



# ***The Fil-Am Newsletter***

**A Publication of the Fil-Am Association of NE Georgia (FAANEGA)**

**PO Box 7123, Athens GA 30604\*\*\*Winter 2000**

## **Meet The New Officers for 2000**

Welcome the new set of officers who were sworn into office on Dec. 12, 1999 during the FilAm Christmas Party at the Classic Center in Athens. FAANEGA's Executive Board and the different committee members which will lead the organization in the year 2000 are:

President.....	Gigi Magsalin	613-1775
V-President.....	Jerry Wetmore	770-614-3849
Secretary.....	Nida Fernandez	549-6773
Treasurer.....	Lilia Melendez	549-2219
Councilors.....	Ramon DeGuzman	613-7427
	Nic Demesa	613-6717
	Fe Fortson	283-3619
	Sherwin Lopez	546-8284
	Mely Palad	548-7433
	Ronald Soriano	543-1582
	Steve Weber	546-7760
Adviser.....	Lorenzo Araque	769-4490
Charity & Comm Services...	Fe Fortson	283-3619
	Jerry Wetmore	770-614-3849
Education and Culture.....	Mary Anne Akers	613-2069
PR and Communication.....	Sherwin Lopez	546-8284
	Jenny Soriano	543-1582
Ways and Means.....	Nati Demesa	613-6717
	Lilia Melendez	549-2219
Sports and Recreation.....	Nic Demesa	613-6717
	Steve Weber	546-7760
Membership.....	Ramon DeGuzman	613-7427
	Mely Palad	548-7433
Socials.....	Gay Chong	310-1241
	Agnes DeGuzman	613-7427

Phone numbers are given to help make it easy to get in touch with the officers. Call to help on a committee, or to let us know if you like what we're doing, or to complain about what we're doing or where we're going.

## **FAANEGA to Throw a Party for Cultural Show Performers**

To acknowledge the members' contributions to our Cultural Show held last Christmas at the Classic Center, our organization will host an Appreciation Dinner for all show participants on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000 6:00 pm at Hunan Restaurant, Baxter St. in Athens. Please join us in giving recognition to these members and in reliving the fun and

excitement of our first major cultural production. The cost of dinner is \$6.00 per person. For reservations, call Lilia Melendez 549-2219 by Friday, Jan. 28, 2000.

## **Door Prizes Await Early Birds at General Meeting**

Welcome back from your Christmas holidays and welcome back to the beginning of a long and busy year for the Fil-Am! We will have a General Meeting and Family Picnic with games and entertainment on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkinsville Community Center, VFW Dr. in Watkinsville. Early birds get fabulous prizes. It will be a potluck - bring a favorite dish and 2L juice or soda (no alcohol). Get the latest on upcoming events - we will have a brief meeting to announce plans for the Valentine's Party in February, the Easter Picnic in spring, the Independence Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July outings in summer, and the Christmas party in December. Share your ideas for fun activities and join the discussion and planning. We will also sign up new members and collect annual dues so don't leave home without your checkbook. For picnic information, call Socials Committee co-chairs **Gay Chong 310-1241** and **Agnes DeGuzman 613-7427**.

## **Have a Happy Valentine's Day**

Come and dance the night away at our Valentine's Night Out Saturday, Feb. 12, 2000 at the Officer's Club, Navy Supply Corps School on Prince Ave., Athens. The program will be: Social Hour 6-7 pm; Dinner 7-8 pm; and, Dancing 8-12 midnight. No more boring music! DJ's Scott Kerr and Steve Weber will play your favorite slow, Latin, rock or modern dance music. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and that covers dinner, dancing and door prize. Grab a partner and we'll see you at the dance. For tickets and party information, call **Gigi Magsalin 613-1775**.

The *Fil-Am Newsletter* is published quarterly in January, April, July and October by the Public Relations and Communications Committee. We welcome news, announcements and short articles. Submissions must be received 2 weeks before the first of those months. Winter Issue Editor - Sherwin Lopez, Contributors - Lilia Melendez, Fred Lao, Nida Fernandez, Lily Paguio, Agnes DeGuzman and Gem Musngi.

## Calendar of Y2K

### Activities

- Jan 29 - Appreciation Dinner
- Feb 6 - Potluck and General Meeting
- Feb 12 - Valentine's Party
- Apr 23 - Easter Picnic
- May - Asia-Pacific Expo at Navy School
- Jun - Host UPAA-Georgia Meeting
- Jul 4- Independence Day- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic
- Sep - Preparation for Cultural Show
- Oct - Cultural Month; Election of Officers
- Oct 28 - Halloween Party
- Nov - Carolling
- Dec 16 - Christmas Party

These activities can be changed depending on the decision of the general membership. We'd like to organize more sports activities in the spring & summer. We also need your ideas for charity & civic projects and other fundraisers. Contact the committee chairpersons to make your suggestions or for questions about the above activities.

## Hop on to Easter Picnic

It is not too early to prepare for our yearly Easter Picnic which will be held at the Watkinsville Community Center on VFW Dr. in Watkinsville on April 23, 2000. We will have the traditional potluck where the organization will provide the *lechón* (roast pig). We need to know the number of kids 10-and-under who will participate because the Fil-Am will provide the baskets for holding the candies and favors. Parents should register their kids with the Easter Committee in order to get a basket. For more information about the picnic, contact the Easter Committee chairpersons **Neneng Hilario 613-8338** and **Gina Altares 354-1005**.

