



Fil-Am Balita

Reaching out and touching the Filipino-American community in the spirit of "Pagkakaisa"

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AMBASSADOR WILLY C. GAA INDUCTS PHIL-AM SOCIETY OFFICERS

Teresa I. Gonzalvo, RN

"Helping Hands for the Homeless" is the 2008 vision of the Philippine-American Society for Greater Dayton. Supporting Gawad Kalinga in the Philippines and Habitat for Humanity are some of the goals for this year's fundraising activities. These beneficiaries are the focus of the organization's concerted efforts to make a difference in the daily lives of the homeless.

February 16, 2008 is indeed a night to remember! Despite the cold winter weather, the Holiday Inn at the Presidential Drive in Fairborn was the heartwarming scene of a true melting pot. Why was this so? I can only say that the ballroom overflowed with local and national color, a multicultural and diverse gathering composed of prominent, local and state politicians, business and civic leaders, media crews, Asian organizational leaders, military men and women and the Filipino-American community of Greater Dayton, Columbus, and Cincinnati.

Among them was our very own Philippine Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Willy C. Gaa; Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin; State Representative Clayton Luckie; Commissioner Roger Tackett; Chicago Consul Oronate Castro; Trade Representative Glen Penaranda, from the Japanese-American Citizen League, John Tateishi from San Francisco and Ron Katsuyama from the Asian-American Council.

This impressive guest list heralded the Induction of the Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton 2008 Executive Officers, Board of Advisors, and Committee Chairs. Ambassador Gaa, keynote speaker and inducting officer, highlighted the milestones achieved by our motherland, the Philippines. He spoke about the trade and business opportunities, Ohio companies with branches in the Philippines, the tourism and economic opportunities and the benefits of investing in the land of our birth. He congratulated the incoming officers and offered them his ongoing support.



Inducted Officers were:

- President: Armin M. Sayson
- Vice President: Maritza Freshour
- Recording Secretary: Lou Castro
- Social Secretary: Jessica Kellie
- Treasurer: Fong Carrillo
- Auditor: Lina Belen
- Public Relations Officer: Ed Stanek
- Historian: Leticia McCreary

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Armin M. Sayson, 2008 President

Good Evening. Allow me to welcome and thank His Excellency Philippine Ambassador to the US Willy Gaa for his words of encouragement and for accepting my invitation to be our Inducting Official. I also thank Chicago Consul Oronate Castro; Ohio Representative Clayton Luckie; Commissioner Roger



Tackett, a candidate for a seat in the Ohio Senate; Brian Lampton, a candidate for a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives; and the business, civic, and Filipino-American organizational leaders here for gracing this occasion with your presence. I also thank all our members and guests for joining us this evening.

On the day that God was handing out the gifts of Gab and Public Speaking, I was absent. I think I was sick that day. Hence, I learned to keep any talking I have to do to a minimum and instead, listen to and observe the people around me and capitalize on what I learn from them. However, when God was giving out Drive and Motivation, I was there at the very front of the line. So, you'll usually find me in front of a group people encouraging them towards a common goal. Some might call it pushing as opposed to encouraging because of the intensity of my focus. But, it still is towards a common goal -- one that I hope others might consider a worthwhile goal.

I'll take my cue from then-Ohio Representative Steve Austria. During his Keynote Speech at the Induction in 2001, he gently chided me for making a long-winded Inaugural Address. This time, I'll keep my address brief. But I do want to say a few words while I have you as my captive audience.

There are three areas I'd like to talk about tonight. First, we are in a position to make some significant improvements in the lives of others. Second, times are changing and we need to be flexible enough to adapt and make some changes as well. And third, there is a Filipino organization in Ohio that we should become more involved with because it is part of a bigger organization that represents the needs and interests of Filipino-Americans.

The Phil-Am Society is recognized outside of the local Dayton area as a group that has a vision, is progressive, and is well-organized. We've acquired a clout that not every Fil-Am group in Ohio has achieved. We're involved and maintain alliances with such organizations as the Association of Philippine Physicians of Greater Dayton, the Filipino-American Ladies Organization of Dayton, the Asian American Council, and the Dayton International Festival, Inc., and we have worked hand-in-hand with the former Philippine Folk Arts Society of Greater Dayton. In addition, we have supported and have sought support from the offices of the Ohio Governor and the Dayton Mayor, and from members of the Ohio Senate and Ohio House of Representatives. We have also sought support from and patronized many businesses that are well-established within our community and beyond.

I encourage the organization to use its clout to help uplift the lives of others. This year, the Executive Committee plans to provide financial support to Habitat for Humanity of Dayton and Gawad Kalinga in the Philippines. If you read my letter in the Souvenir Program, you'll get a brief introduction on these two programs. To give us focus, we've adopted the theme, "Helping Hands for the Homeless." This is a lofty goal, but it's certainly in-line with the purpose of the organization -- to support other charitable institutions. We have a lot of work ahead to achieve this goal.

However, with your continued support and especially with God's blessing, we WILL succeed in making a difference in the lives of others.

I mentioned earlier that times are changing and that we need to adapt. Two areas of change I'm aware of is the need to embrace a new focus for the Cultural Committee and the need to get younger members involved. We plan to address these two areas by letting our younger members have a greater role in running the Cultural Committee. In the past, we had relied upon the Philippine-Folk Arts Society of Greater Dayton to showcase Philippine dances at such events as the Asian Festival at Wright State University, the A World A'Fair at the Dayton Convention Center, and the MidFest International in Middletown, Ohio. With the retirements of Nilo Joson several years ago and Esther Mira last year, the Phil-Am Society must continue the work they started. I consider our newly appointed Cultural Committee Chair, Kim Revels, to be a younger member of the Phil-Am Society. She also has closer ties with the even-younger members of the organization that the current officers and board members don't have. She has a daunting task ahead of her -- to recruit members for and organize the activities of the Cultural Committee. She will need YOUR support in preparing for the dance performances for the upcoming DIFI A World A'Fair.

Finally, there is yet another area of change that we should encourage and facilitate. And that area of change deals with getting to know our neighboring Filipino-American organizations in Ohio as well as the surrounding region, and working together with them to give Filipino-Americans a single voice. I hate to say this, but unfortunately, Filipino-Americans and their Fil-Am organizations have a crab mentality. When you put crabs into a bucket, none of the crabs will succeed in getting out of the bucket because, as one crab attempts to rise above and climb out of the predicament it is in, the other crabs will pull it down. The crabs need to work together so they can all get out of the bucket.

The National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) is an organization that was formed a number of years ago to allow Fil-Am organizations to work together. Like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which is a powerful organization that unifies the blacks, the NaFFAA strives to bring Fil-Am organizations and people together. NaFFAA is recognized by Washington policy-makers, private industry, and national advocacy groups as the Voice of Filipinos and Filipino-Americans throughout the United States. It is a NON-PARTISAN, non-profit national affiliation of more than five hundred Filipino-American institutions and organizations. Its twelve regions cover the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, and the Marianas Islands. One, two, or even several hundred Fil-Am organizations individually will not have much of a voice when it tries to effect change for the good of Filipino-Americans. But a single body with several hundred member organizations and several hundred Fil-Am members will certainly cause policy-makers to listen! We need to band with other Fil-Am organizations to encourage them to listen. Let's help the Ohio Chapter of NaFFAA to have a louder voice using our already loud Phil-Am Society voice! It so happens I am also the Chair for NaFFAA-Ohio and, in that role, I plan to encourage communication between all Fil-Am organizations in Ohio.

Let me close by saying I am grateful for the generous support you have already given during this Induction fund-raising. I assure you that with the funds we raise, we will uplift and provide dignity and peace to the homeless. Also, please get involved in the Phil-Am Society. This is YOUR organization, and without you, we would not have need for our organization. As this poster behind me states, "I Want You for the Phil-Am Society."

"Thank You" to those that helped put this evening together. I won't mention names as they are already listed in your Induction Program

(http://s89080690.onlinehome.us/phil-am-dayton/documents/2008_Induction_Souvenir_Program.pdf), If

we missed any names, I sincerely apologize but please be assured we recognize your contributions. There is one name, however, that I'd like to mention specifically for all her hard work and her leadership last year. And that is Norma Knott, the 2007 President of the Phil-Am Society. Norma, please join me here at the podium.

Norma, thank you for all the hard work you put forth for the Phil-Am Society last year. With you as our President, we accomplished much and I can truly say we had a great year. Please accept this award on behalf of the outgoing officers as our recognition of your outstanding leadership.

AMBASSADOR GAA PROMOTES CLOSER TIES BETWEEN PHILIPPINES AND THE STATE OF OHIO



Philippine Ambassador to the United States Willy C. Gaa received an award in recognition of the Ambassador's concern for the Filipino American community in the State of Ohio and for his work in promoting closer relations between the State of Ohio and the Philippines during the Induction Ball of the

Philippine American Society of Greater Dayton, Inc. on 16 February 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn, Ohio. During the event, Ambassador Gaa inducted the executive officers of the Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton and commended them in his remarks for their efforts to promote unity and cooperation among the Filipino American community in the city of Dayton, Ohio.



