



**SEPTEMBER 21, 2013
COLUMBIA MARRIOTT HOTEL**



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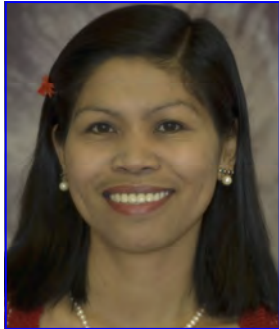
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**15TH INDUCTION BALL
22ND ANNIVERSARY
23RD ANNUAL GALA**

The FAAGC 2013-2015 Officers wish members and guests to have an enjoyable night of Philippine music and dance.

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6:00 Reception (*cash cocktails at the Sports Bar near the ballroom*)

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| 6:30 ♦ Welcome Remarks <i>Emcees</i> | Eric Sosa & Tess Hill |
| ▶ Recognition of Attendees | FAAGC 2nd VP, 2013-2015 FAAGC Executive Board Member, 2013-2015 |
| ▶ Recognition of Benefactors/Sponsors/Donors | |
| ♦ Opening Remarks | Cecille Jacobsen (FAAGC President, 2013-2015) |
| ♦ National Anthems: <i>United States</i> | Demetrio Matienzo |
| <i>Philippines</i> | Hannelore Peña Ignacio |
| ♦ Induction of FAAGC 2013-2015 Officers | Marj Peña (FAAGC President, 2009-2013) |
| ♦ Invocation | Peter Liunoras (FAAGC President, 2001-2003; Board Member, 2011-13) |

7:00 Dinner
FAAGC Video Showcase **Carlton & Carmelisa Edwards**

8:00 CULTURAL SHOW *[featuring four (4) generations of Filipino / Filipino-American performers]*

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| ◆ <i>Bahay Kubo</i> | Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe — Youth Group |
| ◆ <i>Polkabal</i> | Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe — Teen Group |
| ◆ <i>Katsudoratan</i> | Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe — Adult Group |
| ◆ <i>Sakuting</i> | Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe — Youth—Boys |
| ◆ <i>Manang Biday</i> | Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe — Youth—Girls |
| ◆ <i>Pandango Rinconada</i> | Hiyas-Min (The Philippine Cultural Society of Charleston, SC) |
| ◆ <i>Sayaw sa Bakya</i> | Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe — Adult Group |
| ◆ <i>Pastores Kawit</i> | Outgoing 2011-2013 FAAGC Female Officers |
| ◆ <i>Pandango Wasiwas</i> | Philippine American Club of Fayetteville, NC |
| ◆ <i>Alcamfor</i> | Hiyas-Min (The Philippine Cultural Society of Charleston, SC) |
| ◆ <i>Habanera de Jovencita</i> | Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe — Teens & Adults |

◆ Presentation of 2013 FAAGC Awards:

► FAAGC Lifetime Members **Faye Colley** (FAAGC 1st Vice-President, 2013-2015)

► *Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship* Recipients . . . **Prescy Ramirez** (FAAGC Treasurer 2013–2015)
 & **Nieves McNulty** (FAAGC President 1997-2001; Treasurer 2009–2013;
 Scholarship Committee chair)

► 2011-2013 Officers **Cecille Jacobsen & Marj Peña**

► 2011-2013 Dance Troupe **Marj Peña**

► 2011-2013 Basketball Team **Peter Liunoras**

9:00 ~ 12:00 Gala Ball *Music by* **THE FROGMORES BAND**

◆ Modern Fusion Dance **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe**

Intermission

♦ Ballroom Dance Exhibition **Gerry & Josie Garcia**
Philippine American Association of the Carolinas (Greenville, SC)

◆ *Don't forget to purchase your FAAGC Raffle Ticket* ◆

Proceeds will benefit our **Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Fund** and **Charitable Projects**

PASUGUAN NG PILIPINAS



EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

MESSAGE

On the Occasion of the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia
23rd Annual Gala and 22nd Anniversary Ball
21 September 2013, Columbia, South Carolina

I extend warmest congratulations to the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC) on the successful commemoration of its 23rd Annual Gala and 22nd Anniversary Ball.

Now in its twenty-second year, FAAGC has been actively engaged in promoting a better understanding and appreciation of Philippine culture. The gala serves as a fitting venue to showcase the beauty and richness of our way of life, including its traditional dance performances.

FAAGC is likewise to be commended for raising funds to support charitable institutions and the financial needs of qualified students. The recipients of the Association's humanitarian efforts are indebted to the generosity and compassion you have displayed.



As you celebrate this auspicious event, it is my hope that the members of the Filipino-American community in Columbia, South Carolina nurtured by FAAGC will continue to prosper as it serves communities in the Philippines and United States.

Mabuhay ang Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia!


