



# CSFA Newsletter \*April 2007\*

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## Philippine Day 2007 - A Day to Gather Together

By Nina Jonson



The lobby of the Landmark Center in St. Paul was the site of the 20<sup>th</sup> Philippines Day!

The 20th annual Philippine Day was a roaring success! This year's event, hosted by CSFA, was again held at the beautiful Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul and was



"Tunog at Himig". CSFA booth featuring different Filipino indigenous musical instruments.

attended by over five hundred people! Attendees delighted in reconnecting with old friends as well as meeting new ones, and everyone enjoyed the happy shouts of the many children playing together. Food is always an integral part of any happy Filipino gathering, and this year's vendors supplied visitors with a variety of delicacies including pancit, adobo, barbecue, lumpia and dinuguan. When people tired of eating, they wandered through the bazaar to purchase gifts, music and apparel, visit the informational booths for the Philippine Scholars, Philippine Students Association and other local Filipino groups, or learn about the rich musical heritage



The MN Kali Group giving an arnis demonstration. Arnis is a form of martial arts from the Philippines.

of the Philippines while testing some traditional instruments at the CSFA education table. Many guests found their way to the membership table, taking time to join the CSFA and purchase items such as the DVD for Pamana 2006, the Filipino-American directory or the CSFA cookbook. The public relations officer for CSFA, Jasper Jonson, was happy with the amount of new members that joined the organization, saying, "It is wonderful to have so many new and renewing members here today." (continued on page 4)



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## Come, Join Us, and Stay For A While!

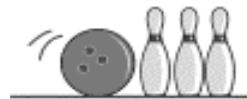
By Jasper Jonson

1,212...A large number...but what does it mean to the Cultural Society of Filipino Americans? Is it the number of islands in the Philippines? Nope. According to the Philippine Government, there are 7,107. Is it the number of Filipinos in Minnesota? Nope. According to the 2000 Census there are 9,696 Filipinos in Minnesota. So what does this number mean? That number is the amount of households that receive CSFA newsletters and flyers. So why should you care? Here is why...

*The mission of the CSFA is to preserve, promote, and share valued Filipino customs and traditions through cultural, educational, social and philanthropic activities; a noble mission that we as an organization continually strive to realize through dance performances, annual social events, cultural celebrations, regular donations and other Filipino gatherings. But who does everything that needs to be done in order to make these events a success? VOLUNTEERS.* Presently as an organization, the CSFA is in need of volunteers to help fill committees, staff events, and donate time and skills. This could be as small as working for a few hours at the Festival of Nations, to larger commitments such as being an active committee member in an area of personal interest. As an organization, we cannot achieve greatness without the help of volunteers.

So, what does all of this mean? 1,212 households receive the CSFA newsletters and flyers. Our hope is that 1,212 households not only pay the nominal membership fees (refer to membership form) but also think strongly about volunteering for the CSFA. The commitment can be minimal, but the rewards are priceless for being an active member for a strong philanthropic organization that serves the Filipino community in the Twin Cities. On behalf of all the officers, board members, and ex-officios of the CSFA, "Come, Join Us, and Stay For A While!"

*Alam ba ninyo?* Paeng Nepomuceno, a Filipino, won the World Cup in bowling four times in three decades: in Tehran, Iran in 1976; in Jakarta, Indonesia in 1980; in Le Mans, France in 1992; and, in Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1996. He was the first enshrined in the International Bowling Hall of Fame in St. Louis, Missouri in 1993. In November 1999, the Federation Internationale des Quilleurs (FIQ) named Paeng as the "International Bowling Athlete of the Millennium."



## Let the Good Times Roll!

By Pearl Malit

The CSFA Annual Bowling Tournament took place February 18, 2007 at the AMF Saxon Lanes in St Paul. More than 60 bowling enthusiasts from across the Twin Cities gathered to compete for bragging rights.

