

**FILIPINO-AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF
GREATER COLUMBIA, SC**

**25TH ANNUAL GALA
24TH ANNIVERSARY
16TH INDUCTION BALL**



SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 ~~~ COLUMBIA MARRIOTT HOTEL

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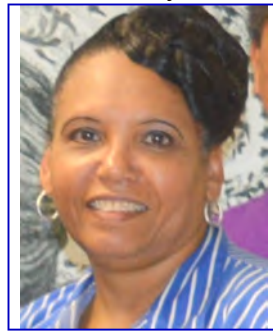
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25TH ANNUAL GALA



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015
COLUMBIA MARRIOTT HOTEL, COLUMBIA, SC



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

6:30 ♦ National Anthems: *United States* **Leila Cockerel**
Philippines **Hannelore Peña Ignacio**

♦ **Invocation** **Peter Liunoras** (FAAGC President, 2001-2003; Board Member, 2015-17)

♦ **Welcome Remarks** *Emcees* **Dolly Ritchie & James Orlick**
 ▶ Recognition of Attendees FAAGC Member FAAGC Executive Board Member, 2015-2017

♦ **Induction of FAAGC 2015-2017 Officers** **Eric Sosa** (FAAGC 2nd Vice-President, 2013-2015)

♦ **Opening Remarks** **Cecille Jacobsen** (FAAGC President, 2015-2017)
 ▶ Recognition of Benefactors/Sponsors/Donors

7:00 Dinner
 FAAGC Video Showcase. **Pete Jacobsen & Dolly Ritchie**

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

♦ *Nasudi* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** — Adult Group

♦ *La Jota Cagayana* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** — Youth Group

♦ *Sayaw Sa Cuyo* **Hiyas-Min** (The Philippine Cultural Society of Charleston, SC)

♦ **Presentation of 2015 FAAGC Awards:**

▶ FAAGC Lifetime Members **Alan Matienzo** (FAAGC 2nd Vice-President, 2015-2017)

▶ *Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship* Recipients **Tess Hill** (FAAGC 1st Vice-President, 2015-2017)
 & **Miriam Eschenfelder** ((FAAGC Treasurer 2015--2017)

♦ *Bao* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** — Youth Group

♦ *Salakot*. **Hiyas-Min** (The Philippine Cultural Society of Charleston, SC)

♦ **Presentation of 2015 FAAGC Awards:**

▶ Recognition of Outgoing Officers **Cecille Jacobsen** (FAAGC President, 2015-2017)

♦ *Kapa Malong Malong* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** — Adult Group

♦ *Sayaw Sa Cuyo* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** — Adult Group

♦ **Presentation of 2015 FAAGC Awards:**

▶ FAAGC Special Awards **Cecille Jacobsen** (FAAGC President, 2015-2017)

♦ *Tinikling* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** — Youth Group

9:00 ~ 12:00 Gala Ball *Music by DJ VERNON MONROY*



F Don't forget to get your FAAGC Door Prize / Raffle Ticket F
Proceeds will benefit our **Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Fund** and **Charitable Initiatives**

FAAGC GALA SOUVENIR PROGRAM COVERS THROUGH THE YEARS ~~~ 1991-2015



PASUGUAN NG PILIPINAS



EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

MESSAGE

I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to the **Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC)** on the occasion of its **25th Annual Gala** on 19 September 2015.

FAAGC's promotion of friendship and cooperation between the Filipino-American and other communities, as well as the preservation of Philippine cultural heritage through education and support to charitable causes, are genuine expressions of *bayanihan* and *pakikipagkapwa tao*. May these traditional Filipino values continue to unite the Filipino-American community in South Carolina and instill in the next generation of Filipino-Americans a sense of pride in their Filipino identity and heritage.

My sincere gratitude goes to the FAAGC for being an active partner in the efforts to attain a sustainable, resilient and inclusive growth for the Philippines.

I wish FAAGC an enjoyable and meaningful celebration and continued success in all its endeavors.

Mabuhay!




