



# FIL-AM BULLETIN

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**Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia, SC**  
(A Non-Profit Organization to Promote Inter-Cultural Education and Understanding)



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## FAAGC By-laws Amendments Approved

Several minor amendments to the Association By-laws were unanimously approved at the general membership meeting held during the summer picnic on **June 9, 2012** at the Weston Lake Recreation Area in Ft. Jackson.

The amendments were intended to make FAAGC's guiding rules more responsive to the changing needs and state of affairs of the Association. The amendments involve membership, funds, meetings, and time constraints of certain Association requirements. Many of the time limits in the By-laws have changed, as previously approved by the general membership, to reflect changing conditions of the organization during the past 20 years. The approved amendments codified these changes into the By-laws.

The amended Association By-laws can be downloaded from the FAAGC website:

[www.FilAmSC.org](http://www.FilAmSC.org)

## Lifetime Membership Now Available

**L**ifetime membership in the FAAGC is now available to members and others interested in supporting the Association.

As part of its 20th Anniversary celebration during the 21st Annual Gala on September 10, 2011, the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC) honored its long-time charter members who have been continuously dues-paying members since 1991 by naming them as *Lifetime Sustaining Charter Members*.

The Lifetime Membership is now offered to others when an amendment to the By-laws was recently adopted. The amendment added the following to the membership section of the By-laws  
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## FAAGC To Hold Annual Gala on September 15

**T**he Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC) will celebrate its **22nd Annual Gala on September 15, 2012**. The gala will be held from 6:00 p.m. to midnight at the downtown Columbia Marriott Hotel (1200 Hampton St., Columbia, SC 29201).

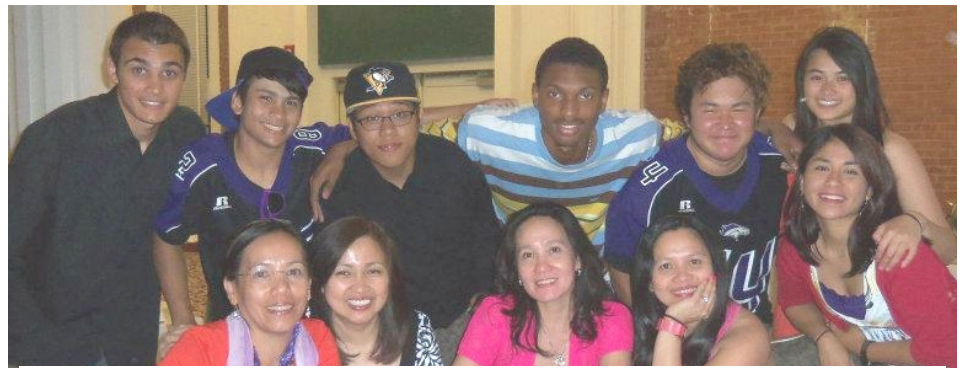
The formal affair (*coat and tie or barong required*) includes a sit-down dinner and an entertainment program that includes Philippine folk dances performed by the **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe**. Dancers representing neighboring Fil-Am associations are also scheduled to perform. **DJ Mike Lamb** will provide lively music to dance the night away.

**Until September 8**, tickets are \$50 per adult (\$35 per student). **After September 8**, tickets are \$60 per adult (\$45 per stu-