The tournament format consisted of 3 games and the winners determined by total pin fall per game and series. Attendance has been in decline for the past couple of years, but it still has something to offer everyone, especially to those who keep coming back.

A highlight of the event was the trophy presentation to last year's winners. CSFA board member, Therese Peterson and her cousin, Ron Ramirez, celebrated their birthdays with ice cream and cake for everyone. The tournament, open to all skill levels and ages, also entertained several kids, banging the balls off the bumpers. Everyone shared a fun time giving each other spirited, celebratory high fives. The event brought generations of families that bonded through bowling.

The winners in this year's tournament are found below.

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| <b>Men's High Game</b>     | <b>Ron Ramirez</b>      |
| <b>Men's High Series</b>   | <b>Edgardo Faustino</b> |
| <b>Women's High Game</b>   | <b>Lanie Rothmund</b>   |
| <b>Women's High Series</b> | <b>Lita Paz</b>         |
| <b>Youth High Game</b>     | <b>Evan Williams</b>    |
| <b>Youth Series</b>        | <b>David Wallin</b>     |
| <b>Kids' High Game</b>     | <b>Gian Paz</b>         |
| <b>Kids' High Series</b>   | <b>Jacinta Rivera</b>   |

Special thanks goes to the event organizer, Nena Alojado, and kudos to all of the participants and volunteers who helped make this event a success. Remember to mark your calendars for next year's tournament!



Nena Alojado handing the trophies to the 2006 winners! David Wallin, Ed Faustino, Fe Castillejos, Tonette Burkhardt, Boyet Sioco and Gian Paz (filling in for Cliff Schneider)

## CSFA Loses Randy & Jo to Virginia

By Mar Alojado

What would CSFA be without the Tigues? Well, we'll lose a Robert's Rule and legal expert, orator, humorist, logician, analyst, problem-solver, leader, worker, a Finnish rep and a realist in Randy. Some of these are also in Jo who is soft-spoken, incisive, systematic, organized and innovative. Randy and Jo moved to Richmond, Virginia a few months ago and will be missed deeply.

Randy is an ex-officio board member by virtue of serving two 1-year terms as President. He is a noted First Amendment defense lawyer who speaks very fluent Tagalog. He always brought his scrumptious "dishes" for the monthly, potluck meetings. At the annual camp outs, he liked riding his bike and cooking his favorite pancake recipes for breakfast.

He was Santa Claus for many Christmases during the CSFA Pasko sa Nayon and the FMA Paskong Pilipino. (Hush, don't tell the kids that!) At the Philippine Café during the Festival of Nations, he was a prolific vendor of carioca. In one of the Pamana shows when he was President, he would clean up after the practices. He loves to sing and dance and even performed in some of the FMA musical stage shows. He was a perennial singer in caroling and sometimes in the Socialites group. Vincent, Pedro, and Blichen would be lost in "Mamacita" without Pancho in his huge Mexican sombrero. OLE! Give him space on the floor, he is a kicker when it comes to dancing. He was the spirited leader of the Kano team in the Pinoy-Kano slow pitch softball at the annual Philippine Independence Day picnic. He bragged and made sure that we publish the results in the newsletter whenever they won. After the Friday meetings, he would take the birthday boys to the men's clubs for free. What fun it was!

Jo, on the other hand, served as newsletter editor and held other positions like Secretary, board member and Festival of Nations Filipino café chairperson. She convinced CSFA to take away the Café section from consignees to keep the big profits for itself. She was right! Just like Randy, she sang at carolings, likes jokes and giggles at puns. However, in recent years, her work during odd hours deterred her to attend monthly CSFA meetings and committee work. *(continued on page 6)*



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*Tessie, Mar and Ferdie dancing the Sakuting.*

