



# CSFA Newsletter

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**MISSION: Preserve, promote, and share valued Filipino customs and traditions through cultural, educational, social and philanthropic activities.**

## CELEBRATING THE FILIPINO FLAVOR

By Pearl Malit



Lillian, Bambe, Lynn, Lina, Fe, Lauren & Elizabeth at the Filipino Café.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Festival of Nations was held at St. Paul RiverCentre on May 3 to 6, 2007. This year's theme of "ethnic games, toys and sports" offered a fun and festive atmosphere for the numerous, diverse cultures in the Twin Cities.

CSFA represented the Filipino group in the International Bazaar, the Ethnic Café and the Dance Performances. This year's Festival of Nations Philippine contingent was chaired by Fe Castillejos (overall), Linda Davis (bazaar), Gary Paz (adult dance program), Tonette Burkhardt (children dance program) and Lynn Winick (Filipino Café).



Joelle, Jackie and Marco dancing the tinikling.

The Dance Troupe staged outstanding performances on May 4 at 8 PM (*Ba Ingles, Sakuting, Tinikling*) and May 5 at 1:30 PM (*Tinikling*), to the delight of the crowd.

The Filipino bazaar featured a lively assortment of gifts, clothing and jewelry, consigned by Shirley Asuncion and Shirley Massie. The best sellers this year were the coconut ukulele and the shell fashion accessories, most of which were brought in from the Cebu islands. With Shirley Massie's ingenuity, the Filipino group has been setting the trend for the past four years what lucrative merchandise appeals to the world market, in what we know as the Festival.

Last but not least, the Filipino Café's delectable menu showcased chicken adobo, (Continued on page 4)

## Agila, Kalabaw, Bangus, Mangga At Sampaguita

By Ligaya Carlos

Twenty-eight children participated in CSFA's second Philippine Children's Camp last July 7 and 8, 2007 in Baker Park Reserve in Maple Plain. Despite being the hottest days of that month, everyone enjoyed learning about the Philippines and its language, playing Filipino games, wrapping lumpia and eating delicious Filipino meals.



L to R. Front to back row. Ansel, Jose, Naethan, Gavrie, Joshua, Gian, Austyn, Alejandro, Julian, Jeremiah, Kemilyn, Kiana, Amiya, Michaela, Rianna, Justine, Temay, Martina, Jea, Xena, Nikka, Chantelle, Alexys, Kyla, Louisa, Adry, Abigail and Jacinta.

The children were divided into five groups named according to some Philippine national symbols, agila, kalabaw, bangus, mangga and sampaguita. They constructed the Filipino flag, made and played their own sipa and designed their shirts with their respective group name as the theme. The game cadang-cadang (the materials of which came all the way from Sorsogon, care of Tonette's father) was introduced. However, patintero remains to be the perennial favorite. The meals were sumptuous but there didn't seem to be enough mangoes. The kids kept going back to the buffet table for more. Smores and the shadow puppets were the highlights of the evening before the children hit the sack at 9 PM (well, some of them a bit later). They slept in five separate tents with two assigned marshals.

On the second day, the kids wore the shirts that they designed and donned costumes in preparation for their culminating activity. With their parents, family members, friends and loved ones around, the children performed an Igorot-inspired dance with only a total of two hours to learn it. They (Continued on page 3)



## **Message from the President**

*By Ludy Bergenthal*

CSFA should be proud of its major achievements. Our major and successful fundraising activities include Christmas caroling and the Festival of Nations (the Filipino bazaar and Café).

There was overwhelming community participation in Pasko sa Nayon, annual Bowling Tournament, Philippine Day and the campouts.

Our Dance Troupe under Therese Peterson's chairmanship has continued to become our most sought after activity. Visit our website at [www.csfamn.org](http://www.csfamn.org) to check our performance and practice schedules.

CSFA's participation in the following activities continued our efforts to collaborate with various community organizations and events. These include the following: Filipino Heart (Oct 06); Rizal Day (Dec 06); Sinulog and PNA winter party (Jan 07); FAWN – Children, Culture and Health, FMA – Easter Fest (April 07); PCM–Konsyerto Pilipino, Santacruzan, Flores de Mayo (May 07); Archbishop Mission Appeal, FMA Basketball Tournament, PCM–Alay sa Kultura (June 07); Fil-Am of St. Cloud Annual Picnic (July 07).

As president, I spearheaded the budget process and cash flow projection for the year. As chair of the Cultural Generation Gap committee, I invite everyone to attend the workshop, which will be held on September 29, 2007. The workshop will be the highlight of my initial attempt to promote and foster our youth, the future of our Filipino community.