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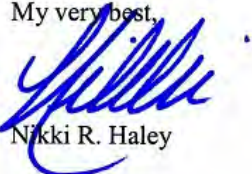
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the people of South Carolina, I am pleased to welcome you to the **Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia's (FAAGC) 25th Annual Gala**.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity congratulate the FAAGC on your 25th gala! It's a great day in South Carolina when we can recognize organizations like yours that contribute so much to our state and the quality of life we enjoy. As you celebrate this exciting milestone and all that you have achieved, I would like to thank you for your efforts that have helped make our state an even better place to live, learn, work, and play.

Michael and I wish you the best for a wonderful evening and continued success going forward. God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley



LINDSEY O. GRAHAM
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UNITED STATES SENATE

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September 19, 2015

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to the **Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia** on its **25th Annual Gala**. I know this is a special moment for the Association and all those involved.

The **FAAGC** plays a critical role in promoting inter-cultural awareness and understanding. It gives me great pleasure to be a part of this occasion and wish everyone in attendance the very best. I hope your organization continues to prosper and I hope you have a wonderful gala this evening.

Once again, congratulations on twenty-five years. May God bless each of you and continue to bless the United States of America.



Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

JOE WILSON
2ND DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

September 8, 2015

Dear Filipino American Association Member,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the **Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia** on its **25th Annual Gala**. This landmark anniversary serves as 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.

Community service is an essential element in the creation of strong communities. It is crucial for the future of our great nation that we cultivate caring citizens who promote community development and inter-cultural awareness. I appreciate the Association's commitment to service and excellence. 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





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Honored guests, members, and friends — welcome to our 25th Annual Gala.

Thank you for joining us celebrate this great milestone of FAAGC, The Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia. It is my honor to be here and represent this strong and long-lasting organization that has endured and strived to be united among the Filipino community.

Twenty-something years — that sounds like a long time. So many things have changed and the most notable I can speak for myself are age and appearance which freely roll with the time. But certain things remain the same, and that is, *'get-together Pinoy style'*. We still get together and tell the same stories and begins like this, *"na-alala mo ba?"*, which means "do you remember". Then, we continue rambling on around each other as we struggle to reach over and around the big table full of many different kinds of Filipino food.

You see, we never had to make formal invitations — all it takes is to tell a friend or two that you are cooking and they come over with other friends. The next thing you know, they too have prepared certain dishes and are all too excited to share the result of their cooking prowess. The scenario is too common but mostly appreciated because of camaraderie that bonds among the participants. And this Gala is not so different from what I have just portrayed. Tonight we maybe dressed up and made up, but the idea of togetherness and fellowship is all the same.

With this opportunity, I would like to recognize each one of the pioneers who so courageously put together the idea of unity. Thank you for taking on the responsibility. With your relentless diligence and exuberance, FAAGC is born and has grown.

And, on behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to express my gratitude to the membership — thank you very much for your continued support.

Cecille Jacobsen
President



(front, l-r): **Carlos Arevalo** (Board Member), **Anna Temples** (Asst. Treasurer), **Tess Hill** (1st VP), **Cecille Jacobsen** (President), **Miriam Eschenfelder** (Treasurer), **Reyna Funderburk** (Secretary), **Doris Matos** (Asst. Secretary), **Peter Liunoras** (Board Member).
(back, l-r): **Glenn De Guzman** (Board Member), **Al Cockerel** (Board Member), **James Orlick** (Board Member), **Alan Matienzo** (2nd VP).

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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Ethel & Charles	YORK	Sumter	SC
John & Teresa	ZIEGLER	Lexington	SC

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
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- ♦ Manny & Leah CUARESMA
- ♦ Tony & Tessie De CASTRO
- ♦ Gene & Sally ELLIS
- ♦ Jim & Tessie KENERSON
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- ♦ Marvin & Beth NOBLE
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- ♦ Naty AKANA ROBERTS
- ♦ David & Cindy TEFFT

Lifetime Sustaining Members Members for 20 years or more

- # Charles & Bev GOYENECHÉ (since 1991)
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- # Joy CLARK (since 1993)
- # Jim & Juvie LOWDER (since 1993)
- # Imelda GO (1993-94, since 1996)
- # Butch & Dhel ELAMPARO (since 1995)
- # Peter & Olga LIUNORAS (since 1995)
- # Charles & Precy WALKER (since 1995)
- # 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)
- # Maria SILVER (since 2009)
- # Walter & Tess HILL (since 2012)

As of September 1, 2015, the persons listed above were paid members for all, or at least part, of Association Year 2014-2015 and/or 2015-2016 (July 1 — June 30).