JOSE L. CUISIA, JR.
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LINDSEY O. GRAHAM
SOUTH CAROLINA

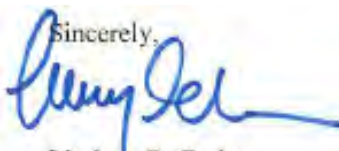
September 6, 2013

Dear Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia:

I am pleased to welcome you to The Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia's (FAAGC) 23rd Annual Gala. Tonight's event is a true testament to the impact FAAGC is having for its members and the community.

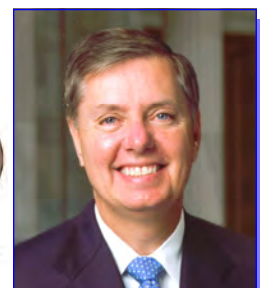
For over twenty-two years, FAAGC has been dedicated to the improvement of the Columbia community through programs that promote inter-cultural awareness and understanding of the Filipino culture. Events such as this Gala make a positive impact on South Carolinians, and are made possible by the hard work of members and supporters. I wish you continued success in the coming years.

Again, welcome to tonight's event and I wish everyone in attendance the very best.

Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN
ASSOC. of COLUMBIA S.C.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR OUR STATE.



JOE WILSON
2ND DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

August 15, 2013

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to join with you in celebration of the Filipino - American Association of Greater Columbia's 23rd Annual Gala and 22nd Anniversary Ball.

An event like this is one to remember for years to come. It is my hope that you come to utilize this day to further enrich your mission and to celebrate the successes of your organization.

Celebrating this event is a testament to the Association's dedication and commitment to fostering inter-cultural awareness and understanding throughout our community, while providing educational opportunities and supporting various other charitable efforts.

As the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia continues to operate in the years to come, I look forward to hearing of its future successes.

It is an honor serve the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina. If I may ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joe Wilson
Member of Congress



Congratulations!

JAMES E. CLYBURN
6TH DISTRICT
SOUTH CAROLINA



ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC LEADER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 21, 2013

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to welcome you to the Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia's annual gala. This is wonderful opportunity to celebrate your organization's anniversary and your culture's contributions to the Midlands of South Carolina over the last 22 years.

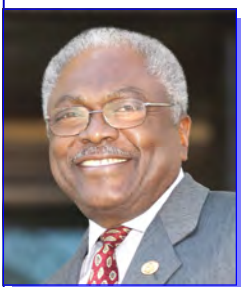
I regret that I cannot be with you today due to a previously scheduled engagement, but know that I am with you in spirit. Our diversity is our strength in America, and I appreciate your organization's efforts to raise awareness about your heritage. I also applaud your contributions to charities and humanitarian causes both in America and in the Philippines.

Best wishes for a wonderful occasion! I look forward to hearing about your continued good work in the future.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn
Assistant Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives





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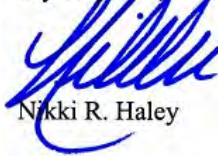
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of South Carolina, I am pleased to welcome you to the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia's 23rd Annual Gala and 22nd Anniversary Ball.

Always a highlight of the year, this annual event, the largest formal gathering of Filipino Americans in Columbia, provides a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship. Through ongoing educational, cultural, and charitable efforts, the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia is making a positive impact in the lives of others both here at home and in the Philippines. Your contributions to our great state are deeply appreciated, and Michael and I wish you the best for continued success. God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley





CITY OF COLUMBIA
SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

September 13, 2013

Greetings,


As Mayor of Columbia, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our fair city as we host the 23rd Annual Gala and 22nd Anniversary Ball of the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia Association.

Your steadfast devotion to promote inter-cultural awareness and understanding sets you apart as examples of leadership and community service and we are proud to host you and this wonderful event.

I invite each of you to enjoy all that "Famously Hot" Columbia, South Carolina has to offer during your visit and hope you will visit us again soon.

Enjoy the 23rd Annual Gala and 22nd Anniversary Ball of the Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia Association and, again, welcome to Columbia!

Sincerely,


Stephen K. Benjamin
Mayor
City of Columbia





Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia, SC

(An All-Volunteer, Non-Profit Organization to Promote Inter-Cultural Education and Understanding)

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To all my dear friends and colleagues, it is a great pleasure to have you here while we celebrate our 23rd Annual Gala.

Each year we strive to showcase our cultural talents, and I would like to extend my thanks to the children and parents of the *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe*, the choreographers, and other FAAGC members who have tirelessly displayed great energy and effort to make this wonderful festivity possible. Again, I appreciate all of your hard work.

I would like to welcome the guests and supporters of FAAGC, and this celebration is another mark of our fellowship and opportunities to help us maintain our charitable endeavors. This is not just another cultural show, but it is also the largest fund-raising event we hold every year. And to all of the members, thanks for the loyalty and camaraderie you exhibit. Also, I would like to thank the benefactors, sponsors, patrons, donors, and advertisers for your generous support. As the new President, I would like to ask for your continued support so we can make a difference through our humanitarian efforts and scholarship program.