(continued from page 1) The ever-popular program was emceed by Tony Winick, CSFA treasurer, who kept the crowd entertained between acts with his humorous remarks. The show started off with a well-received speech by current CSFA president Ludy Bergenthal, who shared with the audience the many successful activities CSFA has organized, as well as some exciting plans for the future. We were fortunate enough to have Jan McDaniel, the CEO of the Twin Cities Area American Red Cross on hand to thank CSFA for their generous donations to assist with Philippine Disaster Relief, as well as to let everyone know about new ways to help. The entertainment during the program was incredible, ranging from the rocking sounds of Puro Noys, to the precision moves of the Optamystic Break



*Polka Bal by Aliyah, Tony, Carla and Tonette.*

Dance Crew, with praise dance, mime, hip-hop and martial arts in between. We were blessed with many beautiful songs, some accompanied by musical instruments,

including a tune in Tagalog. Darwin and Susan Yasis choreographed an excellent dance for the lovely debutantes and their handsome escorts, and who did not love the children from Kool-litz dancing their hearts out to "A Doo Doo Doo, A Da Da Da". The highlight

for many visitors to this year's Philippine Day was the CSFA folk dance troupe, who delighted the crowd with six high-energy dances in both the Rural, and the Spanish-influenced Maria Clara styles.

At the end of the day, as everyone pitched in to clean up Landmark Center, many people were overheard commenting on how enjoyable this year's Philippine Day was. Linda Davis, CSFA ex-officio and chair of the event said, "Now I can relax...until it's time for next year!" The CSFA officers, board members and the Philippine Day committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's event so memorable, and hope to see everyone again next year!



*The entire CSFA Dance Troupe performing the popular tinikling.*



*Michaela Topacio with her rendition of "The Greatest Love."*

## Not Just a Dance Troupe

By Ligaya Carlos

Committed to spreading Philippine culture, the CSFA Dance Troupe has continued its folk dance sessions as an ongoing program, which aims to preserve Filipino folk dancing here in Minnesota. Every Thursday evening, practices begin with instructions on basic steps needed for the different dances. Choreography to dances is later taught and brief descriptions of the dances are also given to help the dancer understand its historical background. Newer dancers who are ready and have mastered the steps are then invited to perform with the CSFA Dance Troupe.

Recently, the group performed for different Minnesota events. These included the Sinulog last January 27, the Philippine Center of MN Opening Ceremony last March 4, the Philippine Day last March 25, the FMA Easterfest last April 7 and the Annual Asian Drum and Dance Festival of the Asian Pacific American Coalition last April 13.

The CSFA Dance Troupe will be participating in the Festival of Nations and is scheduled to perform on May 4, 8 PM for the adult program and on May 5, 12:30 PM for the children's program. The group has also been invited to dance at the Children's Shelter of Cebu Banquet on April 28 and at the picnic of the Fil-Am Group of St. Cloud on July 14.

Anyone of any age interested to watch and to learn Filipino folk dances is invited to the classes and practices of the Dance Troupe every Thursday from 7 to 9 PM at the gym beside the church of St. John at 977 5<sup>th</sup> St. E, St. Paul, 55106. This weekly activity is free of charge. For particulars, contact the Dance Troupe chair, Therese Peterson, at 952-736-2528 or at [ocone001@tc.umn.edu](mailto:ocone001@tc.umn.edu).

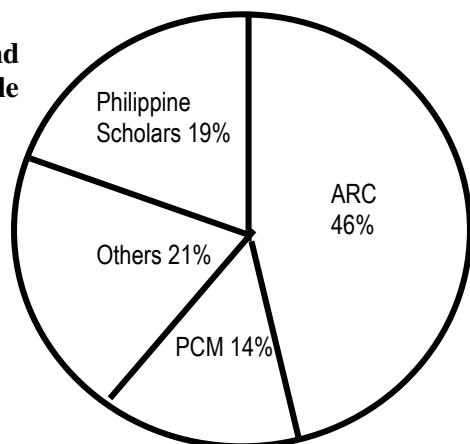


**Kathleen Williams and Victoria Weber** danced the *tinikling* for the Asian Students Association March Program of South High School in Minneapolis last March 15, 2007. Their performance received numerous compliments and impressed the audience. Kathleen, a senior, plans to go to St. Cloud State University next schoolyear. Victoria, a sophomore, currently has a paper entered in a History writing contest, state level. The paper is about the Filipino-American war. Both are members of the CSFA Dance Troupe.