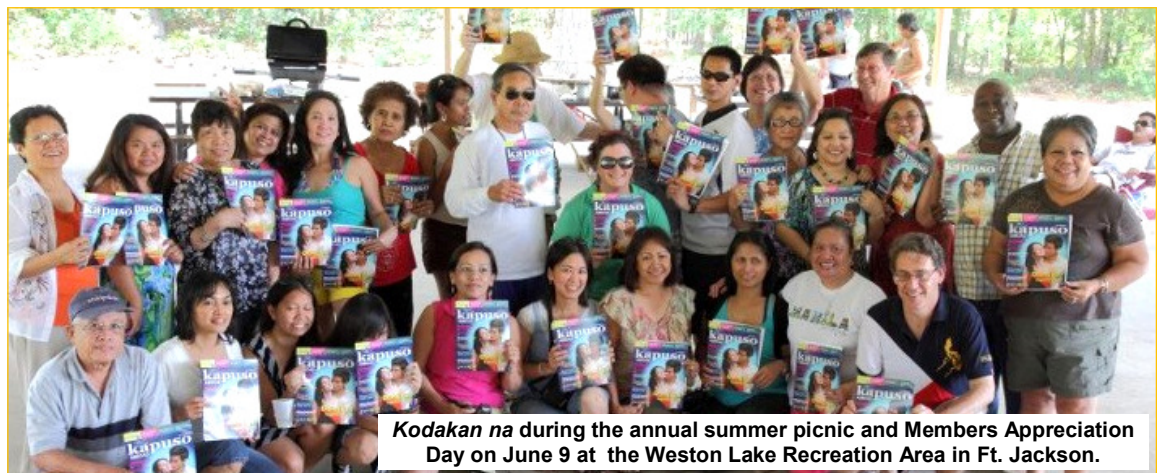
dent). Tickets for children ages 8-12 years are \$25 each. There is a 5% discount for a full table of 10 (*see enclosed order form*). For a small fee, baby-sitting services for children aged 2 to 8 will be available on-site so parents with small children can enjoy the festivities.

Due to hotel requirements, we would like all guests to **confirm their reservation** and remit payment by **September 8**. Guests wishing to stay at the Columbia Marriott can reserve a standard or double room (with or without breakfast) at reduced rates. Please contact the Marriott at **(803) 771-7000** or online at [www.marriotcolumbia.com](http://www.marriotcolumbia.com); mention your stay is in connection with the *Columbia Filipino-American Gala*.

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Members of the Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe pose for a souvenir photo at the 2012 Tri-Command and Beaufort County Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration dinner-show held on May 18 in the Lyceum on Parris Island, where they performed *singkil, tinikling, binasuhan, and maglalatik*.



*Kodakan na* during the annual summer picnic and Members Appreciation Day on June 9 at the Weston Lake Recreation Area in Ft. Jackson.



## *From the President* ..... by Marj Peña **Thanks to All Who Help Make FAAGC Successful**

Summer is almost over and the start of classes is just around the corner! I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer vacations and travels... I am still in my travel mode as we explore the beauty of California in the West Coast!

### **Achievements**

I wish to *CONGRATULATE* our friends and members for their great accomplishments as highlighted in this annual *Achievements Galore* issue of the *Fil-Am Bulletin*! Congratulations to all the new graduates — we wish you the best as you embark on the next journey of your lives.

I would like to remind the high school graduates to apply for a one-time Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship. An application is required and the form can be downloaded from our website: [www.filamsc.org](http://www.filamsc.org) and should be mailed to FAAGC, P.O.

Box 24112, Columbia, SC 29224 or e-mailed to [FAAGC@hotmail.com](mailto:FAAGC@hotmail.com) by August 31, 2012. You or your child must be an active member of the FAAGC for at least one year to qualify for this scholarship.

### **Thank You**

As we begin the new Association fiscal year, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the past year a great success. Thank you to all the FAAGC members, the Executive Board, the performers of the *Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe*, the players and organizers of the basketball team and tournaments, and all others whose tireless efforts, time, and talents have showcased the Filipino culture and *bayanihan* spirit, not just in Columbia, but also in other places beyond! We could not have done it without you!

### **Annual Gala**

Final preparations are underway for the **22nd Annual Gala** which will be held on **September 15, 2012** at the

Columbia Marriott Hotel (1200 Hampton St). We hope that you can join us at our biggest annual fund-raising event of the year for a night of food, entertainment, raffles, and dancing!

Please consider purchasing an ad or sponsorship in our printed souvenir program. Please contact any FAAGC officer to purchase tickets to this event. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Basketball**

Finally, watch out for the Third FAAGC Basketball Invitational Tournament on October 13, 2012. This will be our biggest tournament yet, with adult and youth basketball competition, Fil-Am food and bake sale, fun, and camaraderie! Look out for the final details; you are all cordially invited!

Thanks again for all your support and for making the FAAGC events both exciting and successful!

With my very best,

## **Annual Gala** ..... (continued from Page 1)

### **Gala Souvenir Program**

The gala is the Association's main annual fundraiser to support its various projects and activities such as the Philippine cultural dance troupe, scholarship fund, charitable endeavors, and other educational and multi-cultural activities in the South Carolina Midlands. As such, we are al-

so soliciting all kinds of contributions in the form of advertisements and donations (*see form included in this issue*) for inclusion in the printed souvenir program.