Ambassador Gaa also took this opportunity to inform members of the Filipino American community and other local guests, which included city officials and businessmen, of the latest developments in the Philippines, particularly opportunities for trade and investment, the country's strong economic performance and its efforts to fight corruption and address the problem of unexplained killings.

AMBASSADOR GAA MEETS OHIO OFFICIALS AND NATIONAL REDRESS DIRECTOR OF JAACL



During an official visit to the State of Ohio on 16 February 2008, Philippine Ambassador to the United States Willy C. Gaa met with the following local officials: Representative Clayton

R. Luckie of the 39th House District of Ohio and Dayton City Mayor

Rhine Mclin. Representative Luckie, who also represented the Governor of the State of Ohio proposed the establishment of a sister high school agreement between the Philippines and the State of Ohio and expressed his interest in joining a business mission to the Philippines.



In addition to the presence of 20,000 Filipinos who are among the top income earners in the State of Ohio, there are extensive business ties between the Philippines and the State of Ohio due to investments and presence in the Philippines of American companies that are based in Ohio.

Ambassador Gaa also met with Mr. John Tateishi, the National Redress Director of the Japanese-American Citizen League (JAACL) and a Trustee at the University of California at Merced. Ambassador Gaa discussed the Filipino Veterans Equity Bill pending in Congress and solicited the JAACL's support for this measure. In reply, Mr. Tateishi said that "as Asian-Americans, it is right to work together for the passage of the Equity Bill."

AMBASSADOR GAA THANKS OHIO BUSINESSMEN FOR PROMOTING BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES

During an official visit to the State of Ohio, Philippine Ambassador to the United States Willy C. Gaa met with various leaders and members of the business community in the State of Ohio to express his appreciation to businesses that have made sizeable investments in the Philippines and to encourage these and other businesses to consider further investments or to do business with the Philippines.

Ambassador Gaa met with Mr. Earl Shanks, Chief Financial Officer of Convergys, which at present provides employment to 12,000 Filipinos in the Philippines. Ambassador Gaa also met with Mr. Alex Hara, Vice President for Commercial Banking of JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Mr. David Swenson, Vice President for Business Initiatives of Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC); Mr. Rodney Kirkham, General Manager for Human Resources and General Affairs of DMAX Limited (a joint venture between General Motors and Isuzu); and a representative from Procter and Gamble.



At the induction ball of the Philippine American Society for Greater Dayton, Inc., in which the Ambassador was the guest of honor, the Ambassador also had the opportunity to meet and discuss with Ms. Joan Swenson of the Kettering Hospital Network the possibility of the hiring of Filipino professionals by Kettering.

Commenting on his various meetings with the business community of Ohio, Ambassador Gaa said, "This visit to Ohio was a good opportunity for me to promote the Philippines as a viable business and investment destination and to thank those businesses which have already made sizeable investments in our country such as Convergys and to encourage them to further enhance their investment in the Philippines. I also received feedback about how happy these companies are with the work and skill levels of their employees in the Philippines and how our grasp of the English language gives a distinct competitive advantage."

LETTERS TO THE PHIL-AM SOCIETY

January 30, 2008

Armin,

...It's of my opinion that all of the Phil-Am regardless of committee has to find ways to keep the kids involved. Those young kids are the single most important asset to the Phil-Am's future. If we don't keep them well connected to the Phil-Am in some manner their interest in the organization is destined to fade. Parents like myself want to keep their kids attached to this organization for a lifetime. Alienating them now is just a step in the wrong direction. I realize that nothing is written in stone at this time. I can see decisions need to be made regarding the Cultural committee. I just hope that the Officers can agree to do what is best for the Phil-Am and its future.

I have no problem contributing for costumes, etc. Please mark me down for a \$100 donation. Just let me know to whom/where to send. I just want to make sure the money is used to promote the Cultural Committee of the Phil-Am. I will be willing to help with fund raisers. I want to do what I can to help out. Please try to keep me informed if possible on the final decisions concerning the Cultural Committee.

Steve Holder

February 1, 2008

Armin

...I like the steps you guys are taking... Unfortunately, there is a wide range of opinion out there. I'd like to have a chat with you sometime.

I also have a young teenager that is a writer for Brown Publishing and she has a regulator column in the newspaper. There may be some occasions where she can help with press issues and releases.

Ruby Horner

February 17, 2008

To the Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton,

Thank you so much for allowing me to host a table to display information on the Filipino Veterans Equity Act and conduct a voters' registration drive during your Induction Ball on Feb 16th. I can say there were quite a few people who were influenced by the information, and there were many who carry the belief that stripping Filipino soldiers of their veterans' rights was a great injustice.

It was a pleasant surprise that your guest speaker John Tateishi dedicated his entire speech on the Filipino Veteran's Equity Act. Coming from someone who is of Japanese ancestry meant even more. I did learn from John that every letter sent to Congress from one individual regarding this issue is equated to 1,500 votes. And each letter associated with an organization is worth thousands more. So I do encourage you to send a letter using your organization's name. The envelope and 41-cent stamp are worth much more than their face value.

As I have mentioned before, the Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton is probably the most progressive Filipino organization in the state of Ohio, and I commend you for being such a superb group of people. It was a pleasure to see members from the Columbus and Cincinnati (Tri-State) Fil-Am groups attend your event as well.

On my end, I have begun conversations with the Tri-State (Cincinnati) leadership to be fully affiliated with NaFFAA. And I believe Chuck Castro is doing the same for the group in Columbus. I can see that in 5 years, the Ohio Filipino community will be very different from the way it is today. Thank you for starting the movement and for being great advocates of civic participation.

In solidarity,

Pat Teston

February 18, 2008

Armin, Chuck, Ed,

Thank you too, not only for making an event happen but for making a successful series of events happen. Thank you also for taking good care of the Ambassador and the team from the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago.

The Ambassador would have love to be there since Friday -- in fact he hopelessly waited since 10:30 am until the late afternoon at Dulles Airport for his flight to proceed but to no avail. However the series of events on Saturday more than made up what we were expecting for.

I just hope that this is just the beginning of the Phil Am Society's relationship with the Embassy. As the Ambassador said in his remarks, the Embassy will be there to support your worthy causes, programs and projects.

Finally, since we will be posting this visit on our website and maybe in the website of the Foreign Affairs Department in Manila, please send us photos of the events. I wish to secure pictures such as the Ambassador with the officers of the Phil Am Society, the induction pictures, including a shot or two of the crowd, and of the photos taken during the calls / meetings of the Ambassador with the corporate executives and the Ohio governor.

Again, maraming salamat.

Rico Fos
2nd Secretary & Consul
Cultural Section
Philippine Embassy

February 18, 2008

We had a really great time! Well done!

Armin, the last value I heard regarding the cost to build a house for <Gawad Kalinga> was \$1,500 - I think that was early last year. \$1,200 was back in 1996.

Aside from giving funds, there are other various ways of getting involved - like Habitat for Humanity>, work teams can go there and volunteer in the actual building.

Vicky Villareal
Kalesa

February 18, 2008

Armin,

Congratulations again and thank you also for the excellent arrangements and warm reception during our visit!

I look forward to our continued collaboration particularly in pursuing the business related opportunities between Ohio and the Philippines.

God bless!

Glenn Penaranda
Trade Representative
Philippine Trade & Investment Center
Chicago Philippine Consulate General

February 18, 2000

Yes, indeed it was a great success. Congratulations!

Munsup Seoh
President, Asian American Council

February 18, 2008

Armin,

Congratulations on a hugely successful event this Saturday! We look forward to some joint "events" between the Dayton Fil-Am and the TFAM group out of Cincinnati.

Thanks for inviting us to your Induction and again, Congratulations!

Best regards.

Jet Antonio
Proctor & Gamble

February 19, 2008

...Last weekend's events were definitely a great beginning, but I believe our true successes lie yet ahead. As I mentioned before, Armin has long-range plans to unify the efforts and talents of our Ohio memberships, in addition to collaborating with the other 8 states comprising NaFFAA, Region 3. It's a lofty goal, but we've got to dream big to achieve greatness!

I have a good feeling about the partnerships we forged this past weekend and anxiously await the next evening we share together...

Warmest regards,

Cynthia Phungrasamee

February 19, 2008

Dear Mr. Sayson,

I would like to thank you and the officers and members of the Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton for hosting the visit of Ambassador Willy C. Gaa to the City of Dayton, Ohio on 15-17 February 2008.

I also would like to commend the Association for sponsoring the highly successful discussion on Philippine conditions and business prospects, with the topic "Explore The Possibilities: Get First-hand Information", with American businessmen, students, and the Filipino-American community leaders at the Wright State University, City of Dayton, on 15 February 2008. I encourage you and the Association to continue undertaking activities that will significantly contribute to the development programs of the Philippine Government.

Before I close, I would like to extend again my congratulations to the newly inducted Executive Officers and Board of Advisors of the Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton.

Again, please accept our sincerest gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

Blesila C. Cabrera
Consul General
Chicago Philippine Consulate General

February 20, 2008

Dear Mr. Sayson:

Thank you for inviting me to attend the Philippine American Society Induction Ball on February 16th. It was my pleasure to attend.

