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Fil-Am Spring Picnic, Easter Egg-hunt on April 24 at Sesqui Park

The Columbia Fil-Am annual spring picnic will be held at the Sesquicentennial State Park on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, starting at 1:00 p.m. In addition, the election of FAAGC officers for the next term will be conducted.

The annual spring picnic has become a tradition for meeting new and old Fil-Am members and acquaintances in one of Columbia's most beautiful state parks [9564 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC 29223; (803) 788-2706]. (continued on Page 7)

Fil-Am Display Features "Flores de Mayo" at International Festival

FAAGC participated again in the annual *Columbia International Festival* held at the Cantey Building of the SC State Fairgrounds on April 1-3, 2011. Now in its 16th year, the festival enabled area residents and visitors to experience "the world [when it] comes to Columbia."

The Association's cultural and educational exhibit featured a "Flores de Mayo" theme complete with a colorful flowery arch reminiscent of Philippine "flowers of May" festivals and parades.

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The Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe *singkil* performers at the 2010 Annual Gala: (front) Glyde Apan, Mikko Tupas. (back, l-f) Josh Angoluan, Nicole Daquilanea, Kirk Bautista, Michael Sanchez, Darryl Arevalo.

Columbia Fil-Am To Elect New Officers for 2011-2013

Elections are just around the corner. Yes, the election of FAAGC officers for the term 2011-2013 will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2011, during the annual *Columbia Fil-Am Spring Picnic/Easter Egg-hunt* at Sesquicentennial State Park. The new set of officers will serve from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.

As stated in the Association By-laws, currently-paid members in good standing are eligible to vote and run for office. To maximize voting eligibility, the Executive Board during its last meeting agreed to give amnesty to all unpaid members. As long as they pay their dues by April 24

during the picnic but prior to the actual voting, members can still vote (and be elected).

For current membership status, check with **Nieves McNulty** (781-9509; nmcnulty@columbiasc.edu) or **Helen Alon** (738-0372; helenqda@yahoo.com). An updated membership list will be available at the picnic.

All are encouraged to take a more active and participatory role in the Fil-Am Association by voting or running for positions in the Fil-Am Executive Board. For more information, see the *Fil-Am Election Primer* on Page 4. ❖

FAAGC Set To Celebrate 20th Anniversary

The Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC) will mark a major milestone in its history when the Association celebrates its **20th Anniversary** during the **21st Annual Gala** set for **September 10, 2011** at the Columbia Marriott Hotel.

Preparations for celebrating this momentous occasion are underway, with a 20th Anniversary Gala planning committee formed and starting to discuss celebration plans.

Projects discussed include a retrospective on the Association's first year to be included in the newsletter and/or gala souvenir program and presented at the

2011 gala. Please contact the **Fil-Am Bulletin** editor (738-0372) if you have photos and/or video of FAAGC activities in 1991-1992 that you can share or we can borrow/copy; articles about that first year are most welcome. Members and supporters are also requested to contact the editor if they know the present whereabouts of the charter FAAGC members.

The gala souvenir program may also include a special section of members' family pictures "then" (in 1991) and "now" (in 2011) for a small fee to defray printing costs. Additional activities/projects to celebrate the anniversary may

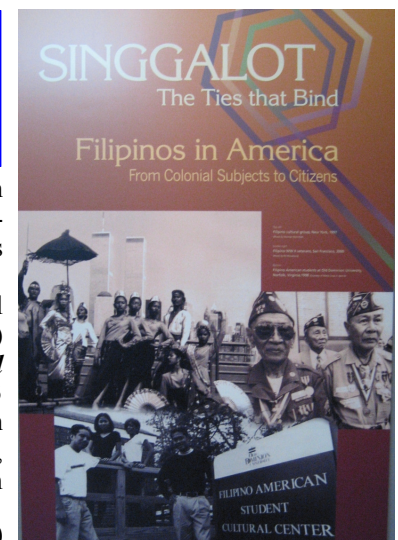
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Smithsonian Exhibit on Filipinos in America Coming to Charlotte

Singgalot, a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition on Filipino history, culture and community in the U.S., is on its way to the Carolinas.