Deadline for all ads or donor messages to be included in the printed gala souvenir program is **August 28**. Advertisers and donors can have their

## **Lifetime Membership** ..... (continued from Page 1)

laws:

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

**D. 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 who may be eligible or interested to become *Lifetime Members* should contact the Treasurer, Nieves McNulty (803-553-6540; [nmcnulty@columbiasc.edu](mailto:nmcnulty@columbiasc.edu)). ♦

ads/messages/photos printed in **color** for an additional \$50 per page.

### **Contacts**

For tickets or more details about the *Fil-Am Gala*, contact Marj Peña at (803) 360-2469, Lisa Edwards at (803) 360-2636, or any other officer listed on Page 2 of this newsletter. In the Sumter area, contact Cecilia Jacobsen at the *Fil-Am Store* [(803) 494-5613].

For hotel directions and updated information, visit the Columbia Fil-Am website at [www.FilAmSC.org](http://www.FilAmSC.org) ♦

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Difference"**  
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# MOTIONS & TRANSITIONS



Marie, Jericho, Jason & Shawn **BROOME**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Robert, Jared, Olga & Janelle **BUNIEL**



Quisha, Janet, Jimmy & Logan **HARRIS**



Jake & Jo **JACOBS**

★ **JASON & MARI-SOL (“Marie”) BROOME** of Irmo, SC. She is originally from Davao City; he is a native of Columbia, SC. They have four children: Daniella, 15; Laurence, 11; Jericho, 6; and Shawn, 2.

★ **ROBERT & OLGA BUNIEL** of Sumter, SC. Originally from Surigao del Sur, he is a computer services manager with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.. From Tondo, Manila, she is a housewife and home-school teacher. In the area for eight years now, they have two children, Jared, 20, and Janelle, 17.

★ **FRED & GLORIA COYLE** of Elgin, SC.

★ **JAMES (“Jimmy”) & JANET HARRIS** of Gilbert, SC. Originally from Malabon City, she recently arrived in the area. A Gilbert resident, he is the founder/owner of Wallpaper

Pros They have two children, Jannelle Quisha, 11, and Logan, 9.

★ **DANA (“Jake”) & JOSELYN (“Jo”) JACOBS** of Columbia, SC. Newly arrived in the area, she hails from Barihan, Malolos, Bulacan. Originally from Killeen, Texas, he is a US Army captain.

They hope the Association can provide “a show every year at Ft. Jackson during the Asian American Heritage Month.

★ **TODD & RICHEL (“Bebe”) VAULES** of Columbia, SC. Newly arrived in the area, she is originally from Bacolod City; he is a native of Columbia, SC. They have a son, Connor Evan, 13.

★ **JOHN & TERESA ZIEGLER** of Lexington, SC. In the area for just three months, she hails from Isabela, Aurora. Originally from Casper, Wyoming, he is now retired.



Todd & Richel **VAULES**



John & Teresa **ZIEGLER**

## COLUMBIA FIL-AM BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT October 13, 2012

The Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia, South Carolina (FAAGC) will host its third **Columbia FIL-AM Basketball Invitational Tournament** on Saturday, October 13, 2012.



The FAAGC basketball team keeps adding to its growing collection of trophies when, despite being undermanned during a tune-up game on July 14 in Atlanta, it defeated the Atlanta Fil-Am team which had earlier won the Augusta basketball tournament in May.

Free to spectators, the tournament will involve junior and senior Fil-Am teams from South Carolina and nearby states and will benefit the **Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Fund**. Tentative venue is the Polo Road Park gym (730 Polo Road, Columbia, SC 29223),

Filipino food will be sold throughout the day as a Scholarship Program fundraiser at the event. Food donors and food service volunteers are most welcome; contact FAAGC President Marj Peña (803-360-2469) or the other officers for details.

### Special Thanks to:

★ **BUTCH & DHEL ELAMPARO** for their recent donation to the **Columbia Fil-Am Youth Scholarship Fund**.

