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Fil-Am Spring Picnic, Easter Egg-hunt on March 31 at Sesqui Park

The Columbia Fil-Am annual spring picnic will be held at the Sesquicentennial State Park (Shed 1; 9564 Two Notch Road, Columbia) on **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002**, starting at **1:30 p.m.** (In case of rain, the picnic will be postponed to a new date to be announced later.)

This is a POTLUCK picnic so please bring a 3-liter soda and a covered dish enough for your family and others. For variety, suggested covered dishes are as follows, based on the first letter of the family names:



- A** : Pork or beef dish
- B - E** : Cooked rice & bread
- F - J** : Chicken dish
- K - N** : Vegetable dish
- O - T** : Dessert (cakes, cookies, fruits, etc)
- U - Z** : Noodles (*pancit*, *palabok*, etc.)
- FAAGC**: Ice, plates, utensils

FAAGC Assistant Treasurer **Polly Pearson** is donating 80 pounds of chicken for barbecue in addition to hamburgers and hotdogs. Those assigned to bring chicken can bring other types of dishes.

Planned activities include an egg-hunt for children and games for the children and the kids-at-heart. Parents with young children are requested to bring at least a dozen goodies-filled plastic Easter eggs for the egg-hunt. In addition, a brief general membership meeting will be held to discuss plans for the coming Association year. **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.**

For further information and directions, please contact **Pete Liunoras** (699-1214), **Tessie DeCastro** (736-1649), **Tessie Kenerson** (699-1178), **Marj Peña** (732-8997), **Hector Galang** (736-8997), or the other officers listed on *Page 2*. ■

FAAGC To Represent Philippines At Columbia International Festival

Once again, FAAGC will be actively involved in the **7th Annual Columbia International Festival** to be held at the Cantey Building of the State Fairgrounds on **April 6-7, 2002**. The Association will have a Philippine country display featuring a *bahay kubo*; FAAGC member **Merlyn Bajamunde** is coordinating the cultural-educational exhibit. **Helen Alon** is in-charge of the Tagalog classes at the "Learn a Language" corner, a new festival attraction where visitors can learn in an hour some basic conversational phrases from one of 10 different languages. **Polly Pearson** will offer Philippine delicacies, gift items, and other products at her *International Bazaar* booth.

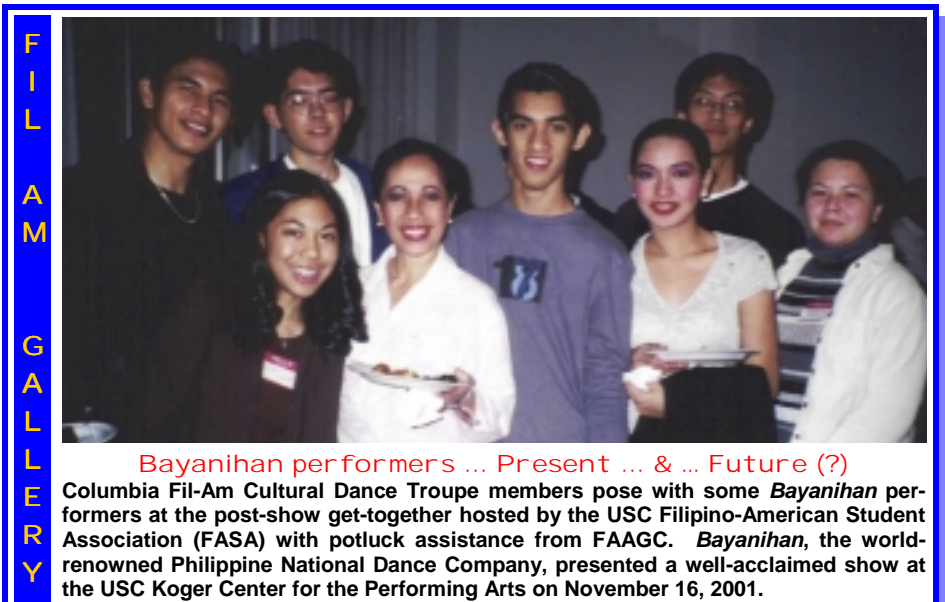
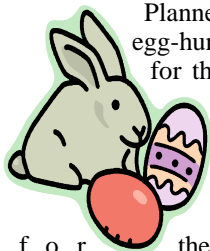
During the cultural entertainment program, the **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** will perform fast *tinikling*. In addition, **Hiyas-min**, the Philippine Cultural Society of Charleston, is slated to perform other Philippine folk dances. At press time, performance schedules have not been finalized; check the festival website (www.cifonline.org) *continued on Page 2*

FAAGC Pioneer Selected 2002 "International Volunteer of the Year"

FAAGC pioneer and sustaining member **Grace Collins** was recently chosen as one of the two winners of the Columbia International Festival's 2002 "International Volunteer of the Year" award.