Tonight, I would like to acknowledge our friends from out of town: the *Hiyas-Min* from Charleston; friends from Fayetteville; friends from Asheville, friends from Greenville, and friends from other parts of the country. Welcome to Columbia and thank you for sharing in our celebration.

Lastly, on behalf of the FAAGC Executive Board, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you in attendance tonight.

Cecille Jacobsen

President



FAAGC OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____ (name), having been duly elected
as _____ (position) of the
Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia,
do solemnly pledge and swear:
THAT I will discharge the duties and responsibilities of
my office to the best of my knowledge and ability;
THAT I will obey the By-laws of the organization;
SEE to it that every member is in good harmony
and understanding;
AND, as a faithful instrument of the Association,
I shall carry this obligation without mental reservation.
So help me God.



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| John & Teresa | ZIEGLER | Lexington | SC |

The persons listed above were paid members for all, or at least part, of Association Year 2012-2013 (July 1 — June 30). As of September 12, 2013, many have renewed their FAAGC membership for 2013-2014 (a few even beyond 2014). We hope the rest, as well as others not on the list, will rejoin or join us soon.

At the 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA on Sept. 10, 2011, the **Columbia Fil-Am Association** honored those who had steadfastly supported and continuously sustained **FAAGC** from its beginning through its first **TWENTY (20) years** by recognizing them as **LIFETIME MEMBERS** (♦).

Others have or can become *Lifetime Members* if they have paid or willing to pay the equivalent of 20 years of membership (#).

♦ Lifetime Sustaining Charter Members Continuous Members since 1991

- ♦ Rita Houston ALCANTARA
- ♦ Noel & Helen ALON
- ♦ Edith ALSTON
- ♦ Lulu ANDERSON
- ♦ Ruben Matias BAGNAL
- ♦ James & Edith BARKER
- ♦ Linda BROWN
- ♦ Grace COLLINS
- ♦ Manny & Leah CUARESMA
- ♦ Tony & Tessie De CASTRO
- ♦ Gene & Sally ELLIS
- ♦ Jim & Tessie KENERSON
- ♦ Juliet MARTIN
- ♦ George & Nieves McNULTY
- ♦ Marvin & Beth NOBLE
- ♦ Alfonso & Susana PASICATAN
- ♦ Naty AKANA ROBERTS
- ♦ David & Cindy TEFFT

Lifetime Sustaining Members Members for 20 years or more

- # Charles & Bev GOYENECHÉ (since 1991)
- # Lee & Polly PEARSON (since 1992)
- # Joy CLARK (since 1993)
- # Jim & Juvie LOWDER (since 1993)
- # Peter & Olga LIUNORAS (since 1995)
- # Imelda GO (1993-94, since 1996)
- # Warren & Myrna WHITMIRE (since 1997)
- # Lu & Merlyn BAJAMUNDE (since 2000)
- # Edsel & Marj PEÑA (since 2000)
- # Don & Evelyn LIESTER (since 2003)
- # David & Odess BRINKMAN (since 2004)
- # Carlton & Carmelisa EDWARDS (since 2006)
- # Pete & Cecille JACOBSEN (since 2006)

Sustaining Members (Members for 10 years or more)

- *Lunesa RATCLIFF (since 1993)
- *Judy Salvador ASIS (since 1993)
- *Butch & Dhel ELAMPARO (since 1995)
- *Charles & Precy WALKER (since 1995)
- *Mark & Diane PHILIPPS (1995-2005; 2011-)
- *Alan GEOGHEGAN (since 1999)
- *Francisca WALKER (since 2001)
- *Keith SEYMOUR (since 2002)
- *Zeny LAZARO (since 2003)



FILIPINO-AMERICAN Association of Greater Columbia

MILESTONES OF A GROWING ORGANIZATION

... Twenty-two years (so far) and more to come ...

Accomplishments, Achievements & Moments in Time as Columbia FIL-AMs Make an Impact in the Community



June 9, 1991 Formal organization of the Association when its By-law are approved and adopted.

June 15, 1991 First election of officers, with Eva Rigney elected as first FAAGC president.

July 11, 1991 FAAGC becomes officially incorporated in South Carolina.

Sept. 7, 1991 First annual gala and inaugural ball.

March 1992 FAAGC sends funds from various fund-raisers to Mt. Pinatubo victims in an Angeles City orphanage.

June 14, 1992 During the second election of officers, Minnie Wheedleton is elected FAAGC president.

Dec 5, 1992 FAAGC participates in *Carolina Carillon*, the first time the Filipino-American community in the state is represented in SC's premier parade.

May 7, 1993 FAAGC starts its continuing participation in the annual *Asian/Pacific American Heritage* celebrations at Ft. Jackson, SC.

June 5, 1993 Minnie Wheedleton is re-elected president.