### Marangin Salamat!

#### Recent Membership Renewals:

- \* Rodel & Wendy **BOBADILLA**
- \* Art & Cecille **BOMAN**
- \* David & Odess **BRINKMAN**
- \* Ed & Ivy Sumaydeng **BRYAN**
- \* Butch & Dhel **ELAMPARO**
- \* Terry & Reyna **FUNDERBURK**
- \* Ed & Yani **GOULD**
- \* Zeny **LAZARO**
- \* Don & Evelyn **LIESTER**
- \* Lee & Polly **PEARSON**
- \* David & Alma **ROBICHAUD**
- \* Aurora **SUMAYDENG**

### ~CONGRATULATIONS~

✿ to **WAYNE & NICOLE BARKER** of Lexington, SC, on the birth of their twin daughters Layla and Brooke on July 19. *Congrats* also to grandparents James & Edith Barker of Saluda, SC.

### CONDOLENCES

✠ Our condolences to the family of:  
➤ FAAGC Past President **ALAN GEOGHEGAN** on the death of his father Michel on July 22 in Columbia, SC.

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Although the 2012-2013 school year is now starting, for posterity sake and historical record, we would be remiss if we don't carry on our annual tradition of recognizing high-achieving children (*and adults too*) in the extended Fil-Am community during the immediate past school year (2011-2012). Belated this may be, **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following graduates and awardees — and all others not mentioned here due to our lack of details on their individual accomplishments — despite repeated telephone, e-mail, snail-mail and verbal reminders, only a few families submitted the needed information and/or photos in time for inclusion in this issue.

🎓 **YANI IRAG-GOULD**

graduated with high honors from South University-Columbia with a Master in Business Administration

(MBA) degree on June 23, 2012. She is a *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performer and dance coordinator. ❖

🎓 **JARED F.C. BUNIEL**

graduated *magna cum laude* from Central Carolina Technical College (CCTC) in May 2012, with an associate degree in Applied Science



(Paralegal). Consistently named to the *President's or Dean's Honors Lists*, he was the president of the Beta Eta Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year college students.

Listed in the *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*, he received the *School Service Award*, CCTC's highest honor, for his "commitment to CCTC through his service in student clubs and activities." A cadet commander of the Civil Air Patrol (U.S. Air Force Auxiliary), he

also served as a church missionary to Puerto Rico and as a volunteer at the Tuomey Hospital. He is now continuing his studies towards a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at USC-Sumter. He is the son of Robert & Olga Buniel of Sumter, SC. ❖

🎓 **CECILLE GEOGHEGAN**



graduated from a Licensed Practical Nursing program at the Kennedy School of Practical Nursing, in Iloilo City, Philippines on March 25, 2012. A past *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performer, she was a FAAGC Executive Board member in 2009-2011 and now works at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital. ❖

🎓 **ELAIZA (Leigh) APAN**

graduated in the Top 10% from Blythewood High School on June 1, 2012. On the A-B honor roll and a member of the National Technical Honor Society, she was also a basketball cheerleader. She will be pursuing a degree in biochemistry at USC. A long-time *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performer, and sometimes choreographer, she is the older daughter of John & Bernadette Yavis of Columbia, SC. ❖



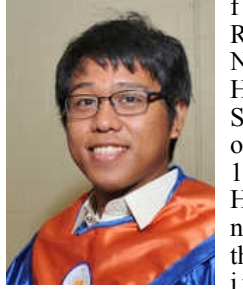
🎓 **NICOLE DAQUILANEA**

graduated from Ridge View High School on June 1, 2012. An Allied Health Sciences magnet program student, she was a member of the National Technical Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She will attend Midlands Technical College first and later transfer to USC to pursue a nursing degree. A past treasurer of the RVHS Fil-Am Youth Club and a *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performer, she is the eldest daughter of Rio & Mary Jane Daquilanea of Columbia, SC. ❖



🎓 **DOUGLAS MIGUEL (Mikko) TUPAS**

graduated from Richland Northeast High School on June 1, 2012. He is now in the Philippines for his college studies. A four-year *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performer, he is the youngest son of Douglas (Butch) & Helena Tupas of Columbia, SC. ❖