Her selection marks the fourth time in the seven years of the festival that a Fil-Am stalwart has been recognized. FAAGC benefactor and member **Dr. Francisco Sy**, formerly a public health professor at USC, and FAAGC past president **Nieves Austria**, math department chair at Columbia College, received the "International Professional of the Year" awards in 1997 and 2001, respectively. **Noel Alon** was named the "International Volunteer of the Year" in 1998.

Grace was cited for her "many contributions to the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia for over 10 years and to the Columbia International Festival committee since it began in 1996." A Fil-Am Association charter member, she served as an Executive Board member for one year (1991-92) and as Vice President for five years (1993-96, 1999-2001). Most *continued on Page 2*



Bayanihan performers ... Present ... & ... Future (?)
Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe members pose with some *Bayanihan* performers at the post-show get-together hosted by the USC Filipino-American Student Association (FASA) with potluck assistance from FAAGC. *Bayanihan*, the world-renowned Philippine National Dance Company, presented a well-acclaimed show at the USC Koger Center for the Performing Arts on November 16, 2001.

The President's Corner by Peter Liunoras

It's Time To Get Together Again

Welcome to the annual *Fil-Am Spring Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt!* Please come out and join us at Sesqui Park for food, games, and an Easter egg hunt for the children. It's time to get together and socialize with your fellow Fil-Am members. This picnic is open to all so please bring your friends and family.

We will also have a brief general membership meeting during the picnic. Your attendance and participation in the meeting will help finalize Association plans and activities for the coming year. I hope to see you all there.

Reminder: If you are a Fil-Am member and have any children who are seniors in high school, your children may be eligible for a *Fil-Am Scholarship*. If there are any questions concerning the eligibility of your children, please contact me at 699-1214 or Dr. Melinda Drake at 419-4265. Please contact us before the end of April.

Happy Easter and enjoy your Easter break! *Salamat Po!*

Fil-Am Movies

Two new made-in-USA movies about the experience of being Filipino in America are slowly making their way around the country. Both movies include Filipino and Filipino-American stars.

So keep an eye for *The Debut* (with Dante Basco, Gina Alajar, Bernadette Balagtas, Tirso Cruz III, and Eddie Garcia) and *American Adobo* (with Christopher De Leon, Dina Bonnevie, Paolo Montalban & Ricky Davao) hopefully coming soon to a theater near you. Details and trailers are available at their respective websites:

<http://debutfilm.pinoy.net.com>
<http://www.americanadobo.com>

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for updated schedules and other details.

One of the largest indoor cultural and international events in southeastern U.S., the festival is a family-oriented showcase of the music, food, language, culture and performing arts of the varied countries represented in South Carolina. *Global Education Day*, the festival's opening event on Friday, April 5, brings students from all over the state for a day of fun and learning about the cultural diversity in SC.

The festival is open to the general public on Saturday (10 am—9 pm) and Sunday (noon — 7 pm). Admission tickets are \$5 for adults and \$1 for ages 6-12; children under 5 are free.

FAAGC members **Grace Collins** and **Imelda Go** are members of the 2002 Columbia International Festival coordinating committee and the *Global Education Day* committee, respectively.

Display Items,

Volunteers Needed

The theme of the Fil-Am display at the Columbia International Festival is "*evolution of Philippine culture*." If you have and are willing to lend your authentic Philippine arts & crafts and other cultural items for the exhibit, kindly contact **Merlyn Bajamunde** (419-2817) or **Helen Alon** (738-0372).

In addition, volunteers are needed to help set up, watch the display during the two days, and take down the exhibit; those interested are enjoined to call **Merlyn** at 419-2817. Also, those who would like to help during the two one-hour Tagalog classes are asked to contact **Helen** at 738-0372. ■

An excellent Philippine arts & culture website:
www.ncca.gov.ph

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notably, she was the founding director of the Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe from 1992 to 2001.

A volunteer member of the Columbia International Festival committee since 1996, she had also helped organize programs for the *Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage* celebrations at Ft. Jackson from 1997-2000. She has "even worked with organizations outside the Columbia area in promoting Philippine culture in places such as Charleston, Charlotte and Fayetteville."

Recognition of Achievement

A major highlight of the festival, the "*International of the Year*" annual awards "honor and promote outstanding achievement by members of the Midlands international community." Other 2002 awardees are Tony Forker (Republic of Korea) — "*International Volunteer*," Dr. Prithvi Reddy (India) — "*International Professional*" and Dr. Jeffrey Arpan (USA) "*Community Ambassador*." The 2002 awardees were recognized at the *International Gala* banquet held on March 30 at Seawell's Restaurant.