I enjoyed meeting His Excellency Philippine Ambassador Willy C. Gaa.

In service,

Rhine McLin
Mayor, City of Dayton

March 10, 2008

Mr. Sayson,

It was a pleasure meeting you at the event with the Ambassador.

Thank you for extending the invitation to me. It was a special honor to meet with the Ambassador indeed.

Once again Thank You and I look forward to meeting you again soon.

Alex Hara
Vice President
JP Morgan Chase Bank

THE 2008 PHIL-AM SOCIETY INAUGURATION – FROM A YOUTH'S PERSPECTIVE

Elizabeth Horner, Grade 8

We headed for Dayton to attend the 2008 Phil-Am Society Inauguration Ball but not to the Marriott, the hotel that I was accustomed to going, but to the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fairborn, Ohio. Unlike other years I have attended, there were also a long list of special guests, headed by the Philippine Ambassador to the United States, Willy C. Gaa, Chicago Consul Oronate Castro, and many others, mostly Ohio dignitaries. Indeed, the night proved to be unlike other Phil-Am Society Inaugural events that I have attended!

As we walked in around 6:30 p.m. that night of February 16, there were media people at the lobby of the hotel. We were greeted by some old and new faces. Around our dinner table were three college Phil-Am students from Xavier University in Cincinnati. It was their first time to attend a Phil-Am Society affair in Dayton. There were also a couple from Indiana and Celina. Next to our table, to our left and right, were new faces to the Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton but familiar to me for they came from around Darke County, my hometown. Our table was alive with discussion from politics, school related things, to discussion about favorite books, authors and writings --- subjects that appealed to me.

We listened to unusually longer list of speakers, but that was expected given the number of special guests. The people around

appeared to be more serious and goal-oriented even with many younger faces circulating around. As the new President, Armin Sayson's speech clearly defined the goals this year for the Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton. His stated focus --- assist the "Helping Hands for the Homeless" program, get younger members more involved, and put-forth efforts in knowing our neighboring Philippine-American organizations.

I definitely perceive Mr. Sayson's drive and impetus towards those stated goals. In his speech, he called for unity and spoke metaphorically: "When you put crabs into a bucket, none of the crabs will succeed in getting out ... as one crab attempts to rise above and climb out of the predicament it is in, the other crabs will pull it down. The crabs need to work together so they can all get out of the bucket", Mr. Sayson said.

Change is always hard and people do miss familiar ways and familiar things. But sooner or later, the next generation will naturally take over and have more hand in shaping things for the present and in paving the path for the next generation. It is the role of the earlier generation to give their advice and speak from their hearts what they truly believe is good but they must allow the next generation to build the present. May the Phil-Am Society find its strengths and unite under lofty goals, and like the crabs, may they help each other overcome predicaments in order to succeed and achieve noble goals!!! GOOD LUCK TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF PHIL-AM SOCIETY OF GREATER DAYTON!!!!

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Others inducted were the Board Of Advisors, chaired by outgoing president Norma Knott, Vilma Helms, Bob Hale, Jaime Gonzalvo, Ron Connally, Chuck Castro, Dr. Marie Lim-King and Esterlita Bandalan. Committee Chairs Bob Hale, Romy Lu, Kim Revels, Teresa Gonzalvo, Vilma Helms, and Dr. Sonny Amisola also took their oaths. Support Area Leaders Gloria Morris, Rachel Trocino, Lilia Jarnigan, Cecile Pence, Cora Foust and Borgie Cantillas also raised their right hands in affirmation of their individual responsibilities. Not present among those to be sworn in were Board Members Gil Cruz, Romy Fernandez, and Kay de Leon, Scholarship Chair Nita Fernandez, and Support Area Leaders Marylou Echevaria, Lilia Fernandez, Mary Ann Johnson, and Marianne Powell.



Representative Clayton R. Luckie, from the 39th District, read a Proclamation from Gov. Strickland who was unable to attend the evening's event. He proudly "endorses the organization for the worthwhile work that it does, deserving community support."



State Senator Steve Austria from the 10th District, offered his congratulations to the group. In a message, he stated, "For 36 years, the Phil-Am Society has provided humanitarian, cultural and social programs that have benefited, not only your members, but also the Dayton community and the communities in the Philippines."

Mr. John Tateishi encouraged the Filipino-Americans to continue their legislative lobbying for the Filipino veterans who fought alongside the American forces in World War II. Incoming President Armin Sayson exhorted the members of the Filipino-American community to unite and work together for the common good.

Preceding the speeches was a dance tribute to the US Military that was choreographed by Nilo Joson, who was sidelined when he suffered a bad case of gout. The dancers that performed were Armin Sayson and Cindy Phungrasamee (Coast Guard), Maritza Freshour and Ed Stanek (Air Force), Lina Belen and Jaime Gonzalvo (Navy), Fong Carrillo and Leo Sorio (Army), Jessica Kellie and Romy Lu (Marines). They



danced to the music of Rumba introduction and Jive and Swing (In the Mood).

Outgoing President Norma Knott, expressed her sincere appreciation to the 2007 Officers, Board of Advisors, and volunteers and supporters that had lent a hand in helping the Phil-Am Society in one way or another in 2007 and over the years, most especially the following:



- Jaime Gonzalvo: Chair, Building Project (2002-2007) for the establishment of the Filipiniana Hall
- Esther Mira: Longstanding Chair, Philippine Folks Arts Society of Dayton
- Gary Foust and Wendell Helms: Ongoing support of the Dayton International Festival booth
- Association of Philippine Physicians of Greater Dayton: Ongoing support for Scholarship program

The ceremonies were culminated by a special presentation of the 1st Eagle Award to Ambassador Gaa for his support of the Filipino American community in the State of Ohio and for his work in promoting closer relations between the State of Ohio and the Philippines. Also, the raffle grand prize of \$1000 was won by Lydia Joson, who graciously decided to share it with her husband, Nilo. Emcees for the evening were Dr. Marie Lim-Kong and Teresa Gonzalvo. Our sincere appreciation goes to the color guards from the Wright- Patterson Air Force Base



Medical Center, under the able leadership of Senior Master Sergeant Borgie Cantillas.

Thanks to all concerted efforts of all of the Phil-Am Society volunteers and the 2008 Executive Officers, corporate sponsors, and advertisers and donors, who made this activity a success! Without their "helping hands" this momentous occasion would not have been possible.



2008 MEMBERSHIP RATES

Regular Phil-Am Society 2008 membership dues have gone up and are now \$10 for individuals and \$18 for families. To join or renew your membership, fill out the Membership Application form inserted into this issue of the *Fil-Am Balita* and mail it along with your check made payable to **Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton** to:

Membership Director
 Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton
 P.O. Box 2153
 DAYTON, OH 45401

UNsung HEROES OF THE PHIL-AM SOCIETY DURING THE FIRST QUARTER 2008

Armin M. Sayson

Ernie Carrillo remained behind the scenes assisting with the organization and conduct of the planned activities of the Phil-Am Society. He frequently had a broom in hand before a planned activity sweeping up after others left the Filipiniana Hall in a not-so-clean condition after a function days before.

Bob Hale donated his time and the services of his company, Dayton Mailing Services, to print the invitations and souvenir programs for the 2008 Induction of Officers Ball. His willingness to lend a hand and his generosity saved the Phil-Am Society from having to seek a more costly solution to its printing needs.

Norma Knott donated food and her time to help make the visit of Loida Nicolas Lewis to the Filipiniana Hall a success. Not one to simply sit back and wait to be asked to help, she volunteered to make arrangements with Aida Antija to cater during Loida's visit when she found out that the former National Chair of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations wanted to meet the members of the Phil-Am Society for a "Teach-In" at the Filipiniana Hall.

Bruce Limmayog was often seen running up and down the Filipiniana Hall behind a cart full of supplies and food stuff and operating the elevator for those that were in need of a strong and able-bodied individual to raise and lower the elevator door.

Mommy Sayson has been hard at work sewing costumes for the Cultural Committee dancers. She donated much of her time and offered her services at a drastically discounted rate to ensure the Cultural Committee has costumes to use for its performances at the Wright State University Asian Culture Night, the Dayton International Festival, Inc A World A'Fair, and the Asian American Council Asian Festival.

Rachel Trocino made it a point to donate cash towards the Phil-Am Society's weekly Zumba class whenever she attended. Her generosity and her desire to see the Zumba fund-raising program succeed helped keep the classes alive during Zumba Session 1, which ran January to March 2008.

PHIL-AM SOCIETY MEMBERS TO DATE

Armin M. Sayson

The Phil-Am Society encourages all Filipino-Americans in the Dayton area to support the organization by becoming members and paying the membership dues, which are only \$18 for families and \$10 for individuals. Membership dues are used to defray the costs of operating the organization, such as printing

and mailing of the quarterly *Fil-Am Balita* and other mailers, rent of the Filipiniana Hall, supplies for the Filipiniana Hall, food and drinks for the Family Fiesta and Election picnics, and other expenses.