Many have renewed their FAAGC membership for 2015-2016 (a few even beyond 2016). We hope the rest, as well as others not on the list, will rejoin or join us soon.



FILIPINO-AMERICAN Association of Greater Columbia

MILESTONES OF A GROWING ORGANIZATION

... Twenty-four 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



"Grand Marshall's Award" As Best Overall Entry
40th Carolina Carillon Christmas Parade (Dec. 4, 1993)

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.

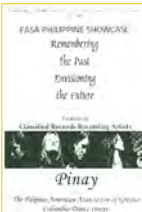
May 9, 1997 Ushering in a series of events to celebrate the *Philippine Independence Centennial*, FAAGC sponsors the stage presentation "*The Philippines — Yesterday, Today and Forever*" performed by the Manila-based, world-touring Philippine Centennial Youth Delegation at the Ridge View High School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

Aug. 21, 1999



FAAGC and Charleston's *Hiyas-Min* present "**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.



Ambassador Gaa

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.



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

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.

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 fund-raisers and matching Association funds to the Philippine National Red Cross.

Jan. 2, 2014 FAAGC delivers donation from various fund-raisers and matching Association funds for Typhoon Hainan (Yolanda) victims to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Manila.

July 1, 2014 FAAGC delivers additional donation from various fund-raisers to assist Typhoon Hainan (Yolanda) victims to the ABS-CBN Foundation *Sagip Kapamilya*.



April 5, 2015 Cecille Jacobsen is re-elected FAAGC president.

April 18-19, 2015 The Philippines is a featured country in the 20th annual *Columbia International Festival*.

Aug. 9, 2015 FAAGC receives commendation from the State of South Carolina and the Southeast Network for the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in recognition of its work with the Filipino American community in the Columbia, SC area.



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; and

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

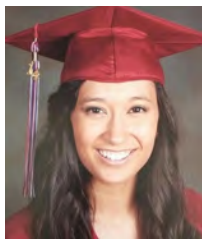
(signed)
Kirkman Finlay III
District IV Council Member



Columbia FIL-AM Scholarship Program



**DENISE
DAQILANEA**



**SEVERINA
LOWDER**



**ANGELICA
ROBICHAUD**

A Fil-Am youth scholarship program has been often discussed since the formation of the Association in 1991. Officially 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 paid FAAGC members and who (or their parents) have participated actively in Fil-Am activities. As specified by the Executive Board recently, criteria are involvement in FAAGC (50%), academics (30%), and interview and essay (20%).

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 by the Ridge View High School (RVHS) **Fil-Am Youth Club** under the direction of Peter Liunoras.

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. Interestingly, most of the past scholarship recipients had been **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** performers at one time or another.

Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Recipients

2015: ★ Denise Daquilanea
★ Angelica Robichaud

★ Severina Lowder



2014: ★ Jonathan Jacobsen

2013: ★ Darryl Arevalo
★ Khoi Nguyen
★ Shannin Scott

★ Justine Flora
★ Michael Sanchez

2012: ★ Elaiza Apan
★ Nicole Daquilanea

★ Kirkwood Bautista
★ Douglas Miguel Tupas

2011: ★ Karen Magsino
★ Nicholas Roberts
★ Nicole Victoria

★ Nicole Phillips
★ Joseph Szoke III

2010: ★ Paul Adcock
★ Fides Elamparo
★ Sean C.A. Tupas

★ Nicole Anderson
★ Steven Do

2009: ★ Jessamine Cuaresma
2008: ★ Butch Deo Elamparo
★ Mark Allen Viray

★ Jeffrey Noble
★ Christian Ysmael Tupas

2007: ★ Raquel Bagnal

★ Michelle Peña

2006: ★ Aileen Leigh Alon
★ Christian Elamparo
★ Fay Manapat

★ Jasper Lim
★ Marianne Magapan

2005: ★ Justin Anderson

2004: ★ Danielle Glenn
★ Michaela Kenworthy
★ Judith Peña

★ Amanda Goyeneche
★ Michael McNulty

2003: ★ Raymund Elamparo

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

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.



