

# FAABCO

Filipino American Association  
of Brevard County

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A new year, full of promise & optimism

*Hello everyone,* Just a short message to say thank you to all who attended the Inaugural Ball, and to everyone that helped put it together, and made it a wonderful and very successful event.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all my Staff and Board of Directors for their cooperation and support in these first few months of my term.

I've been a member of FAABCO since 1974, and have seen a lot of changes and growth. I look forward to seeing FAABCO growing even bigger and becoming one of the best organizations in Brevard County. I'd like to see all members ask friends and family members to support FAABCO by joining our organization. It's a great place for getting together and having fun, making new friends, and making a difference in our community. We need everyone's support to keep FAABCO strong. We can do it!

The new FAABCO website will be up soon. You can log on now to the old one (FAABCO.org), and click on a link to view a preview of the new one. It's going to be a great one. It is being built by new members Donald & Anlyn Purhagen. They're doing a fantastic job! This is an example of how each one of us can do something to improve our wonderful organization.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Membership Drive & Potluck.

- Bill Curtiss

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

# FAABCO Membership Promotes Community

by Regina Zimmerman, Secretary and Melinda Angeles, Treasurer

On behalf of FAABCO, we value your participation to the organization. Your paid annual and lifetime membership dues helped us to attain our many goals and increase our treasury.

Welcome and thank you to all of our new members and those who have renewed their FAABCO membership.

Help us to reach our friends and relatives to join FAABCO. The annual

membership is \$15.00 for family and \$10.00 for single and is due and payable on the first day of July. You can send to FAABCO, P.O. Box 372051, Satellite Beach, FL 32937.

Friends, it's that time of year again when you have an opportunity to participate and help your friends, leaders like us who greatly enjoy knowing and working with you.



*We Thank You All for Your Support!*

**I hope we never lose sight of the fact that it all started with a mouse. - Walt Disney**

**I hope we never lose sight of how and why this group (FAABCO) was formed. - Bill Curtiss**



*FAABCO promotes cultural pride*



## *New FAABCO leaders take the helm*

### **2009-2010 FAABCO Officers**

*President*  
Bill Curtiss

*Vice President*  
David Whelpley

*Secretary*  
Regina Zimmerman

*Treasurer*  
Melinda Angeles

*Auditor*  
Denia Coker

*Public Relations Officer*  
Lori Peppers



*2009-2010 FAABCO Officers & Board of Directors at July 10 Inaugural Ball. (From left) Board of Directors: Priscilla 'PJ' Whelpley, Lito Gapud, Gloria Suan, Gillette Bundow, Rose Curtiss, Ludy Ubial, Raleigh Chaney and Officers: Lori Peppers, Denia Coker, Melinda 'Mely' Angeles, Regina 'Gina' Zimmerman, David Whelpley, Bill Curtiss (at podium)*

### **Board Members**

Gillette Bundow  
Raleigh Chaney  
Rose Curtiss  
Lito Gapud  
Gloria Suan  
Ludy Ubial  
Priscilla Whelpley

## *FAABCO 2009-10 Inaugural Ball*

*July 10, 2009      Crowne Plaza*



# *The Deputy Mayor of Washington, D.C. is Pure Filipina!*

Unknown to many in Washington D.C., their Deputy Mayor is Pinay. Valerie Santos, 36, a Filipino-American, was recently appointed by D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty to Deputy Mayor, for which she is responsible for implementing the mayor's economic development vision.

Furthermore, Santos has been assigned to manage a development pipeline worth more than \$13 billion, comprised of public-private housing, retail, office and parks projects throughout the District.

"My father is from Zamboanga and my mother is from Bulacan," says Santos, who spent a year in

the Philippines as a community organizer and a Jesuit volunteer. "I enjoyed working at the grassroots community level," Santos said. Born and raised in San Francisco, Santos finished college at Santa Clara University. She completed her MBA at Harvard Business School and a Master's Degree in Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. She moved to Washington D.C. in 2003. In 2007, she served as the District's Planning and Economic Development Office's Chief Operating Officer. Before joining the District government, Santos was a vice president at Jones Lang LaSalle, where she specialized in



urban public-private development.

Previously, she was a manager with Ernst & Young's real estate group and an associate with Hamilton Rabinovitz & Alschuler.

In her capacity as Deputy Mayor, she heads the District's lead agency in coordinating policies and initiatives with respect to affordable housing, business attraction and retention, workforce and economic development.