The Charlotte Museum of History will host *Singgalot (The Ties That Bind) [Filipinos in America, from Colonial Subjects to Citizens]* from August 13 through October 16, 2011. The exhibition was first shown on May 18 to August 20, 2006 at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., to commemorate the

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From the President by Marj Peña
After 20 Years, FAAGC Is Alive and Well

It is hard to believe that it is almost two years since the current Officers and Executive Board were elected and our terms are almost over! Time indeed has flown and we are again ready to elect the next set of Officers and Executive Board members. Looking back, we have been through one frenzied activity after another that we hope has brought the Filipino Community here in Columbia closer and built stronger ties with our sister organizations across the South Carolina and in our neighboring states.

Sharing Our Cultural Traditions

In the last two years, we have worked hard to pass on our cultural traditions to the younger generation while showcasing them to our community. Through the hard work and effort of our teenage, adult, and children groups as well as their parents and families, the **Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe** participated in the Columbia International Festival, *Santo Niño Fiesta*, Korean Festival, *Richland's International Flavours Festival* at Decker Boulevard, "Everybody Eats Rice" Festival in Sumter, SC, and the Columbia Fil-Am Gala and Christmas Party.

The dance troupe has also performed in private weddings and entertained patients in the Bryan Psychiatric Hospital, among others. Indeed, we are very proud and grateful to these tireless ambassadors who showed us that the Filipino culture is alive and well in the Midlands.

I would like to extend special thanks to the Dance

Coordinators: **Odess Brinkman, Bernadette Yavis, Tessie Kenerson, and Jojo & Joette Flora** who have tirelessly and patiently worked with these groups and in some cases, offered their homes for the endless practice sessions. I hope that you all come to their upcoming performances to show them your support.

Communication Lines

To communicate better with our members, we have created an email database to inform you of upcoming activities in a timely fashion. If you know of anyone who is not on the email or mailing list, please send us a note with their email and mailing address so that we can reach them by Internet or regular mail.

We have created a **Facebook** page where you can keep up to date with the latest activities and pictures of the FAAGC. If you have a Facebook account, become a fan or "like" the Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC) Facebook page and join the online camaraderie.

Thanks To All !

There are many people to thank for the successes that the FAAGC has achieved during our term. A great big heartfelt **THANKS** goes to the Officers and Executive Board Members that I have been privileged to serve with. It was a great honor to work with this group of enthusiastic and talented individuals, who were never shy to express their opinions and always unreserved in investing their time, effort, talents, and possessions as they worked for the good of our organization. Although they are all unpaid volunteers, I salute the passion and hard work

that they devoted to the FAAGC over and above their duties at home and at work. KUDOS to all, you are the best!

I hope that this will encourage everyone to seriously think of participating as an Officer and Executive Board Member. **The FAAGC needs your talent and ideas!** If not for the camaraderie, then I certainly hope that the opportunity to taste some good Filipino food at the meetings should be a great incentive to run!

More importantly, THANKS to all of you! Without your participation, the activities we sponsor will not be a success. I hope that in the process you have made new friends and kept the ties to our country strong and forever alive.

Upcoming Activities

Let me close by inviting you all to our upcoming activities:

◆ The **Annual Easter Picnic and Egg Hunt** will take place on **April 24th** at the Sesquicentennial Park (*Shed No. 1*) starting at 1:00 p.m. Look out for the postcard with details on the event in your mail and also in this newsletter.

◆ The **Summer Picnic and Membership Appreciation Day** will be held on **June 26th** at Weston Lake.

◆ Finally, planning has begun for our **20th Anniversary Gala**, a very important milestone in our organization. This will take place on **September 10, 2011** at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Columbia. We would like to make this a memorable event and we welcome everyone who would share their time and talent in the Gala Planning Committee. Please sign **(continued on Page 3)**

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

★ **VIRGINIA ABENOJA-WALLACE** of Bishopville, SC. Now retired, she has been in the area for over 20 years.

★ **ARTHUR BUTIC** of Houston, TX.

★ **LENDORA "LEE" DIXON** of Columbia, SC. A nurse with the MedFirst Staffing, she has been in Columbia for four years. Her spouse Warren "Bill" Hall is a research technician at USC.

★ **BROOK DONALDSON**.

★ **TESS LOPEZ** of Lexington, SC. A nurse originally from Paranaque, Metro Manila, she has been in the area for more than 20 years.

★ **ANTONIO "Tony" & SHERRY ANN MARTINEZ** of Columbia, SC. Now with the U.S. Army, he is from Jubay, Calubian, Leyte.