June 19, 1993 FAAGC and the Philippine Cultural Society of Charleston (*Hiyas-Min*) present *Karilagan* (beauty) -- **The Philippine Cultural Show** at the Koger Center for the Arts -- a first-of-its-kind show in Columbia.



Oct. 9, 1993 FAAGC participates in the Florence First International Festival.

Nov. 6, 1993 The *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* makes first public appearance (*outside of FAAGC's own affairs*) at an international festival in Columbia.

Dec. 4, 1993 FAAGC's "*Christmas in the Philippines*" float



wins the *Grand Marshall's Award* as best overall entry in the 40th annual *Carolina Carillon*, South Caro-

lina's premier holiday parade.

April 16, 1994 Helen Alon is elected FAAGC president.

May 30, 1994 FAAGC presents cultural show and educational exhibits at *Mayfest*, Columbia's premier spring festival, a first-time involvement of the area Fil-Am community.

Sept. 24, 1994 FAAGC presents cultural show at *Autumnfest*, Columbia's fall festival of arts and heritage — another first-ever Fil-Am participation.

October 1994 FAAGC donates Philippine reference books to public schools and libraries; Start of continuing cultural mini-shows and educational exhibits at area schools, companies and community events.

April 16, 1995 Helen Alon is re-elected FAAGC president.

May 8, 1995 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officially recognizes FAAGC as tax-exempt, non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(4).

Dec. 31, 1995 FAAGC presents two cultural shows at *First Night Columbia*, a first-ever involvement in the city's New Year's Eve event.

Mar. 30, 1996 FAAGC participates for the first time in *Kids Day Columbia*.

April 6, 1996 Helen Alon is re-elected to a third term as FAAGC president.

June 16, 1996 FAAGC's Philippine display wins "*best country exhibit*" at the *First Columbia International Festival* held at the State Fairgrounds.



Dec. 7, 1996 The *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe* performs for the first time outside the state at a special holiday festival in Charlotte, NC.

April 3, 1997 FAAGC member Dr. Francisco Sy, a Fil-Am public health professor at USC, is named "*1997 International Professional of the Year*" at the 2nd annual Columbia International Festival.

May 9, 1997 Ushering in a series of events to celebrate the *Philippine Independence Centennial*, FAAGC sponsors the stage presentation "*The Philippines — Yesterday, Today and Forever*" performed by the Manila-based, world-touring Philippine Centennial Youth Delegation at the Ridge View High School auditorium.

May 18, 1997 Nieves McNulty is elected first two-year-term FAAGC president.

Nov. 21-23, 1997 The *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe* performs for the first time at the *Festival of Trees*, the annual fund-raising event for the Children's Hospital of Richland Memorial Hospital.

Mar. 31, 1998 FAAGC charter member Noel Alon is named the "*1998 International Volunteer of the Year*" at the 3rd annual Columbia International Festival.

Aug. 29, 1998 The *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe* serves as the opening act of the FASA *Philippine Showcase: Remembering The Past, Envisioning The Future.* A first-of-its-kind-show in Columbia (and the Southeast), the production, featuring the West Coast-based Fil-Am recording artists *Pinay*, was promoted by FAAGC member Fred Balangue under the sponsorship of the USC Filipino American Student Association (FASA).

April 18, 1999 Nieves McNulty is re-elected FAAGC president.





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June 12, 1999 FAAGC and Charleston's *Hiyas-Min* present

Aug. 21, 1999



"Kalayaan (Cry for Freedom)," a joint cultural showcase to celebrate the "Centennial plus One" anniversary of Philippine Independence, at Columbia's Richland 2 District Auditorium (*June 12*) and at Charleston Southern University's Lightsey Chapel Auditorium (*Aug. 21*).

Oct. 11, 1999 At the invitation of fair organizers, FAAGC presents two cultural shows at the *130th South Carolina Annual State Fair*, a first-ever Fil-Am participation.

Mar. 17, 2001 FAAGC president Nieves McNulty is named "2001 *International Professional of the Year*" at the 6th annual *Columbia International Festival*.

April 15, 2001 Peter Liunoras is elected fifth (and first male) FAAGC president.

Nov. 16, 2001 FAAGC co-hosts with the USC FASA a post-performance reception for *Bayanihan*, the world-renowned Philippine National Dance Company, after its cultural show at the Koger Center for the Performing Arts.

Mar. 30, 2002 FAAGC charter member Grace Collins is named "2002 *International Volunteer of the Year*" at the 7th annual *Columbia International Festival*.

April 20, 2003 Grace Collins is elected FAAGC president.

Sept. 13, 2003 FAAGC presents the first *Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship* award to Raymund Elamparo.

Mar. 6, 2004 The Sumter area Fil-Am community, led by FAAGC members Polly Pearson and Lilian Sheedy, participates for the first time at the annual *Sumter Multi-Cultural Celebration*.

Mar. 25, 2004 FAAGC past president Peter Liunoras is named "2004 *International Volunteer of the Year*" at the 9th annual *Columbia International Festival*.