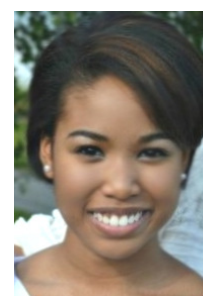
🎓 **Other Fil-Ams** who graduated from Ridge View High School on June 1, 2012:

- 🎓 **Joshua Angoluan**
- 🎓 **Kirkwood Bautista**
- 🎓 **Sadhana Pantli**

All three were former members of the RVHS Fil-Am Youth Club. Josh and Kirk have been *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performers for the past three years. ❖

★ **BRIDGET NICOLE ANDERSON**

completed her second year in college on the *President's List* with a 4.0 GPA at Lander University in Greenwood, SC. A former *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performer and a 2010 *Columbia Fil-Am*



*Scholarship* recipient, she is the daughter of Leroy & Lulu Anderson of Columbia, SC. ❖

★ **ANGELICA "Clover" TALENS ROBICHAUD**

completed seventh grade with honors at Cardinal Newman School. She received President's Academic Excellence Award, CN Biology Honors citation, and CN Honor Roll medal. She also got a Columbia College Mathematics and Sciences certificate of achievement for placing second in the Mathematics Individual Competition—Level 1.

She was given state and grand recognition by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) and received a TIP Certificate of

**Recent Fil-Am high school graduates are reminded to apply now for the Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship. Application forms can be downloaded from the FAAGC website. Deadline for application submission is August 31, 2012.**

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## ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE (continued from Page 4)

**Merit** in the 7th Grade Talent Search for Academically Talented Students. Clover's academic achievement was also recognized by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) International Math and Verbal Talent Search 2012. She had her work published in the 2012 Richland County Public Library's *Kids in Print*. She is the older daughter of David & Alma Robichaud of Columbia, SC. ❖

★ **VICTORIA RANCES** completed sixth grade with honors at Kelly Mill Middle School. A straight A student all year, she received the *Waverunner award* given to students who demonstrate outstanding LIFESKILLS, character and/or academic accomplishments. A violin player in the KMMS Wire Choir, the school's main orchestra, she was recognized as outstanding student in the 6th grade orchestra for the school year 2011-12. She also received superior ratings for violin performance in both solo and ensemble categories during the SC Music Educators Association's (SCMEA) Solo & Ensemble Festival at Dreher High School in May. She is the daughter of Francisco & Rosa Rances of Columbia, SC. ❖

★ **ANDREA TALENS ROBICHAUD** finished fifth grade on the *All A honor roll* at St. Peter's Catholic School. She received certificates for having the highest library reading points, outstanding work in English and sentence writing, and special recognition for assistance to 5th grade teacher. Recipient of St. Peter's Key award for the second quarter, she also had her work published in the 2012 Richland County Public Library's *Kids in Print*. A *Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe* performer, she is the younger daughter of David & Alma Robichaud of Columbia, SC. ❖

There are a number of places in the Orient that are called or nicknamed as the **Pearl of the Orient**. This reference to the Philippines was immortalized in Jose Rizal's Spanish poem, *Mi Ultimo Adios (My Last Farewell)*. Rizal, the Philippines' national hero, wrote the poem on December 29, 1896, the day before his execution by the Spaniards. *Pearl of the Orient* is translated as *Perlas ng Silanganan* in Filipino. These Filipino words are also part of the Philippines' national anthem lyrics.

The Philippines has a thriving pearl industry and is one of the top producers of pearls in the world. Its waters have conditions that are conducive to pearl production.

### Pernalogist's Heaven

In Metro Manila, one only needs to go to the Greenhills *tiangge* (bazaar) in San Juan City and visit the jewelry section to see the widest variety of pearls. **This tiangge is any pernalogist's (pearl collector's) heaven.**

Through the years I have had the pleasure of visiting this *tiangge* on occasion and marveling at the many hues of pearls being produced. I believe even the most color-matching fashion-conscious individual can most likely find the right type, size, and color of pearl to match their outfit in this pearl-packed area. There are also pearls to match anyone's budget.

There are many sightings of celebrities at this *tiangge*. One year I observed Armida Siguion-Reyna, a Filipino celebrity, singer (of *Aawitan Kita* fame), film and stage ac-

## Of Pearls and The Philippines

by I.C. Go

triss, producer, television show host, and former chairperson of the Philippines' Movie and Television Review and Classification Board. Even the most discriminating pearl buyer can find world class pearls of the highest grade, such as South Sea Pearls at the Greenhills *tiangge*.