FILIPINO-AMERICAN Association of Greater Columbia, SC

25TH ANNUAL GALA

THE PERFORMERS

Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe

Helen Alon

Coordinator
Youth Group

F

Tess Hill & Anna Temples

Coordinator & Assistant Coordinator
Adult Group I

F

Odess Brinkman

Coordinator
Adult Group II

LA JOTA CAGAYANA

Originating from
Cagayan in Northern

Philippines, this lively and graceful dance is one of the many Philippine regional adaptations of the popular Spanish jota, combining Spanish and Filipino dance steps and music.

Dance Instructors: Helen Alon & Odess Brinkman



Jasmine Flora, Ashley Rabaca, Maddison Berends, Tehya-lani Locke, Julia Szoke, Andrea Robichaud, Joy Mangacat, Alisha Rabaca,

BAO (COCONUT SHELL DANCE)

A playful dance where each dancer clicks rhythmically two coconut half-shells.

Dance Instructors: Helen Alon & Odess Brinkman



Jaxen Castaneda, Brayden Sosa, Phina Rabaca, Savannah Carswell, Kathleen Elder, Phia Rabaca, Ethan Sosa, Jericho Broome

TINIKLING

One of the world's most exciting folk dances, this most famous of all Philippine dances is a favorite among performers and audience alike. In imitation of the long-legged *tikling* bird, the dancers nimbly hop in and out between bamboo poles which are clapped together vigorously and rapidly in time with the music, whose tempo gradually accelerates.

Dance Instructor: Joette Flora

Laurence Lafuente, Ethan Sosa, Jasmine Flora, Ashley Rabaca, Julia Szoke, Alisha Rabaca, Jaxen Castaneda, Paul Peña



KAPA MALONG MALONG

This Maranao dance from Mindanao shows the many ways of wearing a *malong*, a versatile tubular piece of colorfully designed cloth. Women can wear the *malong* as skirt, shawl, mantle, or headpiece. Men can use it as sash or waist-band, shorts or *bahag* (loincloth), or headgear.

Choreographer: Yani Gould



Allan Matienzo, Richel Vaules, Claire Lott, Anna Temples, Diana Dingman, Judy Strelow, Ruben Angeles

NASUDI

A popular, lively festival dance from the Ilocos region in Northern Philippines. This dance is performed by pairs of dancers swaying and moving briskly.

Choreographer: Yani Gould

Dance Instructor: Tess Hill



Ruben Angeles, Miriam Eschenfelder, Alan Matienzo, Tess Hill, Mark Ramirez, Prescy Ramirez

25TH ANNUAL GALA

THE PERFORMERS

Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe



SAYAW SA CUYO

Sayaw sa Cuyo is a mazurka-inspired dance by ladies swaying their hats to accent twirls and turns. Originating from Cuyo, Palawan, it is usually performed on the feast of St. Augustine. The island dance is a blend of old Cuyo ethnicity and Spanish-influenced steps. This is another variation of the dance.

- ◆ Odess Brinkman ◆ Nenita Talisesky ◆ Alma Robichaud
- ◆ Yani Gould ◆ Grace Collins ◆ Juvie Lowder

Dance Instructor: Odess Brinkman



The WAITers

Sometimes they eat, sometimes they pose, sometimes they take photos, sometimes they just sit, sometimes they play/work on their smartphones/tablets... But always THEY WAIT ... as the dance troupe practices and/or performs.

These are the parents, grandparents, spouses, significant others, siblings, friends ~~~ the chauffeurs, the chaperones, the tag-along audience ~~~ of the Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe dancers. They are as important to the dance troupe as the performers.



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SALAKOT

The salakot is a wide-brimmed hat which protects the Filipinos from rain and heat of the sun. In the dance the salakot is used to enhance the dance figure and hand movement.