April, 2004 The Ridge View High School (RVHS) Fil-Am Youth Club is formed under the direction of FAAGC past president Peter Liunoras. The club is instrumental in raising funds for the *Fil-Am Scholarship* project.

June 2004 By invitation of the Charlotte-based Philippine-American Association of the Carolinas (PAAC), FAAGC, through its 1st VP Alan Geoghegan, presents Filipiniana display at the Charlotte *AsiaFest*.

June 12, 2004 The *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performs at the first gala of the Filipino-American Association of Beaufort, Hampton and Jasper Counties of SC (FAABHJ) in Hilton Head.

February 2005 *Filipinas Magazine*, the internationally-circulated "magazine for all Filipinos," features an article on FAAGC written by 1st VP Alan Geoghegan (with editorial help from N. Alon).

Mar. 19, 2005 The USC Filipino American Student Association (FASA) presents ***FASA Night: A Philippine Cultural Showcase***, a first-of-its-kind event at USC featuring traditional and modern aspects of Filipino and Filipino-American cultures. AJ Alon, a pioneer *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performer, serves as FASA president with FAAGC treasurer George McNulty as the faculty adviser.



Mar. 27, 2005 Alan Geoghegan is elected FAAGC president.

May 1, 2005 FAAGC's Philippine display featuring a *sari-sari* (variety) store and motorcab motif wins "best exhibit" award at the 10th Annual *Columbia International Festival*.

Dec. 23, 2005 The Columbia Fil-Am community and Philippine folk dances, cuisine and Christmas traditions are featured live on "Live with Lucas" segments of *WIS News 10 Sunrise* show.

Mar. 23, 2006 FAAGC three-term treasurer George McNulty is named "2006 *International Community Ambassador of the Year*" at the 11th annual *Columbia International Festival*.

April 8, 2007 Alan Geoghegan is re-elected FAAGC president.

June 23, 2007 FAAGC participates for the first time in *World Refugee Day* celebration in Columbia.

July 27, 2007 FAAGC delivers donation from various fundraisers and matching Association funds to *Hospicio de San Jose*, a Manila orphanage.

Dec. 19, 2007 FAAGC delivers donation from the 2007 gala fundraiser and matching Association funds to *Hospicio de San Jose*, the *Asilo de San Vicente de Paul*, the ERDA (Educational Research and Development Assistance) Foundation (all in Manila), and the SOS Children's Village in Tacloban City, Leyte.

Feb. 9, 2009 FAAGC delivers donation from the 2008 gala fundraiser and matching Association funds to the Philippine National Red Cross.



FAAGC officers Leah Cuaresma (left) and Myrna Whitmire (right) pose with the assistant director and some staffers and children of the *Hospicio de San Jose* during their visit to deliver FAAGC's 2007 donation to the Manila hospice.

Photo: Manny Cuaresma



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April 12, 2009 Marj Peña is elected FAAGC president.

Aug. 29, 2009 The City of Columbia proclaims this date as *Filipino-American Day*.

Aug. 29, 2009 Philippine Ambassador to the U.S. Willy C. Gaa and Columbia City Councilman Kirkman Finlay III (representing Mayor Robert Coble) attend the *19th Annual Gala*, the first-time either a Philippine Ambassador or an official city representative is in attendance.



Nov. 2009 FAAGC delivers donation from the 2009 Gala fundraiser and matching Association funds to the Philippine calamity victims through the Catholic Relief Services.

April 24, 2011 Marj Peña is re-elected FAAGC president.

Sept. 10, 2011 At its *20th Anniversary Gala*, FAAGC honors 18 families who have been members continuously since 1991 by naming them as *Lifetime Sustaining Charter Members*.

Sept. 21, 2011 FAAGC member Imelda Go establishes the *Friends of Internationals Scholarship Fund* at USC to help meritorious international students having financial hardships at USC.

Sept. 26, 2011 Noel & Helen Alon delivers 20-year (from 1991 to 2011) documentation of FAAGC to the Library of Congress (LoC) for its Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Collection. The LoC documentation consists of copies of **all** the issues of the Fil-Am newsletter (*April 1991 to Summer 2011*), souvenir programs of all galas and cultural shows (*Karilagan* and *Kalayaan*), By-laws booklets, *Directory of Members* booklets, Christmas Party programs, and a DVD of 1991-92 original computer files and digitized photos.



Reme Grefalda (right), the LoC AAPI Collection founding curator, receives FAAGC documents.

Oct. 15, 2011 FAAGC sponsors the very first *Columbia Fil-Am Basketball Invitational Tournament* involving six Fil-Am teams from Georgia and South Carolina at the Polo Road Park Recreation Center gym.



Mar. 31, 2012 FAAGC president Marj Peña is named "*2012 International Professional of the Year*" at the 17th annual *Columbia International Festival*.

April 13, 2013 FAAGC member Alma Robichaud is named "*2013 International Volunteer of the Year*" at the 18th annual *Columbia International Festival*.