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT

By Ligaya Carlos

From January to December 2006, CSFA has donated over nine thousand dollars to different recognized institutions and charities. The Charitable Committee is responsible for recommending to the CSFA body where donations should go. Last year, CSFA gave the American Red Cross (ARC) more than four thousand dollars for allocation to the Philippine Disaster Relief. The Philippine Scholars received an amount of \$1800 while the Philippine Center of MN (PCM) accepted a contribution of over \$1300 from CSFA. These donations would not have been possible without the dedication and support of the members, the volunteers, the community and donors who offered their time and talent in the fundraising activities in order for CSFA to pursue its philanthropic goal. The Annual Bowling Tournament, the Christmas caroling, beverage and food sales during the Festival of Nations and the Philippine Day, dance performances and directory sales is a partial list of these activities.



## **2007 Community Activities/ Calendar of Events**

**May 3, 4, 5 and 6. Festival of Nations.** Enjoy one of the country's largest and longest-running multicultural event and discover dances, songs, food, produce and arts from several nations around the world. This year, different groups will be presenting a variety of ethnic toys, games and sports from their distinctive cultures. Once again, CSFA will be representing the Philippines in this four-day global spectacle that will be conducted in the RiverCentre at 175 West Kellogg Blvd, Downtown St. Paul. For more information, please contact the CSFA overall chair for this event, Fe Castillejos, at 763-574-0973. Web address of the Festival of Nations is [www.festivalofnations.com](http://www.festivalofnations.com).

**May 19, Saturday. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Filipino Santacruzan 2007.** This will be held in St. John Vianney Catholic Church at 789 17<sup>th</sup> Ave N, South St. Paul. Mass will be celebrated at 3 PM. Dinner will be served before the procession. Dancing will begin at 8PM. For tickets and more information, please contact Lily Lacap at 651-450-4733 or Debbie Tuquilar at 651-353-8846.

**May 26, Saturday, 1 & 7 PM. Konserto Pilipino. Anne Simley Auditorium of Hamline University.** The Philippine Center of Minnesota will be sponsoring this major community event that will feature a jamboree of talents including singers, dancers, musicians and spoken word artists. Glen King and Lita Malicsi are the chairs of this event. Glen can be reached at 763-571-7696 or emailed at [glenrking@yahoo.com](mailto:glenrking@yahoo.com).

### **May 27, Sunday. Flores de Mayo.**

The Filipino Catholic Community continues to practice this time old Filipino tradition in honor of Jesus and Mary. Everyone is welcome to the procession that will be led by Reyna Elena and Prinsipe Constantino and to the sumptuous meal that will be served after. See you at the Blessed Sacrament Church located at the intersection of LaCrosse and White Bear Ave.

**June 9, Saturday. Philippine Independence Day Picnic.** Different Filipino communities and organizations in Minnesota will convene at the Roseville Central Park to celebrate an important episode in Philippine history, its Independence. There will be food, an exciting program, children's games, softball and other fun activities. Tara na!

**July 7 & 8, Saturday & Sunday. Philippine Children's Camp.** Kids, have fun this summer in a Filipino-inspired camp-out at the Halfmoon Campsite in Baker Park Reserve, Maple Plain. There will be several exciting activities including playing of games like sipa, patintero and tumbang preso, singing of songs, story telling, rolling and eating lumpia LOTS MORE! To participate, fill out the registration form on page 8, clip and send, not later than June 10, 2007, to CSFA at PO Box 2773, St. Paul, MN 55102. Please write "Attn: Philippine Children's Camp" prior to the address. Parents/Guardians will be sent details and a waiver form which need to be completed and mailed to confirm attendance of the child(ren). The children will assemble at the

campsite at 8 AM on July 7, Saturday. They will be released at 11 AM on July 8, Sunday. This activity is FREE and is sponsored by the Cultural Society of Fil-Am in MN. For inquiries or to volunteer, please email Ligaya Carlos at [st.ligaya@gmail.com](mailto:st.ligaya@gmail.com) or contact Lynn Winick at 612-816-9050.