For the first time, this year's awardees were chosen by ballot by a selection committee comprised of past "*International of the Year*" winners and the members of the Board of Directors of the International Friendship Ministries, the organizer of the festival. Previously, the awardees were selected by the Festival committee. According to Raj Aluri, festival director, the change was made to "allow for members of the Festival Committee to be nominated for the awards." ■

Check out the
FAAGC Website
www.FilAmSC.org



Current and some past issues (in color) of the Fil-Am Bulletin are now available online at the FAAGC website.

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Motions & transitions

... Welcome ... New Members

★ **TERRY BERENDS** of Columbia, SC. Originally from Salem, Missouri, Terry is an EOD technician with the U. S. Army. A two-year area resident, he likes fishing and meeting new friends.

★ **RIO & MARY JANE DAQUILANEA** of Columbia, SC. He is originally from Olongapo City, Zambales; she is a native of Norzagaray, Bulacan. Seven-year residents in the area, they have two children: Nicole, 8, and Denise, 5.

★ **The FAJARDO Family** of Wagner, SC.

★ **GARY & MARITES HOLDER** of Chester, SC. Recently arrived in the area from Biliran, Leyte, she hopes the Association can provide her with "a home-away-from-home feeling." A native of Chester, SC, he is a retiree from the US Marines.

★ **ANNABEL MONTGOMERY** of Columbia, SC. She has a two-year old child, Dejah.

★ **JIM & JUDY MORRIS** of Chapin, SC. Joining the Association to "meet more people," they have lived in the state for nearly 40 years. He is an investments/insurance professional, while she is a retiree.

★ **PAT & TITA ROBLES** of West Columbia, SC. She is a nurse at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital. They have a daughter, Cher, 6. ■

Condolences

†Our condolences to FAAGC member **Grace Collins** and her family on the death of her mother in the Philippines on March 24.

†Our condolences to the family of FAAGC member **Dr. Robespierre Tumbokon**, who passed away this past February. A military retiree, he was buried in the Beaufort National Cemetery. ■

~Congratulations~

➤ to **Jojo & Eugenia Goyeneche** on the birth of their daughter Naomi on March 20.

➤ to **Ron & Pam Tuazon** on the birth of their daughter on February 6.

➤ to **Alan Geoghegan & Cecille Sanchez** on their marriage on February 22. The very private civil ceremony was held outdoors at the Veterans Park in Columbia. The couple is planning a more public church wedding soon. Incidentally, Cecille just arrived from Manila in late December. ■

Community Service

➤ School Presentation

FAAGC member **Charles Goyeneche** gave a 30-minute presentation on the Philippines during a USC Bicentennial *International Symposium* at the USC-Columbia campus on December 5, 2001.

➤ Dance Performance

The **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** performed the *tinikling* during the *Second Annual Conference on Folklore, Folklife and Traditional Arts* at the South Carolina Archives and History Center (8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC) on March 9. **Aileen Alon, AJ Alon** and **Alfred McNulty** danced while **Tessie Kenerston** and **Cecille Geoghegan** clicked the bamboos. FAAGC Executive Board member **Alan Geoghegan** made the arrangements for the performance. ■

FAAGC members who have NOT received their copies of the Fil-Am 2001-2002 membership directory are enjoined to contact Helen Alon during the picnic, by calling 738-0372 or by e-mail at HELENQDA@yahoo.com .

Do You Know Where Manila Is?

by Imelda C. Go

The *Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names* (www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabulary/tgn) is a searchable world gazetteer, featuring a database of around one million place names. Search results are limited to the information on the compiled database, which is admittedly not comprehensive. However, the database continues to grow based on contributions. What were the results after searching for *Manila*?

I saw the expected *Manila, Philippines* but was surprised to see a number of locations in the USA, which were also called *Manila*. Although none of them were cities and were merely described as inhabited places, it was refreshing to see such a familiar name appear in so many places in the USA. This reminded me of the famous *Manila folder* and the *Manila envelope*. The *Manila* in these can only refer to the *Manila* we know as Filipinos.

Manila is in eleven US counties: Clarke, Alabama; Dallas, Alabama; Navajo, Alabama; Mississippi, Arkansas; Humboldt, California; Adams, Colorado; Johnson, Kentucky; Pettis, Missouri; McMinn, Tennessee; Daggett, Utah; and Boone, West Virginia.

