

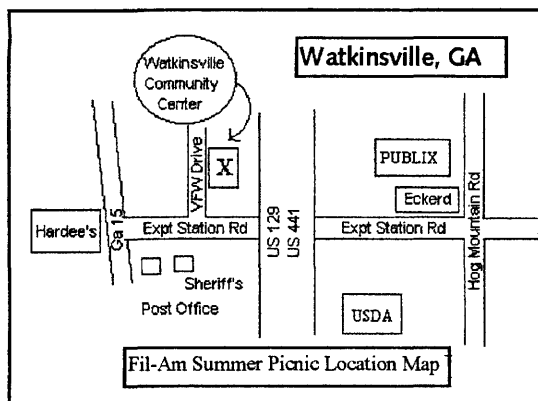
The Fil-Am Newsletter

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End-of-Summer Picnic & Volleyball in Watkinsville

Welcome back from your summer vacation and welcome back to the beginning of the school year! The Fil-Am will have a family picnic with volleyball games on Sunday, Sept. 5, 1999, 12:00-6:00 p.m. at the Watkinsville Community Center on VFW Dr., in Watkinsville, GA. It's a potluck – bring your favorite dish and drink – 2L juice or soda – but absolutely no alcohol. At the picnic, get the latest on upcoming activities. We will have a brief meeting to announce plans for the Halloween Party, the cultural show, and the Christmas party, and to sign up members for the performances. For picnic information, call Lorenzo Araque 769-4490 or Angie Bouchard 549-6455.

How to get there:



Trick or Treat on Oct. 30

Mark your calendars for our Halloween Party on Oct. 30, Saturday. The venue is still being finalized although we are eyeing Bogart Community Center or possibly the Student Catholic Center at UGA. We will confirm the location at a later date. Everybody come in a costume and parents bring goodies for the kid's trick or treat. We look forward to lots of food, fun and games -- get ready for the best costume contest, parlor games, dancing ('imbo Rock, Macarena, Achey-Breaky). Also, please bring the traditional pot-luck dinner and soft drinks. Call Angie Bouchard 549-6455 and Nilla Martin 543-5114 for party information.

Talents Needed for Cultural Show

We are looking for members and their children to perform at FAANEGA's cultural show at the Athens Classic Center on Dec. 12, 1999. Dubbed "Celebrating our Filipino Heritage," the show will feature dances and song depicting the different periods in Philippine history: Pre-Hispanic, Spanish Era, American Occupation, and Independence. Traditional dances like *Singkil*, *Tinikling*, *Maglalatik*, *Sayaw sa Bangko*, *Pandang sa Ilaw*, *Subli*, and foreign influences like Rock n' Roll, and Cha-cha-cha and Tango will be performed. Songs will include *Bayang Magiliw*, *Bayan Ko*, *Ako ay Pilipino*.

The association will train all performers and rehearsals have been planned for Sunday afternoons during August and September, and weekends and some weeknights in November and December. For parents, what better way for your kids to pick up some Filipino dance or two. This is also a good way to save on tickets since participants get discounts to the show and Christmas Party. If you want to participate and can put in the time and effort, please call the overall coordinator, Mary Anne Akers at 613-2069.

Newsletter Debuts on the World Wide Web

Welcome to the World Wide Web! As promised last spring, this issue of the *FilAm Newsletter* will also be available on-line. We are now at work on a site that will report on current happenings in a timely manner, tell the story of our association and have links to other Fil-Am sites of interest. The original design for this page is being put together by a friend of the Fil-Am, Delwin Holeman. Our members Al Cockerel and George Patena have volunteered to help maintain it. Newsletter editor Sherwin Lopez will continue to write and solicit articles and to produce a mailed copy for members who do not have access to the internet. Articles, comments, suggestions and corrections are welcome -- send them to the editor at fsherwin@juno.com or call him at 546-8284.

Some Good News about Y2K!

Come to think of it, if you have been to any of our activities (parties, picnics and shows), they were all made possible by the funds contributed by the members and officers of organization. If you receive a newsletter or an invitation, our organization shouldered some printing and mailing expenses there, too. Our association cannot move at the fast pace it is moving right now were it not for its financial resources. So, if you had simply 'forgotten' to send in your 1999 annual dues, please do so now. And the good news is you will be considered paid for both 1999 and Y2K.

And when Y2K does roll in, there's no greater feeling than knowing you don't 'owe' anybody money. Please send dues to our mailing address or turn them in to our Treasurer, Steve Weber at the Summer Picnic (Sept 5) or the Halloween Party (Oct 30). Dues are just \$20 per family or \$10 per individual payable to Fil-Am or FAANEGA.

Those who are paid for 1999, thank you very much and don't forget to renew. Before year-end or before tax time would be a good time to do it. At some time, maybe we've blown \$20 on a bad purchase or at the casino. Let's contribute it to the local Fil-Am instead.

Sherwin Lopez, Editor

Board Meeting Scheduled for Sept. 4

The next meeting of the Board Members will be on Saturday, Sept. 4 from 7:00 till 8:30 pm at Rey and Gigi Magsalin's residence at 340 Pine Forest Dr., Athens. Meetings are open to the general membership. The agenda will cover committee reports, readiness for the summer picnic the next day, and updates on cultural show preparations.

