



FACSPS NEWS

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2014 Activities

- February 1-Ethnic Celebration
- February 8-Valentine's Ball
- May 10-Graduation Program @ WA Land Yacht
- May 31-Santacruzán @ Sacred Heart Church
- June 8-General Membership Meeting @ Sacred Heart Church
- July 12-Basketball 3 on 3 @ Timberline High
- August 2-Picnic @ LBA Park
- September 20-First Annual Seniors Mirianda @ Sacred Heart Church
- October 18-Autumn Ball @ Indian Summer Country Club
- December 6-Christmas Party @ WA Land Yacht
- December 13-Simbang Gabi @ Sacred Heart Church
- December 15-23-Christmas Caroling

President's Corner

Greetings and Happy New Year to ALL!

Please enjoy this premier issue of our FACSPS newsletter. Inside you will find announcements from our different committees, dates of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, ways to get involved and membership/renewal form. Having this quarterly newsletter, gives you another avenue to get information about what's happening in our association. Similar information can also be found on our website and Facebook page.

As a community, we have grown leaps and bounds, the community events we participated, the social gatherings we enjoyed, the number of scholarships we have awarded,

and now the establishment of a disaster relief fund, the "UHAW Project". I carefully chose the word "uhaw" because of what it represents...LIFE. Funds are raised through donations and is set aside specifically to provide relief when major disaster strikes, such as Katrina, Sandy, Ondoy, and recently Yolanda. With Yolanda, the need is huge! Funds have been raised to get this project off the ground and continues to grow, thanks to friends and FACSPS members alike.

As your President, we have to embrace change! It is everywhere, we need to look at things differently, and always ask ourselves, "How can we help FACSPS be better?" and find balance in accomplishing our



Angel Vano Jr.
FACSPS President

mission...Scholarship, Service to others, and have FUN! Let our "Bayanihan" spirit come to life!

Your 2014-2015 officers...at your service

EXECUTIVES

- Paul "Angel" Vano, **President**
- Shane R. Son, **Vice-President**
- Cesar "Kapp" Lirio, **Vice-President**
- Katrina Tabil, **Executive Secretary**
- Leovy Cabrera, **Treasurer**
- Deacon Rey Ronquillo, **Auditor**

COORDINATORS

- Membership**-Chito Balangue & Chit Ferris
- Social Activities**-Reanna Leodones, Yoly Valencia & Frank Balilon
- Civic/Cultural**-Lucy Carino & Fernan Carino
- Youth Civic/Cultural**-Edgar Carino

Public Relations/Webmaster-Annamarie Bailey

Property-Mila Byers

Scholarship-Chito Balangue & Nora Alejandro

Newsletter/Multimedia-Dolly Casitas

Sports Committee-Ramon Erpelo, Luddy Dela Cruz, & Edgar Casitas

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2014 Ethnic Festival

*“Let our
BAYANIHAN come
to life!”
—Paul Vano*



3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

FACSPS Committees

Have you ever wondered what FACSPS does? Well, wonder no more...here is a brief rundown written by the chair of each committee. They're always looking for willing volunteers!

Membership by Chit Ferris & Chito Balague

Welcome Kabayan! The Membership Committee is responsible for recruitment, overseeing and maintaining the demographics of the association. Consequently, in particular, is the source of information of manpower, talent and other enrichment needed in a functioning group. Our goal is to increase awareness and participation of 'official' members for one purpose of "Bayanihan".

To begin, we have to continue the orthodox professional means to becoming a member—filling out an application and paying the membership fee. Then the tedious part which is the follow-through on the part of the officers to communicate to every member pertinent information in a timely manner. There are still lots of house-keeping, adjustments, and improvements to do.. This can only be accomplished by consistent personal connections to random members as an on going process.

Our other goal is to continue and maintain our heritage and create a "home away from home". If you're a member, please make sure you renew your membership and update your profile. If you want to become a member, feel free to complete the Mem-

bership form in this Newsletter and submit it along with the membership fee. This year's fee is \$25/family or \$15/individual per year. FACPS welcomes you! Mabuhay!