An optician at LensCrafters, she is from Naval, Biliran. They think the Association "can be a good connection between [them] and [their] heritage. It can connect [them] to fellow Filipinos who are also interested in keeping their cultures and traditions." In the area for almost a year now, they have a daughter, Catherine Jennifer "CJ", 9.

★ **DAVE & VERONICA McGLAUFLIN** of Irmo, SC. She is originally from Compostela, Cebu.

★ **WAYNE & SWETCHEE POUND** of Gaston, SC. Newly arrived in the area, she is from Davao City.

★ **RICHARD & ANGIE WALLACE** of Rincon, GA. She is an SIS technician originally from Samar, while he is a correctional officer. ❖

~ Congratulations ~

➤ to **KRIS & JETT THOMAS** on the recent birth of their second son Benjamin Tyler.

♥ to **TESSIE BUHAWE SPOTTS** on her marriage to **Richard Carl Bannister** on March 19 in Prosperity, SC. The Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe performed *tinikling* and *sayaw sa bangko* during the wedding reception.

♥ to **FAY MANAPAT** on her marriage to **Brenden Marcel Boudet** on April 8 in Wadmalaw Island, SC. She is the eldest daughter of Galen & Johanne Manapat of Lexington, SC. ❖

Special Thanks to:

★ **Richard Bannister** for his recent donation to the *Columbia Fil-Am Youth Scholarship Fund*. ❖

**Maraming Salamat !
THANKS FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT**

Recent Membership Renewals:

- * Douglas & Helena Tupas
- * Susan Zamora
- * Pete & Cecilia Jacobsen
- * Arthur Bhtic
- * Sean & Shirley McGuinness
- * Lu & Merlyn Bajamunde
- * Rio & Mary Jane Daquilena
- * Anthony & Onie Jaber
- * Zeny Lazaro
- * Barbara Proctor
- * John & Bernadette Yavis
- * Charles & Precy Walker
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- * Mario & Wyda Viray
- * Jojo & Joette Flora
- * George & Nieves McNulty
- * Edsel & Marj Peña

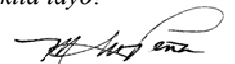
We hope others will continue their support of the Columbia Fil-Am Association !

From The President
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up during the Easter Picnic or contact any of the officers.

Alive and Well

As you can see, after twenty years, the FAAGC is alive and well and that is because of your continued participation and support. As we move forward, our motto rings true and relevant: *Together, we make a difference!* Mabuhay and looking forward to seeing you in all the FAAGC activities! *Magkita-kita tayo!*



Columbia International Festival (continued from Page 1)

Representation

The **Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe** performed Philippine folk dances during the festival's cultural entertainment program on Saturday and Sunday. Some Fil-ams also took part in the *Parade of Nations* and the *International Fashion Shows*.

The Philippine food booth, with **Cecilia Jacobsen** in charge, sold the usual Filipino delicacies festival goers had come to expect. FAAGC also sold Philippine-native *barako* coffee and dessert.

As before, the Philippines was also represented in the *International Bazaar* by a booth also run by **Cecilia Jacobsen** (owner of the *Fil-Am Store* in Sumter), selling Philippine delicacies, gift items, and other products.

International Festival

One of the largest indoor cultural and international events in southeastern U.S., the festival, now in its 16th year, is a family-oriented showcase of the music, food, culture and performing arts

of the varied countries represented in South Carolina. *Global Education Day*, the festival's opening event on Friday, April 1, brought students from all over the state for a day of fun and learning about cultural diversity and the contributions made by foreign-born residents.

FAAGC Executive Board member **Grace Collins** and FAAGC member **Imelda Go** were continuing members of the 2011 Columbia International Festival coordinating committee and the *Global Education Day* committee, respectively. ❖

Fil-Am Scholarship

Graduating Fil-Am high school students are reminded to apply now for the Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship by June 30.

Graduating seniors who have participated in Fil-Am activities and whose parents are members of FAAGC are eligible to apply for the *FIL-AM Scholarship*.

For details, contact **Nieves McNulty (781-9509; nmcnulty@columbiasc.edu)**. Application forms can also be downloaded from the FAAGC website: www.FilAmSC.org ❖

ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE



Now that the school year is almost over, it's time to start preparing for the **FIL-AM BULLETIN's** annual "ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE" issue. In the next issue of the Association newsletter, we would like to make a special recognition of the graduation and recent scholastic, athletic, academic, and other achievements of Fil-Am adults and children in the area.

