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Fil-Am Spring Picnic, Easter Egghunt on April 20 at Sesqui Park

The Columbia Fil-Am annual spring picnic will be held at the Sesqui-centennial State Park on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, starting at 1:00 p.m.

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].

This is a POTLUCK picnic so please bring a 2-liter bottle of soda and a covered dish to share. Planned activities include an
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FAAGC Exhibit Features Vinta, Shellcraft at Festival

FAAGC participated again in the annual *Columbia International Festival* at the Cantey Building of the SC State Fairgrounds on April 5-6, 2014. Now in its 19th year, the festival allowed area residents and visitors to "see, taste and experience the world" under one roof in Columbia. The *Columbia International Festival* "showcases the music, culture, food and performing arts of the various cultures, nationalities, races and language groups represented in South Carolina."

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Fil-Ams Donate Funds, Goods for Typhoon Victims

FAAGC would like to thank the Midlands area Fil-Am community and others who donated money and relief goods, as well as services and food for sale, during fund-raising events for the victims of Typhoon Hainan (*Philippine name: Yolanda*) which devastated central Philippines on November 8, 2013.

On relatively short notice, FAAGC held an emergency fund-raising drive with a Filipino food sale during a basketball exhibition on November 16, 2013 at the Polo Road Park Recreation Center. Incidentally, TV reporters from WACH, WIS,

and WLTX television stations covered the fundraiser and interviewed current and past FAAGC officers.

The money collected during the food sale, other fundraisers during the Christmas Party, and from other donations totalled \$5,067. The amount of \$3,740 was donated to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), with the rest of the net proceeds to be donated through the ABS-CBN Foundation.

CRS specializes in building shelters for the victims, employing them to help them
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THE BEGINNING OF FAAGC

The Columbia Fil-Am Association Has Come A Long Way

by Eva Rigney (1991-92 FAAGC President)

My, how time flies! Not so long ago, I had the privilege of attending the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia's 2013 Gala and Induction Ball. I had not been to this event since 2004. It brought back a flood of great memories.

But it also reminded me that so many wonderful people have spent a lot of time making sure this outstanding organization is still alive and continues to thrive. We all need to say "thank you" to everyone who has worked so hard to make this organization a success. These people include, of course, all the officers that are currently serving, as well as all the offic-

ers who have served in the past.

But let us not forget that the organization would really be a small one if not for all the members, so we all need to say "thank you" to every person who is now or has ever been a member of the group. Without members, there would be no Association.

Finally, there are others, more than I can hope to mention, who have an impact on the Association, such as donors, advertisers and government officials who, in one way or another, help the group survive and continue to grow.

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Filipino Food Sale
November 16, 2013



Past FAAGC President Marj Peña (third from right) hands over the \$3,740-check donation to Mrs. Aмоса Espiritu, head of operations of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) at its headquarters in Intramuros, Manila, on January 2, 2014. Representing fundraising results since November 2013, the donation was made as FAAGC's contribution to the CRS for its assistance to the Philippine victims of Typhoon Hainan (Yolanda).
Photo: Marj Peña



From the President by Cecille Jacobsen

Volunteers Are Key to Association's Success

Greetings every one. To our new members, welcome to the Fil-Am Association.

We had the last issue of the Fil-Am newsletter in August 2013, and many things have transpired since then. Some were pleasant and some were very pleasant, but we can't leave out those that were not so pleasant. Having said that, the most notable of these was the typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) which devastated central Philippines.

Although it was considered a calamity, it also brought a blessing of compassion and unity. It is so amazing how much kindness we

have around us; concern and assistance from people all over the world are pouring in. A very successful emergency fundraising for the typhoon victims was carried out by FAAGC and its volunteers and donors a week or so after the calamity.

I'm very grateful because I am surrounded by kind people like YOU. You volunteered your time, your money, and your material things — that is awesome and I can only wish nothing but blessing for your unselfish deeds.