The search also produced *Manila Bay* in the Philippines and in Ottawa, Ohio. There is a valley named *Manila Canyon* in both Arizona and in Placer, California. There are five instances of *Manila Creek*

(Nome, Alaska; Southeast Fairbanks, Alaska; Iron, Michigan; Washington State; Putnam, West Virginia). There is a *Manila Mine* in Cochise, Arizona. There is a *Manila Ridge* in Putnam, West Virginia. There is a *Manila Spring* in Elko, Nevada. There is a stream called *Manila Wash* in Navajo, Arizona.

I searched the database for other Filipino cities. I found *Cebu* in Benton, Oregon and in our very own Horry county, South Carolina (located at latitude 33°55'N and longitude 79°01'W, just north of Conway, SC).

[Editor's note: another good site to check for geographic names is the **Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)** at

<http://geonames.usgs.gov>. Developed by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in cooperation with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN), GNIS contains information about almost 2 million physical and cultural geographic features in the United States. ■

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 (name, school, grade, awards, etc.) as well as a photograph so we can give due recognition for your and/or your child/ren's achievements. Contact the Editor at **738-0372** or e-mail (nca7@hotmail.com) with the details no later than **July 1, 2002**. (Note that photographs [preferably black & white OR colored photos with light background] may be cropped to fit the available space.) ■

Filipinos and others living in South Carolina who require Philippine consular services (e.g. Philippine passport renewal & changes, visa to the Philippines, etc.) **should contact the**

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Fax No (202) 328-7614

Email: uswashpe@aol.com

Official Website:

www.philippineembassy-usa.org

Are There Any Filipinos in Bamberg County?

According to official *Census 2000* results, as of 2000, there were 1,850,314 Filipinos in the U.S. out of the total population of 281,421,906. In South Carolina, there were 6,423 Filipinos out of the 4,012,012 residents in 2000. [In the Philippines, official government census data placed the Philippine population at 76,498,735 as of May 1, 2000, with an annual growth rate of 2.34.]

As shown in the table at right (derived from the U.S. Census Bureau's *Census 2000 Sum-*

mary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data dataset), Filipinos live in 45 of 46 South Carolina counties, with most of the SC Filipinos in the Charleston area. *But are there really no Filipinos in Bamberg county? If you know of any, let us know.*

The numbers shown here reflect only those who indicated Philippines as their main national origin and may not include Filipino-Americans who put two or more races and/or national origins in the census forms.

South Carolina County	2000 Total Popn	2000 Total Filipinos	% Filipinos
Berkeley	142,651	1,838	1.29
Charleston	309,969	956	0.31
Richland	320,677	628	0.20
Dorchester	96,413	458	0.48
Greenville	379,616	423	0.11
Beaufort	120,937	306	0.25
Sumter	104,646	266	0.25
Horry	196,629	220	0.11
Spartanburg	253,791	200	0.08
Lexington	216,014	184	0.09
Aiken	142,552	132	0.09
York	164,614	99	0.06
Florence	125,761	98	0.08
Pickens	110,757	79	0.07
Anderson	165,740	76	0.05
Greenwood	66,271	53	0.08
Georgetown	55,797	30	0.05
Darlington	67,394	29	0.04
Chesterfield	42,768	28	0.07
Orangeburg	91,582	27	0.03
Marlboro	28,818	26	0.09
Oconee	66,215	26	0.04
Abbeville	26,167	24	0.09
Colleton	38,264	22	0.06
Laurens	69,567	22	0.03
Lancaster	61,351	21	0.03
Kershaw	52,647	15	0.03
Newberry	36,108	14	0.04
Union	29,881	14	0.05
Clarendon	32,502	13	0.04
Hampton	21,386	13	0.06
Dillon	30,722	12	0.04
Marion	35,466	12	0.03
Calhoun	15,185	10	0.07
Cherokee	52,537	10	0.02
Barnwell	23,478	9	0.04
Williamsburg	37,217	7	0.02
Fairfield	23,454	6	0.03
Jasper	20,678	6	0.03
Edgefield	24,595	4	0.02
Chester	34,068	2	0.01
Saluda	19,181	2	0.01
Allendale	11,211	1	0.01
Lee	20,119	1	0.00
McCormick	9,985	1	0.01
Bamberg	16,658	0	0.00



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- ★ **March 31, 2002** (Sunday; 1:30 p.m.)
 - **Fil-Am Annual Spring Picnic & Easter Egg hunt**
 - Sesquicentennial State Park (Shed 1)
9564 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC
- ★ **April 6-7, 2002** (Saturday-Sunday)
 - **7th Annual Columbia International Festival**
 - Cantey Bldg., State Fairgrounds
Columbia, SC
- ★ **September 2002** (Details TBA)
 - **FAAGC Annual GALA**



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Reminder:



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