

Fil-Am of Pensacola Newsletter



Induction Ball 2010

The Induction of new Officers and Board Members was held January 16th at our Community Center. It was a semi-formal night, unexpectedly well-attended in spite of the rain, by over 250 members and friends. Steak and lobster prepared by the Food Committee were served by our youth group. Father Joseph Callipare of St. John's Catholic Church offered the blessings. The highlight of the evening was the candlelight Induction Ceremony, led by Commissioner Gene Valentino. The newly inducted President, Divine Herrera, accepted the "challenge" on behalf of all the Officers and Board members. A sense of pride for our heritage, membership unity and reconciliation of differences were the themes addressed in speeches delivered.

Outgoing President Bennie Bernal opened the Program with a warm welcome and recognized the several Fil-Am support groups present. The keynote speaker, Dr. Adelaide Torres, emphatically reminded us of how great our lineage is and that we, as American residents of Filipino descent, must value our God-given talents and preserve our rich culture.

Ning Aguilar (Chair) and Lorie Bernal (Co-Chair) did an excellent job of putting this event together. The evening was directed by Emcee Felli Tatel with Alan Mayorca as our DJ. Cultural dances were choreographed by Anna Abundo. To close out the program, Julie Reguindin delivered her closing remarks.

The Induction served as a resounding call to everyone in the Fil-Am community – come one, come all.



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!

Are you an active member the kind that would be missed or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the events and mingle with the flock or do you stay at home to criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the association along or are you satisfied to just belong?

Do you push the cause along and make things really tick or leave the work to just a few and talk about their clique?

Think this over my friend you know right from wrong are you an active member or do you just belong?

Filipino-American Association of Pensacola, Inc.

Special points of interest:

- www.filampensacola.com
- Help us Keep In Touch
- See who gets crowned the next Mr. & Mrs. Valentine's
- Let's celebrate an Anniversary!
- Meet the new Officers and Board Members.

If you would like to submit your article, announcements or press release, please send them in by the 4th Friday of the month to: contact@filampensacola.com Due to space constraints and/or timing issues, your submission may not appear until the following month. Thank you for your support!

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A Message From the President



Welcome 2010!! A new decade... a new year... a new beginning is upon us for the Fil-Am Association of Pensacola!

When we look back at 2009, we must not forget to give thanks for all the graces & blessings the Good Lord bestowed on us.

The Christmas Party on December 12th was a success thru the initiative of Monnie Dimalanta and Ched Geiger as chairpersons. As we noticed the enthusiasm of the people, we were confident that that was just the beginning. When the newly elected Officers & Board of Directors came hand in hand to have the New Year's Eve celebration, it was a fantastic move. We had great attendance and everybody enjoyed the evening.

The Induction Ball on January 16th was a huge success and I would like to personally thank all of you for the support you had showered us with. Whether you were physically present or not in the occasion, I firmly believe that your heart and spirit are still with the Fil-Am Association.

This February, we will have two big events; the Valentine's Day Party on the 13th, and the 18th Anniversary of the Community Center on the 27th. Please come and enjoy!

We would like to start a Tagalog class by March or April. Mrs. Letty Javier will coordinate this class in which she will need at least three volunteers to help with this project. If you are interested or would like to learn Tagalog, you can contact me at: 850.292.6009

This administration has lots of plans for our community. One of them is to help our "kababayans", or countrymen, who are really in need, whether here in Pensacola or in the Philippines. But in order to accomplish that, we need your help. You can help by paying your assessment dues, attending Fil-Am functions and/or volunteering at least two or three hours of your time at the Community Center. Volunteering will cut down our expenses in maintaining and beautifying the Center and by doing so we'll be able to make a big difference in our Community.

Please don't hesitate to call me or any of the Board of Directors with your suggestions. All will be taken into consideration.

Thank you for your support and God Bless!

Divina

SAVE THE DATE!

March 7, 2010

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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

Members,

The Filipino-American Association of Pensacola, Inc. cordially invites you to our **Valentine's Day Party** on **Saturday, February 13th**, at **6:30 p.m.** The night will be filled with dancing, so bring your family, your friends, and your special someone. There will be a special event where we will crown this year's "Mr. and Mrs. Valentines" and "The Valentine's Day Prince and Princess".

Dinner will be served buffet style, so bring your appetites. Adult beverages will also be available at our "Cash Bar". We here at the Filipino-American Association of Pensacola, Inc. hope to see you come out and have a Happy Valentine's Day with us!

Thank you, Troy Turner

Admission Prices:

\$35 / Couples \$20 / Single
 \$5 Discount for college students (with ID),
 active military (with ID), and children 12 and under.



Fil-Am Center's 18th Anniversary Party

Mabuhay everyone!! With sincere appreciation for making our progress possible, we the Filipino-American Association, cordially invite our members and friends to celebrate the 18th Anniversary of the founding of the Fil-Am Community Center.

The celebration will be on **Saturday, February 27th**, at 234 W. Oakfield Rd., starting at **6:30 p.m.**, semi-formal attire is appropriate.

A \$20.00 donation will include food, desserts, entertainment and door prizes.

Our souvenir program is available for postings of your advertisements. All ads must be submitted before February 15th. If any of you have any hidden talent to share with us and want to be part of our program or any questions in regards to this celebration, please feel free to contact us:

Helen Galace 850.944.4942,
 Divina Herrera 850.292.6009
 and yours truly, Julieanne 850.982.1185

Ho Ho Ho 2009!

"...oh what fun it is to ride on a one-horse opened sleigh!"

And what fun we all had the night of Dec 12th! Thank you to Monnie Dimalanta and Ched Geiger for putting together a successful event. And to "Santa" for making it special! With this being the new administrations first event, it's the beginning of our new dialogue and building of a more stronger foundation for our community relation, love and values.



Financial Statement

Filipino-American Association of Pensacola, Inc.
 Income Statement for the Year Ending
December 31, 2009

Total Income	\$ 89,622.12
Less: Fundraising expenses	<u>\$ 29,677.44</u>
Total Gross Income	\$ 59,944.68
Program Service Expenses:	
Appreciation Night, Public Relations	\$ 1,934.43
Disaster Victim Assistance	\$ 550.00
Members' Benefits	<u>\$ 1,375.30</u>
Total Program Service Expenses	\$ 3,859.73
Operating Expenses:	
Office, Building Supplies	\$ 669.01
Telephone	\$ 590.53
Postage & P.O. Box Rental	\$ 203.34
Building Repairs	\$ 8,775.84
General Pantry Supplies	\$ 704.44
Taxes and Fees	\$ 846.25
Insurance - Building	\$ 10,707.00
Utilities	\$ 11,845.26
Miscellaneous	\$ 448.10
Alarm System	<u>\$ 2,026.96</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 36,816.73
Total Expenses for the Year 2009	<u>\$ 40,676.46</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 19,268.22</u>

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

Your New Elected Executive Officers and Board of Directors



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Director



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Sergeant At
Arms



Lawag Fonacier
Sergeant At
Arms



Bill Geiger
Public Relations
Officer

MISSION:

We, Filipinos and Filipino-Americans residing in Escambia County, Florida, wanting to form a strong union in order to protect our mutual interests, preserve our cultural heritage, improve our social and economic well-being and achieve better understanding among Filipinos, Filipino-Americans and other nationalities, do hereby promulgate this constitution.