Let's take a look at what "volunteer" means. In reality, I need not look in the dictionary; all I have to do is look around and gaze at you. You freely do something without payment. Your freely offer to

do something, and you pleasantly join the Association, knowing you may have to do a task without pay. It wears you out at times and you want to quit, but you keep on giving and keep on doing. Sometimes we ask ourselves, *What do I get out of this?* and then you laugh at yourself. Later on, you call and invite a friend to share a meal. *OMG*, that is so great.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for being kind and mindful. We hope you all will join us in our upcoming events; dates and venues are listed in this newsletter as well as posted on our website. ❖



FROM THE FIRST FAAGC PRESIDENT by Eva Rigney

The Beginning of FAAGC

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While I was driving home after the party, I started thinking about how it all came to exist. With that in mind, I want to share with everyone how this enduring organization sprang from very humble roots and from a chance meeting.

In the winter and spring of 1987, my husband David and I, along with our children,

moved from Fayetteville, Arkansas, to Columbia, South Carolina. David, having just graduated from law school in January of 1987, studied for, took, and passed the South Carolina Bar Exam in the early months of 1987.

During that time, I was looking for a CPA firm to work with us on a project that we were about to launch. At the very first CPA firm I visited, I was shocked when the receptionist asked me what

country I was from. When I told her it was the Philippines, she smiled and said she thought so. Then, she took me to an office, where I met **Frank Galvez**. The receptionist told me that Frank, too, was from the Philippines.

Frank and I had a nice conversation. He told me that his wife, Rosalia, was a medical doctor. Our youngest son was having problems with ear infections at that time, so I

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The Joy of Dancing!

by Faye Colley,

2013-15 First Vice-President, 2013-2015 Youth Dance Troupe Coordinator

When I was a little girl, I always looked forward to our apartment complex's annual Christmas Party in December. During that time of the year, I danced with the other kids who were close to my age. My older sisters and our parents also danced with their peers. I remember dancing to Whitney

Houston's *"I Wanna Dance with Somebody"* and my sisters dancing to Vanilla Ice's *"Ice Ice Baby."*

Dance certainly brought joy to all of us as dancers. Through dance, we learned new movements, felt fit and healthy and built genuine friendships as we bonded. It gave us the challenge to be creative, as well as the opportunity to have fun dressing up

for our dance numbers. We felt appreciated by others and joyful that we can dance for God's glory.

Now that I'm grown, and live here in South Carolina, I certainly appreciate the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC), for giving me the opportunity to feel the joys of dancing. I am part of the **Columbia Fil-**
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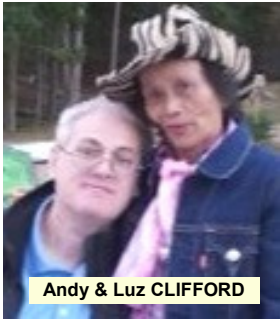
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★ **ALBERT ABALLA** of Sumter, SC. Originally from Angeles City, Pampanga, he is with the US Air Force. He thinks "open communication and moving towards one common goal" are important for the Association. He likes basketball, bowling and golf.



★ **RUBEN "Bong" ANGELES** of Columbia, SC. Newly arrived in the area, he is originally from Legazpi City, Albay. He has become a member of the *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe*.

★ **REY & DOLLY ANGOLUAN** of Columbia, SC. Originally from Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, she is a nurse at Palmetto Health Baptist. From Manila, he is a sanitary engineer with Richland County Utilities. In the area for over 18 years now, they have two adult children: Joshua (who was a past *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe* performer) and John.

★ **JOSHUA & JOYCE BLOCKER** of Sumter, SC (but they will move soon to Guam). They have three children: Taylor, 13; Ashley, 8; and Alexis, 2.

★ **RODGERR & AURELIA ("Maureen") BROWN, JR.** of Sumter, SC. Newly arrived in the area, she is from Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. From Jackson, MS, he is with the US Army Central. They have two children: Rodger III, 4, and Nicole, 1.