As such, she oversees a cluster of agencies that include the Department of Small and Local Business Development, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Office of Planning and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

*Thank you to Romeo K. Dela Paz who contributed this story.*

## FAABCO

### *Membership Drive & Pot Luck*

Sunday-September 20, 2009

David Schechter Community Center

1089 South Patrick Drive

Satellite Beach, Florida 32937

(321) 773-6458 - Community Center

1 pm to 6 pm



*Come for Food •*

*Fun • Good Time*

*with FAABCO Friends Bring Guests & Food to Share*

**FREE • FREE • FREE • FREE**

*For information, please contact David Whelpley, Membership Chair,  
at 321-426-9101*

### *FAABCO Mission Statement*

The mission of the FAABCO organization is to promote and preserve the Philippine culture, and to provide recreational and cultural opportunities for FAABCO and the surrounding community.

# FAABCO Volunteer Beachside Clean-Up Coming Oct. 3

Did you know? FAABCO participates in the Brevard County Adopt-A-Highway program, which promotes Litter-Free streets and highways throughout the County.

FAABCO has adopted South Patrick Drive, beginning from the intersection of Desoto and South Patrick Drive in Satellite Beach, to the Eau Gallie Causeway intersection and South Patrick Drive in Indian Harbour Beach.

Because of ongoing road construction on a portion of South Patrick Drive, we expect to finish within an hour to an hour and a half.



**Plan now to join us on Saturday, October 3. Meet at 8 am at the Publix Shopping Center, northeast corner of intersection at Eau Gallie and South Patrick.**

The more who take part, the faster we'll get through it. See you there!



## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BREVARD COUNTY

If you're planning to participate in next month's Adopt-A-Highway Litter Clean-Up, t-shirts are available.

The tees will be bright lime green and screened on the back with the above message. Cost per shirt is \$10. Orders will be taken through Sunday, September 20, at the Membership Drive & Potluck.

Please call Lori Peppers at (321) 960-0690 or email: lorinoma@gmail.com

**Fall for the Arts**

PREMIERING BREVARD'S  
ARTS & CULTURAL SEASON  
**Thursday, September 24, 2009**  
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
**Eau Gallie Arts District on Highland Avenue**

A celebration of Brevard's arts and cultural community.  
Have a sneak peek at highlights of the coming year.  
Over 65 participating cultural groups!

Come to this family-friendly event and enjoy:  
Ballet, barbershop harmony, classical music, visual art displays,  
modern dance, demonstrations  
.....and more!  
Food and drink available for purchase at low prices

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## Help Us to Name Our Newsletter

Suppose you were a member of a family that loved you but never bothered to give you a name, just calling you "my son" or "my daughter" when introducing you to others.

Your identity might get a bit fuzzy or undefined to those who were introduced to you. So it can be with our own newsletter that has no name.

Like every child in your family, the FAABCO's publication merits a real name, one that our community will remember.

As an ambassador of FAABCO, our newsletter should have an effective name that reflects our identity in some way.

A Newsletter that simply uses its name – i.e. The FAABCO Newsletter – is neither attention-getting or particularly memorable.

Our newsletter name should be simple and reflect a message about us.

Send your ideas to:

FAABCO Newsletter  
P.O. Box 372051  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

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# Greetings from Florida's SFACEF Inc. — the Space Coast Filipino American Foundation

by Romeo Dela Paz, SFACEF President

## Greetings to my fellow Filipino Americans and friends !

Congratulations FAABCO Board 2009-2010 under the leadership of President Bill Curtiss — a special mention of PRO/Newsletter Editor Lori Peppers — for this successful premiere issue. Communication tools like this newsletter is important to articulating what an organization stands for and what activities are being done to achieve goals. Producing a decent issue is not an easy one; that's the reason why many nonprofits are still wishing they can put out one.

Your community's only IRS-designated 501(c)(3) tax exempt public charity in the Space Coast, Florida's SFACEF Inc., with your support, achieved milestones as a presenter of the Asian Pacific American (APA) Festival 2009 last May! They included the historic/first time Florida Governor's Proclamation, and the Governor and First Lady's APA Heritage Month reception at the Governor's Mansion. Your community got its first Brevard County's, via its Office of Tourism, funding support amounting to almost \$7K ; for the first time our event had paid TV and radio commercials aired to East Central Florida as well as the Treasure Coast. We produced about nine thousand brochures/rackcards and distributed including to hotels in Brevard and Orange counties. Our event was given recognition for the third time with a Heritage Day Proclamation by the Brevard County Board of Commissioners. In that time of economic recession, we helped generate economic activities while putting a positive financial balance to our treasury that we hope to be larger in our Festival 2010. Under the SCOTourism and Brevard Cultural Alliance coop project "Marketing Space Coast's Cultural, Natural and Historic Attributes " FY 2009-2010, we requested for about \$9K funding



