

# People and Events

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 25

#### Asian American Festival

The Asian American Festival is set for Saturday Sept. 25 from 10am to 8pm at the Teaneck Armory, 1799 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck, New Jersey. For more information about this festival, please get in touch with Ludi Hughes (201) 841-3070, Alex Dacula (201) 522-4715, Rey Carrillo (201) 562-2457, Dr. Delfin Tumibay (973) 715-7878, Rico Soriano (201) 310-9085 and Marisse Panlilio (908) 906-9788. You can also visit Fritzie's Bakery, Pistahan Restaurant, Tax Corner and Wuzz-UP Café and Restaurant or visit our website [www.filipinoamericanfestival.com](http://www.filipinoamericanfestival.com) or email us at [filipinoamericanfestival@gmail.com](mailto:filipinoamericanfestival@gmail.com).

#### 2nd Annual Filipino Pride Day

We Filipinos Inc., in cooperation with First Coast Care Home Health and Carangue & Carangue, PA Certified Public Accountants, invites you to celebrate the culture of the Philippines at the second annual Filipino Pride Day festival at the Jacksonville Landing. Together with the community, they will be raising funds and awareness for local non-profit organizations – The Philippine Medical Society Medical Missions, The Legacy of Care Health Clinic, and the WFI Disaster Relief Fund. For more information visit, [www.FPDjax.com](http://www.FPDjax.com) or visit us on Facebook: Filipino Pride Day.

### SEPTEMBER 28

#### Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company to perform at CSUN

Philippine national treasure, Bayanihan Philippine Dance Company is scheduled to perform at the Plaza del Sol Performance Hall on the Campus of California State University, Northridge officials announced. The performance is on Sept. 28 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased through [ValleyPerformingArtsCenter.org](http://ValleyPerformingArtsCenter.org), [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or through the AS ticket office by calling (818) 677-2488.

### OCTOBER 2

#### Rizal, Atbp.

AngLahi presents, *Rizal, Atbp.* – the story of Jose Rizal, the Philippine national hero, as seen through the self-realization of a young Filipino-American, Joey, and set in music, dance and a display of the rich Filipino culture on October 2 at the Skyline College, San Bruno. For further information, please contact the following individuals in your area: Jeannie Campo, (650) 228 – 4069 (San Francisco); Glynda Santos, (619) 549-9849 (San Diego); and Bruce Vivero, (213) 407-4871 (Los Angeles).

### OCTOBER 16

#### The Passinhons USA Grand International Reunion

The Passinhons USA will be holding a first ever Grand International Reunion on October 16 at The Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. There will also be a delegation coming from Passi City, Ilo-ilo headed by current Mayor Jesry Palmares. For more information call Evelyn Palencia (562) 324-8854, Indra Mandel at (323) 913-5998; Sam Palencia at (562) 464-4703; Inoc Palmares at (949) 858-3954; and Tony Haba at (619) 470-0860.

### OCTOBER 17

#### 2010 Lakad Tulong

Handang Tumulong Foundation, Inc., in partnership with the Philippine Consulate General in New York presents "Walk for Health, Walk to Help!" a five-mile walk that will start at Jersey City Hall (280 Grove St., Jersey City, NJ). Registration starts at 8am and the Walk begins at 9am.

For details, call Marievic Dimaculangan at (212) 819-9655; Ave Pimo at (917) 536-2789; Nelsie Parrado at (201) 794-7321; Nena Kaufman at (212) 799-1847; or Cora Reyes at (917) 821-4101.

### OCTOBER 20

#### Caloocan High School Class 1956 USA reunion

We are cordially inviting all graduates of Caloocan High School Class 1956 to attend our 54th Anniversary Celebration to be held on October 20-24, 2010 at The Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. For more details, including a complete schedule of activities and CHS Class 56 Directory, please contact any of the following CHS 56 members: AZ: Angelito Reyes at (520) 568-4580; (520) 208-5678; CA: Ben Pablo, Jr. at (909) 596-8515; (909) 838-4172; CA: Julie Reyes at (619) 267-7188; (619) 578-6534; FL: Letty Saldana at (239) 634-5071; FL: Dr. Mely Cruz at (352) 373-9370; NJ: Carmelita Valentin-De Guzman at (973) 992-9170; (973) 906-6843; NV: Dr. Petra Ching at (702) 838-3031; TX: Puring Quiambao at (915) 822-3356



CORONATION CEREMONIES OF VIRGEN DE LOS REMEDIOS. FASO joins IHMC Choirs, Fr. Rodel Balagtas (center, wearing black) at the Coronation Ceremonies of Virgen de los Remedios at the Cathedral of Angels in a special concelebrated Mass at 3:30pm, on September 19.

Photo by Prosy dela Cruz

## Filipino-american History Month in Long Beach now official

LONG BEACH – Long Beach City Council unanimously passed the resolution authored by First District Councilman, Robert Garcia, designating October as Filipino-American History Month in Long Beach. There is an estimated 19,000-profiled Filipino Americans in Long Beach and this number will substantially increase after the 2010 census reporting.