★ **ROBERT & JADE CARSWELL** of Lexington, SC. Five-year area residents, she is from Talisay City, Cebu, while he is from Atlanta, GA. They have two children: Elizabeth, 16, and Savannah, 9.

★ **ANDY & LUZ CLIFFORD** of Columbia, SC. Now retired, she is origi-

nally from Ronda, Cebu. He is from England and is a PWC tax accountant. Three-year area residents, they have two adult children, Nicola and Annemarie.

★ **RICK & VIOLY DEVENPORT** of Irmo, SC. He is originally from South Bend, IN, while she is from Mabalacat, Pampanga. Now retired, they have two adult children, David and Vickey.

★ **LOVELY DURLAO** of Sumter, SC. Originally from Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, she is with the US Army Central and likes basketball, bowling and volleyball.

★ **RICHARD & SULA KELLEY** of Laurens, SC. In SC for 8 years now, she is from Masbate City, Masbate and is a controller with Uniscite Inc. Originally from Graniteville, SC, he works at Fairway Ford.

★ **JEFF & CLAIRE LOTT** of Columbia, SC. A Columbia, SC, native, he is an IT manager with SC DES. A teacher, she is originally from Maasin, Leyte. They would like the Association to help provide Fil-Am youth assistance with job searching and "finding common interests." They have a son, Miles, 13.

★ **ARCHIE & ZENY LUNA** of Columbia, SC. Area residents for seven years now, both are from Naga City, Camarines Sur. He is a quality technician with Navistar, while she is a nurse at Palmetto Health Baptist. Both their teenage children, Angel and Angelo, are *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe* performers.

★ **PETER & NILA ESPIRITU MORRIL** of Elgin, SC. Three years in the area, both are auditors at Blue Cross/Blue Shield. They would like the Association to continue to "help Philippine charities" and provide "social interactions" events.

★ **ZACH & JINGLE NEPHEW** of Virginia Beach, VA. She is originally from Subic, Zambales; he is from Oregon and is with the US Navy. They have four children: Joshua, Mia, Stephen and Zelinna.



★ **JAMES ORLICK** of Columbia, SC. A music professor, he has been in the area for five years.

★ **LARRY & PRECY PASIG** of Lexington, SC. Both originally from Romblon, they have been in the area for 13 years. They would like Association members to have "unity and respect for each other" and be "willing to step up to the plate to achieve" FAAGC's goals. They have three teenaged children: Lester, Lanz (a *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe* performer), and Laurence.

★ **JOE & MARICEL RESOTKO** of Columbia, SC. Newly arrived in the area, he is from New Jersey, while she is from Manila. Their interests include decorating, marketing, photography, web design, computers, tennis, among others. They would like the Association to continue "to have meetings and activities [to] share skills to help each other" and to help them "connect with others who share common interests."



★ **JEFF & ANNA TEMPLES** of Irmo, SC. She is from Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila while he is a Columbia, SC native. They have two children: Bradley, 17, and Angel, 8.

★ **GEORGE VAULES** ♦

Non-Members or Former Members

Please consider joining or re-joining FAAGC; your support can help us achieve our objectives for the whole Filipino-American community in the Columbia area. A membership application form is enclosed or can be downloaded from our website.

Lifetime Membership may be extended by the Executive Board to any member who has paid or willing to pay the equivalent of twenty (20) years of membership. Lifetime members do not have to pay membership dues afterwards and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership. Those interested to become *Lifetime Members* should contact Jocelyn Locke (352-672-0720; celynbc@gmail.com)

The Beginning of FAAGC (continued from Page 2)

asked if Frank's wife treated children. No, Frank had said, but he did know a Filipino doctor who had an office where she conducted a private practice: **Dr. Remedios Sarmiento**.

The next day, I took our son and went to Dr. Sarmiento's office. She treated him for the ear infection and, of course, we talked. When Dr. Sarmiento found out that my husband was a lawyer, she immediately told me of her unsuccessful efforts to form a Filipino organization in the Columbia area during the years that she had lived here. What she wanted, she said, was a formal organization, incorporated and with by-laws. She wanted something more than just a group of people gathering sometimes to eat and have a party. Dr. Sarmiento's vision was to have an organization that would be enduring.