**2010 US. Census Asian American Partners Summit with Atlanta Region hosting - fellows hailed from Alabama, Georgia and Florida (six Fil Floridians). Joining Romie Dela Paz (above) is Ms. Ana Partner, Specialist in charge of Brevard County, which was represented, along with other Central Florida counties.**

support to our APA 2010 event. We want to help promote Space Coast tourism as we, as Asian Pacific American community endeavors to get visibility and recognition, among other goals. Ms. Terry Heim, past two terms FAABCO President and current Foundation treasurer, reports this August 31st that we have a BALANCE of \$12,646. in CDs, checking and petty cash accounts. Additionally, your Foundation has real estate property fronting Babcock Street in South Brevard and equipment, with positive market values. Florida's SFACEF Inc. is in compliance/current

*SFACEF, continued on page 6*



## FAABCO HOLIDAY BALL

**December 11, 2009**

### DOUBLETREE HOTEL

**2080 N Atlantic Avenue  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
321-783-9222**

**Special hotel room price for  
this event — \$99**

**Buffet Dinner      Dancing  
Door Prizes      Raffles**

**7pm to 12am  
Cocktails 7:00 to 7:30  
Dinner 7:30**



**Come join us for Holiday fun!!!**

**Tickets — \$40**

**Last day to buy tickets - December 6, 2009**

To purchase tickets, contact Event Chair Priscilla Whelpley at 321-426-9101, or any FAABCO Officer, no later than December 6.

# *Fall for the Arts Premier Party Sept. 24 to feature Philippine Culture*

*Coinciding with the **Fall for the Arts** is the 2009 edition of **Partners in the Arts**.  
Florida's SFACEF's honoree is the **Philippine Cultural Dance Ensemble of  
Brevard County and its Choreographer, Lynn Montoya.***

***Fall for the Arts** is the Premier Party for the **Brevard's Arts & Cultural Season.***

To showcase the continuing growth of Brevard's arts and culture scene, the Brevard Cultural Alliance and 50 of its member organizations present "Fall for the Arts" from 5 to 8 pm on Thursday, September 24 in the heart of Brevard's now-official arts district. The event includes performance, exhibits, demonstrations, informational kiosks, food vendors and more. It is free and open to the public.

Last year's event was fabulous – and this year promises to be even better!

"It is nonstop entertainment," said Shellie Williams, executive director for the cultural alliance of last year's event. "It's going to be a cacophony of sounds, performances, food and artistic flair."

The goal of this event is to get the community excited about Arts and Culture in Brevard County. And the best way to do that is by getting them engaged in the Arts.

According to Romie Dela Paz, this year's Fall for the Arts will feature 68 participating cultural organizations, approximately 20 groups performing, demonstrations, exhibitions, and much more.

The park will host the food and beverages as well as a Children's Activities Area.

The Arts groups will be placed on Highland Avenue and a stage will be set-up at the south-end of Highland Avenue.

Get involved this year and Fall for the Arts.



*SFACEF, from page 5*

to the IRS required fiscal reporting as well as our state and county obligations!

Closer to home, on October 18th, we will celebrate Filipino American History/Heritage Month with the Ilang-Ilang Gala dinner/dance at the Eau Gallie Civic Center, a proclamation from Governor Crist has been solicited. This is an activity, among others, for fund development for the Space Coast Filipino American Center and Scholarship Awards, while we are working to determine/realize the donation of FAABCO's Building Fund in this almost a decade effort. As a 2010 US Census Partner, we hope the event can promote this decennial Constitution mandate. We look forward to your joining us that evening! For more information, contact your Board members and/or call 321-205-3528 or email [paxromeo@aol.com](mailto:paxromeo@aol.com).

Finally, join me in congratulating the Philippine Cultural Dance Ensemble under the artistic directorship/choreography of Lynn Montoya as Florida's SFACEF Inc.'s Honoree for Partners in the Arts 2009, a fitting recognition of its decade-long service to Brevard County and other parts of the Sunshine State. This recognition will be presented on September 24th during the Brevard Cultural Alliance Fall for the Arts street festival-a free event- participated by about 70 cultural organizations with media support from Florida Today, Space Coast Magazine September Issue and others. Did you know that the Ensemble's members, Christopher Montoya and Leslie Nery were our Scholarship Awardees 2009 as presented last July 11th?

*Romie may be contacted by phone at 321-205-3528 or email: [paxromeo@aol.com](mailto:paxromeo@aol.com)*

# Mark Your Calendars for FAABCO

## September 2009

### 20 Membership Drive & Pot Luck

1 pm - 6 pm

David Schechter Community Center, 1089 South Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach, FL  
(Community Center, 321-773-6458) *(see advertisement this issue)*

### 24 Fall for the Arts Premier Party

5 pm - 8 pm

Eau Gallie Arts District, Florida's SFACEF's honoree is Philippine Cultural Dance Ensemble of Brevard County, Lynn Montoya, Choreographer. *(see story and advertisement this issue)*

## October 2009

### 3 Adopt-A-Highway

8 am - 10 am

Meet at 8 am at the Publix Shopping Center at the intersection of Eau Gallie and South Patrick. We should finish in 1 to 1-1/2 hrs because of all the construction going on in the area. Everyone is invited to join FAABCO volunteers. *(see story this issue)*

### 18 Ilang Ilang SPACEF Ball

Contact SFACEF for more information.

