sampaguita Club)



KEITH IRVIN SPINDLER

5/1/42 — 5/25/21

Farewell to a beloved Friend and
Father to Christina, Kimberly, Stephanie, Samuel,
and Reynaldo

Grandfather to 15 grandchildren and great
grandchildren

Brother to Roberta and Larry

Keith was a Veteran of the US Air Force
and the Army Reserves, former member
and past President of Fil-Am Vancouver