To date, the members that have paid their 2008 the Phil-Am Society membership dues are:

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| Antonio Sr. & Adelaida Anda | Enriqueta Marshall |
| Esterlita Bandalan | Leticia McCreary |
| Lina Belen | Melissa Mitchell |
| Borgie & Priscilla Cantillas | Lito & Beth Mojica |
| Edna Cardano | Gloria Morris |
| Ernie & Fong Carrillo | Atoy & Bona Nepomuceno |
| Charles & Lourdes Castro | Mike Paluch |
| Cheryl Castro | Meafelia Pascual |
| Santos & Marilyn Cruz | Cecile Pence |
| Jim & Lorena Czarnecki | Dan & Lina Pottinger |
| Mark & Lillian DeBoard | Anicia Powers |
| Joe & Christine Di Pietrantonio | Linda Ragland |
| Terry & Minda Dierkes | Richard & Mildred Roach |
| Norbert & Tessie Drees | Manuel & Josie Rosales |
| Gabriel & Myrna Factora | Armin Sayson |
| Romy & Nita Fernandez | Cleotilde Sayson |
| Ronnie & Marcie Fernandez | Luz Sinha |
| Steve & Maritza Freshour | Susan Soriano |
| Bob Hale | Melojean Stollings |
| Bill & Anna Pajimna Keechle | Larry Storer |
| Denise Kerr | Sivaji & Elvessa Subramaniam |
| Mely Kibler | Jane Swope |
| Norma Knott | Nora Terry |
| Robert & Virgie Lairmore | Rachel Trocino |
| Tanya Ledesma | Estela Wagner |
| Gary Lunsford | |

To the members listed above, welcome to the Phil-Am Society and thank you for helping support the activities and charities of the organization by paying your membership dues.

Your continued support is invaluable in keeping the organization financially alive and in allowing us to help those charities that need or seek our support.

If you've not yet sent in your membership application or renewal, there's no better time to do so than now, while the year is still relatively young!

2008 PHIL-AM SOCIETY DIRECTORY

We will publish a new Phil-Am Society directory this year. The new directory will be available at the Philippine Booth during the Dayton International Festival, Inc (DIFI) A World A'Fair.

To ensure your correct contact information is included in the 2008 issue of the directory, check the mailing label on this issue of the *Fil-Am Balita* and if you discover an error, call (937) 361-1058 or send an email to mailinglistupdate@phil-am-dayton.org with the updates to your contact information.

Also, we are seeking sponsors to place greetings in the directory. Please see the Phil-Am Society Directory Greeting Form insert in this issue of the *Fil-Am Balita* for details.

All directory corrections, inputs, and greetings are due by April 30, 2000.

OBAMACANS VS. HILLARYCANS

Joseph G. Lariosa

CHICAGO, Illinois (JGLI) – The rooting interests of Filipino Americans for the presidential candidates are evenly divided in Ohio as shown by a random survey conducted by this columnist among Filipino Americans over the weekend.

And this bode ill for New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, who needs to stop the bandwagon of Illinois Sen. Barack Obama in the Buckeye State if she needs to keep pace in the Democratic race for presidential nomination.

Because of the head start taken by Sen. John McCain as the presumptive Republican nominee, some Republicans, who refused to be identified, told me that those Republicans or Independents, who dislike either Mrs. Clinton or Mr. Obama, took out Democratic ballots during the primaries in their states and voted against the candidate they dislike.

If the Republican voters vote for Obama, they are called “Obamacans,” if they vote for Mrs. Clinton, they are called “Hillaricans.”

But in the general elections, these “Obamacans” or “Hillaricans” can go back to vote for McCain or stick by the Democratic candidate of their choice if they so wish.

Stepping Out From the Shadows

One such “Hillarican,” who stepped forward to be recognized, told me that she used to be non-partisan (Independent) but she is voting for Mrs. Clinton this time.

Pat Teston said that because President Bush has gotten the United States into a hole the past seven years, she does not favor another Republican in office.

An early backer of Gov. Bill Richardson who bowed out early from the race, Ms. Teston said she is left to choose between Obama and Clinton. She said she is choosing Clinton because she “has more exposure and experience in the political arena and how this country is run.” Ms. Teston said Clinton’s health care plan and her plan to bring troops home from a war “which I absolutely disagree” are among the main reasons she is supporting the New York senator.

A U.S. Navy veteran as a Surface War Officer, Ms. Teston believes that the U.S. should lean more on NATO instead of taking on the

world all by itself if it wants to minimize its involvement in those countries and damages to the American Forces.

Hailing from Kalibo, Aklan in the Philippines, Ms. Teston has a BS in Geophysics and an MA in Business Management to her name.

For her part, Ms. Rosa Huff, an Obamacan, believes that an Obama presidency “will be run as impressively strategic as his current campaign is run.”

“No Mandate Coverage”

A believer in bottom-up governance that Obama is running, Ms. Huff says that the no “mandate coverage” health program Obama is advocating will encourage “people to take personal responsibility for their own coverage.”

A campaign contributor and a volunteer worker and a precinct judge, Ms. Huff would like to hear how the candidates would solve the country’s economy, immigration, education and healthcare.

A supporter of Sen. McCain in the Republican nomination, Ms. Huff switched political parties since the Democratic Party is in a better position to resolve the biggest issue – the U.S. involvement in Iraq – followed by the “robust economic stimulus plan,” she said.

A native of Taytay, Rizal in the Philippines, Ms. Huff’s mother is from Binangonan, Rizal and her father is from Baguio. A holder of Master’s Degree in Business Administration, Ms. Huff is thinking of being a dual citizen.

McCain Backer

Another survey respondent, Mr. Eduardo Casalmir, expressed preference to supporting Sen. McCain but did not elaborate why he is supporting the Republican presumptive nominee.

A Ms. Teresa Gonzalvo, a registered nurse, said she is a registered voter but did not have a chance to signify her political party preference.

An Alex Alvarez, a CPA, wanted to take part in the survey but the “tax season” kept him from responding to the survey.

A Charmaine Studebaker did not respond to the survey.

The respondents were among those, who answered to the appeal of Mr. Armin Sayson, chairman of the Ohio chapter of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations, to take part in this survey.

NAFFAA-OHIO HOSTS LOIDA NICOLAS LEWIS DURING “TEACH-IN”

NaFFAA-Ohio hosted well-known Filipina businesswoman Loida Nicolas Lewis at the Filipiniana Hall on March 1, 2008. Loida visited Columbus and Dayton to campaign for Hillary Clinton, who is seeking the Democratic Party nomination for President. She led a “Teach-In” that offered participants the opportunity to learn about the issues she believes are important to Filipino-Americans. She also discussed why she supports Hillary as the next President of the United States.



Loida is the Chairwoman and Chief Executive Officer of TLC Beatrice, LLC, the Lewis Family investment firm. She is also Chairman and CEO of TLC Beatrice (China), Limited, a Cayman company that operates retail convenience stores in five major cities in China and TLC Beatrice Foods (Philippines), which operates a fresh meat processing plant.

An attorney by profession, Loida served as an informal adviser and confidant to her late husband, Reginald F. Lewis, TLC Beatrice’s first chairman and CEO. She assumed the leadership of the TLC Beatrice International Holdings, Inc. in February, 1994, a year after Mr. Lewis’ death.

Loida is a past National Chair of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations. She contacted NaFFAA-Ohio for assistance in meeting Fil-Ams in Ohio. NaFFAA is a non-partisan organization that, among its many goals, encourages active participation and educating Filipino-Americans in an effort to get them involved in the electoral process through voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns. NaFFAA does not and will not support or endorse any one candidate.

THE OBAMA MANIA

Elizabeth Horner

NOTE: This is NOT to endorse Obama over Clinton or Obama over McCain. This is neither an attempt to suggest that at age 14, I understand all the issues being discussed. I know that there is a good reason why I am not allowed to vote yet, at least not until the next Presidential election!!! But although I cannot vote yet, as a youth advocate, there is one thing I would like to express, as one curiously watching the political events unfold! Also, if you are tempted to conclude that I am an extension of my parents' positions, you cannot be any further from the truth as I've spent a lot of time explaining the "Obama Mania" as I see it, to my parents. My thoughts

In the years since our country's founding, our system of government has united our states under a single banner, but every 4 years during election time, families, friends, communities and states are divided in the matter of whom to support for this highest public office. Somehow, I feel that I must add my own voice to this confusion, lest it be silenced in the uproar. I think that it should be a part of my training for the sake of the future! I think that our opinion should at least be heard especially as we near the age of 18, because soon, we become a vital part of shaping the future.

Senator Obama has no doubt awakened the interest of many youths. I am personally paying more attention to the debates because of him. I think adults should pay attention to what is bringing about the "Obama Mania"... to understand better, us, the youth of today!!!

As I see it, it was "the impossible dreams" that founded our country. It was that "hope" that made the United States a reality! It is the same spirit that I hear when Obama speaks which is not a calculated, typical speech you hear from many experienced politicians!!!

See if you can hear the ring of truth going back, way, way back in time... "Think of what this country was ... what it has become ... and what it should be ...then stop, and consider where we would be today, right this very second if the Founding Fathers of this country had not had the spirit, the courage, the hope to dream what must have appeared to be an impossible dream, given what they went through to make it a reality!!!"