Provide us with the details (*full name, school, grade, awards, college plans, etc.*) as well as a photograph (*preferably with light background*) so we can give due recognition of your and/or your child/ren's achievements. Contact the Editor at **738-0372** or e-mail (FilAmSC@yahoo.com) with the details no later than **July 2, 2011**. ❖



Fil-Am ELECTION Primer

VOTERS

▶ A paid member can cast one vote during the election. Under the By-laws, those with family memberships are allowed two votes per family.

▶ A qualified voter who cannot be physically present during the election may cast a vote via a **proxy**. He/she should notify the Election Committee (ELECOM) **before noon of April 24** regarding the proxy who will vote in and for his/her behalf.

ELECOM

▶ The Election Committee (ELECOM) supervises the conduct of the election. The ELECOM is empowered to promulgate regulations governing elections.

▶ ELECOM members and their immediate families are **not** eligible to run for any elective office.

CANDIDATES

▶ A candidate for any elective position must be a paid member for at least 3 months prior to election, and must be present during the election **OR** if he/she cannot be present, must inform the ELECOM of his/her intention to serve if elected. This ensures that only those willing to accept nomination and election can be voted for.

▶ Although different members of the same family can be nominated for one or more positions, only **one** member from the same family can hold an elective office during the 2011-2013 term.

▶ Under the three-term limit set in the By-laws, all the incumbent officers are still eligible for reelection to their respective present positions, if they so wish.

▶ Nominations will be finalized just before the actual voting on April 24.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

▶ The **PRESIDENT** is the executive officer of the Association. The President presides at all general meetings and Executive Board meetings, call special sessions of the Executive Board, appoint committees, act on behalf of the Association at community functions, report to the general membership all actions taken by the President, other officers, or the Executive Board, and have general supervisory responsibilities over all matters pertaining to the organization.

▶ The **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT** assists the President especially in external affairs and act as President in the absence or incapacity of the President.

▶ The **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT** is in charge of disseminating information regarding membership, seeking new members, and assuring that adequate provisions are made to assure that social functions and meetings have whatever facilities and supplies are necessary. The Second Vice-President also coordinates the standing and special projects committees.

▶ The **SECRETARY** keeps minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board, notify and/or send out meeting notices to members of the Executive Board meetings, and reads the minutes of previous meetings. The Executive Secretary attends to all Association correspondence and maintain custody of correspondence files and the originals of all other documents/papers of the Association.

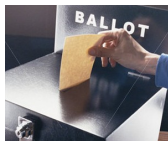
▶ The **ASSISTANT SECRETARY** keeps minutes of all general membership meetings and notifies and/or sends out meeting notices to members of the Association. The Assistant Secretary keeps an accurate roster of all members and a list of all standing and special projects committees.

▶ The **TREASURER** keeps the financial records of the Association's accounts, receives and issues receipts for Association monies, dues, and contributions, pays all bills of the Association as properly authorized and retains proper vouchers for all disbursements. In coordination with the President, the Treasurer insures that annual income tax returns and license requirements are properly prepared and submitted on time to the appropriate governmental agencies.

▶ The **ASSISTANT TREASURER** assists the Treasurer and act as Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer serves as the Association Property Custodian and has control of all properties and equipment of the Association.

▶ Each of the five **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS** can be appointed by the President to assist another officer and/or to serve as chairperson of a standing or special projects committee. When deemed necessary by the Executive Board, a Board member elected at-large may also serve as a temporary replacement officer.

**Exercise
Your Right
To Vote**



SINGGALOT (The Ties That Bind)

Filipinos in America: From Colonial Subjects to Citizens

August 13 to October 16, 2011

The Charlotte Museum of History

3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215

Phone: 704.568.1774 * www.charlottemuseum.org

Smithsonian Exhibit

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Filipino-American Centennial in 2006 and has been on a national tour since summer 2008.

Singgalot

Developed by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program, the exhibit explores "the challenges and issues that confronted Filipinos – following the annexation of the Philippines as a U.S. territory in 1898 – as colonial subjects and 'nationals' and their struggle to acquire full citizenship status as immigrants in this country from the turn of the 20th century to the present."