Unfortunately, shortly after this discussion with Dr. Sarmiento, David was offered a job in Rochester, New York. So we left South Carolina without forming a Filipino organization.

Four years later, we felt the pull of South Carolina tugging at us again. In January of 1991, David and I, along with our children, moved back to the Columbia area. The first person I called was Dr. Sarmiento. She insisted that our family come to her home for Sunday afternoon snacks and

conversation. There, Dr. Sarmiento again brought up the topic of organizing a formal Filipino group. We agreed to do anything that we could to help with this noble cause.

In early February, 1991, Dr. Sarmiento called again and asked if we had some time to stop by on Sunday afternoon to talk more about the organization of a Filipino group of some sort. Of course, we did. This time, there were others present. That time, **Dr. Fe Cardona** and **Dr. Teresita DeCastro** were also there. Each person agreed to bring more friends to another meeting at Dr. Sarmiento's home, which we scheduled for about a month later. Everyone was confident that there would be plenty of Filipinos interested in forming an organization. Dr. Sarmiento asked David if he would prepare by-laws for the organization and take care of any paperwork that might be required with the state, and he agreed to do so.

Then, there was a flurry of activity. A few meetings were held, in the beginning always at Dr. Sarmiento's home. More and more people attended each time. Official documents were filed with the State of South Carolina. Elections were held.

I am not sure everyone agreed that it could be done. But Dr. Sarmiento, with her leadership and persistence, made sure that the **Filipino-**



1991 FAAGC charter officers and members reunite at the 2013 Gala
(l-r) Sally Ellis, Cindy Tefft (board member), Helen Alon (secretary) Eva Rigney (president), Tessie Kenerson, Susana Pasicatan (1st VP), Grace Collins (board member), Leah Cuasresma. Photo: NCA

American Association of Greater Columbia, SC, was formed in 1991.

While we should all say "thank you" to everyone who is involved in growing and improving this organization today, we should also take a moment and say a very special "thank you" to Dr. Sarmiento, who is the person most responsible for the formation of the group. Without Dr. Sarmiento's leadership at the start, there just might not be an organization of Filipino-Americans in Columbia today.

So as I was driving home from the 2013 Gala, fresh from the colorful presentations and warm and friendly people with whom I was able to reacquaint myself, I just had to think back ... to a similar night in September, 1991. *The first annual Filipino-American Gala in Columbia!!* That was a great night, and it seems to me they keep getting better every year.

Let me close with a person-

al and sincere "thank you" to everyone who currently is or at any time has been involved in nurturing this organization. I consider it a great honor to have served as the first President of the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia, SC. I see nothing but a bright future for this fantastic Association. ♦

[Editor's Note: Incidentally, the first FAAGC Gala on September 7, 1991 was also held at the venue of the September 21, 2013 Gala -- the Columbia Marriott Hotel.

Reminiscences/articles like this are always welcome to add to the historical records, not only of the FAAGC, but also about the Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in the Greater Columbia area.

Since FAAGC's 25th anniversary is just around the corner, we would like to invite our present and past members, as well as other readers of this newsletter, to send us their own reminiscences/articles about the Association and/or experiences living in Columbia and South Carolina for publication in the *Fil-Am Bulletin*, the *25th Gala Souvenir Program*, and/or the FAAGC website.]

New FAAGC Lifetime Members Honored At 2013 Gala



(l-r) Carlton & Carmelisa Edwards, David & Odess Brinkman, Don & Evelyn Liester, Edsel & Marj Peña, Myrna & Warren Whitmire, Peter & Olga Liunoras, Polly Pearson. Photo: NCA

The Joy of Dancing (continued from Page 2)

Am Adult Dance Troupe and now Coordinator for the Youth Dance Troupe.