April 24, 2013 Cecille Jacobsen is elected FAAGC president.

June 24, 2013 FAAGC delivers donation from various fundraisers and matching Association funds to the Philippine National Red Cross.

"Together We Make A Difference"

City of Columbia Proclaims Filipino-American Day

The proclamation reads as follows:

City of Columbia

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Filipino-Americans have made many valuable contributions to Columbia and they continue to influence and enrich our city economically, socially and intellectually. The Filipino-American population has been instrumental in enhancing cultural diversity, and education; and

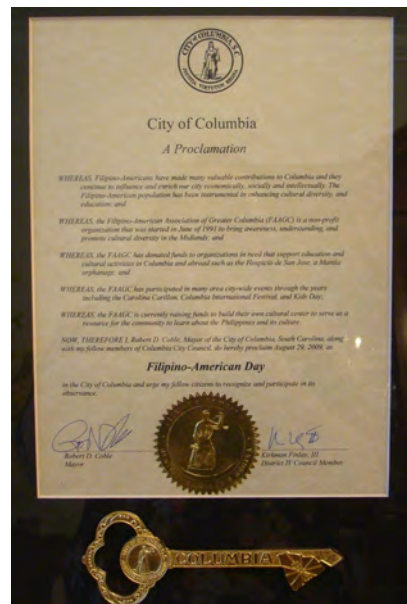
WHEREAS, the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC) is a non-profit organization that was started in June of 1991 to bring awareness, understanding, and promote cultural diversity in the Midlands; and

WHEREAS, the FAAGC has donated funds to organizations in need that support education and cultural activities in Columbia and abroad such as the Hospicio de San Jose, a Manila orphanage; and

WHEREAS, the FAAGC has participated in many area city-wide events through the years including the Carolina Carillon, Columbia International Festival, and Kids Day;

WHEREAS, the FAAGC is currently raising funds to build their own cultural center to serve as a resource for the community to learn about the Philippines and its culture.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Robert D. Coble, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim August 29, 2009, as



Filipino-American Day

in the City of Columbia and urge my fellow citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

(signed)

Robert D. Coble
Mayor

(signed)

Kirkman Finlay III
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- ▶ Miriam Eschenfelder
- ▶ Sally Ellis

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- ▶ Faye Colley (Youth)
- ▶ Yani Irag-Gould (Adults)

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BAHAY KUBO

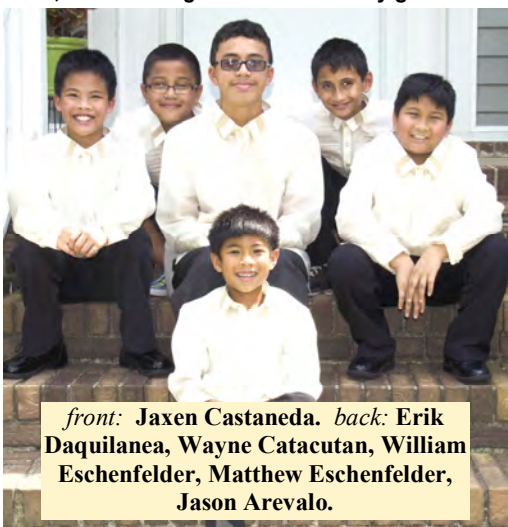
Bahay Kubo refers to the traditional Philippine hut commonly found in rural areas. The roof is usually made of palm (*anahaw*, *nipa* or coconut) leaves, while bamboo and wood make the rest of the structure. It is a dwelling wherein one space is used for all family activities as it is small and has generally only one room. *Bahay Kubo* is a song that reflects the simple life in the Philippines. This upbeat song also helps Filipino children learn the different names of Philippine vegetables.



front: Jaxen Castaneda, Lara Tijing. middle: Joy Mangacat, Taryn Clark, Andrea Robichaud, Christina Dean, Casey Funderburk. back: Erik Daquilanea, Matthew Eschenfelder, William Eschenfelder, Wayne Catacutan, Jason Arevalo.

SAKUTING

An Ilocano folk dance from the northern province of Abra, *sakuting* portrays a mock fight using sticks. With seemingly a strong Chinese influence, the dance is performed traditionally at Christmas time. Boys perform at the town plaza or go from house to house, similar to a carolling show, to receive *aginaldo* or monetary gifts.



front: Jaxen Castaneda. back: Erik Daquilanea, Wayne Catacutan, William Eschenfelder, Matthew Eschenfelder, Jason Arevalo.



Yani Irag-Gould, Odess Brinkman, Faye Colley

POLKABAL

A dance influenced by and named after two distinct popular European dances in the late 1800s: *polka* and *valse* (waltz).



Jeremy Brinkman, Daniella Lafuente, Lanz Pasig, Jasmine Flora, Laurence Lafuente. (not in photo): Angelica "Clover" Robichaud, Angel Luna, Angelo Luna.

