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Newsletter of the CULTURAL SOCIETY OF FILIPINO-AMERICANS

PAMANA VIII A Minnesota Tradition

For over ten months, more than forty volunteers have spent almost two hundred hours of their time in preparation for CSFA's major cultural presentation PAMANA VIII. This year's show will premier onstage several new choreographies that will showcase the talents of these performers as they present the different traditional dances of the Philippines. The two-hour program will feature Filipino culture in four colorful suites aptly called Cordillera, Sarimanok, Los Bailes de Ayer and Sa Aming Nayon. In addition, costumes, lights and set designs will all contribute to a visually stimulating experience that will further highlight the spectacle of that evening. Gary Paz is lead choreographer with Mar Alojado, Glen King, Therese Peterson, Tonette Burkhart, Carla Murdoch and Ligaya Carlos (Artistic Director) assisting him. In charge of costumes, sets, props, sound and lights are Jannie Noren, Ferdie Oconer, Sue Pimentel and Angel Pimentel. Head of productions is Jose Rivera with Lillian Brion, Tony Winick. Lourdes Rivera and Willen Korkowski handling grant applications, sponsorships, venue, promotions and finances. Don't miss out on this much sought after Filipino Minnesotan tradition. Pamana VIII is on September 26, 2009, Saturday, 7:30 PM at the newly constructed Burnsville Performing Arts Center located at 12600 Nicollet Ave in Burnsville. Go to ticketmaster.com to purchase your tickets on line. For inquiries, contact Jose Rivera at 651-578-0540.



VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE *By Pearl Malit*

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

During the 77th Festival of Nations held from April 30 to May 3 at the RiverCentre in St Paul, volunteers of CSFA (representing the Filipinos in the said event) have once again proven their altruism by taking active parts in the Filipino Café (including the food preparation and sales), the Bazaar and Folk Dance performances. CSFA salutes the many volunteers whose generosity and involvement has made this project a resounding success throughout the years. Maraming Salamat Po to our following friends and supporters. *(Continued on page 4)*

Fashion & Romance

By Paolo Española

Most Filipinos (at least those who hadve a Filipino channel on their TVs) remember the Pinoy *telenovela*. Timeless stories of romance, brotherhood and sacrifice, all blended with just the right amount of corniness. That was the inspiration and theme for the Philippine Student Association's (PSA) Fashion Show this year entitled "Harana: A Pinoy Love Story". The show wove in the story of Mark, a Filipino exchange student, who comes to the United States and learns several things about himself and love amongst the many fashion walks. In addition to apparel from retailers such as: Club Monaco, Delia's, Caché, and Lucky Brand Jeans, several students from the University's College of Design also brought several of their own outfits to add to the varied collection including a coat adorned with real chocolate pieces. Delicious, authentic Filipino food was catered by K-Wok and prizes, including iPod Nanos, Bluetooth headsets, and a PSA track jacket, were given out at the end to top off PSA's biggest annual event.

Held on the 18th of April at the University of Minnesota's Coffman Memorial Union, the event garnered an attendance of nearly 500 people, nearly twice as many as last year. Many commented on the classy decorations, DJ RonRon, who plays at the Aqua Nightclub, and the great music he played. Zachary Abrams, one of the models for the urban retailer MindState, commented that the place "looked very official. Even though I am not a Filipino, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and was impressed at how many well-known brands [PSA] took the time to bring out."

Gowhere Hip-Hop, Chicago's #1 hip hop blog, also brought in three musicians: S-Preme, LA, and Mr. Music, to sing several original songs to start the show with a bang. Other performances included a traditional dance by the members of PSA and the Cultural Society of Filipino-Americans (CSFA), a song number by Robert Mariano, and a boy band medley by Anthony and Voltaire Roxas. The Fil-Minnesotan Youth Organization (FMYO) also presented a modern dance followed by a surprise number by the young Kyle Rubianes, who danced to the song "Lollipop". Kyle's performance was met



with a standing ovation and loud cheering. Tien Le, a spectator commented that she "did not expect such amazing dance performances" and that Kyle "stole the show". The titular song "Harana" (or Serenade in English), originally played by the band Parokya ni Edgar was played by the Roxas brothers as well.