Next, consider the experiences or lack of experiences. Then think of George Washington, when he took office. I believe that it was his good intentions that stemmed from his heart that helped him make the right decisions!!!

If Obama is a man of inspiration, and little substance--- a visionary who neglects to consider the limits of reality ... then think of our Founding Fathers; and think of what is going through our young minds!

Today's politicians cannot live in a separate world, apart from the hopes and dreams of our youth and ordinary people. Politicians should show a deeper understanding of us, and demonstrate a genuine concern for what we find inspiring. The candidate must be "for the people and by the people" and that includes the youth of today!!!

As I venture out to explore and discover the world without the close protective arms of my parents, too often I meet adults who communicate "reality" to mean giving up or compromising their beautiful hopes and dreams, after facing adversities. As a young person, it is a delight to hear somebody like Obama talk about hopes and dreams as something so alive even at his age. Adults (not just politicians) should talk about their experiences to inspire us to do better, rather than teach us reality by making us limit what we can hope and dream about.

After having said all this, I had to listen to my parents talk about lessons learned from experiences, and the importance of facts...to be able to make good decisions. Oh well, at least I felt they heard my point of view!!!

P.S. I don't mean to imply by this article that the other candidates do not inspire me at all. In fact, I admire Senator McCain's courage as a war hero and for standing-up for what he believes in. Senator Clinton's talent and determination inspire me to go accomplish something in life, and I truly enjoy watching Mr. Huckabee with his sweet, caring and respectful demeanor. But Senator Obama validates that it is okay to hope and dream and do something different than most expect!!!

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Elizabeth Horner

The United States' history is filled with many heroic stories ---- account of events and struggles --- sacrifices made by people who served this country so that we may enjoy true democracy!

Many people sought this new world to fulfill their hopes and dreams--- and as a result, this country grew, as a collaboration of different opinions, passions, talents and skills. As citizens of this country, we cannot claim that we fit a certain mold--- for it is the absence of a mold that made this country great and truly unique!

What must judge one's right to be called a good citizen? It has to be one's love for democratic principles---a heartfelt conviction in fairness and justice, respect for the bill of rights, and values cherished by our forefathers when they founded the United States---and, appreciation and gratitude to those people who cared enough and--- in so doing, made big sacrifices and even lost their lives, so that its citizens live with freedom today!

There is one Veteran that survived one horrific journey that I met in September of 2007. I'd like to introduce his name, Arcadio Calabas, now 87 years old. He was in his youth when approximately 70,000 Americans and Filipinos, including Mr. Calabas experienced a horrific journey, known as the "Bataan Death March". This U.S. citizen, but Filipino by birth, has a compelling story to tell our youth today about duties, not only to oneself but to the community, country and all humankind.

I am reminded of a quote, "United we stand, divided we fall". I believe that we will remain strong only if this great nation is united in cherishing its constitution--- that defines how to be truly a good citizen, equally applied to all migrants of this great nation!!!

MAKE THE ASIAN VOTE COUNT!

If Asian American communities were fully engaged in the election process, their involvement would be critical in voting outcomes. In the 2004 Presidential election, the Asian American voting-age population was greater than the margin of victory in 9 states. In the 2006 midterm Congressional election, the Asian American voting-age population was greater than the margin of victory in more than 50 Congressional races.

So, register to vote in the 2008 Primary Elections and MAKE YOUR VOTE, AN ASIAN VOTE, COUNT!

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MY SHORT ESSAY ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES

Jaeyoun Kim

Filipinos always complain about the corruption in the Philippines. Do you really think the corruption is the problem of the Philippines? I do not think so. I strongly believe that the problem is the lack of love for the Philippines.

Let me first talk about my country, Korea. It might help you understand my point. After the Korean War, South Korea was one of the poorest countries in the world. Koreans had to start from scratch because entire country was destroyed after the Korean War, and we had no natural resources.

Koreans used to talk about the Philippines, for Filipinos were very rich in Asia. We envy Filipinos. Koreans really wanted to be well off like Filipinos. Many Koreans died of famine. My father and brother also died because of famine. Korean government was very corrupt and is still very corrupt beyond your imagination, but Korea was able to develop dramatically because Koreans really did their best for the common good with their heart burning with patriotism.

Koreans did not work just for themselves but also for their neighborhood and country. Education inspired young men with the spirit of patriotism. 40 years ago, President Park took over the government to reform Korea. He tried to borrow money from other countries, but it was not possible to get a loan and attract a foreign investment because the economic situation of South Korea was so bad. Korea had only three factories. So, President Park sent many mine workers and nurses to Germany so that they could send money to Korea to build a factory. They had to go through horrible experience.

In 1964, President Park visited Germany to borrow money. Hundred of Koreans in Germany came to the airport to welcome him and cried there as they saw the President Park. They asked to him, 'President, when can we be well off?' That was the only question everyone asked to him. President Park cried with them and promised them that Korea would be well off if everyone works hard for Korea, and the President of Germany got the strong impression on them and lent money to Korea. So, President Park was able to build many factories in Korea. He always asked Koreans to love their country from their heart.

Many Korean scientists and engineers in the USA came back to Korea to help developing country because they wanted their country to be well off. Though they received very small salary, they did their best for Korea. They always hoped that their children would live in well off country. My parents always brought me to the places where poor and physically handicapped people live. They wanted me to understand their life and help them. I also worked for Catholic Church when I was in the army. The only thing I learned from Catholic Church was that we have to love our neighborhood. And, I have loved my neighborhood. Have you cried for the Philippines? I have cried for my country several times. I also cried for the Philippines because of so many poor people. I have been to the New Bilibid prison. What made me sad in the prison were the prisoners who do not have any love for their country. They go to mass and work for Church. They pray everyday.

However, they do not love the Philippines. I talked to two prisoners at the maximum-security compound, and both of them said that they would leave the Philippines right after they are released from the prison. They said that they would start a new life in other countries and never come back to the Philippines.

Many Koreans have a great love for Korea so that we were able to share our wealth with our neighborhood. The owners of factory

and company were distributed their profit to their employees fairly so that employees could buy what they needed and saved money for the future and their children.

When I was in Korea, I had a very strong faith and wanted to be a priest. However, when I came to the Philippines, I completely lost my faith. I was very confused when I saw many unbelievable situations in the Philippines. Street kids always make me sad, and I see them everyday. The Philippines is the only Catholic country in Asia, but there are too many poor people here. People go to church every Sunday to pray, but nothing has been changed.

My parents came to the Philippines last week and saw this situation. They told me that Korea was much poorer than the present Philippines when they were young. They are so sorry that there are so many beggars and street kids. When we went to Pasangjan, I forced my parents to take a boat because it would fun. However, they were not happy after taking a boat. They said that they would not take the boat again because they were sympathized the boatmen, for the boatmen were very poor and had a small frame. Most of people just took a boat and enjoyed it. But, my parents did not enjoy it because of love for them.

My mother who has been working for Catholic Church since I was very young told me that if we just go to mass without changing ourselves, we are not Catholic indeed. Faith should come with action. She added that I have to love Filipinos and do good things for them because all of us are same and have received a great love from God. I want Filipinos to love their neighborhood and country as much as they love God so that the Philippines will be well off.

I am sure that love is the keyword, which Filipinos should remember. We cannot change the sinful structure at once. It should start from person. Love must start in everybody, in a small scale and have to grow. A lot of things happen if we open up to love. Let's put away our prejudices and look at our worries with our new eyes.

I discover that every person is worthy to be loved. Trust in love, because it makes changes possible. Love changes you and me. It changes people, contexts and relationships. It changes the world. Please love your neighborhood and country.

Jesus Christ said that whatever we do to others we do to Him. In the Philippines, there is God for people who are abused and abandoned. There is God who is crying for love. If you have a child, teach them how to love the Philippines. Teach them why they have to love their neighborhood and country. You already know that God also will be very happy if you love others. That's all I really want to ask you Filipinos.

SEND US YOUR NEWSLETTER INPUT

Send us your letters, jokes, news, pictures, and other material you'd like to share with the rest of the members. We can't publish them and people can't read them unless we get them.

We will try to include your submissions in the next issue of the *Fil-Am Balita*. To submit your material for consideration, email them to balita@phil-am-dayton.org or mail them to:

Fil-Am Balita Editor
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Dayton OH, 45401

June 15 is the deadline to send your material for the April-June 2008 issue of the *Fil-Am Balita*.

OF SAND AND STONE

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point in the journey, they argued and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand, "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one that had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him.

After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone, "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend that had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone. Why?"

The friend replied, "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it. But when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it on stone, where no wind can ever erase it."

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire life to forget them.

THE ART OF COMMUNICATION

Tonette Ledesma

Communication... just one word, yet so vital to man's existence. Vital to every kind of relationship, there is... We express our thoughts and emotions, disseminate knowledge and information in a variety of ways.

We have communicated by word of mouth, letters, newspapers, phonecalls and through media. Technology has played a big role... with the invention of the telegraph, the rotary phone, and the black & white television. In the 20th century, however, technology played an even bigger role. Computers & cell phones (the size of our forearm) was invented in the 1970's. Colored TVs followed, got better & bigger.