MANANG BIDAY

Manang Biday is a popular courtship song in the Ilocos region in northern Philippines. The song indicates that Biday, who is being serenaded by a forlorn lover, is a lady who is hard-to-get as she is very conservative. For this year's FAAGC Gala, only the girls are dancing to the song to represent the conservative women of the Philippines.



Joy Mangacat, Andrea Robichaud, Casey Funderburk, Taryn Clark, Christina Dean, Lara Tijing

KATSUDORATAN depicts a royal manner of "walking" among the Maranao people who live mainly around Lake Lanao in southern Philippines. Ladies of the royal court perform this stately dance in preparation for an important event. The bright colors and flowing handkerchiefs add to the drama of the dance.



Richel Vaules, Marisol Broome, Josephine Battle, Haideline Sosa

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Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe

SAYAW SA BAKYA

"Bakya" means wooden shoes or clogs. They were the commonly used footwear in the Philippines prior to the introduction of rubber sandals. They were very popular in the 1950s and were the common souvenirs for tourists visiting the country. Performed in a playful mood, the *Sayaw sa Bakya* is a very interesting and lively dance.



front: Yani Irag-Gould, Carmella Manansala back: Cecille Geoghegan, Richel Vaules, Vevian Elder, Teresa Ziegler.

WAKA-WAKA (MODERN FUSION DANCE)



front: Julia Szoke, Casey Funderburk, Lara Tijing, Christina Dean, Taryn Clark, Joy Mangaccat. middle: Yani Irag-Gould, Daniella Lafuente. back: Carmella Manansala, Richel Vaules, Cecille Geoghegan, Vevian Elder, Teresa Ziegler, Josephine Battle, Marisol Broome, Haideline Sosa, Faye Colley. (not in photo): Angel Luna

HABANERA DE JOVENCITA

This graceful *habanera* dance usually is performed at a woman's debut or even her wedding. *Jovencita* means "young lady" in Spanish. The accompanying love ballad music was written by Maestro Nitoy Gonzales when he was courting Jovita Friese, who then choreographed the dance.



Daniella Lafuente, Alma Robichaud, Angelica "Clover" Robichaud, Jasmine Flora, Odess Brinkman.
(not in photo): Angel Luna

PASTORES KAWIT

A lively graceful dance with some Mexican influence, *Pastores Kawit* seems to be one of the many versions of the on-traditional Christmas season folk song-and-dance performed in many parts of the Philippines. Originally, *Pastores* (shepherds) recounts the story of the shepherds who visited the child Jesus in the manger through a song; dancing, with varied accessories (coconut shells, colorful hats, fans, etc.) then became inevitable because of the joyous mood.



Maribel Tijing, Nieves McNulty, Grace Collins, Grace Balanquit, Odess Brinkman, Carmelisa Edwards, Faye Colley, Marj Peña



Philippine-American Club of Fayetteville, NC

PANDANGO WASIWAS

Wasiwas, meaning "swinging" in Pangasinan, comes from Lingayen. After a good catch, a fisherman would celebrate by dancing, swinging a lighted lamp. This colorful and unusual dance also features the graceful skills of the female dancer in balancing an oil lamp on the head while circling in each hand a lighted lamp wrapped in a fishnet.



Gloria James ♦ Bryan Barretto



HIYAS-MIN

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PANDANGO RINCONADA

Originally from Nabua, Camarines Sur, *Pandango Rinconada* is a festive Philippine holiday dance characterized by lively steps. The dance gets name from the sub-region called "*Distrito de Rinconada*" encompassing the Camarines provinces during the Spanish era.

Aileen Francisco ♦ Liza Bickley
Nelia Boykin ♦ Flo Agner

ALCAMFOR

In this couples' dance from Leyte in the Visayas Islands, the woman holds a handkerchief laced with *camfor* (naphthalene), a substance that is locally thought to induce romance. She flirts with the man by waving her scented handkerchief in front of his face.

Nelia Boykin ♦ Cesar Malamug



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FAAGC Donates to Philippine Red Cross



FAAGC 2011-13 Asst. Treasurer Maribel Tijing hands over FAAGC's donation to Philippine Red Cross (PRC) staff at the Manila chapter office on June 24, 2013. Representing fundraising results over the past two years, the donation was made as FAAGC's contribution to the PRC for its assistance to Philippine calamity victims and for its special educational projects like the kindergarten class below.



Christmas Party ~~~ Dec. 15, 2012 ~~~ St. John Neumann School Auditorium



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FAAGC President Marj Peña inducts the newly elected officers of the Filipino-American Association of Orangeburg, Atbp on March 30, 2013.