Sports by Ramon Erpelo

Watch out for the coming Annual FACSPS 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in July at Timberline High School. I encourage all of you to join us, or just watch and cheer for your favorite team! There will be Junior and Senior Teams. Each team must have four members maximum. You may invite a guest to play who is not a FACSPS member. If you don't have a team, we'll help you create a team. The fee is \$10 per player. There will be trophies to be awarded to the winners. It will be held on July 12th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and join us and make this event a success. Proceeds will go to the FACSPS Scholarship program.

Marketing/Web by Annamarie Bailey

As some of you may already know, we have started a new Facebook page! Note that the old one ("Facsp Olympia") can still be found, however, we are treating it as deactivated. Just search "FACSPS" or Filipino-American Community of South Puget Sound" and we are there! Please continue your support and "Like" our page to follow updates on events and programs. Also, feel free to share or tag pictures or give a shout-out on our wall! In collaboration with Ted Zarate, a completely re-

vamped FACSPS web page is well underway! The goal is to complete the project in the next two months so make sure to stay current on upcoming events and other newsworthy information at www.facsp.org. A special thanks to Ted for continuing maintenance on our site while the new one is in progress. Please forward your questions to annamariebailey@gmail.com.

Youth Civic/Cultural-by Edgar Carino

I am the Youth Civic/Cultural coordinator. I work with Lucy Carino. Our objective is to teach our youth group the Philippine Cultural dances. We work extensively with them because we strongly believe they are the future of FACSPS. We encourage everyone to come check us out and join us and have fun!

Civic/Cultural by Lucy Carino

Come and join us and share your talents and learn the Filipino-American culture and dance. We need dancers, especially males. For practice information, please email me at lucy.carino@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you soon! Thank you very much!

Social Activities by Reanna Leodones

My name is Reanna. I am the Social Activities coordinator. We are currently learning Ballroom and Latin dances where people of all ages are welcome to learn. I am also open to the expansion of more social activities. Ideas are welcome so if you have any, please let me know at reannaleodones@yahoo.com.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please complete and mail this application with your membership fee)*

New Membership

Renewal of membership

Section 1: Member Information					
Last name		First name		Middle initial	Gender M F
Address					
City		State		ZIP Code	County of residence
Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		Work phone number () -	Home phone number () -		Cell phone number () -
Email Address			Special skills and hobbies		
Section 2: Spouse Information (if applicable)					
Spouse Last name		First name		Middle initial	Gender M F
Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		Work phone number () -	Home phone number () -		Cell phone number () -
Email Address			Special skills and hobbies		
Section 3: Family Information (if applicable)					
Names of Children		Year of Birth	School/Grade Level		

I understand that by signing this Application for Membership, I fully subscribe to the General Purposes of the Filipino-American Community of South Puget Sound (FACSPS) as follows:

- *Promote programs to foster education and consciousness of Filipino heritage among its members, especially the youth.*
- *Promote Filipino-American identity in the community.*
- *Promote services and charitable contributions to local community and to international non-profit organizations.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***Membership Fee: \$25/year for Family or \$15/year for Individual Membership— Please make check payable to FACSPS.**

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE by Chito Balangue

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The Scholarship Committee is the foremost and leading contribution of FACSPS to the people of Thurston County. The vice-chair is Nora Alejandro, a chair from the previous administration, who mentored me in this position, which made it a smoother transition. I want to add that we have expanded the search for scholarship grant to the following high schools: Yelm, Rochester, Tenino, Rainier, Avanti, New Market Vocational Skills Center, Northwest Christian, and Pope John Paul graduates. Any updates in this project will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter. Questions or concerns should be directed to the chairman of Scholarship Committee at email: chin-in522@hotmail.com or call (360)915-6549. All graduating Filipino-American students of Thurston County are encouraged to join and complete the application process. The Scholarship application is now available at the respective high schools. It is also available on our website at www.facsp.org. Don't miss out! Good Luck.

We're on the Web!
www.facsp.org



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