Singgalot highlights "the unique contributions of Filipinos in the development of Hawai'i and West Coast agribusiness industries, seafood and cannery industries in Alaska, in the U.S. military, public service, in the literature and the arts, sports, and more recently, as doctors and nurses in America's health-care industry. Through some 100 photo murals and images [on 60 panels], the exhibit portrays the social history and the development of the Filipino community in the United States."

For more information about *Singgalot* and other Philippine-oriented programs, visit the Smithsonian Filipino American Heritage website: www.filam.si.edu

Charlotte Activities

With participation from nearby Fil-Am associations, the Filipino American Community of the Carolinas (FACC) will complement the *Singgalot* exhibit with lectures, traditional dance and music performances, a play, educational activities, oral history videos, food tasting, and Filipino martial arts demonstration. The exhibit will also be augmented by Philippine artifacts, contemporary photographs, and an ongoing interactive gallery featuring Filipino traditional games and ancient Tagalog script lessons.

According to former FACC president Dell Amor, who is part of the *Singgalot* planning group, the complementary activities have been scheduled for three free Saturdays.

▶ **August 13, 2011** — On *Opening Day*, there will be a lecture by Dr. Kenneth Bauzon, professor from St Joseph College, NY, on the history, contributions and impact of Filipino diaspora in America; a demonstration by Balintawak Arnis of ancient Philippine martial arts; and traditional dances by the Filipino American Community of Western North Carolina Dance Troupe of Asheville, NC.

▶ **September 10, 2011** — Michael Dadap, a Juilliard-trained Filipino classical guitarist, currently artistic and music director and principal conductor of the NYC Children's Orchestra Society, will perform to showcase traditional *kundiman* (love songs). There will be traditional folk dances by the Philippine Cultural Dance Group of Raleigh, NC, and a play about the life of the Philippine national hero Jose Rizal.

▶ **October 1, 2011** — Dr. Rowena Torrevillas, professor from the University of Iowa, will talk about contemporary Filipino writers in America. Also, there will be traditional dance performances by the Maharlika Dance Troupe of Fayetteville, NC, and a play featuring excerpts from the life of Jose Rizal.

The presentations and performances will be at the Charlotte Museum of History. Incidentally, the museum's director is a Filipina. ❖



Welcome, Dr. Modesto to Columbia.

Providence Hospitals is proud to have Maria Modesto, M.D. join our family of physicians at Providence Internal Medicine Northeast—our newest practice conveniently located on the campus of Providence Hospital Northeast. For everything from preventive care to the diagnosis and treatment of chronic illness, you can expect to receive the expert, compassionate attention you deserve.