My deepest appreciation to all the CSFA officers and members who volunteered their time, talent and resources for a successful year. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the leaders and members of the various community organizations.

Let us cohesively move forward on uncharted paths towards the growth of the Filipino American Community.

## **CSFA Officers 2006 - 2007**

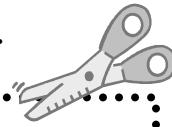
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## **NOT YET A CSFA Member?**

**Or, need to renew,  
want to volunteer or donate?  
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*MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER  
APPLICATION/DONATION FORM*

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  - Renewal       Family, \$10
  - Volunteer only
  - Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Members:

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**Interested In:**

- Christmas Caroling
  - Community Activities eg Festival of Nations
  - Folk Dancing
  - Publications
  - Children's Camp
  - Bowling Tournament
  - Others, please describe:

Mail with check, payable to:

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*Cadang cadang is tricky.*

(Continued from page 1. Agila, Kalabaw, Bangus...) impressed everyone including members of the CSFA Dance Troupe who were present in this camp.

Each child received a certificate of attendance, a binder containing written materials of what was taught in camp and a token. Before heading home, everyone shared a last meal and talked about experiences gained that weekend.

The organizers, Lynn and this author, sincerely appreciate the participation of these



*The girls doing the Igorot dance.*

twenty-eight wonderful children. They also extend their deepest gratitude to the volunteers, namely, Agnes, Alex, Carla, Dave, Ed, Evelyn, Ferdie, Gary, Glen, Jannie, Jasper, Jeannine, Jeff, Jennifer, Josie, Juliet, Karl, Kevin, Kim, Lina, Lita, Lourdes, Mar, Marissa, Nina, Pieter, Soy, Tessie, Thea, Therese, Tom, Tonette and Tony. To Gina Schrader who donated the foot long pencils and to Esther Paguyo, Evelyn Bayer and Virgie Carlson, who donated snacks, these gifts were dearly valued. Sa lahat ng tumulong, maraming salamat po! Sa uulitin!

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*Patintero was a favorite in the camp.*

## CSFA Basketball Team in the Quarterfinals

By Mar Alojado

JR shot the ball near mid-court. It hit the backboard and bounced on the rim but not in the basket! If that shot swished in, the team would have moved forward to the semifinals and had a chance to win it all! Maybe next year!!!



In keeping with the spirit of Bayanihan amongst the Filipino-American communities, CSFA formed a team composed of registered members to represent the group at the 2nd FMA Basketball Invitational that took place on June 23 to 24, 2007 at the Minneapolis Sports Center.

There were twelve teams that competed in the all-Filipino tourney. T-shirt uniforms provided by the organizers came with the registration. This author led the singing of the Philippine national anthem while Robert Mariano sang the American at the Opening Ceremonies. There were lots of fans, friends and families of basketball players who watched the ball games. The CSFA team won a game and lost another by a close margin that qualified them to the second round. CSFA members came to cheer the team on the second day upon hearing that the team advanced. There was also the 3-point shooting contest and Eddie Santos represented the team. The Edwin C. Duero Dance Company that performed at the PCM-sponsored show (Alay sa Kultura) the night before was the half-time entertainment in the finals.

The CSFA basketball team was composed of younger players and was considered the most improved group this year.



Front row (L to R): Ed Santos, Sooch Koam, Jasper Jonson, and Jonathan Sembrano. Second row (L to R): Eddie Santos, Cesar Castillejos, Jr. (coach), Thomas Burkhardt, Dan Zarraga, Jose Rivera (captain), Chris Haffely and Mar Alojado (manager). Ernie Tubalado was not able to play due to an injury.

(Continued from page 1. *Celebrating The Filipino Flavor*) pancit, lumpia, carioca and sago (strawberry flavored bubble tea).

### TOP 10 Foods for Thought

10. Why doesn't the meal voucher come with bubble tea?
9. Water soaked 100 lb of sotanghon noodles
8. Hand shredded almost 150 lbs of chicken pancit (is food processor the next best thing since sliced bread?)
7. Are you sure the meal voucher doesn't come with bubble tea?
6. Water steamed almost 100 lb of white rice
5. Deep fried over 1,800 rolls of lumpia
4. 107 meal vouchers redeemed without bubble tea (not all the time, anyway)
3. Coated with sugar 1,200 sticks carioca
2. Slow cooked 350 lb of chicken adobo
1. Sold over 3,800 cups of sago (not counting the trades).

