

Fil-Am of Pensacola Newsletter



18th Anniversary Party

Mabuhay Everyone!

My sincere thanks to all of you who attended and contributed your time and effort to our celebration of the Fil-Am Center's 18th Anniversary.

The event was full of laughter and fun. The food was a feast of our native dishes, and the program was short and sassy. The door prizes were unique and plentiful. And then in Fil-Am tradition, the music began and we danced the night away.

Again, I am extremely grateful to everyone who attended the celebration. Our goal is to always keep you informed of our upcoming events, so on March 13th we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Please join us for this event and don't forget to where green!

Sincerely,

Julie Anne Reguindin, Vice President
18th Anniversary Chairperson



Keep In Touch

We would like to keep in touch with ALL our members, so please make sure we have your correct mailing address and phone numbers. This information will be included in a membership directory. If there's any information that you would NOT like to share in the directory, please let us know at:

contact@filampensacola.com

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the next event!

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Pensacola, Inc.

Special points of interest:

- Get on the Motion Bus!
- When's the next event?
- A note from one of our members.
- Let's learn Tagalog!
- We're looking for the next Little Miss & Master Philippines
- Thank you for your assessment dues!

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A Message From the President



Welcome to the second issue of our Newsletter!

As of this writing, this administration is only 1½ months old and I am proud to say that the Officers & the Board of Directors are doing their best to prioritize what needs to be done. We have so many programs on our calendar that we need to accomplish that we are asking for your support. Last month, we celebrated Valentine’s Party and the 18th anniversary of the Community Center. Both of them were successful because of your endless encouragement.

The Community Center needs “tender loving care” from us all. Spring is just around the corner and we would like to focus first on the beautification around the Center. If you’ve been at the Center recently, you might have noticed that there are already some shrubs planted by the parking lot. Thank you Mr. Roger Ayson for donating them. We are in need of more shrubs to finish our “natural” fence to reach Kenmore Rd. If you have any in your garden that you would like to donate, please don’t hesitate to call us.

I would like to thank those who have already paid their assessment dues. For those who haven’t done so, it is never too late to send yours in now. Part of this will be allocated to help our “kababayans” whether here or abroad who are in need. As an incentive to our members who have paid, your entry fee to future events at the Center will be discounted.

Please mark your calendar on March 14th, our first General Membership meeting at 2PM. We need your input, comments and/or suggestions for the betterment of our service in our community.

I hope to see you in our next event, March 13th, at 6:30PM for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Until the next issue, we wish you all the best in everyday life!

God Bless us all!

Divina

Divina Herrera
Fil-Am President

SAVE THE DATE!

March 14, 2010

2 PM

General Membership Meeting

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Assessment dues are due NOW.

Make checks payable to:

Fil-Am Association of Pensacola

Mail to:

P.O. Box 36478

Pensacola, FL 32516-6478

Remember:

Part of your dues go to the calamity/disaster victim assistance fund.

Please help our kababayans!

Valentine's Day Party

Whether you attended the event with that special someone or just with your best of friends the Valentines Day Party was definitely a night of sharing, love and enchantment. A delicious dinner was served, followed by a Valentines Day game and dancing. Seven couples vied to be named Mr. and Mrs. Valentines. After many revealing answers were given the close competition was won by Bruce Fortner and Gina Hill. The lovely couple received the crown and capes from last years Mr. and Mrs. Valentines and then were serenaded and shared a private dance. The night was capped off with dancing.



Mission In Motion Bus

The Mission In Motion Bus will be at the Fil-Am Community Center on **May 8th** from **9-11:30 a.m.**, to conduct heart health screenings. This includes blood pressure checks, lab screening to check for glucose, total cholesterol and hemoglobin to check for anemia.

Everyone is invited and the cost is **FREE!**

It is recommended that you fast for at least 8 hours before you are seen to get a more accurate reading of your total cholesterol. You may have black coffee or water and you're able to take your blood pressure medication that morning.

We hope to see you there!



March Events

St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 13

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Fil-Am Community Center

Donation: \$15

Attire: **GREEN!**

General Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 14

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Fil-Am Community Center

Tagalog Class

Saturday, March 20

Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

Place: Fil-Am Community Center

Cost: \$10/student (covers materials and books)

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27

Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Place: Fil-Am Community Center

Cost: **FREE!**

April Events

Birthday Bash

Saturday, April 10

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Fil-Am Community Center

Cost: TBD

Celebrating January thru March Birthdays

Little Miss & Master Presentation

Saturday, April 24

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Fil-Am Community Center

Cost: TBD



From the Members...

Kudos to the Leadership and the Newsletter staff for publishing a well-constructed, nicely laid out newsletter on a quality paper shortly after assuming office! Its content is informative considering it to be the very first issue. Congratulations for an excellent job!

A Newsletter is a significant fixture of an association like the Fil-Am – an indispensable tool not only to highlight yesterday's events and broadcast tomorrow's activities but a general medium of communication between membership and the head office. Open minds and extended hands are products of an informed membership.