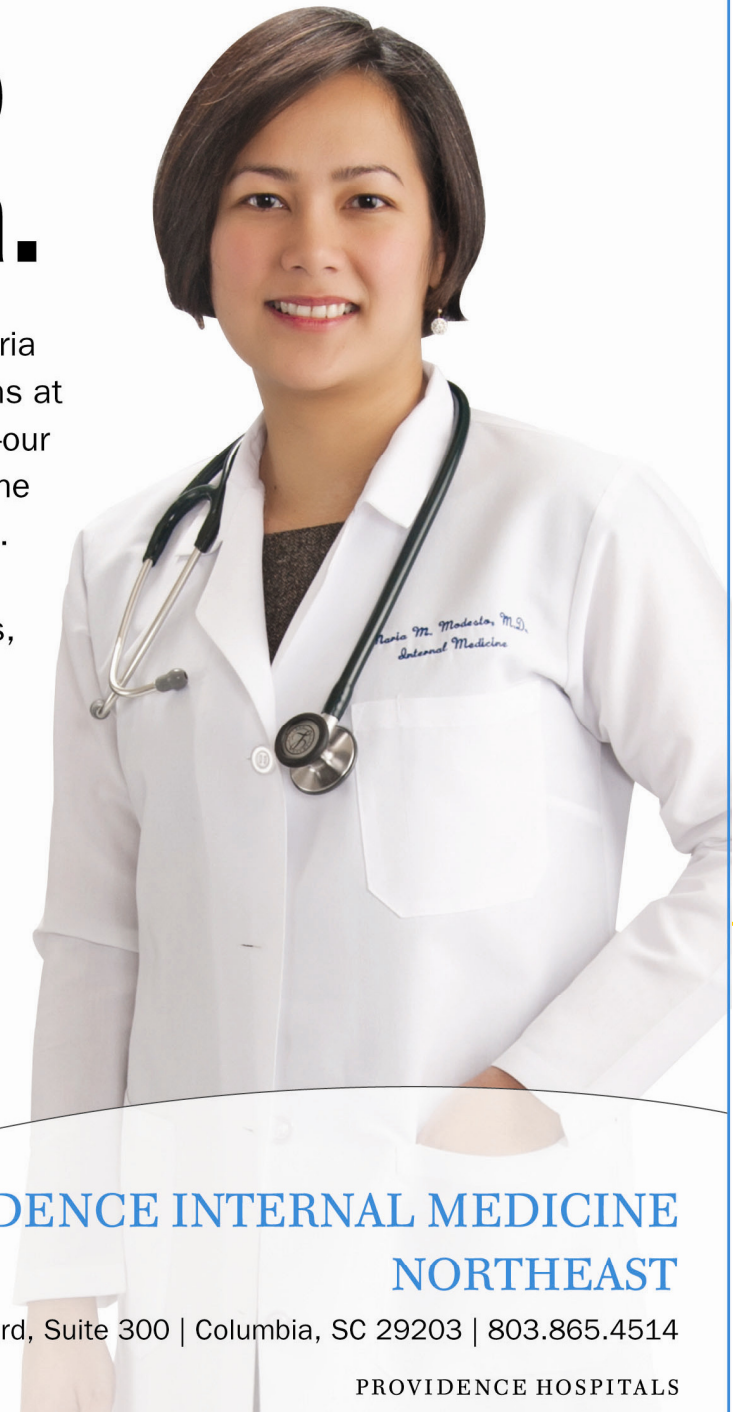
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▲ FAAGC's very own jeepney — albeit just a model — at the 2010 Columbia International Festival.

THE FILIPINO JEEPNEY

King of the Road

by I.C. Go

Public Transportation



A lot of tourists who visit the Philippines marvel at the jeepney, which can only be found in the Philippines. It is a praiseworthy road vehicle and has been nicknamed the “King of the Road.”

Whenever I go and visit the Philippines, I make it a point to take at least one public jeepney ride, which reminds me of so many memories of when I was growing up in Manila.

If you ever have a chance, I encourage you to ride a jeepney because it gives you a glimpse of local life that you will not experience by riding other types of transportation, such as cars and buses.

Origin

The jeepney bears a resemblance in name and in appearance to the American Jeep by no accident. After World War II, there were thousands of American military jeeps left on Philippine soil. The locals, with their ingenuity and creativity, modified them and thus began the evolution of the Filipino jeepney.

Essentially the original vehicle was divided into two and extended in the middle. It was first a six-seater and then grew in length and consequently in capacity throughout the years.

Although the original jeepneys were based on the American jeep, the local jeepney manufacturing industry took over later. Jeepneys are considered hand-built or custom-built vehicles, which helps to explain why there is a daunting number of jeepney variations and so many one-of-a-kind jeepneys in the Philippines.

The jeepney is the most common means of public transportation that can be found all over the Philippines. The jeepney can easily weave in and out of traffic more swiftly than a large bus and its use is viable for narrow streets.

The main passenger length of the jeepney has two cushioned rows for seating. The two rows of passengers face each other instead of facing in the direction of the driver.

There is an official passenger capacity for the jeep depending on its length. However, the truth is the maximum capacity is how many people can squeeze into each row. The driver may ask passengers to compress so that another passenger can squeeze into one of the rows.

For easy entry and exit, there are typically no doors into the driver's seating area and the main passenger area. It is typically “open-air” without window panes, which helps ventilate the interior so that intolerable heat does not build up inside. There is only the windshield for the driver. When it rains, sturdy plastic protectors are unrolled to cover the windows. Almost all public jeeps are not air-conditioned, but there are a few that feature air-conditioning with doors and window panes.

The owners of the jeepney express their individuality in the way they decorate the jeepney. Jeepneys can be artistically embellished with lettering and painted sceneries or other images. It's easy to find a jeepney with all sorts of ornaments on its hood (e.g., aluminum horses or even a Mercedes Benz insignia).

