



PAANO Newsletter

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Opening Address

By Grace Pascual, PAANO Vice President 2005

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The most valuable part of this organization is YOU, the members, that make this organization thrive and those that nurture it. Many of you have given your time, effort, and money for this organization. Many of you have volunteered time and time again. We appreciate and acknowledge your contribution.

People get involved for many reasons. Some have gotten involved to meet people, to learn about the Philippine culture, some get involved because their friends are doing it, others to have their children meet other Filipino-American children while others feel a communal obligation. Many of our members are in an intermarriage, so it's wonderful that they come and get involved or show support for the sake of their loved one, their children and to further nurture their relationship through the respect of each other's culture and heritage. Others get involved because they want to share their talents and skills for the longevity of the organization. As you can see there are many reasons why people get involved and many more other personal reasons not mentioned here. Being involved is very rewarding and fulfilling. I call upon YOU to get involve and for active members, to continue your involve-

ment. There are many, many ways you can contribute your time and effort. You can belong to a committee for the year or volunteer for an event. We need people to teach: Tagalog, dances, art, music, etc. We need members to run for office. We need your ideas! We need people to recruit members. We need people to be in acquisition for donated prizes for the auction, raffle, and door prizes. We need people to help with the sporting events and many more events to come and plan for. Thank you again for those who have shown the spirit of volunteerism. Believe me even an hour of your time means a lot. These are only a few ways you can serve our community. As you can see we need YOU.

Lastly, I want to address people's common fears in getting involved. The ones I've heard is they don't have the time, they're not emotionally strong to handle negative feedback, while others fear the consuming time it might take. One must certainly look at their current life and work situation and determine if next year or next month might be a lighter schedule for them. Negative feedback which is a deterrent in any relationship or organization should not be entertained. Just look at it this way, in any relationship there's good and bad times. It is the same way in belonging to this organization or any organiza-

tion for that matter. It is in problem solving, conflict resolution, and the support of officers, family and other members that makes perseverance possible and achievable. As long as you volunteer with good intentions and bring with you the highest moral and ethical values your time as a volunteer should go smoothly. I realize one has to weigh the pros and cons, the realistic goal they set for themselves and the actual amount of time they're willing to invest in the organization in order to fully commit themselves. Remember this, once you get yourself involved you will not be alone. The Officers, Board Members, Chairperson and other volunteers will be with you through good and bad times.

The year is almost coming to an end for all the officers. It's been a rewarding experience to serve our community this way. But we must admit, it hasn't always been a bed of roses but we have preserved our mission and focus with the support of our family, each other and other members. We encourage YOU to continue your support to PAANO because without you, this organization will not exist.



PAANO 2005 Calendar of Events

October 2005

Oct. 29, Sat. 6pm
*Halloween Party & Nomination
of 2006 Officers*
 St. Anne's Catholic Church

November 2005

Nov. 19, Sat. 6pm
*Thanksgiving Party & Election
of 2006 Officers*
 St. Anne's Catholic Church

December 2005

Dec. 17, Sat. 6pm
Christmas Party
 St. Anne's Catholic Church

January 2006

January 14, 2006
Induction Ball
 Double Tree Hotel Downtown

**Treasurer's Report
 By Steve McQuillen**

Checking **\$2,222.87**
 as of 9/29/05
 Money Market **\$7,154.90**
 as of 9/29/05

**FILIPINO MASS
 By Grace Pascual**

On September 24th, we were honored to have the Most Rev. Edward Slattery celebrate a Filipino Mass with Father Archie Fernandez. The Mass was in celebration of the Philippine patron saint, St. Lorenzo Ruiz. The Filipino Choir, directed by Dr. Divina Roman, filled the church with their Tagalog songs and angelic voices. Among the attendees were Filipinos from Tulsa, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma City, Claremore, Owasso, Muskogee and other surrounding cities. The afternoon ended with fellowship and an exhibition of our culture through folk dances and culinary delights.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL &
 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

College Scholarship Fund application is now available online. Please go to the PAANO website, www.geocities.com/okpaano/ to acquire an application. The Deadline for the form is December 1, 2005. Please call Robert Little or Grace Pascual for any questions or to obtain a copy of the Application form.

