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The FAANEGA officers of 2002 from left to right are Rey Magsalin, Charlie Chong, Nick Demesa, Willie Delgado, Wendell Tumale, Ella de Guzman, Al Parungao, Jeff Bautista, Lily Paguio, and Rommel Montayre. not shown: Marie Musngi, Gigi Magsalin, Eddie Hilario.

Officers, Committees and Representatives of 2002

The new **FAANEGA officers of 2002** are as follows:

President -
Charlie Chong
Vice President -
Ella de Guzman
Secretary -
Willie Delgado
Assistant Secretary -
Wendell Tumale
Treasurer -
Rey Magsalin

Board Members -
Nick Demesa
Jeff Bautista
Rommel Montayre
Lily Paguio
Al Parungao
Marie Musngi

Advisors -
Gigi Magsalin
Eddie Hilario

Committees and Chairpersons:

Ways & Means:
Chair-Gigi Magsalin
Gay Chong
Gemma Musngi

Membership:
Chair-Ramon de Guzman
Rommel Montayre
Rey Magsalin

Sports:
Chair-Jeff Bautista
Nick Demesa
Steve Weber
Ogie Monasterial

Socials:
Chair-Agnes de Guzman
Gigi Magsalin
Al Parungao
Willie Delgado

Communications/Public Relations:
Chair-Marie Musngi
Wendell Tumale
Fe Fortson

Cultural and Education:

Chair-Ella de Guzman
Mary Ann Akers
Nattie Demesa

Charity:

Chair-Lily Paguio
Eddie Hilario

Out of Town Representatives:

Gainsville -Emma Davis

Stone Mountain -Florie and Delynn

Milledgeville -Percy Cinco
Rommel Montayre

Cornelia -Neriah Vennard

Elberton -Fe Fortson

If you are interested in representing your city or town for FAANEGA please contact us at P.O. Box 7123 Athens, GA 30604 or send an email to peachypinay@hotmail.com.

Why Be a Member?

By being a FAANEGA member, you are supporting an excellent organization whose goals are to promote cultural awareness, diversity, friendship, and unity throughout the community.

As a valued member of FAANEGA, we would like to see you more and have you better involved in our activities while we try and extend our services to you as best we can.

So for those who are not yet members, why not sign up today?

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Message From the President

Greetings! Spring is rapidly approaching and is just around the corner. This year's FAANEGA committee would like to inform you of our various activities and plans to make closer ties among fellow members. For this connection, we need your utmost support and cooperation to make the upcoming line of events a success.

Currently, this year's board members are scheduled to have monthly meetings in order to create better ideas to organize these plans. We will notify you accordingly for whatever undertakings we will be resolving this year.

Again, thank you in advance for your cooperation as we look forward to ensure the meeting of our goals and that our forthcoming activities be a memorable one.

God bless you...

Charlie S. Chong

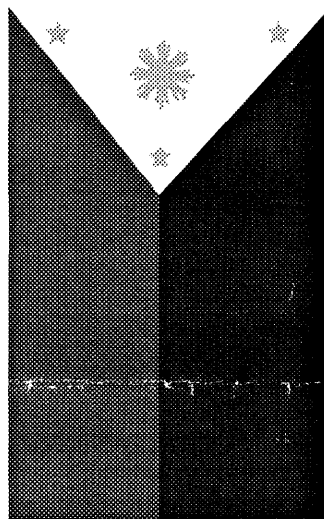
Calendar of Events

MARCH - Easter Egg Hunting
- Sandy Creek Park
- Sunday, March 31, 2002
- 12 noon to 6 pm
- POTLUCK

JUNE - Philippine Independence Day Celebration
- Watkinsville Community Center
- Saturday, June 16, 2002
- time: TBA

JULY - 4th of July Celebration in Panama City
- Port of Call, Panama City, FL
- Thursday-Sunday, July 4th-7th, 2002
- (see details on opposite page)

*** upcoming events after the month of July will be presented in the next issue of the FAANEGA News.



FAANEGA Website Update

FAANEGA will be launching a new WEBSITE by May 2002. **Volunteer contributors are welcome.**

Our new site will provide information about the history of our organization, the FAANEGA constitution and by-laws, Filipino facts, officers (past and present), activities, announcements, a photo gallery, relevant links to other sites, and much much more.

We encourage all paid members to submit their favorite family photos for us to post on our upcoming online membership directory.

History of the Philippines part 1

Most of us are from the Philippines, the Pearl of the Orient Seas, located in the western Pacific Ocean and made up of 7,100 islands. She has historically been shifted under the rule of various countries — the Spaniards for over 300 years, the Americans, the Japanese, and then the Americans again.

This is just part one of a series on the events leading up to the American Liberation.

