



The Fil-Am Newsletter

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Meet The New Officers for 1999

During the Christmas Party on Dec. 20, 1998 we announced the composition of FAANEGA's Executive Board which will lead the organization into the year 2000. The officers and chairpersons of each committee are as follows:

President	Lorenzo Araque, 769-4490
Vice-President	Lily Paguio, 543-0186
Secretary	Angie Bouchard, 549-6455
Treasurer	Steve Weber, 546-7760
Councilors	Mary Anne Akers, 613-2069
	Lionel Ancheta, 546-0856
	Nick DeMesa, 613-0805
	Fe Fortson, 283-3619
	Bill LaFleur, 743-8198
	Nilla Martin, 543-5114
	Lilia Melendez, 549-2219
Advisers	Judy Araque, 769-4490
	Sherwin Lopez, 546-8284

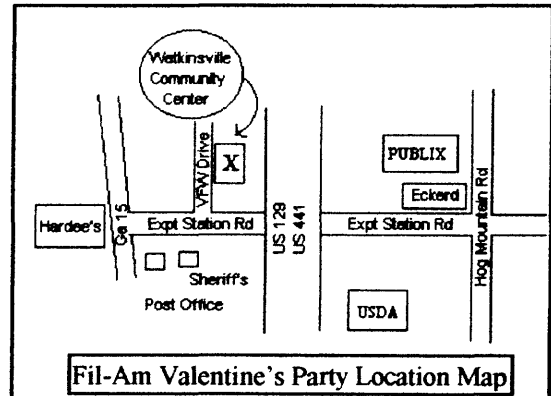
Charity and Community Services	Lily Paguio
Education and Culture	Mary Anne Akers
Membership	Lionel Ancheta
PR and Communication	Sherwin Lopez
Social	Nilla Martin
Ways and Means	Judy Araque
Sports and Recreation	Nick DeMesa
	Steve Weber

We need a lot of hands for all our projects this year. Get in touch with the officers if you want to help on a committee. Or to let the association know that you like what we're doing. Or to complain about what we're doing or where we're headed.

Got a Valentine Date?

Happy Valentine's Day! Come and have fun at our Valentine's Night Out Friday, Feb. 12, 1999 from 6-12 pm at the Watkinsville Community Center on VFW Dr., Watkinsville. It will be a potluck -- members with last names starting with the letters A-G please bring a meat dish; H-Q a vegetable dish; and, R-Z dessert and rice. Everyone bring your preferred drink -- juice or soda -- but absolutely no alcohol allowed. DJ's Scott Kerr and Steve Weber will play your favorite slow, rock, Latin or modern dance music. There will be a raffle and games. And, kids are also

welcome. Most of all, don't forget your partner! For party information, call Nati DeMesa 613-0805 or Angie Bouchard 549-6455.



Fil-Am Valentine's Party Location Map

Membership Drive is On

Everybody please renew your membership for 1999. Dues are \$20 per family or \$10 per individual payable to Fil-Am or FAANEGA. We will receive applications and dues at the Valentine's party on Feb 12. Please take a minute now to write that check and remember to turn it in at the party.

If you know any bashful Fil-Ams in the neighborhood, please take them to our activities to introduce them to our organization. Or give us their name, address and phone number and we will call or send an invitation.

We would like to thank the following who have updated their membership and paid the year's dues:

Tim and Mary Anne Akers
Lionel and Virgie Ancheta
Lorenzo and Judy Araque
Fred and Perlita Blevins
Dermont and Angie Bouchard
Billy and Eva Bowen
Charlie and Gay Chong
Al and Leila Cockerel
Thomas and Ellen Coleman
Rudy and Elise Corpus
Donald and Susan Dellinger
Ruben and Lourdes Garcia
Tom and Merlyn Kirk
Bill and Fe LaFleur
Fred and Gene Lao
Sherwin and Jotics Lopez

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Mel and Juliet Lopez
 Cliff and Nilla Martin
 Lilia Melendez
 Moring and Lina Nayve
 Nof and Lily Paguio
 George and Celeste Patena
 Jim and Elaine Radzion
 Rey and Anna Resurrecion
 Steve and Dolores Weber
 Frank and Janice Yaptengco

For questions about membership and about benefits you may be missing by not signing up, please call Membership chairman Lionel Ancheta 546-0856, Treasurer Steve Weber 546-7760 or any Fil-Am officer.

Directory Revision

We are now trying to get our records better organized. If we have your correct address then you should receive every announcement or newsletter we mail. We need to update our addresses – if you or anyone you know have moved recently, please call so we can correct the information in our files. The mailings have been very helpful in keeping our members informed of what is going on in our club. For update information, Membership chairman Lionel Ancheta 546-0856 is *D' man*.

See You on the Web Soon

If things go well, your next issue of the newsletter will be available on-line. We are working to get us a web page so those of you who are internet active can read about Fil-Am news on their computers. So watch for it. Members who have the skills and the time to help us establish this project and for newsletter information, call Public Relations and Communication chairman Sherwin Lopez 546-8284.

Arnis Comes to Athens

Arnis, an ancient form of Filipino martial art, is now taught in Athens. FAANEGA and Integrated Fighting System (IFS) provide free lessons at UGA's Ramsey Sports and Activities Center Sundays at 7-9 p.m. The objective is to revive this cultural heritage for posterity besides teaching it as an ethnic sport and recreation.

Arnis is taught by Bert Ticsay, retired PE professor of Far Eastern University, Manila who was the first to incorporate the Filipino sports *arnis* and *sipa* in the PE curriculum in the Philippines. He headed the Philippine Exhibition Teams that demonstrated arnis and sipa at the International Fair in Seattle, Washington in 1962. During our recent Christmas Show at the Oconee Civic Center, a sampling of arnis skills was demonstrated by the Fil-Am arnis students. To get in on the sport, contact Bert Ticsay at 546-8284 or Adam Singer head instructor of IFS at 543-8368.

Calendar of Activities

Everybody get ready for a busy year. At the February Board Meeting, the following activities were proposed. So mark your calendars. If you have suggestions and would like to help in any way, just step forward.

FEB - Valentine Night Out	MAR - Bowling and Potluck
APR - Easter Picnic and Egg Hunt	MAY - Yard Sale
JUN - Independence Day Picnic Watson Mill Bridge	JUL - Soup Kitchen
AUG-SEP - Sports TBA	OCT - Halloween Party
NOV-DEC - Christmas Parade and Christmas Party Cultural Show	

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