Riding a jeepney is a social activity. When you have to pay the driver, people help pass your payment to the driver up front. They also help pass the change back to you. If you would like to disembark, you can tap the ceiling of the jeepney as a signal to the driver. If it seems like the driver did not notice, the other passengers will help tell the driver to stop the vehicle. This type of public transportation culture is another manifestation of the Filipino's friendly and helpful nature.

Private Transportation

The jeepney is also used as private transportation. Because of its flexibility in design and features, the jeepney can be a very useful cargo vehicle. The ones built for private use usually look more low-key and reserved in terms of decorations and embellishment. They may have more features, such as doors, windows, and air-conditioning that are standard to non-jeepney vehicles. They can be marked “for private use” on the outside so that they will not be mistaken for public jeepneys.

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Spring Picnic

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[**Note:** The park charges an entrance fee of \$2 per adult and \$1.25 per SC senior; children aged 15 and under are free].

This is a POTLUCK picnic so please bring a 2-liter soda and a covered dish enough for your family and friends. FAAGC will provide hotdogs, hamburgers and rice.

Planned activities include an Easter egg-hunt and games for children and adults. Parents with young children are requested to bring at least a dozen goodies-filled plastic Easter eggs for the egg-hunt.

FAAGC members and others in the Fil-Am community are all invited to come and share the fun and food with family and friends. Picnic goers are also urged to bring their portable chairs.

For further information and directions, please contact any officer listed on *Page 2* or visit FAAGC's website: **Fil-AmSC.org**. Sumter area Fil-Ams can contact **Cecilia Jacobsen** (494-5613). ❖

20th Anniversary

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also be made as the year progresses. Ideas for such activities are most welcome; contact any officer if you have suggestions.

Looking Back

After months of preparatory meetings, FAAGC was formally organized on June 9, 1991 when its By-laws were approved and adopted. A few days later, the first election of officers was held on June 15, with Eva Rigney, Susana Pasicata, Minnie Wheelleton, Helen Alon, Remie Sarmiento, Grace Collins, Jun David and Cindy Tefft elected as the first Executive Board.

FAAGC became officially incorporated as a non-profit organization in South Carolina on July 11, 1991 and held its first gala and inaugural ball on September 7, 1991. ❖

FILIPINO—AMERICAN
Association of Greater Columbia
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- * **April 24, 2011** (Sunday, 1:00 p.m.)
 - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am Annual Spring Picnic & Easter Egg-hunt**
 - ◆ **Sesquicentennial Park (Shed 1)**
 9564 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC 29223
- * **June 26, 2011** (Sunday, 1:00 p.m.)
 - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am Annual Summer Picnic & Members' Appreciation Day**
 - ◆ **Weston Lake Recreation Area** at Ft. Jackson
 [Entrance at the 4500 block of Leesburg Road (SC-262), Hopkins, SC 29061]
- * **September 10, 2011** (Saturday, 6:00 p.m.)
 - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am 21st Annual Gala & 20th Anniversary Ball**
 - ◆ **Columbia Marriott Hotel**
 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

RELATED EVENTS:

- * **August 13, 2011 (Opening Ceremonies) thru October 16, 2011**
 - ▶ **Singgalot (The Ties That Bind)**
 [Filipinos in America, from Colonial Subjects to Citizens] — A Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition on Filipino history, culture and community in the U.S.
 [website: filam.si.edu/singgalot.html]
 - ◆ **Charlotte Museum of History**
 3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC 28215

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Copies of the By-laws and application forms can be downloaded from the website.



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***** Just A Reminder *****

Membership renewal for the Fil-Am Association Year 2010-11 is now due for many members. Please check the mailing address label below — *if there are three asterisks (***) on the line above your name*, then your membership has expired or will expire on the date specified after the asterisks.

Your membership renewal and prompt payment of dues are crucial to the continued operations and success of the FAAGC in our community. Please send your membership dues as soon as possible. Dues can also be paid at the Easter picnic. If there are membership renewal questions, contact **Nieves McNulty** (781-9509; nmcnulty@columbiasc.edu).

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Reminders:

- * **Columbia FIL-AM Annual Spring Picnic / Easter Egghunt & the 2011 Election of Officers** will be held on **Sunday, April 24, 2011** at the **Sesquicentennial Park**.

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 PLEASE EXPEDITE DELIVERY**