## November 2009

### TBD Membership Drive

## December 2009

### 11 FAABCO Holiday Ball

7 pm - Midnight

Plan now to attend this festive beginning to the Holiday Season. Doubletree Inn, Cocoa Beach. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available through December 6 from any FAABCO Officer or Board Member. Buy yours early, tickets are limited. *(see advertisement this issue)*





ur website at [HTTP://WWW.FAABCO.ORG](http://WWW.FAABCO.ORG) is currently under construction.

For comments, suggestions and ideas on how to make our newsletter better, please e-mail Lori Peppers at [lorinoma@gmail.com](mailto:lorinoma@gmail.com). Remember to send photos, news, and event announcements for our next newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you might have. We extend our apology for any inadvertent omission or error made in this newsletter. If you would like to receive the newsletter in color by email, please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support of FAABCO!

*FAABCO honors, salutes, thanks and extends our prayers to family and friends who are presently serving in our military forces around the globe.*

*Special greetings to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries from July thru December.  
God Bless Everyone!*

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## *Bill's Funnies....*

by Bill Curtiss, FAABCO President

\* There were three men on a hill with their watches. The first man threw his watch down the hill and it broke. The second man threw his watch down the hill and it broke. The third man threw his watch down the hill, walked all the way to the bottom, and caught it.

The other two men were puzzled and asked how he did it. The third man said, "Easy, My watch is 5 minutes slow!"

\* When I went to Starbucks for coffee they lied. It wasn't Starbucks, it was four bucks!

### *To All My Friends:*

Someone once said something very appropriate – "Many people walk through our lives but only friends leave their footprints on our hearts". This could not be a more appropriate way to express my heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all my friends who visited me, cared for me and prayed for me during my recent illness. I can't begin to specifically thank everyone but a few deserve mention: from the group of members from the Filipino-American Church of the First United Methodist Church of Melbourne who gathered and sang the moving hymn "Amazing Grace"; the visits from our Satellite Beach United Methodist Church, and the others who visited and those who called to express their support for my complete recovery.

I do remember all of you, even though not specifically mentioned. I can think of nothing more appropriate than reading and appreciating the 23rd Psalm.

I am on the steady road to recovery thanks in great measure to all my friends.

*In All Sincerity*

*Brother Don E. Zimmerman*

FILIPINO- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, INC.

In 1974, a group of military personnel and their spouses gathered for picnics and parties at Patrick Air Force Base. Gradually, an organization evolved, consisting of Filipinos, Americans, and others-bonding together in good fellowship: On April 15, 1986, the Filipino-American Association of Brevard County (FAABCO) was incorporated as a nonprofit organization under the Laws of the State of Florida, with the goal of preserving Philippine traditions and culture for future generations of Fil-Am in Brevard County. Subsequently, on October 30, 1991, the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution were amended to meet the growing needs of the Association.

Over the years, we have actively participated in many civic and cultural activities in Brevard County, winning several awards for performance and public awareness. In 1991, we conducted a Rehabilitation Fund Drive for the victims of Mount Pinatubo, culminating in a highly successful cultural event known as "Glimpse of the Philippines". Concurrently, we helped the evacuees from Clark Air Force Base adjust and settle in the Patrick Air Force Base area.

Presently, the Association has over 200 active members of diverse origins and backgrounds, having the common goal of sharing and preserving Filipino cultural heritage. FAABCO activities encompass the preservation of the economic and social well-being and the educational welfare of each member thereby benefiting the community and the Association. This organization serves as a forum for keeping the rich Philippine traditions and culture alive.

Please join and sign the form below. Thank you.

**FILIPINO- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, INC.**  
**P.O. Box 372051, Satellite Beach, FL 32937**

Membership Application/Renewal and Information Update

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(H) Tel# \_\_\_\_\_ email (if there is any): \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer in the following committees:

Activities & Planning  By-Laws  Finance Goodwill  Membership  Nominating  
 Regional Coordinator  Youth & Elderly

**Annual Membership Fee: Family: \$15.00 Single: \$10.00**

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ For period: \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership fee is due and payable on the first day of July to cover the period ending on the last day of June each year. The non-refundable membership fees are not pro-rated. Annual dues help defray administrative expenses such as the newsletters, postage, flyers and other charter-related costs.*