The hard-working and diligent volunteers (in alphabetical order) included Kathryn Ager, Marcy Ager, Sarah Ager, Ron Alcantara, Mar Alojado, Nena Alojado, Tisha Alojado, Elizabeth Anderson, Joy Artes, Ludy Bergenthal (sago chairperson), Diony Borja, Lising Borja, Ariane Brion, Lillian Brion, Cesar Castillejos, Ricky Cazcarro, Mavie Cherne, Peping del Carmen, Lydia de Guzman, Angie Colliander, Tessie Enanoza, Rose Espena, Ed Faustino, Lorna Faustino, Joelle Fernandez, Amalia Fuentes, Diane Go, Lauren Haffely, Helen Hamman, Greg Herriges, Jeff Hiess, Judith Hiess, Edita Hondojare, Angela Ignacio, Meding Ingenhutt, Greg Jaramillo Jr., Ed Jonson, Lina Jonson, Nina Jonson, Glen King, Josie Koenen, Lily Lacap, Bambe Leiviska, Jun Luces, Beth Malinao, Joe Malinao, Pearl Malit, YenYen McSherry, Francine Mendones, Carla Murdock, Mike Murdock, Jocy Navarro, Jannie Noren, Ferdie Oconer, Tessie Oconer, Adeth Panaligan, Rumel Panaligan, Ritchel Pascual, Juliet Paz, Lita Paz, Therese Peterson, Lucina Posas, Julie Riel, Mel Riel, Lourdes Rivera, Mara Roque, Marco Roque, Mariel Roque,

Adry Sanchez, Babie Schneider, Cliff Schneider, Ray Schneider, Lani Schlundt, Erlinda Shotton, Delia Sliter, Jackie Sliter, Maricel Tropezado, Glenn Urbi, Emily Weber, Julie Weber, MaryRose Weber, Susan Weber, Victoria Weber, Villa Williams, Dave Winick, Tony Winick, Wayne Winick, CFC's YFC/MN (Couples for Christ-Youth for Christ) [and the many others not named who contributed in various ways].

The Festival has always been CSFA's leading fundraising event. Proceeds are apportioned throughout the coming year to the many charitable institutions supported by the organization and also to its numerous community activities and projects. Again, this would not have been made possible without the commitment and generosity of the many volunteers, who shared in the ups, downs and in-between moments of the Festival. On a personal note, I am forever grateful to my fellow volunteers for educating me on the finer details of opening pop-top lid cans with ease.

Mark your calendars for the next Festival on May 1 to 4, 2008.

### TOP 10 Fantabulous & Funky Finds

10. When life hands you egg roll wrappers, make turon!
9. "Can I please go home now?"
8. Volunteers cannot quit from their position.
7. "Beep-beep!" is another way of muttering, "Get out of the way!"
6. "TADA!" does not work all the time for all people
5. "Can I have my food stamp (aka meal voucher) please?"
4. "Is it time for break yet?"
3. Double wrapping is not concealing a mistake but adding the extra crisp.
2. "Suck real hard and the black stuff comes out!"
1. Collectively raised over \$21K gross income!

## *Mabuhay, Graduates and Parents!*

*Congratulations to this year's graduates, their proud parents and families!*

*Nathan Arne (son of Bessie & Steve)  
Christian Bejarin (son of Elizabeth & Steve)  
Krystel Calubayan (daughter of Allen & Efren)  
David Canillas (son of Mary & Dante)  
Raquel Flores (daughter of Aleth & Dodge)  
Steven Frankenfield (son of Marissa & Greg)  
KZ Mendoza (son of Teresa & Jojo)  
Danya Ramos (daughter of Aida & Bayani)  
Francine Sanagustin (daughter of Judith & Jeff)  
Tracy Sliter (daughter of Delia & Dave)  
Patricia Soriano (daughter of Cora)  
Wifredo Tropezado, Jr. (son of Maricel & Wifredo)  
Kathleen Williams (daughter of Villa)*

*And to all the others we failed to mention...*



*Graduation offers new  
beginnings and exciting  
opportunities.*

*"Magsimula ka!"*

## CSFA Dance Troupe Sightings



► On May 18, 2007, Glen, Tonette and Lourdes went to Aurora Charter School, a bilingual Spanish-English school for students of Latino heritage, in Minneapolis. They were there to answer some questions about the Philippines from the fourth grade students of Erika Fruetel. They later performed the tinikling and some of the kids even tried to learn the "tikling" dance steps. This was part of the "Festival of Nations" theme that the school was holding. Ms. Fruetel's parents, Roz and Jerry, lived in the Philippines in the seventies as Peace Corps volunteers. The kids loved the three members of the Dance Troupe and asked them to come back the following day.