The first humans on the Philippine Islands are thought to have come from China and the Malayan Archipelago some 250,000 years ago, during the Ice Age, but only a few items remaining from that time have been discovered. Afterward, others migrated to the islands, among them Negritos, who probably arrived about 25,000 years ago. A Mongoloid people from Southeast Asia followed about 10,000 years later. All are thought to have reached the islands across a land bridge that no longer exists. Larger groups of people from the regions of present-day China and Vietnam arrived from about 7000 BC to 2000 BC. The largest migrations to the islands, however, probably occurred after the 3rd century BC. The

last arrivals were people from the Malay Peninsula and the Indonesian archipelago. These migrants brought with them their tools and a technology that included glassmaking and tie-and-dye weaving.

By the 5th century AD a new Filipino civilization had emerged from the mixture of cultures. Traders from as far away as India became frequent visitors to the islands. Competing influences from the Middle East, India, and China brought many changes to the economy and social life. Several primary industries such as mining, metallurgy, and lumbering came into being, and gold and coins were introduced as media of exchange. By the 12th century, the powerful Sumatra, based on the kingdom of Sri Vijaya had also extended its considerable influence of the Philippines. Starting in the 13th century, Islam spread throughout the southern parts of the archipelago and became firmly established there. The Chinese Ming Dynasty maintained tributary commercial and diplomatic relations with the islands throughout the 15th century.

to be continued...

- Rommel Montayre

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Alam Ba Ninyo...

...that Bert Gabor moved back to the Philippines on February 15th?

...that Raquel, daughter of Mauri and Lina Nayve, is engaged to William Crook of Reading, England?

...that Amanda, daughter of Eddie and Miriam Hilario, studied French in Quebec, Canada this past summer?

...that Catherine, daughter of Nick and Natti Demesa, is graduating this spring with degrees in Political Science and General Studies?

...that Carlo, son of Charlie and Gay Chong, won 4th place in the Oconee County regional spelling bee?

...that Meryl, daughter of Flor and Estrella Sese, gave birth to a baby girl named Tatyana this past October?

...that Phillip and Gem Musngi took a two week religious tour of Western Europe this past October?

...that FAANEGA was founded in 1987?

...that Gloria Macapagal Arroyo is only 4'11"?

...that Abu Sayyaf is not a person, but a group of Muslims with a vision?

...that you need to become a member of FAANEGA if you aren't already?

...that your wife is not your maid? :)
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

- Ella de Guzman

Cocina Ni Lola Lourdes

(from *Dra. Lourdes Garcia's* cookbook)

Longaniza de Hamon

3 1/4 lbs pork

2 tbsp rock salt

2 tbsp brown sugar

5 tbsp soy sauce

1/4 cup white wine

sausage casings

MSG

Mix and put in casings or just form into longaniza shapes and wrap in wax paper. Freeze until ready to cook. Enjoy!

4th of July in Panama City?

Why not spend some time with the Filipinos of Northeast Georgia when they go on a trip to Panama City, FL, fourth of July weekend? This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow Filipinos from the surrounding areas of Georgia, while having some fun in the sun.

Previous visits to Panama City included activities such as swimming in the beach, making sand castles, fishing, volleyball, frisbee, and tons of Filipino food!!! Yum!

There is a total of 23 ocean-front hotel rooms set aside for Fil-Am, 2 families per room. However, 13 rooms have already been reserved. To make reservations you are required to pay a deposit for the first night, at the cost of \$88.74 – tax included. The total for three nights amounts to \$266.22... a great deal for these rooms with a view and which also is a mere walking distance to the fishing pier. The deadline for payment is May 20th but since they are on a first come, first serve basis we encourage you to make your reservation as soon as possible.

For more information please contact Gemma Musngi at (706)548-9688 or Gigi Magsalin at (706)613-1775.



Pictures from our last trip to Panama City, FL. From top to bottom: Some of the kids have fun in the sand, the group poses for a picture, and Filipinos on the pier wait to reel in some fish for dinner.

You Might be Married to a Filipina if:

Instead of a dowry, you got the whole bill for the wedding and honeymoon.

Most of your decorations in your house are made of wicker (and/or bamboo).

You are expected to read her mind just by watching her eyebrows move up and down and which way her lips are pointed.

The instant you are married you have 300 new close relatives that you can't tell apart.

She eats her fruit with giant salt crystals and her fried chicken with ketchup.

You throw a party and everyone is fighting to chop the leathery skin off a dead pig.

All your kids have 4-5 middle names.

You call the Philippines and someone tells you "for a while" and you want to know "for a while what?"

The rice cooker is on 24 hours a day and uses up 50% of your food budget.

On your trip to the Philippines, you have 18 giant "balikbayan" boxes that weigh 1000 pounds each and your "carry-on" luggage requires a small forklift truck.

Her favorite meal is leftovers.

Other than eyebrow-raising and lip-pointing, her next most expressive form of communication are grunts and psst's.

Your in-laws first visit lasts 6 years.

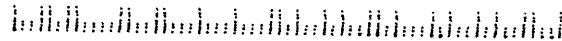


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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____ Marital Status _____

Spouse's/Partner's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Spouse's/Partner's Date of Birth _____

Dependent(s) Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Address _____

City and County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Hobbies or Special Interests _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$10.00 per PERSON (Dependents under 18 years of age are free)
 \$20.00 per FAMILY

 Applicant's Signature