The PSA Fashion Show certainly has come far in the more than fifteen years since it was first begun. Justin Calubayan, a current board member who has contributed to previous fashion shows, was excited about "the many new things we tried out this year. It was the first time we tried an over arching plot, using props, and decorating to that extent." He expresses optimism for next year as "we tested out many concepts and know what areas we can improve for future shows. We will definitely build of the success of this year's show." With its success, the fashion show was a great closer for an exceptional year. The new board members, presented at the show, are gearing up for an even greater show with more surprises in store for next year.

***CSFA would like to
congratulate the new
batch of PSA officers
(2009-2010)***

President - Paolo Española
Vice President - Mia Clark
Secretary - Patricia Soriano
Treasurer - Jean Cruz
**Public Relations Officers -
 Joelle Fernandez
 & Carlo Yao**

Congratulations to Roxanne Flores,
daughter of Dodge and Aleth!

She graduated with honors from Woodbury High School.
She will attend UMD and
plans to major in accounting.

Congratulations to Missy Enanoza for graduating with a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from DePaul University in Chicago. She received several awards for leadership including the Rev. Ben Richardson Humanitarian Award and the Jose Rizal Leadership Award from the Senior Leaders in Multi Cultural Student Affairs (both from the university). Alpha Phi Gamma gave her the Humanitarian and the Multi Cultural leadership awards. She intends to go to graduate school after resting for a year. Tessie Enanoza is her proud Mama!

Samu't sari...



Pearl & Eli's Despedida, June '09, Rosemount



Filipino Cafe, Festival of Nations



World Kibagoo Day, Minchaba Park, June '09



Kids' Dance Troupe, Festival of Nations



Philippine Children's Camp 2009



Jane's Baby Shower, July '09, Bradley



Congratulations
Cliff Schneider for
graduating from
Farmington High School.
His proud parents are Ray
and Babie Schneider.

Congratulations to **Jayson Gomez** for
completing his liberal Arts degree at the University
of MN and to
Hubert Tuzon who will be graduating end of
this year. Jayson was vital in organizing this
year's PSA Fashion Show. Hubert is a member of
Game Time that placed 2nd in the
2009 PMA Basketball Tournament.

VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE! *(From page 1)***Fe Castillejos** *(overall chair)*

Linda Davis *(bazaar chairperson)*
Shirley Massie

Meding Ingenhutt & Pearl Cazcarro *(café and food prep chairs)*

Phil. Students Association

Marcy Ager
Mar Alojado
Nena Alojado
Nancy Ayotte
Jennifer Balagot
Diony Borja
Ariane Brion
Lillian Brion
Ligaya Carlos
Peping del Carmen
Salim del Carmen
Cesar Castillejos
Fe Castillejos
Ricky Cazcarro
Linda Davis
Tessie Enanoza
Lorna Faustino
Helen Hamman
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Glen King
Lily Lacap
Bambe Leiviska
Mae Lodermeier
Jun Luces
Willen Korkowski
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Julie Riel
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Jose Rivera
Mara Roque
Mariel Roque
Jose Santos
Lani Schlundt
Babie Schneider
Chidchanok Thanajaronrut
Jo Tigue
Randy Tigue
Glenn Urbi
Emily Weber

Susan Weber
Lynn Winick
Tony Winick
Wayne Winick
Gary Paz *(adult dance program chair)*
Mar Alojado
Josephine Anderson
Tonette Burkhart
Rowena Carlson
Ricky Cazcarro
Malou Dobberstein
Angela Ignacio
Lina Jonson
Willen Korkowski
Bambe Leiviska
Joe Malinao
YenYen McSherry
Carla Murdoch
Ferdie Oconer
Tessie Oconer
Therese Peterson
Lourdes Rivera
Jane Ungemach
Victoria Weber
Villa Williams
Tony Winick

Tonette Burkhart *(children dance program chair)*
Mar Alojado
Justin Anderson
Evelyn Bayer

Kemilyn Bayer
Ligaya Carlos
Lina Jonson
Carina King
Greg King
Aleli Kazlauskas
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Jonas Kazlauskas
Andrew Leiviska
Bambe Leiviska
Ferdie Oconer
Gary Paz
Gian Paz
Therese Peterson
Jacinta Rivera
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Ansel Sanchez
Jose Santos
AJ Torres
Kim Torres
Rachel Torres
Tony Winick

And to all others who have contributed but were not mentioned, please know that CSFA appreciates your support. We hope to see you again at next year's Festival, so mark your calendars: April 29 to May 2, 2010.