## Membership Drive is On for Year 2000

Calling all Fil-Ams -- please renew your membership for 2000. Our dues are \$20 per family payable to Fil-Am or FAANEGA. Please take a minute now to write that check and remember to mail it to FAANEGA, PO Box 7123, Athens GA 30604 or turn it in to any club officer. Kudos and thanks to following for renewing their membership and paying the year's dues:

Tim and Mary Anne Akers	Sherwin and Jotics Lopez
Manny and Gina Altares	Mel and Juliet Lopez
Charlie and Gay Chong	Rey and Gigi Magsalin
Ramon and Agnes DeGuzman	Cliff and Nila Martin
Nic and Nati Demesa	Michael and Nancy McEachern
Benny and Nida Fernandez	Lilia Melendez
Dominic and Grace Fernandez	Romeo and Evelyn Mercado
Haley and Fe Fortson	Philip and Gem Musngi
Bert Gabor	Moring and Lina Nayve
Ruben and Lourdes Garcia	Nieto and Mely Palad
Fred and Gene Lao	Flor and Estrella Sese

Jerry and Cecille Wetmore

If you know any Fil-Ams in the neighborhood who are not in our directory, please give us their name, address and phone number and we will invite them to join. Better yet, bring them to our activities and introduce them to the organization. For questions about membership and about benefits you may be missing by not signing up, please call Membership Committee co-chairs **Ramon DeGuzman 613-7427**, **Mely Palad 548-7433**, or any Fil-Am officer.

## Directory Update

Mailings have been very helpful in keeping our members informed of what is going on in our club. If we have your current address then you should receive every announcement we mail. We need to update addresses (e-mail too, if you have one) constantly -- if you or anyone you know have moved recently, please call to correct the information in our files. Help us save on cost of stamps. Please call Membership Committee co-chairs **Ramon DeGuzman 613-7427** or **Mely Palad 548-7433**.

## Communications Committee Seeks Members

We need members who would like to help publish the newsletter, manage our webpage (<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/8096/faanega/index.html>) and communicate and maintain ties with other Fil-Am individuals or groups. This committee works with the Federation of Fil-Ams in Georgia and other Fil-Am organizations. To volunteer, please get in touch with the PR and Communications Committee members **Sherwin Lopez 546-8284** or **Jenny Soriano 543-1582**.

## A Message from the President:

### DIVERSE, DYNAMIC!

Do you realize that we are an organization of more than 100 families spanning in ages from 3 months to 75 years? We are single, married, divorced, widowed. We are mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles and children. We are artists, accountants, counselors, professors, musicians, nurses, therapists, entrepreneurs, doctors, chemists, managers, ministers, technicians, students and housewives. And despite our diversity we still come together, appreciating each members value, dignity and talents. And most of all realizing one common interest we grow beyond the organization. INCREDIBLE! WE CAN AND WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE! I am honored to be your president and thank you!

Gigi

## Alam ba Ninyo?

- ... na apat na Fil-Am couples ang magce-celebrate ng wedding anniversary ngayong March – sina *Ramon-Agnes DeGuzman, Benny-Nida Fernandez, Nic-Nati Demesa* at *Philip-Gemma Musngi*.
- ...na nagtapos na ng BS Economics sa UGA si *Cris DeGuzman* at nagta-trabaho siya sa Atlanta bilang investment broker?
- ...na si *Lionel* at *Virgie Ancheta* ay bumalik na mula sa kanilang family re-union sa Pilipinas?
- ...na nag-Champion si *Athena Lao* sa Spelling Bee sa Alps Elementary School?
- ... na nag-baby shower para sa future baby boy ni *Tess Pottier* expected ngayong February?
- ... na nanalo at pupunta sa State Semifinals ang St. Joseph School Academic Bowl Team nina *Joseph Lopez*?
- ... na tuloy na naman ang mga laro natin dahil nasa sports committee sina *Steve Weber* at *Nic Demesa*
- ... na si *Justin Francis Tumale* ay 8 years old na?
- ...na kinilala ng Duke University ang ating mga 7<sup>th</sup> graders *Ranier Bawayan, RJ Cagampan* at *Joseph Lopez* sa kanyang Talent Identification Program?
- ...na nasa London si *Ella DeGuzman* para sa isang semester ng study-abroad sa History at Economics?
- ...na pinakamarami and paid memberships ng FAANEGA last year – *sana ngayong taon din.*

### With Heartfelt Sympathy

The Fil-Am Association of NE Georgia extends its kindest thoughts to *Judy Araque* on the recent loss of her Father.

### With Deep Sorrow

The Fil-Am Association of NE Georgia extends its heartfelt sympathy to *Manny Altares* on the recent loss of his Father.

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## **Year 2000** **Membership Application / Renewal**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to participate in:

Election of Officers	[ ]	Valentine Party (February)	[ ]
PR and Communications	[ ]	Easter Picnic (April)	[ ]
Charitable Proj/Soup Kitchens	[ ]	Halloween Party (October)	[ ]
Cultural/Educational Projects	[ ]	Christmas Party (December)	[ ]
Sports Events	[ ]	_____	[ ]
Any Committee Assignments	[ ]	_____	[ ]

Use this form to sign up for new membership or to renew membership. Please fill in all information. Dues are \$10.00 per person per year or \$20.00 per family per year. Make check payable to Fil-Am or FAANEGA and mail form & payment to FAANEGA, P.O. Box 7123, Athens GA 30604 or deliver to any FAANEGA officer. For questions about the Fil-Am, contact President, Gigi Magsalin 613-1775 or Membership Comm. Co-chair Ramon DeGuzman 613-7427 or Mely Palad 548-7433. Maraming Salamat Po.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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as payment for membership dues for the Year 2000.

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_