



The Fil-Am Newsletter

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Hey Goblins--Our Halloween Party Is This Saturday, Oct. 30!

We will have a Halloween Party this **Saturday, Oct. 30** from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Watkinsville Community Center on VFW Drive in Watkinsville. You know the drill: traditional pot-luck dinner (enough for your family and a little extra to share) and two 2-liter drinks. Let's make this party a treat for everyone -- let's all come in a non-scary outfit and parents bring treats for the kids. Get ready for the best costume contest, parlor games, dancing (*Limbo Rock*, *Macarena*, *Achey-Breaky*). Please be there to get the latest developments within the association like, elections, Christmas show, other projects. Have a happy Halloween and we'll see you soon. Call **Angle Bouchard 706-549-6455** and **Nilla Martin 706-543-5114** for party information.

Election Committee Formed

Gigi Magsalin (chairperson), **Nida Fernandez** and **Agnes DeGuzman** (members) have been named to the Election Committee which will handle balloting for the new set of officers for the year 2000. For our members with good ideas, commitment and dependability, this election is an opportunity to take a leadership role in our association. If you would like to help improve the organization, then dedicate your time and effort and run for office. We are enclosing with this newsletter a ballot and a return envelope. Each member on that list may vote. Circle the name of your candidate on the ballot, or if your choice is not on the list, write his or her name on the blanks. The total number of candidates, from the list and from write-ins should not be more than eleven (11). The top 11 winners will form the Executive Board from which the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and councilors will be designated. Let your voice be heard and turn in your ballots no later than Nov. 30, 1999. Ballots can be mailed to our post office box or dropped off in a secure box at Petals on Prince flower shop on 1470 Prince Ave., Athens. The induction of the new officers will take place during the Christmas Party on Dec. 12 at the Classic Center. For more information on the election, call **Gigi Magsalin 706-613-1775**.

FAANEGA to Host Parish Supper at St. Joseph Church

Beginning Oct 27 and continuing for the next three Wednesdays, various groups will host parish suppers at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall, on Prince Ave. in Athens. Our association will sponsor the parish supper on Nov. 10.

This project gives our organization a chance to come together with the community over dinner and raise fund in the process. Part of the proceeds also benefit the St. Joseph Church. The menu will include 'trademark' Filipino food like *adobo*, *lumpiang shanghai*, *pancit*, *fried rice*, etc. Let's all come to the supper and also tell all our friends about it. At the supper, listen to the Cenacle Sisters talk about the 2000 years of church history. A FAANEGA session will be held on Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999 from 12-6 pm at a place to be announced to prepare *lumpiang shanghai*. For more information, contact project leader, **Judy Araque 706-769-4490** and *lumpia shanghai* coordinator **Gigi Magsalin 706-613-1775**.

Come Experience Filipino Culture in Song and Dance Presentation

Tickets are now on sale for our cultural exhibition and Christmas party dubbed "A Celebration of our Filipino Heritage" on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999 at The Classic Center Ballroom, 300 N. Thomas St. in Athens. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and be followed at 7:00 p.m. by a multi-media presentation of folk songs and dances covering the pre-Hispanic periods to contemporary. At 8:30 p.m., enjoy an evening of grand celebration and dance to the music of *Steppin' Out Band* composed of Brenda & Dennis Smith. Tickets are \$35.00 for general admission; \$20.00 for youth (11-17 yr), \$10.00 for children (10 under), and \$10.00 for those attending just the party -- no dinner. An order form accompanies this newsletter for your convenience. Due to early deadlines with the caterer and the ballroom we need firm commitments by Nov. 20, 1999. Get your tickets early since we may not sell tickets at the door. For show information, call **Mary Anne Akers 706-613-2069**; to order tickets, call **Lorenzo Araque 706-769-4490**.

Athens Christmas Parade, Anyone?

Since last year, we've had calls for participation in the annual Athens Area Christmas Parade. This year again and this close to the date of the parade, we still have inquiries and some interest shown regarding this activity. Are we ready for one? The Christmas Parade should be a good occasion to tell people about our cultural presentation and have our dancers be pre-viewed by the Athens community. If we do want to take part, time is running out for the person who will initiate this. If you want to head or be part of a small committee that will take charge of this activity, please call **Judy Araque 706-769-4490** to coordinate.

Some Good News About Being a Member

Do you know why you receive this newsletter? The Fil-Am Newsletter is published regularly to keep you connected with the Fil-Am Association of NE Georgia. It allows us to communicate with our members the many different things we do to enhance your relationship with this organization. Our organization offers educational and cultural programs for American-born spouses and families of Filipinos.

Being a member of FAANEGA means that you are also part of the bigger Federation of Philippine American Organizations in Georgia which includes 20 plus other FilAm social clubs (Greater Atlanta, Columbus, Savannah, Warner Robbins, Savannah River Area, etc.), provincial/regional associations (Saranai, Sarong Bangui, Aguman Kapampangan Keni Atlanata), alumni organizations (Silliman, FEU, UST, UP) and service/professional organizations (Phil-Am Med Assoc, Phil. Nurses Assoc, Phil Charity Foundation, Phil-Am Chamber of Commerce, Phil-Am Med Technologists).

As a valued member of the FilAm community, we would like to see you more and have you better involved in our activities. Next time your issue arrives in the mail, you should be proud of your support of our organization.

Rehearsals Are On For Cultural Show

Dance rehearsals for our cultural show, "A Celebration of our Filipino Heritage," are in full swing every Sunday from 2:00 to 5:30 pm at the Church of the Nations Family Center, 8780 Macon Highway in Athens. So far, *Itik-itik*, *Sakuting*, *Muslim Dance*, *Maglalatik*, *Singkil*, *Paseo de Iloilo*, *Polkabal* have been taught and rehearsed. New dances are introduced in progression and all dances taught earlier are rehearsed weekly. For questions about the rehearsals and practice performance, call **Mary Anne Akers 706-613-2069**. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

Oct 31 Singkil, Igorot, Subli
Nov 7 Kuratsa, Tinkiling, Pandanggo
Nov 14 Boogie, Cha-Cha, Modern
Nov 21 All dances
Nov 28 All dances
Dec 5 Dress rehearsal
Dec 11 Dress rehearsal
[Dec 12 Showtime]

Get Ready, Get Set . . . Get Connected!

For several months now, we've had our web site at:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/8096/faanega/index.html>

This site presents an opportunity for our association to provide you, the individual member, with information in a manner we might not otherwise have had. There will be a page about our history, membership, officers, charitable projects, links to other Fil-Am sites and other features that tell you more about FAANEGA. The newsletter you are reading is mailed to about 150 individuals or families in NE Georgia but is also available on the web to any Fil-Am anywhere in the US and around the world. There is a guest book on the site where you can leave your name and a short message. While most of the site is still under construction and some of the links do not yet work please take a minute to visit it and tell us what you like about it. Or dislike. The association's web co-masters are volunteer committeemen **Al Cockerel** (alcocker@bellsouth.net) and **George Patena** (gp57@juno.com) who work with newsletter editor, **Sherwin Lopez** (fsherwin@juno.com), to keep the news and information up-to-date.

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