CSFA Basketball Team Reaches Quarterfinals *By Jose Rivera*

CSFA sponsored again its official team for the 2009 FMA Basketball Invitational Tournament held at the Minneapolis YWCA last June 27 to 28 of 2009. There was a record of sixteen teams this year, some hailing from as far as North Dakota. The CSFA team was composed of a good combination of younger (Raoul Alojado, Glen Aronen, JR Castillejos, Sooch Koam) and older players (Thomas Burkhart, Ramces Francisco, Mike Mandanas, Jose Rivera, Ed Santos, Jonj Sembrano, Brad Westerberg and Robin Zarate).

The first round-robin game pitted CSFA against the team from North Dakota. CSFA dominated early, but the ND team showed heart and tied the game during the last 5 minutes. CSFA kept their composure and eventually put the game out of reach. The second game of CSFA was against "Da Winos" led by Michael Gavino. The game was fairly even, with both teams playing hard defense, which resulted in a low-scoring game in the first half. During the second half, both offenses finally got going, with the Da Winos putting the game away with some clutch 3-point shooting. During the first round playoffs, CSFA was matched against Crossover, a very young and talented team composed mainly of players from FMYO. The game was hotly contested and very physical. Crossover went ballistic from outside hitting around nine 3-point shots. CSFA kept the game close by making baskets from the inside. With less than two minutes remaining, CSFA was still trailing by eight points and was in desperation mode. CSFA started fouling to stop the clock and to force Crossovers to make their free throws. That strategy seemed to work as CSFA was down by two points with 25 seconds remaining. With time running

down, Ramces hit a clutch 3-pointer that put CSFA in the lead for good and shocked the Crossover fans. CSFA won the game and gave itself the opportunity to play Double J in the quarterfinals, arguably, the best team in the tournament. Unfortunately, the game wasn't even close as CSFA lost by more than 30 points. Regardless, the CSFA team had its best showing ever, going 2-2 and making it to the quarterfinals for the first time, losing to the eventual champions Double J, led by Chris Peralta. In the 3-point shoot out, Glen Aronen, who represented CSFA, landed several awesome shots eventually placin third.

Kudos goes out to Darwin Yasis and Rey Eduvas of FMA for hosting another successful basketball tournament and a special thanks to Dr. Ed Santos for leading the CSFA team this year as coach and captain.



The Cultural Society of Filipino Americans presents

PAMANA VIII

celebrating the Filipino heritage

SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

7:30PM



BURNSVILLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

12600 NICOLLET AVE. BURNSVILLE, MN, 55337

This activity is made possible, in part, by funds provided by the Irish Fair and the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council from an appropriation by the Minnesota Legislature

Tickets \$15-\$20

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July 24, 2009

Dear Supporter of Filipino Culture:

The Cultural Society of Filipino-Americans is presenting PAMANA VIII on September 26, 2009 7:30pm at the Burnsville Performing Arts Center at 12600 Nicollet Ave. Burnsville, MN 55337.

PAMANA VIII is our community's continuing commitment to showcase our culture through a 2-hour performance featuring Filipino dances, costumes, music and settings.

To make this PAMANA more successful, we would like to solicit your generous support. Found below is a list of possible levels of support that might interest you. At whatever support level, donors are entitled to complimentary reserved tickets.

In order for us to appropriately acknowledge your contribution in the printed program and in the poster exhibits, and to reserve any requested tickets, please fill up form below, clip along dotted line and mail with your donation, on or before **August 21, 2009** to:

CSFA, Attn. PAMANA Contributions
P.O. Box 2773, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102

Thank you for your kind attention and continuous support of the promotion of Filipino culture. If more information about any aspect of this program is required, please call me at 651-578-0540 or email me at info@csfamn.org.

Maraming salamat po,


Jose Rivera
CSFA President

A. Contribution

Yes, I would like to contribute towards PAMANA VIII, at the following level of support:

- ☐ **Sampaguita** – at \$1,000 or more (4 complimentary tickets)
☐ **WalingWaling** – at \$500 to \$999 (4 complimentary tickets)
☐ **IlangIlang** – at \$300 to \$499 (2 complimentary tickets)
☐ **Gumamela** – at \$100 to \$299 (2 complimentary tickets)
☐ **Dahlia** – at \$50 to \$99 (2 complimentary tickets)

o Amount: _____

B. Tickets

- ☐ Send my complimentary tickets.
☐ I am unable to attend the show and would like CSFA to donate the tickets allotted to me to other members of the community.
☐ I would like to purchase additional tickets for the show. (Kindly indicate quantity. Please note that tickets cost from \$15 to \$20 each.)