Over the years, modern and highly technological toys & gadgets have been invented and are now available for our pleasure. Cell phones became smaller & come packed with many features, to make the talking experience unforgettable. Now, there's the iphone... it's a phone, music player, movie theatre, camera & computer in one. You name it, it has it. The world of movies won't be beat... Betamax came & went, replaced by the VHS, then came the DVD, HGTV, plasmas, Pay-per-view, TiVo... it's all a remote control away...

Computers, especially, have been a big hit, since the Internet came into existence. Who would have thought that you could send a letter, across the miles, using a box and a rodent;D? Just one click... what do you get? An online newspaper, dictionary, encyclopedia, calculator, and plane tickets... to name a few. And the best thing that the internet has enabled us to do is being able to communicate with our families & friends throughout the globe through emails, chatting and sites like Friendster... Why, my mom (in the Philippines) and I see and talk to each other, every week (yes, really talk! for free too :D)!

Inspite of how technology-savvy we have, comfortably, all become, I miss sitting at a table with pen & paper in hand (miss my mom's handwriting). Of course, we can still do that... but how many of us really take the time to? Have we grown dependent on a click of a mouse... remote control... cruise control? How would we fare without them?

Communication is vital, however we do it. But life is too short for us to let machines do all our talking... let us surprise a love one with a written note. I bet you, they miss your handwriting, too...

AIRLINE CABIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

Continental Airlines

On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

Japan Air Lines

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite."

British Airways

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

American Airlines

Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a particularly windy and bumpy day: During the final approach, the Captain was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo. Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

Qantas Airways

Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

Northwest Airlines

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

Philippine Airlines

"We're now preparing to land at San Francisco International Airport. Kindly straighten up your seats, turn off all electronic gadgets, pull up your window shades and buckle up for safety. We hope you enjoyed flying with us as much as we did. Sa wikang atin po, tayo po ay papalapag na sa paliparang pangkalawakang internasyonal ng San Francisco. Paalala po lamang sa ating mga kababayan -- ang mga unan, kumot, headset, at iba pang kagamitan sa eroplano ay di po kasama sa pasalubong."

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2008

Armin M. Sayson

The Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton will once again award **Maria T. Manuel Memorial Scholarships** during the Graduates Recognition Reception on June 8. The scholarships are available to members and children of members of the Phil-Am Society in the Miami Valley.

The purpose of the scholarship awards is two-fold:

- To encourage students to pursue a college education by helping to defray tuition costs.
- To recognize and reward deserving student members and children of members of the Phil-Am Society for their educational and leadership accomplishments.

Scholarship Applicants in the Miami Valley

The scholarships are available to graduating high school students in the Miami Valley planning to attend college and to college students who are already attending college. Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria to qualify for the scholarships:

Graduating High School Seniors:

- A 2007 and 2008 paid member or the son or daughter of a 2007 and 2008 paid member of the Phil-Am Society residing in the Miami Valley.
- Graduating from an accredited high school located in the Miami Valley (Clark, Greene, Montgomery, or Preble counties).
- A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (out of 4.0).
- Demonstrated leadership abilities in both co-curricular and extra curricular activities.
- Accepted for admission to an accredited college or university in the United States.
- Involved in community organizations.

College Students:

- A 2007 and 2008 paid member or the son or daughter of a 2007 and 2008 paid member of the Phil-Am Society residing in the Miami Valley.
- A full-time undergraduate student of good academic standing in an accredited college or university in the United States.
- A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (out of 4.0).
- Actively participate in co-curricular and extra curricular activities in college.

Supporting Documents Required

Scholarship applicants must submit the following documents with their applications:

- An official transcript of high school or college academic records.
- A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor, or college professor identifying the applicant's academic accomplishments, special curricular and extracurricular activities, and an assessment of the applicant's potential for future success.
- A one-page typewritten double-spaced essay of the applicant's academic and career goals and plans.

- A resume showing the applicant's achievements and accomplishments.
- For graduating high school seniors, evidence of application for admission to a college or university. (Note: Actual disbursement of the scholarship funds will be made ONLY after the scholarship recipient has presented a letter of admission from a college/university and the student has enrolled with the college/university. The letter must be presented to the President of the Phil-Am Society together with information for disbursing the scholarship funds directly to the college/university.)

To request an application, contact Armin M. Sayson by email at president@phil-am-dayton.org or telephone at (937) 361-1058. Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted to Nita Fernandez, Scholarship Committee Chair, no later than June 1, 2008. She may be reached by email at scholarship-chair@phil-am-dayton.org or telephone at (937) 235-1367.

ZUMBA: A FUN WAY TO GET IN SHAPE

Armin M. Sayson



"What is Zumba anyway?" you might ask.

Zumba is a fitness program founded by Miami-based dancer and choreographer Alberto 'Beto' Perez. It combines Latin rhythms with cardiovascular exercise to create an aerobic routine that is fun and easy to follow. The name Zumba is derived from a Colombian word meaning to move fast and have fun.

The music used in Zumba is inspired by Latin dance and music. Zumba uses a variety of styles in its routines, including cumbia, merengue, salsa, reggaeton, mambo, rumba, flamenco, and calypso. Music selections include both fast and slow rhythms to help tone and sculpt the body.

The Phil-Am Society holds Zumba classes every Saturday (9:30 am) and Thursday (7:00 pm) at the Filipiniana Hall.

Discount cards for the Zumba classes are available as follows:

- \$100 for 20 classes
- \$60 for 10 classes
- \$20 for 3 classes

The Spring Session of the Zumba classes will begin on April 5 with a Kick-Off Party from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Specials will be offered on the discount cards during the Kick-off party only.



Cost to attend the Kick-off Party is only \$5 per person if you bring a side dish or for children 12 to 17 years old, and \$10 per person if you do not bring a side dish. (The Phil-Am Society will provide Chicken and Pansit, so don't bring these as your side dish!)



Join us and get back in shape the fun way! (See the Zumba insert.)

CULTURAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Armin M. Sayson

For many years, the Philippine Folk Arts Society of Dayton provided the dances for the cultural activities of the Phil-Am Society. However, with the recent retirement of Esther Mira, the Phil-Am Society Cultural Committee, now chaired by Kim Revels, must fill the gap left by the dissolution of the organization.

The Cultural Committee performers are non-professional dancers that volunteer their time and talent to promote the Philippine culture through dance. The dancers, both young and old, serve as Goodwill Ambassadors during cultural festivals and social functions by performing their repertoire of tribal, Muslim, Hispanic, and western-influenced folk dances.

The Cultural Committee, however, is faced with a big problem: it does not have costumes and props to perform with. They desperately need donations of cash or kind and are turning to the many generous members of the Fil-Am community for their financial support so they can continue the work of the Philippine Folk Arts Society of Dayton. They are also appealing to former performers that may have Filipino costumes and props in their possession and are willing to donate them to the organization for its dance performances.

Please help the Cultural Committee acquire the costumes and props it needs. See the Cultural Committee Sponsor Form insert in this issue of the *Fil-Am Balita* for instructions on how to donate. The Phil-Am Society will acknowledge your donations in future issues of the *Fil-Am Balita*.

KROGER GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Armin M. Sayson

The Phil-Am Society's Building Project Committee has managed an on-going fund-raising program for the past few years. It is a simple program that GUARANTEES income for the organization with no significant effort required from the Filipino-American community. It is the Kroger Gift Card Program.

Phil-Am Society members, friends, and supporters may buy Kroger Gift Cards from the organization for \$25 each. Gift Cards have an initial value of \$25 and can be used for Kroger purchases such as groceries, fuel, and prescriptions. They cannot be used to purchase services such as money orders, lottery tickets, hunting or fishing licenses, and for Western Union or Ticket Master transactions.

After the initial value of \$25 is used up and before making another purchase at Kroger, Gift Card holders should reload their Gift Cards and use them to pay for their purchases. The Phil-Am Society earns a 4% rebate from Kroger for ALL recharges over \$5000.

It is important that Gift Card holders reload their cards before making a purchase from Kroger and use their Gift Cards (instead of cash, check, or credit card) to pay for their purchase. It is also important that they do not allow their Gift Cards to fall to and remain at a zero balance for 90 days because their cards will be voided out of the Kroger Gift Card Program sponsored by the Phil-Am Society.

Reloading the Gift Card is simple and may be done at the Customer Service desk before shopping or at any register before paying for your groceries. Reloading at the Customer Service desk may be in any amount up to \$500 while recharges at a register are limited to \$100.

To help with the Phil-Am Society's Kroger Gift Card Program, participants MUST purchase a Gift Card from the Phil-Am Society. The program costs nothing in terms of any additional outlay of cash

from the participant other than the cash he or she will already spend on groceries, fuel, or prescriptions.

To purchase a Gift Card, contact Bob Hale at (937) 222-5056 or building-chair@phil-am-dayton.org. See the Kroger Gift Card Program insert in this issue of the *Fil-Am Balita* for information on participation incentives the Phil-Am Society is offering.

HELPING HANDS FOR THE HOMELESS

Armin M. Sayson

The Phil-Am Society exists exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, the organization has set as its 2008 to raise funds to provide financial support to build homes for the Habitat for Humanity in Dayton and Gawad Kalinga in the Philippines.