The inclusion of a financial statement is a step in the right direction. The membership appreciates the information and would like to see it, no doubt, as a continuing feature in the newsletter.

As for the assessment dues...it is fair and needed. I just sent my share and hope to see a list of names on the next issue.

Again, more power and congratulations for a job well done!

*Sincerely,
Ed Fernandez*



The wait is over! St. Patrick's Day is again here.

The time when everybody joins in the fun.

The time when all goes GREEN!

Food - Refreshments - Dancing - 50/50 - Door Prizes
Saturday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.
Fil-Am Community Center
\$15 RSVP by 3/10/10

Elvie Delacruz 850.755.7076
Azalea Webb 850.206.2055

Filipino (Tagalog) is the national language of the Philippines and the cultural thread that keeps Filipinos all over the world in touch with their roots.

Have you ever sat down next to relatives or friends and simply could not comprehend what was being said to you in Tagalog? Well, this is where to start...this class is designed for those that simply know nothing about the Filipino language. It's a great opportunity to join us in our Conversational Tagalog Language Class.

Classes will include, but are not limited to, Basic Tagalog Conversational class, story reading, Filipino short play, Tagalog songs, poetry and other fun activities.

When: Saturday, March 20, 2010
Where: Fil-Am Community Center, 234 W. Oakfield Rd, Pensacola, FL
Time: 1-2PM
Cost: \$10 per student (covers materials and books for the whole season)
Group I: Ages 6 – 16 year olds
Group II: Ages 17 year olds and up
Contact: Letty Javier, Coordinator ltjavier@cox.net
Divina Herrera, Fil-Am President cesar_divine@hotmail.com





Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for this FREE event!

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Hunt begins ~ 10:30 a.m.

Fil-Am Community Center

234 W. Oakfield Rd.

Front lawn: Ages 1-5

Back lawn: Ages 6-11

* Lunch to be served after the Easter Egg Hunt *

For more information please contact Elvie Delacruz @ 850.755.7076

Karaoke, Line Dancing and Bingo!



For all you songbirds and dancers, Karaoke and Line Dancing is alive and well at the Fil-Am Community Center. Come on out on Friday nights and join your friends for a fun filled night of singing and dancing. It will only cost you \$5, and that includes a meal!

Beginning Friday, April 9th, 4:30 p.m., we'll kick off the Spring season with BINGO! It's \$10 a package with a menu available. This will be held at the Fil-Am Community Center, a non-smoking facility, so you'll be able to enjoy the clean air as you listen for your numbers!



ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, AUNTIES AND UNCLES!

Our association is planning its Little Miss and Master pageant to start in April. We are seeking candidates between the ages of 5 thru 10 years old. All you parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles please sign-up your beautiful Little Miss and handsome Little Master to participate in this rewarding event.

The coordinators for this pageant are Ched Geiger (602-7752) and Susan Dowler (453-3357). Candidates must be signed up by April 10th. The presentation is planned for April 24th.



Your Fellow Members

Following is a portioned list of your fellow Fil-Am of Pensacola members. If you happened to see a name that you recognize and their newsletter was returned, please help us by asking them to update their membership information with us.

Name	Annual or Lifetime	Returned Newsletter?
Dr. & Mrs. Manny & Celie Abenden	Lifetime	
Mr. & Mrs. Dante & Anna Abundo	Lifetime	
Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Rebecca Acob	Lifetime	
Ms. Venette Acoba	Lifetime	
Mr. & Mrs. Martin & Rebecca Acosta	Lifetime	
Mr. Edgar Adriano	Lifetime	
Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Vida Agas	Lifetime	
Mr. & Mrs. Vic & Tessie Agatep	Lifetime	
Mr. & Mrs. Ray & Linda Aguado	Lifetime	
Mr. & Mrs. Omar & Ning Aguila	Annual	
Mr. & Mrs. Dominador & Nita Aguinas	Lifetime	
Mr. Rico Albesa	Lifetime	
Mr. & Mrs. Russo & Juliette Albesa	Lifetime	

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A place where Filipino-Americans and their families can share our culture with the community.

A big **THANK YOU!** to those who have already paid their assessment dues. Your support and belief in the Fil-Am Association of Pensacola helps make all our hard work seem worthwhile!

Dino & Lyn Alhambra

Danny & Rose Contreras

Jimmy & Josie Delarosa

Victor & Marilyn Escalona

Willie & Helen Galace

Jose & Lita Golen

Susan Hargreaves

Cesar & Divina Herrera

Fletcher Kee

Diony & Linda Magno

Greg Mooney

Lina Sharlow

Romie & Felli Tatel

Mr. & Mrs. Watawat

Elisa Bustamante

Marcelo & Elvira Dela Cruz

Flor & Lilia Dioso

Ildefonso & Rusty Fernandez

Geronima & Constancio Gambala

Bobb de Guzman

Bruce & Linda Herman

Herminio & Leticia Javier

Furney & Lolita Lock

Aniceto Mercado

Ed & Dottie Peredo

Kirk & Delia Stierwalt

Romie & Linda Torio

Craig & Azalea Webb