► On May 30, 2007, CSFA was invited to perform by the Valuing Diversity Steering Committee of the Department of Revenues in St. Paul. The Dance Troupe performed the Sakuting, Pandango/Oasioas, Ba Ingles, Subli and Tinikling. Before each number, a brief background and description of the dance was given to explain to the attendees what was being depicted in each dance. Posing with the CSFA Dance Troupe in the picture on the right are Cherrie Adiarte, Sue LaPlante, Carole Ward and Thomas Tran. All four are with the above-mentioned committee with Ms. LaPlante as the committee's coordinator. Ms. Wald is the assistant Commissioner for Income Taxes in MN.



► The Edwin Duero Dance Company came to Minneapolis to perform for PCM's "Alay sa Kultura" on June 24 and 25, 2007. Two days prior to their show, this dance company also gave a two-hour workshop on Filipino folk dances in New Hope. It was mainly members of the CSFA Dance Troupe who attended this. In addition, Mr. Duero gave a brief informative talk on the costumes and a short explanation of the dances they were performing. During the workshop, members of the dance company taught the choreography of three different folk dances to the participants.



► Last July 14, 2007, several members of the Dance Troupe drove all the way to St. Cloud to present Filipino rural folk dances during the St. Cloud Fil-Am Picnic. Everyone enjoyed the occasion that also marked the debut of Gian and Kemilyn, children of two other members, as tinikling dancers. Alex, Justin and Mia joined the group as new and returning members of the Dance Troupe.

► The other sightings were during the Santacruzan last May 19, PCM's "Konsyerto Pilipino" last May 26, Philippine Independence Day last June 9 and at the Kiddies and Kritters Camp in Kenwood Park, Minneapolis last July 31.

### 2007 CSFA Schedule and Venue of Meetings

Aug 10, Membership	Peterson's (Burnsville)
Sept 7, Elections	Bethany Baptist Church
Oct 5, Board	Winick's (Burnsville)
Nov 2, Membership	Burkhart's (Minneapolis)
Dec 7, Board	Hiess' (New Hope)

The public is invited to attend and participate in any of these Friday meetings beginning at 7 PM. Check website for directions.

### ERRATUM

The editorial staff apologizes to Aleah Pimentel and her family for misspelling her name in the April 2007 edition of the CSFA Newsletter.

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## 2007 Upcoming CSFA and Fil-Am Activities

Sept 7, Friday, CSFA Annual Election of Officers and Board Members. This will be conducted at the Bethany Baptist Church in Roseville. There will be a potluck dinner at 7PM and the election proper will be part of the 8 PM CSFA membership meeting. Active CSFA members interested to be officers should call Linda Davis, nominations committee chair, at 651-770-2535.

Sept 29, Saturday, Cultural Generation Gap. This workshop will tackle issues of Filipino families here in Minnesota. For more information, please contact Ludy Bergenthal at 952-936-0238/[ludy\\_vip@yahoo.com](mailto:ludy_vip@yahoo.com).

Oct 20. Saturday, CSFA's 36th Induction of Officers. A formal dinner event to inaugurate the elected officers of 2007-08 will be held at the Zurah Shrine Center, 2540 Park Ave Minneapolis, 55404. The affair will begin at 6PM. For inquiries, please call Tonette Burkhart at 952-994-6015, Jeff Hiess at 952-457-0743 or Glen King at 763-639-7213.

December. Caroling. What is Christmas without carols? Interested to join or to host? Please contact Lourdes Rivera at 651-578-0540. Practices will begin in November.

Dec 8, Saturday Pasko sa Nayon. Join the CSFA in sharing the spirit and joy of the Christmas holiday Filipino-style. This year, this event will have a new venue at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 901 E 90<sup>th</sup> St. Bloomington, 55420. Being CSFA's culminating activity for the year 2007, this promises to be a festive and a memorable affair. For more information, contact Pearl Malit at 952-484-8353 or Tonette Burkhart at 952-994-6015. Maligayang Pasko po!

Wednesdays, 8-8:30 PM. Filipino American National News (FANN). This is a Filipino produced radio show broadcasted in the Twin Cities and can be heard on two KFAI frequencies, 106.7 FM in Minneapolis and 90.3 FM in St. Paul, and online at <http://www.kfai.org/programs/philnews.htm>. Alan Bungue, Ramon Hough and Lita Malicsi host the show.

Thursdays, 7-9 PM. CSFA Folk Dance Classes & Practices. Learn Filipino culture through folk dancing and get a chance to perform in different MN events. Email Therese Peterson at [dancetroupe@csfamn.org](mailto:dancetroupe@csfamn.org). Visit [www.csfamn.org](http://www.csfamn.org) for the venue of the weekly dance practices and other information.