Membership renewal is now available. Please remember to renew your membership for next year. We appreciate all of you who help make this organization strong by paying your dues.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 29th at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 6pm.

This will be a Halloween costume party.

Please bring at least a bag of treats for the children.

**BARRIO FIESTA
 By Eileen Mendoza**

The Barrio Fiesta, a PAANO event held yearly, was held at Garnett Church of Christ on September 17, 2005. The night was filled with singing, dancing, and lots of food. There was ethnic dancing such as Tinikling, Itik-Itik, Subli and Sayaw sa Bangko. The Filipino Choir also entertained the crowd with two special songs. After the program, everyone was invited on the dance floor to have more fun. Overall, the night was a success. Lots of food, music, and camaraderie among everyone there.

INAUGURATION BALL

2006 Induction/Inauguration Ball, Saturday, January 14 at 6 pm at the Double Tree Downtown.

This is an evening of gala and fundraising.

Silent Auction: We are seeking donated items for the silent auction.

If you are interested in donating, please contact Grace Pascual at (918) 481-1835 or any officers.

Donated items must be submitted to Grace Pascual by Dec. 31st.

If you are interested in buying items please pay cash or check at the designated time that evening.

All items purchased must be brought home that evening.

Ads: We are currently accepting advertisement or ad requests.

If you are interested in placing an ad(s) or advertisement in the program please call or visit Bing Adkins at Phil Asia or any officers.

Tickets: Plan on attending this evening of glamour and gala.

Please purchase your tickets in **advance** in order for us to give the hotel an accurate head count and to have the funds to pay the hotel.

Wedding:

Norman & Mae Cupp : Sept. 23, 2005

Deaths:

- Papiniana Duran
- Mel Docto
- Vivian Jones
- Estrelita Penny



PAANO KARAOKE IDOL

By Rick Moore

The August party introduced our 2005 PAANO KARAOKE IDOLS. It was a fierce competition in the tenured bracket with dueling sisters of Guia Buzzard and Vinda Doring. Ed Navarro shook the stage with his Filipino version of La Bamba. Guia, our winner, even made an additional \$1 tip from the crowd for her performance. Crystal Cook, Jean Balangue, and Guia Buzzard were our winners. It seems everyone had a great time. I want to thank everyone who attended. This was the most polite crowd we have had. All the spectators were quiet and respectful for the performers. PAANO YOU SHOULD BE PROUD.

CAMPING

By Ed Navarro

The 2005 annual PAANO camping was held at the Sequoyah state park last August 5-7. PAANO members had a wonderful time. On Saturday there were many family activities. Many of the kids went fishing, swimming and rode the Seadoos. Everyone had an excellent time on the pontoon boat which members rented for the day. Gilbert Cachero was our Pontoon Captain for the day. He was a superior captain. At night after dinner we gathered to listen to the music. Those who played the guitar and sung were awesome. There was plenty of food, drinks and activities. We hope that more PAANO members and their family can attend this wonderful camping experience.

PICNIC

By Tong Cachero

The PAANO Summer Picnic was held at the Haikey Creek Park on July 16, 2005. There was a ton of foods! PAANO provided hamburgers, hot-dogs with fixings and members brought favorites. Kids and adults alike had fun with the games like water balloon toss, kick ball & dodge ball.

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PREPAREDNESS An everyday task for everyday life

Being prepared for emergencies is crucial at home, school, work and in your community.

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood, workplace or school or can confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services -- water, gas, electricity or telephones--were cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. Therefore, the best way to make you and your family safer is to be prepared before disaster strikes.

September is National Preparedness Month, a joint initiative between the Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross, is the annual reminder to make sure that you and your family are prepared.

Tip of the Day



Best Way Out

Take a moment to imagine that there is an emergency, like a fire in your home, and you need to leave your home quickly. What are the best escape routes from your home? Find at least two ways out of each room. Now, write it down – you’ve got the beginning of a plan.

Visit www.redcross.org for news, tips and preparedness product specials throughout the month.

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