The Dayton Habitat for Humanity partners with God and people of faith and good will to eliminate substandard housing in Montgomery County. The organization renovates or builds new, decent, and affordable housing that aims to strengthen individuals, their families, and their neighborhoods through home ownership. Habitat for Humanity serves as a hand up, not a handout for families in need. Families apply to earn a house of their own. Once accepted, "Partner Families" work alongside volunteers to build their house.

Gawad Kalinga, which means "to give care," is an alternative solution to poverty not just in the Philippines but throughout the world. Its vision for the Philippines is a slum-free, squatter-free nation through a strategy of providing land for the landless, homes for the homeless, food for the hungry, and dignity and peace for every Filipino. It started in 1995 as a daring initiative by Couples for Christ to rehabilitate juvenile gang members and help out-of-school youth in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City, and evolved into a movement for nation-building. Gawad Kalinga is now in the process of transforming poverty stricken areas by building 700,000 homes in 7,000 communities in 7 years (2003-2010). Providing a decent home is just the start of the transformation of people and communities.

To give focus for this goal, we've adopted the "Helping Hands for the Homeless" theme for 2008. This is a lofty goal, but it's certainly achievable and in-line with the purpose of the Phil-Am Society: to support other 501(c)(3) organizations. We have much to do to achieve this goal, but with God's blessing and with your continued support, we will succeed in making a difference in the lives of others.

The fund-raising for the "Helping Hands for the Homeless" program, which began with the Induction of Officers Ball Souvenir Program, will continue with the 2008 Phil-Am Society Directory. We need your help to help us raise funds for the program and to fulfill the Phil-Am Society's objective of providing homes for the homeless.

The following are the levels of participation and the amounts of contributions we seek:

<u>Participation Level</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Directory Greeting</u>
Platinum	\$100.00 and up	Full Page
Gold	\$50.00 - \$99.99	One-Half Page
Silver	\$25.00 - \$49.99	One-Fourth Page
Bronze	\$24.99 and below	Five-line Listing

We'll acknowledge your generosity in the 2008 Phil-Am Society Directory, which we will make available at the Dayton International Festival, Inc. *A World A'Fair* scheduled for May 16-18, 2008.

To help and contribute to this worthwhile activity, see the "Helping Hand for the Homeless" insert in this issue of the *Fil-Am Balita*.

THE HEARTTHROBS WITH POKWANG

Armin M. Sayson

Three of the most popular artists from the Philippines dazzled the Filipino-American community by holding a concert at the Victoria Theater on March 23. The trio, Sam Milby, John Lloyd Cruz, and Piolo Pascual, performed to the delight of Filipino-Americans from Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati, as well as guests from Michigan, Indiana, and Canada, among others. The women were especially enchanted as evidenced by the loud high-pitched squealing heard from them as each singer made their entrance onto the stage. Also performing were popular comedian Pokwang, and Dayton's very own Ernani Cruz and his son, Eriah, and Ennovation Dancers Sharie Prado, Crystal Belen, Dhin Soriano, Jackie Quison, Eddie Sevillano, and Mark Mira.



Opening the evening was young singing talent, Eriah Cruz. Following his endearing performance was his dad, Ernani. Dancing backup were Ennovation Dancers Sharie, Crystal, Dhin, Jackie, Eddie, and Mark.

Pokwang entertained the audience before she introduced each singer. A talented singer herself, she wowed the audience with her opening song and kept them laughing with her antics between each singer's performance.

The Heartthrobs singers each have their own careers in singing, modeling, and acting, both on the big and small screen, back in the Philippines.



Sam, who grew up in Tipp City, Ohio, has garnered fans with his performance in "Pinoy Big Brother," the movie "Close to You," among many others.



John Lloyd has made waves on the Philippine television series "Maging Sino Ka Man" and has also been in a string of movies including "My First Romance" and "Close to You".

Piolo has won awards for his big screen hits "Dekada '70" and is featured in many other movies including "Dreamboy," "Milan" and "Till There Was You."



Jessa Kellie and her friend Geralyn had a brief brush with fame when they were asked to perform an acting scene directed by Pokwang where they took turns playing a fictitious Jackie, who was attempting to break-up with a character played by John Lloyd.



Among the Dayton-area supporters, promoters, and producers acknowledged for helping the group organize their concert were: Ronald deCastro, Malou Cruz, Luz Anda, Norma Knott, Bob Hale, and Ernie and Fong Carrillo.

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MISS A WORLD A'FAIR PAGEANT

Armin M. Sayson

Members of the Phil-Am Society came out to the Eintract Singing Society on March 1 to support the organization's candidate, Miss Jessa Kellie, for the Dayton International festival, Inc. (DIFI) Miss A World A'Fair. Jessa competed against candidates from India, Korea, Puerto Rico, China, and Panama. Her escort for the evening was Trevor Jorgensen. Although she did not win the crown due to her relative inexperience with DIFI compared with the other candidates, she gave the others a run for their money.

Jessa has been involved with the DIFI Youth Group for quite a few years now. At 15, she is currently a freshman at Wayne High School and has been very active in her school activities.

During the past two years, she was the President of the National Junior Honor Society, a member of the Marching Band playing the percussion bass drum, a Powder Puff member, the Drama Club Assistant of Drama, involved in the two school plays, "Juliet's Ghost" and "A Substantial Risk", and involved in Theatre Sports. She also was responsible for making school announcements.

Jessa's educational goals include attending a college that offers a degree in some form of architecture. She is aspiring to win scholarships that will allow her to pursue her education without placing too much of a financial burden upon her parents. Her desire is to attend Wright State University due to its reputation as a premier college and its proximity to where her family current lives.

Jessa attributes her successes to her mom, Jessica, who is her biggest fan and supporter. Mom Jessica takes Jessa with her when performing her duties with the Phil-Am Society. Jessa desires to follow in her mom's footsteps and live an "ordinary, happy, successful life with a wonderful family."

Besides being a member of the DIFI Youth Group, Jessa also has danced with the Philippine Folk Arts Society of Greater Dayton. Naturally, she has joined the Phil-Am Society's Cultural Committee and will perform with the dance group at the upcoming Wright State University Asian Culture Night, the DIFI A World A'Fair, the Asian American Council Asian Festival, and the Middletown, Ohio, MiddFest International.

The Phil-Am Society members that that made the time to show support for the organization's 2008 candidate were her mom, Jessica Kellie; grandmother, Priscilla Caligaga; Ernie and Fong Carrillo; Bob Hale; Norma Knott; Maritza, Xara, and Kent Freshour; and Armin and Mike Sayson.

DON'T GET DROPPED FROM THE PHIL-AM SOCIETY MAILING LIST!

We try hard to keep our mailing list current. However, we sometimes lose touch with Filipino-Americans in the Greater Dayton area that make changes. If you move, if your telephone number or email address changes, or if you get married and you change your last name, we'd like to know so we can keep you informed on upcoming activities of the Phil-Am Society.

Please send your contact information updates by email to mailinglistupdate@phil-am-dayton.org or call your updates in to (937) 361-1058.

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Current as of March 26, 2008)

January 5	Zumba Kick-off Party (Session 1) <i>Filipiniana Hall, Dayton</i>
February 16	Induction of Officers Ball <i>Holiday Inn, Fairborn</i>
March 1	DIFI Miss A World A'Fair Pageant and Ball <i>Eintracht Signing Society, Huber Heights</i>
April 5	Zumba Kick-off Party (Session 2) <i>Filipiniana Hall, Dayton</i>
April 12	Wright State University Asian Culture Night <i>Apollo Hall, WSU, Fairborn</i>
May 16, 17, 18	DIFI A World A'Fair <i>Dayton Convention Center, Dayton</i>
June 8	Graduates Recognition Reception <i>Filipiniana Hall, Dayton</i>
July 26	Annual Phil-Am Fiesta Zumba Kick-off Party (Session 3) <i>East Community Park, Fairborn</i>
August 8	Bongga Ka 'Day! Summer Dance <i>Filipiniana Hall, Dayton</i>
August 23	AAC Asian Festival <i>Library Park, Miamisburg</i>
September 13	APPGD Fund-Raising Ball <i>Crown Plaza, Dayton</i>
September 20	Our Lady of Penafrancia Family Fiesta <i>Delco Park, Kettering</i>
September 21	Election Picnic <i>Delco Park, Kettering</i>
October 3, 4, 5	Midifest International <i>One Donham Plaza, Middletown</i>
October 4	Zumba Kick-off Party (Session 4) <i>Filipiniana Hall, Dayton</i>
October 11	Building Project Fundraising Raffle <i>Filipiniana Hall, Dayton</i>
October 25	FALOD Annual Affair <i>Filipiniana Hall, Dayton</i>
December 5, 6, 7, 12, 14, 19, 20, 21	Christmas Caroling & Scholarship Fundraising <i>Homes of Filipino-American Hosts</i>
December 13	Family Christmas Party <i>Filipiniana Hall, Dayton</i>
December 31	New Year's Eve Party <i>Holiday Inn, Dayton</i>

2008 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(*officers@phil-am-dayton.org*)

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Wright-Patterson AFB	Borgie Cantillas

Sincerest “THANK YOU” to all that have contributed so far to the “*Helping Hands for the Homeless*” project by taking out a Greeting Page in the Induction of Officers Ball Souvenir Program.