- ◆ Nelia Boykin ◆ Dory Gapud ◆ Violy Arcalas ◆ Alice Webb

Choreographer: Lina Calub



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- ◆ Flo Agner ◆ Liza Bickley ◆ Aileen Francisco ◆ Maria Hatz

Choreography by the dancers

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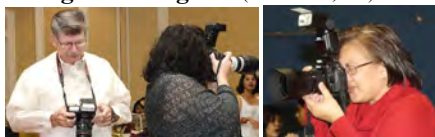
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Christmas Party ~~~ Dec. 15, 2012 ~~~ St. John Neumann School



COLUMBIA FIL-AM BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT & FILIPINO FOOD SALE To Benefit Fil-Am Scholarship Fund SEPTEMBER 6, 2014 ~ (Ridge View HS Gym) ~ MARCH 7, 2015



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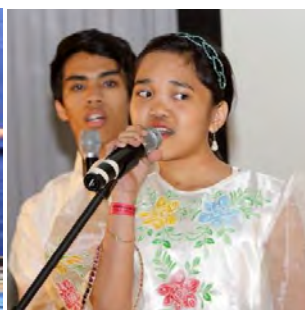
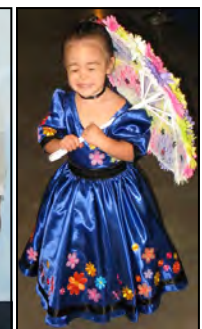
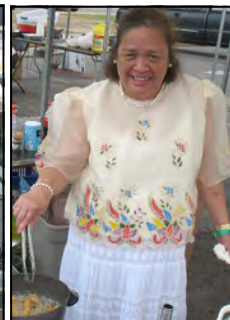
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**Dance Troupe Appreciation Day & Halloween Party
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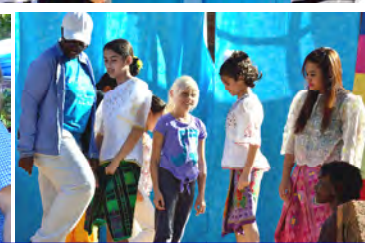
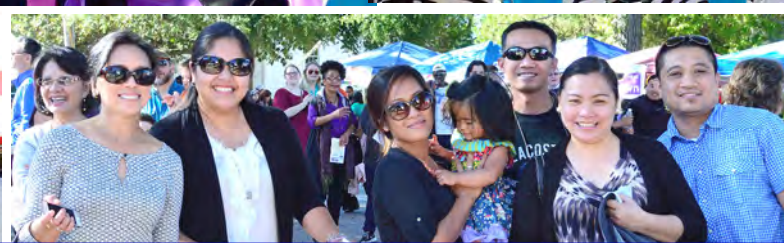


## Korean Festival

October 25, 2014  
Korean Community Presbyterian Church

### PROGRAM

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|------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 14:30..... | Arirang Dance                           |
| 14:40..... | Line Dance                              |
| 15:00..... | Philippine Aray                         |
| 15:15..... | Philippine Tinkling (Bamboo Pole Dance) |
| 15:30..... | Philippine Kawayan                      |
| 15:45..... | Philippine Pandanggo                    |
| 16:00..... | Haidong Gumdo                           |



## FAAGC in Out-of-Town Fil-Am Events



Filipino American Community of Western North Carolina  
FAC-WNC 20th Annual Gala ~ Asheville, NC ~ Aug. 23, 2014



Philippine-American Club of Fayetteville  
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FAAGC President Cecille Jacobsen receives a copy of SC Gov. Nicky Haley's proclamation declaring May 2015 as *Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Heritage Month* from Jackie Romain (Special Initiatives Coordinator, USDA, SE Regional Office, Food and Nutrition Service) during the general membership meeting held on August 9, 2015 at Ridge View HS cafeteria.

An AAPI SE Regional Network Committee Member — the network is a committee of Federal employees based in Atlanta who are working to ensure the AAPI community has full access to Federal programs and resources — Ms. Romain commends FAAGC for its work with the Filipino American community in Columbia, SC.