**Aug 3 to 5, Friday, Saturday & Sunday. CSFA Camp-out/Picnic.** This annual activity will be held once again at the Half-Moon Campsite in Baker Park Reserve, Maple Plain. Expect food, games, music, outdoor adventure and several cool activities as we spend this summer weekend with friends and love ones. This is free of charge and open to everyone. Please contact Tony Winick at 612-340-1043 for details.

**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/phlnews.htm>. Alan Bungue, Ramon Hough and Lita Malicsi host the show. News from here and the Philippines, music of Filipino talents and exciting interviews are part of the show's repertoire. Apl De A of the Black Eyed Peas and Manny Pacquiao have guested in this 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. Interested? Email Therese Peterson at [ocone001@tc.umn.edu](mailto:ocone001@tc.umn.edu). Visit [www.csfamn.org](http://www.csfamn.org) for the venue of the weekly dance practices and other information.

(continued from page 3) Together, they have two kids who are all grown up. Their children, Gala and Christopher, were folk dancers during their youth. They extremely love and enjoy their only grandson. They will surely come back to visit. If they become too homesick and decide to settle back in Minnesota, they will be welcomed back in a heartbeat!

**2007 Schedule/Venue of Meetings**

|                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| May 11, Board      | Rivera's (Woodbury)        |
| June 1, Membership | Santos/Carlos' (Rosemount) |
| July 13, Board     | Jonson's (St. Louis Park)  |
| Aug 10, Membership | Peterson's (Burnsville)    |
| Sept 7, Elections  | TBD                        |
| Oct 5, Board       | Winick's (Burnsville)      |
| Nov 2, Membership  | Burkhart's (Minneapolis)   |
| Dec 7, Board       | Hiess' (New Hope)          |

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



**Note from the Editors**

*Please send through email or regular mail the names with the correct home addresses and phone numbers of those who would like to receive a copy of the CSFA newsletter. If you wish to unsubscribe, please send us a note and we will remove you from our mailing list. This will help ensure that the flyers and newsletters sent by CSFA are distributed properly.*

*Maraming salamat po!*

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**Or, need to renew,  
want to volunteer or donate?  
Fill out the form below, clip and mail.**



**MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER  
APPLICATION/DONATION FORM**

- New       Individual, \$5  
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- Christmas Caroling  
 Community Activities eg Festival of Nations  
 Folk Dancing  
 Publications  
 Children's Camp  
 Bowling Tournament  
 Others, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Philipine Children's Camp

July 7 & 8, 2007 (Sat & Sun)  
Half Moon Campsite, Baker Park Reserve, Maple Plain

- Learn new words and phrases in Filipino ● Play games like *sipa*, *patintero* and *tumbang preso*
- Sing Filipino folk songs and learn native tunes ● Pitch tents with other kids from 5 to 12 years of age (below 5 years of age need at least a parent to come) ● Listen to legends and tales of the islands
- Have fun preparing and rolling lumpia & enjoy eating it afterwards ● And A LOT MORE!



Making the Philippine flag



Campers & Counselors



Playing Patintero

Note: Please turn to page 6, under Philippine Children's Camp, for more information and instructions.

### Philipine Children's Camp Registration Form (July 7& 8, 2007, Half Moon Campsite, Baker Park Reserve, Maple Plain, MN)



NAME(S) OF CHILD(REN): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE(S) OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) : \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

My child(ren) will participate in the Philippine Children's Camp on July 7 & 8, 2007.

I/We would like to volunteer my/our services in the Philippine Children's Camp on July 7 & 8, 2007.

/ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature / Date