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 TRM (Trace Trajano)

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 Carlito & Marie Lim Kong

Silver

Danny & Sally Juan

Noe & Rose Prado

The next opportunity to contribute towards the “*Helping Hands for the Homeless*” project is through the 2008 Phil-Am Society Directory, which will be published and made available at the Dayton Internation Festival, Inc. *A World A’Fair*. See the article on page 17 and the “*Helping Hands for the Homeless*” *Phil-Am Society Directory Greeting Form* insert in this issue of the *Fil-Am Balita* to contribute to this worthwhile activity to help the homeless.

PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF GREATER DAYTON
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 and give the homeless dignity and peace in their lives.
 Support the Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton’s
 “Helping Hands for the Homeless” project.***



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Visit the Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton on-line at: <http://www.phil-am-dayton.org>



**THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF
GREATER DAYTON**

2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Your Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____ Is your number Listed or Unlisted? Listed Unlisted¹
 Email Address: _____

NOTE:

¹ The Phil-Am Society will not disclose unlisted telephone numbers or publish them in the Phil-Am Society Directory.

Type of Membership	Membership Dues
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals	\$10

Please make your check payable to the **Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton**, write **Membership Dues** on the memo, and mail it to:

Membership Director
 Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton
 P.O. Box 2153
 DAYTON, OH 45401

Cut along line before mailing the Membership Application above

Kroger Gift Card Program

The Phil-Am Society Executive Committee and the Phil-Am Society Building Project Committee work hard each month to raise funds to pay for the cost of renting the Filipiniana Hall. The monthly rent of the Filipiniana Hall is \$400, which could readily be covered by the proceeds of any rebates from the Kroger Gift Card Program if the Phil-Am Society's members and supporters helped and participated in the program.

Helping Is As Easy As 1 2 3

To participate in the Phil-Am Society's Kroger Gift Card Program and help the organization raise funds to pay for the rent of the Filipiniana Hall, members and supporters of the organization simply need to do three things:

1. Purchase a \$25 Kroger Gift Card from the Phil-Am Society. (You only need to purchase a card once and the card may be used immediately for \$25 worth of purchases at Kroger.)
2. Reload your Kroger Gift Card at the Customer Service Desk before you shop or at any register before you check out.
3. Pay for your purchase of groceries, fuel, or prescriptions with your Gift Card.

What's In It for You?

Of course, the incentive to you for your participation and support of the Phil-Am Society is the GOOD FEELING you get knowing you helped your fellow Filipino-Americans raise money that goes towards the rent of the Filipiniana Hall. But, as if that were not enough, the Phil-Am Society decided to offer you an additional incentive that potentially puts money back into your pockets!

Every quarter, the Phil-Am Society will tally the Kroger Gift Card reloads of all participants of the program. The individual that has the greatest amount of reloads to their Kroger Gift Card during the quarter will receive a check from the Phil-Am Society in the amount of \$25 and the individual will be recognized in that quarter's issue of the Fil-Am Balita.

Please Help

You already shop for groceries. So, instead of shopping with cash, check, or credit card, purchase a Kroger Gift Card with cash or a check, and pay for your shopping purchases with a Kroger Gift Card. To obtain your Kroger Gift Card, please contact:

Bob Hale – Building Project Committee Chair
 (937) 222-5056
 gift-card@phil-am-dayton.org



**THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF
GREATER DAYTON**

“HELPING HANDS FOR THE HOMELESS”

2008 PHIL-AM SOCIETY DIRECTORY GREETING FORM

Your Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

The Phil-Am Society will send you a receipt for your donation and acknowledge your contribution in a future issue of the Fil-Am Balita.

Donor Level	Contribution	Directory Greeting
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum	\$100.00 and above	Full Page ¹
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$50.00 to \$99.99	One-Half Page
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$25.00 to \$49.99	One-Fourth Page
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze	\$24.99 and below	Five-Line Listing

Note: 1. The greeting of the Full-Page contributor with the largest contribution will be placed on either the inside or outside cover. The Phil-Am Society reserves the right to determine where to place all Full-Page greetings.

Please make your check payable to the **Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton**, write **Directory** on the memo, and mail it to:

2008 Directory Editor
Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton
P.O. Box 2153
DAYTON, OH 45401

Also, include below the text of the greeting you wish to place in the Directory, or email a copy of the greeting to:

directory@phil-am-dayton.org



**THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF
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CULTURAL COMMITTEE SPONSOR FORM

Your Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

The Phil-Am Society will send you a receipt for your donation and acknowledge your contribution in a future issue of the Fil-Am Balita.

Donor Level	Contribution
<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum	\$100.00 and above
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$50.00 to \$99.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$25.00 to \$49.99
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze	\$24.99 and below

Please make your check payable to the **Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton**, write **Cultural Committee** on the memo, and mail it to:

Cultural Committee Chair
Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton
P.O. Box 2153
DAYTON, OH 45401

Cut along line before mailing



**THE PHILIPPINE AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF
GREATER DAYTON**

CULTURAL COMMITTEE EQUIPMENT / COSTUME DONATION FORM

Your Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

The Phil-Am Society will send you a receipt for your donation and acknowledge your contribution in a future issue of the Fil-Am Balita.

List of Equipment / Costumes you wish to donate

To donate equipment or costumes to the Phil-Am Society Cultural Committee, please mail this form to:

Cultural Committee Chair
Phil-Am Society of Greater Dayton
P.O. Box 2153
DAYTON, OH 45401



Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton

SAVE THESE 2008 DATES!

(Current as of March 26)

Please mark your calendars now with these important 2008 activities and events tentatively planned for the Dayton-area Filipino-American community.

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| • January 5 | Zumba Kick-off Party (Session 1) | Filipiniana Hall |
| • February 16 | Induction of Officers Ball | Holiday Inn Fairborn |
| • March 1 | <u>DIFI</u> Miss A World A'Fair Pageant/Ball | Eintracht Singing Society |
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| • May 16, 17, 18 | <u>DIFI</u> A World A'Fair | Dayton Convention Center |
| • June 8 | Graduates Recognition Reception | Filipiniana Hall |
| • July 26 | Annual Phil-Am Fiesta
Zumba Kick-off Party (Session 3) | East Community Park |
| • August 8 | Bongga Ka 'Day! Summer Dance | Filipiniana Hall |
| • August 23, 24 | <u>AAC</u> Asian Cultural Festival | Miamisburg Library Park |
| • September 13 | <u>APPGD</u> Fundraising Dinner/Dance | Crown Plaza Hotel |
| • September 20 | <u>Penafrancia</u> Family Fiesta | Delco Park |
| • September 21 | Election of Officers Picnic | Delco Park |
| • October 3, 4, 5 | Middfest International | Middletown |
| • October 4 | Zumba Kick-off Party (Session 4) | Filipiniana Hall |
| • October 11 | <u>Bldg Proj Committee</u> Reverse Raffle | Filipiniana Hall |
| • October 25 | <u>FALOD</u> 10 th Anniversary Affair | Filipiniana Hall |
| • December 5, 6, 7
12, 14
19, 20, 21 | Christmas Caroling | Filipino-American Homes |
| • December 13 | Family Christmas Party | Filipiniana Hall |

For questions, please call

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Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton



ZUMBA[®]
FITNESS



Date: April 5, 2008 -- Kickoff Party

Time: 9:00 am to 9:30 pm -- Sign-In
9:30 am to 11:00 pm -- Zumba Lessons
11:00 am to 3:00 pm -- Party Time

Place: Filipiniana Hall
Dayton Mailing Service
100 S. Keowee St., Dayton

Cost: Adults - \$5 per person with a side-dish
\$10 per person without a side-dish
Youth (12 to 17) - \$5 per person

Party Cost Includes Zumba Class and Lunch

You bring a Side Dish (not Chicken or Pansit)...
the Phil-Am Society will provide the Pansit,
Fried Chicken, Lumpia, and Drinks!!!

The Zumba Class is a weekly fund-raising activity sponsored by the Phil-Am Society to raise funds for the organization's activities.

Information/Tickets Available From:

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Philippine-American Society of Greater Dayton



Come and Join Us for an
Afternoon of Pagkakaisa...



Annual Phil-Am Society Fiesta

11:00 am July 26, 2007



Community Park East
Dayton Yellow Springs Road, Fairborn



Potluck Lunch

The Phil-Am Society will provide the Chicken, Pancit, and Lechon!!!

You bring a Side Dish, Dessert Tray, and a 2-liter bottle of soda...

The Phil-Am Society is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization whose goals are to support charitable, religious, educational, and scientific activities. Our support for those activities is possible only because of the generosity of the Filipino-Americans in the Greater Dayton. We hope you'll continue to support the Phil-Am Society through your generous donations in cash and kind.



From I-675:

- Exit on Dayton Yellow Springs Rd and head West towards Fairborn.
- Turn right into Community Park East.
- Turn left into parking lot.

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