I am definitely honored to personally witness both youth and adult dancers blossom into confident dancers and individuals. I have seen wonderful friendships nurtured through both dance troupes. I am filled with gladness seeing the kids as tight as siblings. Many adult newcomers feel more adjusted and less homesick because of the opportunity that our Association has provided. There is no arguing that FAAGC has touched positively the lives of our dancers.

What's even better with our current dance troupes, is that they don't keep their joy of dancing to themselves. They pass the joy unto others. Earlier this year, adult dancer Josephine Battle took the initiative to coordinate with Cindy Sanders of Holiday Retirement in Columbia and have a dance presentation for the elderly. The FAAGC Adult Dance Troupe had full support of Josephine's birthday celebration idea. The elderly absolutely loved it and requested possible future performances.

Also, in December last year, the FAAGC Youth Dance Troupe danced at the McEntire Joint National Guard Base during its *Diversity Heri-*

tage Day celebration. The military was delighted to see our many different cultural dances, as well as modern dances. The kids' positive energy was contagious and was felt by everyone.

I hope that our dance troupes have given you the joy of entertainment. Our FAAGC dancers are all hardworking and admirable for their efforts. They continue to be ambassadors of Philippine culture at other celebrations, such as the *Santo Niño Festival* in January, the *Columbia International Festival* in spring and the *Korean Festival* late in the year. I wrote this article to thank them from the bottom of my heart.

I also want to take this as an opportunity to invite those interested to feel the joy and spread the joy of dancing to be part of our dance troupes. Kindly contact the dance coordinators: **Yani Irag-Gould** (adult coordinator, 803-920-0007), **Faye Colley** (youth coordinator, 803-238-3296) and **Helen Alon** (teen dancers interim coordinator, 803-738-0372). Tita Helen will be working with the teens for the upcoming gala and until someone would like to volunteer for the position. Kindly contact us soon. We prepare for the gala over the summer. ❖



Youth members of the *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe* pose with some military personnel after performing at the McEntire Joint National Guard Base during its *Diversity Heritage Day* celebration on December 7, 2013
Photo: Marj Peña



Adult members of the *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe* receive plaques in appreciation of their services to FAAGC at the 2013 Gala. Photo: N. Tijng

Donations for Typhoon Victims (continued from Page 1)

rebuild their livelihoods in the aftermath of the storm. Past FAAGC President Marj Pena personally handed the donation check to the CRS staff on January 2, 2014 at their headquarters in Intramuros, Manila.

Current FAAGC First Vice President Faye Colley is set to deliver personally the donation to the ABS-CBN Foundation

during her upcoming trip to the Philippines.

In addition, FAAGC accepted relief goods (blankets, towels, toiletries, easy-open canned goods, clothes, shoes) and shipped them free to the Philippines where the Philippine Red Cross distributed the items to the victims. Faye Colley arranged for the free shipment through LBC Augusta. ❖

ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE



The next issue of the newsletter is the **FIL-AM BULLETIN's** annual "ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE" issue when we make a special recognition of the graduation and recent scholastic, athletic, community and other achievements of Fil-Am adults and children in the area during the 2013-14 school year.

Provide us with the details so we can give due recognition of your and/or your child/ren's achievements. A form can be downloaded from the FAAGC website: www.FilAmSC.org.

Contact the Editor at 738-0372 or e-mail (FilAmSC@yahoo.com) with the details no later than July 15, 2014. ❖

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



Started in 2002, the Fil-Am scholarship awards are given to college-bound students who have participated actively in FAAGC activities and whose families are paid FAAGC members for at least one year.

As specified by the Executive Board recently, criteria are involvement in FAAGC (50%), academics (30%), and interview and essay (20%). The Top 5 chosen will receive \$300 each, to be awarded at the annual gala

Deadline for submission of application is **June 30, 2014**. Interviews will be conducted during the Executive Board meeting in July. Selected awardees will need to submit proof of college enrolment by the end of August; failure to provide such proof can result in award forfeiture.

For details, contact **Cecille Jacobsen** (803-565-0272; eshj256@msn.com). Application forms can be downloaded from the FAAGC website. ❖

Waringing Salamat!