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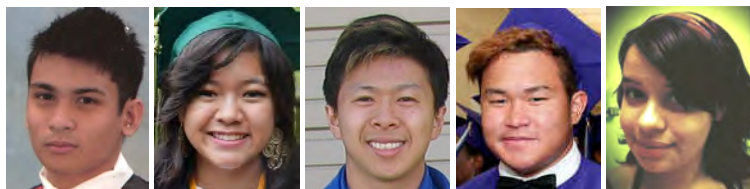
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COLUMBIA FIL-AM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Started in 2002 by the FAAGC Executive Board through the initiative of Peter Liunoras (FAAGC President, 2001-2003), the *Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship* awards are given to Fil-Am college-bound high school graduates whose families are current FAAGC members and who (or their parents) have participated actively in Fil-Am activities. Interestingly, almost all of the past scholarship recipients had been *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performers at one time or another.

Funds for the scholarship program are generated from donations, raffles during FAAGC gala and Christmas events, food sales at basketball tournaments, and from 2004 to 2010, fund-raisers of the Ridge View High School (RVHS) Fil-Am Youth Club. Since its formation in April 2004 under the direction of Peter Liunoras, the RVHS Fil-Am Youth Club had conducted car washes and other fund-raising activities, with the proceeds donated to the scholarship fund.

FAAGC presented the first *Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship* award at the 13th Annual Gala on September 13, 2003. Since then, award certificates (and checks) have been presented to deserving and qualified students every year during the annual gala.



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FLORA**

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NGUYEN**

**MICHAEL
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2013 Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Recipients

Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Recipients

[Nieves McNulty—Scholarship Committee chair]

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2013: ★ Darryl Arevalo | ★ Justine Flora |
| ★ Khoi Nguyen | ★ Michael Sanchez |
| ★ Shannin Scott | |
| 2012: ★ Elaiza Apan | ★ Kirkwood Bautista |
| ★ Nicole Daquilanea | ★ Douglas Miguel Tupas |
| 2011: ★ Karen Magsino | ★ Nicole Phillips |
| ★ Nicholas Roberts | ★ Joseph Szoke III |
| ★ Nicole Victoria | |
| 2010: ★ Paul Adcock | ★ Nicole Anderson |
| ★ Fides Elamparo | ★ Steven Do |
| ★ Sean C.A. Tupas | |
| 2009: ★ Jessamine Cuaresma | ★ Jeffrey Noble |
| 2008: ★ Butch Deo Elamparo | |
| ★ Christian Ysmael Tupas | ★ Mark Allen Viray |
| 2007: ★ Raquel Bagnal | ★ Michelle Peña |
| 2006: ★ Aileen Leigh Alon | ★ Jasper Lim |
| ★ Christian Elamparo | ★ Marianne Magapan |
| ★ Fay Manapat | |
| 2005: ★ Justin Anderson | |
| 2004: ★ Danielle Glenn | ★ Amanda Goyeneche |
| ★ Michaela Kenworthy | ★ Michael McNulty |
| ★ Judith Peña | |
| 2003: ★ Raymund Elamparo | |





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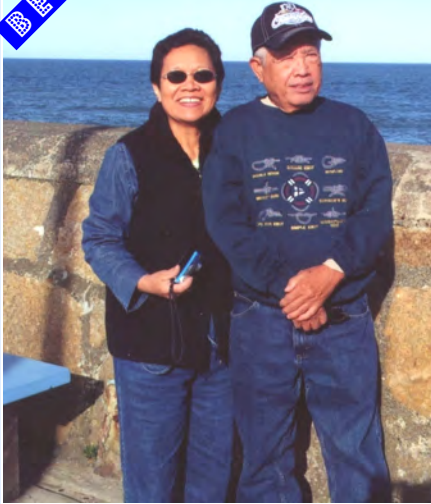
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Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there;
Oh, say, doth that star-spangled banner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



PAMBANSANG AWIT NG PILIPINAS

Bayang magiliw, Perlas ng Silanganan,
Alab ng puso, Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.
Lupang hinirang, Duyan ka ng magiting,
Sa manlulupig 'di ka pasisiil.
Sa dagat at bundok,
Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,
May dilag ang tula
At awit sa paglayang minamahal.
Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y
Tagumpay na nagniningning;
Ang bituin at araw niya
Kailan pa ma'y 'di magdidilim.
Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta,
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo;
Aming ligaya na 'pag may mang-aapi,
Ang mamatay nang dahil sa iyo.

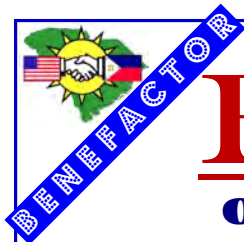


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**FAAGC Annual Christmas Party — December 15, 2012**



**Columbia International Festival — April 13-14, 2013**



**Ft. Jackson's Asian Pacific Heritage Day — May 31, 2013**

The COLUMBIA FIL-AM DANCE TROUPE also performed at the FESTIVALS OF SHARING (December 8, 2012 — EdVenture Children's Museum) and at the SANTO NIÑO FIESTA (January 12, 2013 — St. John Neumann School Auditorium) .





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