South Sea Pearls easily dwarf other saltwater pearls. Because it may take some time to find the pearl of just the right size, shape, and color to fit a group of natural pearls that will constitute the "perfect strand of pearls," it's not surprising at all that natural pearl necklaces of the highest grade and quality do cost a fortune.

### Can only oysters produce pearls?

Pearls do not just come from *pearl oysters*. In general, pearls can be produced by freshwater or saltwater mollusks (shellfish), which include univalves (snails, whelks, and conchs) and bivalves (mussels, clams, and oysters). The Philippines also has giant clams, which are mollusks that produce such large shells that these have been used as oversized Catholic baptismal fonts/basins in churches.

### How does a mollusk produce a pearl?

An irritant small enough to enter a mollusk's shell causes a reaction in the mollusk. The mollusk starts to coat the irritant with nacre or *mother of pearl*. The irritant could be a grain of

sand, a fishbone, or a fragment of a shell. Over time the nacre accumulates to give the pearl its size.

### How are pearls cultured?

Kokichi Mikimoto, who founded the Mikimoto Pearl Company (MPC) in 1893, invented the process of culturing pearls by injection of a foreign object. The only difference between natural and cultured pearls is the manner in which the foreign object enters the mollusk. MPC uses freshwater oyster shells formed into small beads as the nucleus of saltwater cultured pearls. X-raying a pearl can provide an insight into the pearl's nucleus, which may allow one to determine if it is natural or cultured.

Two- to three-year old saltwater oysters are gathered. A technician then inserts a small bead into the oyster shell. The oysters are then returned to the sea and are in wire baskets hung from long, floating rafts. The rafts are moved to protect the oysters from predators and extreme temperatures. The pearls are harvested after three to six years of cultivation. Especially for naturally occurring pearls, it may take many years to find matching size, shape, and color to form a strand of similar-looking pearls.

### What is a freshwater pearl?

Instead of a solid nucleus/irritant, a piece of mantle tissue from a donor mussel is implanted into a freshwater mussel. The tissue dissolves to produce a solid nacre pearl. Freshwater pearls have unusual elongated shapes and often resemble rice grains or raisins.



Pinoy buffet at the 2012 Columbia Fil-Am Easter picnic.

## Will Filipino Cuisine Be The Next Food Fad Soon?

In a June 12, 2012 interview with NBC's *Today.com*, the multi-awarded chef, food writer, and Travel Channel's *Bizarre Foods* host Andrew Zimmern noted that Filipino cuisine will be trendy soon, saying, "[I] predict, two years from now, Filipino food ... [is] going to be the next big thing."

<http://tinyurl.com/adobo7>



**FAAGC also acknowledges with gratitude the following youth and children for their participation in the Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe (#), Columbia International Festival (+), gala support (g), basketball tournament (b), or Christmas Party (x) :**



**MARAMING SALAMAT SA INYONG LAHAT! *Thanks of All!***

The Filipino American Association of Greater Columbia proudly acknowledges with gratitude the following for volunteering time, talents, and services to the organization during the 2011-2012 term. The FAAGC certificates of appreciation were presented during the annual *Columbia Fil-Am Summer Picnic and FAAGC Volunteer Appreciation Day* held on June 9 at Ft. Jackson's Weston Lake Recreation Area.