### State of South Carolina Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, America was built by people who, though from different countries around the world, shared a belief in the principles of freedom, justice, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, with an entrepreneurial spirit and strong values, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made lives for themselves and their families, enriched their communities, and made countless cultural, artistic, educational, and economic contributions to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have helped build, defend, and strengthen our nation; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize their contributions to our rich cultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

#### ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the Palmetto State.



*Nikki R. Haley*

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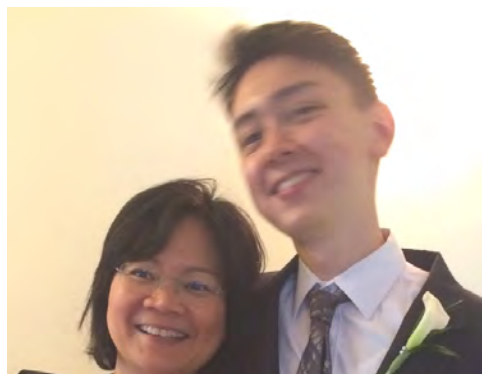
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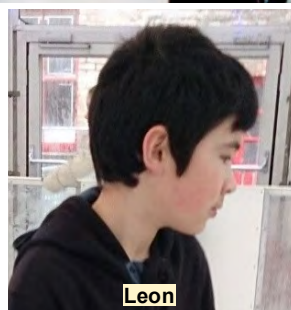
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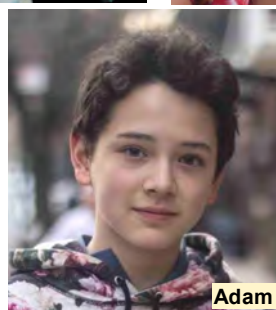
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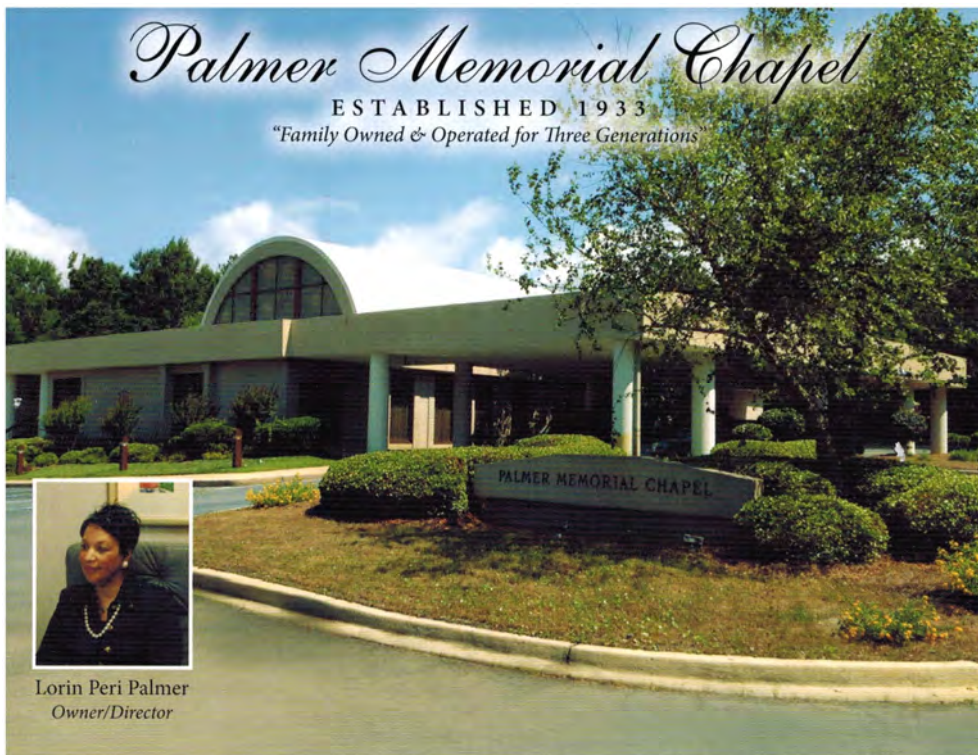


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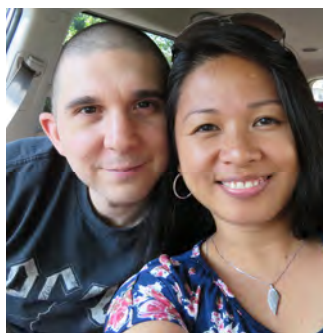




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