Recent Membership Renewals:

- * Steven & Josephine Battle
- * Jason & Marie Broome
- * Fred & Gloria Coyle
- * Carlton & Amy Edwards, Jr.
- * Charles & Vevian Elder
- * Jimmy & Janet Harris
- * DC & Jocy Locke
- * Mitch & Juliet Martin
- * Dave & Veronica McGlaughlin
- * Sean & Shirley Grace McGuinness
- * Joel & Carmella Manansala Quebec
- * Joseph & Celyn Szoke
- * Francisco Sy
- * Todd & Richel Vaules
- * John & Teresa Ziegler

Welcome Back

Past Members who have re-joined recently:

- * RANDY & TESSIE COLLADO
- * DAVID & * MARISSA MASSIE
- * CHARLES & ETHEL YORK

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

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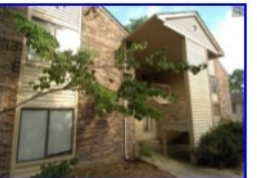
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Columbia FIL-AM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- * **April 5-6, 2014** (Saturday-Sunday)
 - ▶ **Columbia International Festival**
 - ◆ **SC State Fairgrounds**
1200 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC 29201
- * **April 20, 2014** (Sunday, 1 pm)
 - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am Spring Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt**
 - ◆ **Sesquicentennial Park (Shed #2)**
9564 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC 29223
- * **June 14, 2014** (Saturday, 1 pm)
 - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am Summer Picnic & Membership Appreciation Day**
 - ◆ **Weston Lake Recreation Center**
4420 Leesburg Road, Columbia, SC 29061
- * **October 4, 2014** (Saturday, 6 pm)
 - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am 23rd Annual Gala**
 - ◆ **Columbia Marriott Hotel**
1200 Hampton St Columbia, SC 29201
- * **December 13, 2014** (tentative)
 - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am Christmas Party**
 - ◆ **St. John Neumann School gymnasium**
721 Polo Road, Columbia, SC 29223

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Spring Picnic

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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, supporters and other interested parties in the area Fil-Am community are all invited to come and share the fun and food with family and friends. Those who wish to spend more time at the park can come earlier and all are encouraged to bring portable or folding chairs.

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

For map, directions and updated information, visit the Columbia Fil-Am website at

www.FilAmSC.org ♦

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The Association's cultural and educational exhibit featured a *vinta*, a traditional boat with colorful sails and outriggers commonly found along southwestern Philippine coastlines and islands. The display also had seashell handicrafts and other Filipiniana cultural items.

The **Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe** performed Philippine folk dances during the festival's cultural entertainment program on Saturday and Sunday.

Some Fil-Am children and adults in Filipino traditional attire also took part in the Parade of Nations pageantry on Saturday and the International Fashion Shows on Saturday and Sunday.

The Philippine food booth sold the usual Filipino delicacies (*adobo, pansit, lumpia*, among others) that festival goers have come to expect. FAAGC also Philippine-native *barako* coffee and an array of Filipino desserts such as cassava cake, *palitaw, biko*, and pastries.

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

FAAGC charter lifetime member **Grace Collins** is a continuing member of the Columbia International Festival coordinating committee. ♦

*** Just A Reminder ***

Membership renewal for the Fil-Am Association 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 Spring Picnic. If there are membership renewal questions, contact **Jocelyn Locke** (352-672-0720; celynbc@gmail.com).

If you and/or your child or children would like to join the

COLUMBIA FIL-AM DANCE TROUPE,
contact the dance coordinators:

- ▶ **Youth:** Faye Colley (803-238-3296)
- ▶ **Teens:** Helen Alon (803-738-0372)
- ▶ **Adults:** Yani Irag-Gould (803-920-0007)

The volunteer dancers perform during the Annual Gala, Christmas Party, **Columbia International Festival**, and other community events.

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- * **Columbia FIL-AM Annual Spring Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Sunday, April 20, 2014** at the **Sesquicentennial Park, Columbia.**