Helen	<b>ALON</b>	Membership Committee, Newsletter Production/Circulation, Dance practice volunteer, Gala Organization, International Festival, Christmas Party Decoration, Basketball Tournament
Noel	<b>ALON</b>	Newsletter Editor, Gala Souvenir Program Editor, Webmaster, International Festival, Basketball Tournament
Edith	<b>ALSTON</b>	Basketball Tournament, Christmas Party
Carlos	<b>AREVALO</b>	Gala Organization, International Festival, Christmas Party, Basketball Tournament, 2011-2013 Executive Board Member
Grace	<b>BALANQUIT</b>	Gala Organization, 2011-2013 Executive Board, Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe, International Festival, Christmas Party, Basketball Tournament
Zaldy	<b>BALLESIL</b>	Basketball Tournament, Christmas Party Presentation
Mary	<b>BARRADAS</b>	International Festival
Cecille	<b>BOMAN</b>	Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe
Odess	<b>BRINKMAN</b>	Gala Organization, Dance Director and Choreographer, International Festival, 2011-2013 Executive Board, Basketball Tournament
Ginalyn	<b>CASTANEDA</b>	Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe
Joy	<b>CLARK</b>	Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe Support, Gala Babysitting
Faye	<b>COLLEY</b>	Gala Organization & Emcee, 2011-2013 Executive Board, International Festival, Christmas Party, Basketball Tournament
Grace	<b>COLLINS</b>	Gala Organization, International Festival, 2011-2013 Executive Board, Basketball Tournament
Leah	<b>CUARESMA</b>	Gala Organization, Christmas Party
Mary Jane	<b>DAQUILANEA</b>	Basketball Tournament
Rio	<b>DAQUILANEA</b>	Gala Organization, International Festival, Christmas Party, Basketball Tournament, 2011-2013 Executive Board Member
Carlton	<b>EDWARDS</b>	Photography, International Festival
Carmelisa	<b>EDWARDS</b>	Gala Organization, International Festival, Dance Coordinator, 2011-2013 Executive Board
Sally	<b>ELLIS</b>	Gala Organization, Christmas Party
Joette	<b>FLORA</b>	International Festival, Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe Coordinator
Jojo	<b>FLORA</b>	Gala Organization, Dance Troupe Practice Coordinator
Reyna	<b>FUNDERBURK</b>	Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe
Imelda	<b>GO</b>	Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe, Gala Organization
Alan	<b>GEOGHEGAN</b>	Gala Usher
Yani	<b>GOULD</b>	Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe
Cecilia	<b>JACOBSEN</b>	Gala Organization, International Festival, Christmas Party
Jim	<b>KENERSON</b>	Christmas Program
Tessie	<b>KENERSON</b>	Gala Organization, Christmas Party
Olga	<b>LIUNORAS</b>	Gala Usher, Christmas Party
Peter	<b>LIUNORAS</b>	Gala Organization, 2011-2013 Executive Board, International Festival, Christmas Party, Basketball Tournament
Alan	<b>MATIENZO</b>	Gala Emcee
Shirley	<b>MCGUINNESS</b>	Gala Usher and Organization
George	<b>MCNULTY</b>	Gala Organization, International Festival, Christmas Party, Easter Picnic
Nieves	<b>MCNULTY</b>	Gala Organization, 2011-2013 Executive Board, International Festival, Christmas party, Basketball Tournament
Edsel	<b>PENA</b>	Gala Organization, International Festival, Easter Picnic
Marj	<b>PENA</b>	Gala Organization, 2011-2013 Executive Board, International Festival, Christmas Party, Basketball Tournament
Francisco	<b>RANCES</b>	Gala Organization, International Festival, Christmas Party, Basketball Tournament, 2011-2013 Executive Board Member
Alma	<b>ROBICHAUD</b>	Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe
Frank	<b>ROBINSON</b>	Christmas Party, International Festival
Maribel	<b>TIJING</b>	Gala Organization, 2011-2013 Executive Board, International Festival Exhibit, Christmas Decorations, Basketball Tournament
Neil	<b>TIJING</b>	International Festival
Helena	<b>TUPAS</b>	Christmas Party
Myrna	<b>WHITMIRE</b>	Gala Organization, Christmas Party
Bernadette	<b>YAVIS</b>	Columbia Fil-Am Dance Troupe Director and Choreographer