Election & Induction of Officers Slated for December

Everybody get set for the next election coming up soon. If you know of any member who you think can help the association achieve its goals and help keep the Fil-Am going, nominate him or her for office. Eleven members of the association will be elected to the Executive Board from which the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven Councilors will be designated. President Lorenzo Araque will soon appoint a commission on elections to prepare ballots, count the votes and announce the results. The induction into office will be held at the Christmas Party on Dec. 12 at the Athens Classic Center.

Fund Drive to Benefit the Future Philippine American Center

The Federation of Philippine American Organizations in Georgia (FPAOG), of which FAANEGA is a member, has raised over \$3,000.00 dollars in its recent fund drive for the establishment of the Philippine American Center in Georgia. The center will serve as a place for business and social activities of the Federation as well as of its member organizations. Federation president, Ludy Villanueva, thanks all Fil-Ams and Fil-Am organizations who have contributed to this endeavor. Still, the fund drive is on-going and the goal is high. If you have yet to make that contribution, please send it in today.

"Celebrating Our Filipino Heritage"

The arrival of the new millenium calls on every member to prepare for very exciting events in our association. We are launching an ambitious project code named "**12/12**" that embodies the aspirations of every Fil-Am. This project will showcase our culture and our heritage in the form of music and dances. "**12/12**" will make us proud of who we are, where we come from, and what we can do together in unity and harmony. On Dec. 12, 1999, FAANEGA will host a cultural show, dinner, and dance party at The Classic Center in Athens. I urge everybody to support this production with their participation and experience these important events put together by your organization in a premier venue here in Athens. Tickets are priced at \$35.00 for the dinner, show and dance. Discounted tickets are available to cultural show participants (\$20.00), youth 11-17 years (\$20.00) and children 10 and under (\$10.00). The production will require a lot of manpower so if you would like to get involved in the dances, program, invitations or solicitations, get in touch with Mary Anne Akers 613-2069. Finally, this cultural show is about you and me- the Filipino in everyone of us. Let us all join hands and accomplish this huge undertaking in a spirit of *Bayanihan*.

Lorenzo Araque, President

Alam ba Ninyo?

...Compiled by Virgie Ancheta

...na nagtapos na ng High School sina *Seth Musngi, Rawin Hilario, Steven Mercado* at si *Philip Delima*?

...na si *Irene* ni *Frances Ramsey* ay nandito na mula sa Pilipinas?

...na si *Michelle Costan* ay natanggap na intern sa Cultural Dept. sa Washington D.C.?

...na malapit ng lumipat ang *Bouchard* family sa kanilang malaking bahay?

...na si *Jerry* at si *Cecille* will tie the knot soon?

...na si *Henry* at si *Amber* ay engaged?

...na buhay na naman and "happy-happy" dahil narito na si *Rey* at *Gigi Magsalin*?

...na si *Billy Melendez* is back in town?

...na si *Nick* at *Nati DeMesa* are grandparents na?

...na si *Julia Lopez* ay one year old na sa Sept. 4?

...na si *Ben Soriano* at *Lix Ancheta* are still available?

...na ang Federation of Fil-Ams in Georgia is alive and kicking?

...na hindi pa lahat nakakabayad ng dues sa FAANEGA (Fil-Am)?

Words of thanks

The *Barrett* family would like to extend their appreciation to the Fil-Am community for its concern, visits and flowers when they needed them the most. Also the *Fortsons* thank everyone for their support and prayers.

From the *Bobon* family – Thank you for the flowers, your presence and support during the death of Dr. Benigno Bobon.

Stork News

Congratulations to the following on the latest addition to the family: *Joe* and *Marilou Cortese*, Baby Girl; *Gerald* and *Shoney Harrison*, Baby *Vicenta*; *Juan* and *Elisa Rodriguez*, Baby *Michael*; *Wendell* and *Arlene Tumale*, Baby *Alyssa Francesca*.

News, Stories and other Contributions Wanted

If you have social events you want the Fil-Am community to know about, please send us a short write up. We also need articles of an educational or cultural nature. Send your articles to *The Fil-Am Newsletter* at our mailing address.

Fil-Am Pop Culture Quiz II

Read the following in Pilipino and translate the secret code into English.

BKWLKMGWPRMSYTW-HHH-LLL. TMNPRKTNg.

Haiku, Hay Naku!

Here is a collection of Filipino popular poetry derived from the internet and the public domain. Authors unknown.

Makata

Ako'y tutula,
Mahabang-mahaba.
Ako'y uupo,
Tapos na po.

Monumento

Konting bato,
Konting cemento,
Monumento.

Ulila

Walang ama,
Walang ina,
Ulila.

Luha

Luha.
Pag natuyo,
Muta.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Spouse: _____ Children: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to participate in the following activities:

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

For year	[]	1999 & 2000	Amount	[]	\$20.00	Payment in	[]	Cash
	[]	2000		[]	\$10.00		[]	Check

Date: _____ Payment received by: _____

Use this form to sign up for new membership or update/renew your membership. Please fill in all information. Dues are \$10.00 per person per year or \$20.00 per family per year. Forward form and payment to FAANEGA, P.O. Box 7123, Athens GA 30604 or deliver to any FAANEGA officer. For questions about the Fil-Am, contact Lorenzo Araque, President (706-769-4490), Lionel Ancheta, Membership Comm. (706-546-0856), Sherwin Lopez, PR & Communication Comm. (706-546-8284). Maraming Salamat Po.

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