Total Amount Enclosed: _____
All tickets will be mailed to address below.

C. Program/Exhibit

In the program and exhibit, acknowledge the donation as from:

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Pinoy Camping for Kids

Last July 11 and 12, 2009, 29 kids and over 30 volunteers participated in CSFA's 4th annual Philippine Children's Camp. The children gathered early that Saturday morning to learn the history and geography of the Philippines. They enjoyed designing and painting their yellow and orange bandanas, which were adorned with drawings of their team name (Tutubi, Bubuyog, Paruparo, Tikling and Lawin). Traditional Filipino games were played including the patintero, which every year continues to be a favorite. Basic tinikling steps were taught but some kids had the advantage of knowing this dance very well due to being members of the CSFA Dance Troupe. Meals served included a variety of Filipino fare like the sinigang na baboy, ginataang gulay, longganisa, fried rice, cascaron, barbecue, adobo, mangoes and of course, lumpia which the kids rolled up themselves. That Saturday evening, everyone gathered round the campfire for smores and later proceeded to the barn for the shadow puppet show. The following day during the culminating activities, the kids were awarded their certificate of participation, sang Paa, Tuhod, Balikat, Ulo and danced the tinikling. Everyone then gathered to the dining area to partake of the last meal, which included sago pearls. Kids



Starring: Bryce, Andrew, Joshua, Ansel, Jacinta, Justin, Jose, Alex, Gian, Kemilyn, Naethan, Adry, Jennifer, Amber, Xena, Michaela, Beah, Kianna, Carina, Jasmine, Rianna, Maia, Jade, Tiana, Emilia, William, Aaron, Levi, and Evan

succumbed only to the beckoning of their parents to go home only after the marshals agreed to a rematch in a Patintero game.

Aside from the educational materials, the blue shirts, the shell jewelry, the flag and the sipa they made, the kids (and some of the volunteers, as well) also took home with them a fun for (re)discovering and (re)learning Pinoy stuff. The experience also gave them a further respect and understanding of their Filipino heritage. Ligaya Carlos is the over-all chair of this event and Lynn Winick is the co-chair. CSFA and the kids are grateful to all the camp volunteers, namely, Therese, Marissa, Jennifer, Carlo, Erika, Juno, Jeff, Jason, Peter, Ron, Julie, Babie, Lourdes, Jannie, Tessie, Evelyn, Lita, Gary, Thea, Kevin, Adeth, Rumel, Grace, Dave, Tony, Ferdie, Elsa, Addy, Maya, Alex, Tonette, Tom, Bambe, Joy, Anna, Marither, Dan, Lina, Glen and Ed. Next year ulit!

Missing Pearl

Pearl Malit Cazcarro is one of CSFA's beloved and precious members. She was Secretary and Member of the Board of Directors of CSFA and has been actively involved in organizing and coordinating the Filipino Café of the Festival of Nations for several years. The Filipino community also knows Pearl as a performer for the CSFA Dance Troupe, an avid member and editor of the newsletter of the Filipino Bowling League and a cheerful caroler during the Christmas Season. Everyone wants to have Pearl by her side during an activity knowing that Pearl will do her part well and will support through and through anything she commits to. Annually, she will be seen helping in the organization of the Pasko Sa Nasyon, the Philippine Children's Camp and her articles are usually seen in the CSFA Newsletter/Alibata. Best of all, she is a San Antonio Spurs fan! Pearl has recently moved to San Francisco with Eli, her baby boy, to venture on a new career path. Pearl's husband, Ricky is still in MN and will be joining her later on. Pearl is greatly missed and in case, she comes back to Minnesota, CSFA will make sure she doesn't leave again.



Congratulations to **Haley Anne Hamman** for graduating from Hopkins High School. Haley will be attending the University of Minnesota for College. She is the daughter of the current CSFA auditor Helen Hamman, a very proud mom.



Congratulations to **Victoria Weber** for graduating from South High School in Minneapolis. Victoria is a member of the CSFA Dance Troupe and a participant in the upcoming PAMANA VIII. Emily Weber is her proud and happy mother.