#	Joshua	<b>ANGOLUAN</b>
#	Glyde	<b>APAN</b>
# b	Leigh	<b>APAN</b>
#	Darryl	<b>AREVALO</b>
x * b	Kathleen	<b>AREVALO</b>
#	Taylor	<b>ASHBY</b>
#	Joshua	<b>BAUTISTA</b>
# b	Kirk	<b>BAUTISTA</b>
#	Alex	<b>BOIT</b>
# b	Mico	<b>CAPALAR</b>
# b	Denise	<b>DAQUILANEA</b>
# b	Nicole	<b>DAQUILANEA</b>
#	Joshua	<b>DEAN</b>
#	Justine	<b>FLORA</b>
#	Dominique	<b>GADSDEN</b>
#	VJ	<b>HARRY</b>
#	Jennie	<b>HYUNHE</b>
#	Nilo	<b>LEGASPI</b>
# g	Rina	<b>LOWDER</b>
#	Onie	<b>MEADOWS</b>
#	Ryo	<b>NAKARO</b>
#	Choi	<b>NGUYEN</b>
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#	Kyla	<b>SALOMON</b>
#	Christine	<b>SANCHEZ</b>
#	Michael	<b>SANCHEZ</b>
#	Christian	<b>SINGLETON</b>
* g	Jenna	<b>SZOKE</b>
#	Mikko	<b>TUPAS</b>
#	Vanessa	<b>WHITE</b>
x	Jeff	<b>ANTONIO</b>
x	Jolo	<b>ANTONIO</b>
x	Jun Jun	<b>BALACANAO</b>
x	Aji	<b>BALLESIL</b>
x	Danielle Jyll	<b>BALLESIL</b>
x	Leigh	<b>BALLESIL</b>
x	Kenneth	<b>BOLOTANO</b>
x	Kyle Andrew	<b>BOLOTANO</b>
#	Jeremy	<b>BRINKMAN</b>
x	Hanz	<b>BRIONES</b>
x	Marc Andrei	<b>BUMANGLAG</b>
#	Jaxen	<b>CASTANEDA</b>
x	Brandon	<b>CLARK</b>
#	Shane	<b>CLARK</b>
#	Taryn	<b>CLARK</b>
*	Lauren	<b>COLLINS</b>
x	Erik	<b>DAQUILANEA</b>
*	Kathleen	<b>ELDER</b>
x	Abegail	<b>FALLER</b>
x	Phillip	<b>FALLER</b>
#	Casey	<b>FUNDERBURK</b>
*	Brianna	<b>JOHNSON</b>
#	Jela	<b>LUCILLO</b>
x	CJ	<b>MARTINEZ</b>
x	Lanz	<b>PASIG</b>
x	Victoria	<b>RANCES</b>
#	Andrea	<b>ROBICHAUD</b>
x	Clover	<b>ROBICHAUD</b>
*	Brendan	<b>SOSA</b>
*	Ethan	<b>SOSA</b>
*	Marcus	<b>SOSTAK</b>
# *	Julia	<b>SZOKE</b>
# *	Lanz	<b>TIJING</b>
#	Lara	<b>TIJING</b>
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**Columbia FIL-AM  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- \* **September 15, 2012** (Sat., 6:00 p.m.)
    - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am 22nd Annual Gala**
    - ◆ **Columbia Marriott Hotel**  
1200 Hampton St., Columbia, SC 29201
  - \* **October 13, 2012** (Saturday)
    - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am 3rd Basketball Tournament & Filipino Food Sale**
    - ◆ *Details to be announced later.*
  - \* **December 15, 2012** (Sat., 6:00 p.m.)
    - ▶ **Columbia Fil-Am Christmas Party**
    - ◆ **St. John Neumann School gymnasium**  
721 Polo Road, Columbia, SC 29223
- Mark Your Calendars Now!**

**In Case You Didn't Know ...**



\* The **Puerto Princesa Underground River (PPUR)** in Palawan was officially recognized and inaugurated on April 21 as one of the **New 7Wonders of Nature** after a global vote sponsored by n7w.com.

\* Too bad none of the 11 Philippine athletes made it to any medal rounds in the recent London Olympics.

\* The Philippine Little League girls (16-18 years old) team won the **2012 Big League Softball World Series Championship** in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on August 1-8, becoming the first international team to win the tournament. Previously, the Philippine teams lost the title games in 2008, 2010 and 2011.

\* Philippine teams also represented Asia-Pacific in the **Big League Baseball World Series** in Easley, SC, on July 15-August 1, and in the **Little League Softball World Series** in Portland, OR, on August 9 - 15.



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**Don't Forget:**

**See Y' All There!**

\* **Columbia FIL-AM 22nd ANNUAL GALA**  
will be held on **Saturday, September 15, 2012**  
at the Downtown **Columbia Marriott Hotel**.