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**FILIPINO AMERICAN NATIONAL
HISTORICAL SOCIETY (FANHS) - SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
AND
GABRIELA NETWORK LOS ANGELES
PRESENT
"PINAYSPEAK2: CELEBRATING SISTERHOOD"**

SAN DIEGO, CA - the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) - San Diego Chapter and GABRIELA NETWORK LOS ANGELES present PINAYSPEAK2: Celebrating Sisterhood" - an empowering night of poetry, spoken word, stories and sharing as we celebrate the Pilipina's experiences.

The only event in San Diego which serves a portal to the Pinay voice and after a successful first event in March 2000, PINAYSPEAK2 will once again provide a space for Pinay expression - exploring the stories of Filipinas, young and old, from a diversity of backgrounds - sharing the personal struggles as well as the joy of being Pinay. It is an event of the reclamation of the Pinay spirit - a reclamation of self through the powerful medium of poetry, narrative and testimonials. Pinay speakers and audience members alike are encouraged to bring the one key element to this important event - passion.

Performing at the event will be Annalisa Enrile, Marie Obaña, Lilyann Villaraza, Patricia McReynolds, and Judy Patacsil. Also performing will be Faith Santilla, spokeswoman for the MTV Rock the Vote Campaign and winner of the first 92.3 The Beat Poetry Slam in Los Angeles.

The event will be held at Bethune Elementary School (6835 Benjamin Holt Road, San Diego, CA 92114) on Friday, March 9, 2001 at 7:00PM. Interested PINAY speakers are asked to contact the FANHS-San Diego Chapter for more information at 619-370-8022. Any inquiries about the event can also be sent to fanhs18@yahoo.com. More information about the event and scheduled speakers will be updated regularly leading up to the event on the FANHS-San Diego website at <<http://www.geocities.com/fanhs18>>.

The purpose for which the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) is organized are to research, gather, disseminate and promote Filipino American history, conduct research and studies, provide a repository for research and gathered materials, promote and disseminate published works, promote and hold forums and public programs and to conduct businesses and fund-raising events to accomplish these purposes. For more information, please contact <fanhs18@yahoo.com>.

GABRIELA seeks to transform women into an organized political force. GABRIELA is a movement dealing distinctly with the problems of women as women, working to free women from all forms of economic and political oppression and discrimination, sexual violence and abuse, neglect and denial of their health and reproductive rights. For more information, please visit http://members.tripod.com/~gabriela_p/

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