Annual Family Campout & Picnic

August 7-9, 2009



Marshview Campsite, Baker Park Reserve, Lake Independence
4000 County Road 24, Maple Plain, MN 55359

Take I-394 West, to I-494 North, to Hwy 55 West, and left on Cty 24.
Turn right to enter Marshview Campsite, just east of the lake

The entire family is invited to attend this free community event. You are welcome to campout or just join in for the picnic festivities on Aug 8. Please bring your own beverage, camping equipment and a potluck dish to share.

Schedule:

Aug 7 Fri 1pm Golf, camp open
 Aug 8 Sat 9 am Volleyball Tourney
 2pm Games
 6pm Catholic Mass
 7pm Potluck Dinner
 with lechon
 8pm Bingo & Karaoke
 Aug 9 Sun 1pm camp closed

Games and Activities:

Children's games, Pabita, Badminton, Swimming,
 Music and Dancing, Movies and Karaoke.
 Bingo with Raffles and dozens of prizes.
 5-person Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament
 (email joearmen98@yahoo.com to register)
 Golf outing at Baker National Golf Course
 (email marnelalido@yahoo.com to register)



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"No Culture can live,
if it attempts to be exclusive."

I am constantly guided by this quote
from Mahatma Gandhi.

For me, this is the driving force behind
CSFA's mission "to preserve and
promote..."

In other words, our culture lives by being
inclusive. In a similar sense, it also
applies to subcultures, which can take
the form of regional provinces, or even
organizations, as each has its own
missions, traditions,
attitudes and ways of
doing things. Regardless of the
differences, we all strive to promote the
Filipino, and its culture, in a positive
light, especially to those who may not
know us. The message I want to send
here is that we need to try harder to be
more inclusive, not just to non-Filipinos,
but

to our own kababayans who may be
members of other regions or
organizations. The end result is
more participation, collaboration
between the groups, which raises the
visibility of the Filipino as a whole. I've
seen examples of that during the recent
Martin Nievera in MN concert. I hope to
see the same level of
participation as we gear up for Pamana
VIII. I challenge each one of you to invite
everyone, Filipinos and non-Filipinos
alike, and share with them the beauty
and sophistication of our culture
presented in Pamana.

Maraming Salamat Po!

Jose Rivera

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RENEW your membership!

VOLUNTEER! DONATE!

Fill out form below, clip and mail.

MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER APPLICATION/DONATION FORM

- ☐ New
- ☐ Renewal
- ☐ Volunteer only

*Note: Membership is for one year
effective on day of election.
(Sept 11 '09 to Sept 2 '10)*

- ☐ Individual, \$5
- ☐ Family, \$10
- ☐ Donation: \$ _____

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MEMBERS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____

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- ☐ CHRISTMAS CAROLING
- ☐ KITCHEN PREPARATION
- ☐ FOLK DANCING
- ☐ NEWSLETTER
- ☐ WEBPAGE DESIGNING
- ☐ CHILDREN'S CAMP
- ☐ PHILIPPINE DAY
- ☐ FESTIVAL OF NATIONS
- ☐ PASKO SA NAYON
- ☐ WORKSHOPS
- ☐ OTHERS: _____

Please make check payable to CSFA.

Mail completed form and check to

CSFA (Membership/Donation)
PO BOX 2773
St. Paul, MN 55102

CSFA 2009 Events

August 7-9 Annual Campout and
Volleyball Tournament

September 26 PAMANA VIII

Burnsville Performing Arts Center

October 17 Induction Dinner and Dance

December 12 Pasko Sa Nayon

* Dates are subject to change.

If you would like more information or would like to
volunteer in any of these events, please visit
www.csfamn.org or send a message to info@csfamn.org.

Check out CSFA's page in
FACEBOOK!

CSFA Dance Troupe

*"Promoting Filipino culture in
Minnesota"*

Practices are every Thursday, 7 to 9 PM
at Church of St. John in St. Paul.

The Dance Troupe is currently preparing
for PAMANA VIII.

Visit www.csfamn.org for more details.

2009 Monthly CSFA Meetings

August 14 Oconer's (St. Louis Park)

September 11 Elections (Bethany Church)

October 2 Rivera's (Woodbury)

November 6 Burkhardt's (Minneapolis)

Visit www.csfamn.org for more information.

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