The Filipino Americans' history in Long Beach goes beyond naval families when the city was a military installation. This was chronicled when Isidro Canlas' picture appeared in Long Beach Press (now the Press Telegram) on June 5, 1917 with the article "Native Filipino was First to Register for Uncle Sam in Long Beach Precinct No.19." A very articulate Isidro Canlas spoke about how he learned to love the freedom of living under the American flag. For this reason he wanted to serve that flag and be the first to answer Uncle Sam's call and to register at his local precinct for the WWI draft in 1917. Isidro awoke at 3 am on June 5th to make sure he was No.1 on the first day of World War 1 draft registration in the United States, and he accomplished this. (Courtesy of El-oisa Borah)

Thus, the significance of the Filipino-American History Month became pronounced when Filipino WWII veteran, Franco Arcebal spoke at the council chamber. He received a rousing applause after he emphasized the sacrifices of the Filipinos during

and after the war.

A WWII veteran's widow, Fe Bond, together with Filipino Americans Mayta Schmidt, Del Fabian and community leader, Paul Blanco, were also present at the council meeting to express their sentiments. Cambodia Town Officers, headed by Richer and Sithea San, submitted a letter to Mayor Bob Foster and all the City Council members conveying their strong support of the resolution. The Cambodians and the Filipinos are the largest Asian American communities in Long Beach.

In celebration of Filipino-American History Month in Long Beach, *Ala-ala: Remembrances*, a WWII photo exhibit will be featured at the Long Beach Public Library and Information Center starting October 12. The photos by the United States Army Signal Corps were taken during the liberation of the Philippines, circa 1944-45. A local artist, while in search of eco materials for his work, found the pictures among discarded items in the streets of Long Beach.

The photo exhibit is in cooperation with Supervisor Don Knabe (LA County - 4th District), The Arts Council for Long Beach, Long Beach Public Library and Information Center, Philippine Consulate General of Los Angeles, American Coalition for Filipino Veterans, Philippine Scouts Heritage Society, and Philippine Expressions Bookshop.

For more information, please visit [www.lbfil-amevents.org/](http://www.lbfil-amevents.org/) <http://www.lbfilamevents.org/> ■

## Celebration of Hope successfully raises funds for needy families in RP

THE Friends of Tapulanga, Inc. recently held their seventh annual fundraiser last Saturday, September 11, 2010, at the Beverly Hills City Hall Municipal Gallery. Entitled "Celebration of Hope," it was a successful cocktail and dance party that was attended by around 150 people from different areas of Southern California. The Friends of Tapulanga is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides educational, healthcare and micro-credit assistance to poor families in the Philippines. They currently send 250 children to school at the elementary, high school and college levels. Additional programs include disaster emergency relief, infant feeding, public hospital assistance, lunch meal program, children's summer workshops and a volunteer



vacation program.

Major sponsors for this event include: Western Union, A.I. Foods, FOREX, Avis Frazier-Thomas and L.A. Car Con-

nection. For more information about the Friends of Tapulanga and how you can help, please visit their website at [www.tapulanga.org](http://www.tapulanga.org). ■

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## Bahay Kubo Center thanks Mr. Rafael Maniago

WE would like to thank Mr. Maniago for a wonderful Summer Art Workshop at Bahay Kubo Center. It went by so quickly, and we learned so much in such a short time.

Who knew we could draw and paint? Being introduced to different mediums like acrylic paint, charcoal pencils, soft pastels and oil paint, respectively, allowed us to explore which mediums complement our existing and hidden talents, and simply which ones we enjoyed the most.

For our final project we will choose our own medium preference, and do a free-draw or paint. Then we will proudly present them for exhibit at our Bisperas holiday luncheon benefit on Saturday, November 6, from 10:30am to 12 noon. Mr. Maniago will also be present at the benefit along with his gallery of artwork for sale that day.

We have been so fortunate to have him as our instructor, especially in the midst of his busy summer travels. He taught some of us how to draw and paint when it seemed too intimidating to try before now. Some of our seasoned artists also learned to appreciate different techniques and mediums than what they were used to. We also learned that with knowledge of some techniques, we are able to forget the notion that art is difficult.

Art can be very enjoyable. If anything, it is quite therapeutic -- a positive activity that everyone should try to make time for. And last but not least, we also learned that there is a lot to appreciate in original art. Mr. Maniago taught us how any art that we create in our own minds, not seen or copied from anywhere, is original art. And although art can be an expensive hobby, as the cost of supplies can be costly, it is still a rewarding pastime. Because when you finish a drawing or painting, you are rewarded with satisfaction and pride in your finished creation.



We look forward to Mr. Maniago's safe return from his recent trip back to his hometown in Pampanga. In fact, his visit was extended because, not only was he busy with some commission work to paint the newly-elected Governor of Pampanga, as well as a portrait of the life of a Senator, he was also invited to do a one-man show at City Hall in San Fernando, Pampanga. And he was also honored as an International artist/painter by SM Global Pinoy. So, it is tremendous that he was able to take time out of his busy schedule to come to Bahay Kubo Center for several weeks, from his home in Bellflower to the art workshop in the San Fernando Valley. His artwork will also be exhibited at our Bisperas benefit.

For more information on Mr. Maniago, please email us at [info@bahay-kubo.org](mailto:info@bahay-kubo.org). Special pre-sale tickets to the benefit are on sale now for a limited time. (Anna Soriano, West Hills, CA) ■



## JFAV supports 'Isang Gabi ni Rizal'

LOS ANGELES – The Justice for Filipino American Veterans (JFAV) supports the cultural event of On October 16, 2010 by the Bantay Pilipinas-USA as project for the Filipino American History Month – *Isang Gabi Ni Rizal* about the Philippine national hero Dr. Jose Rizal.

The Bantay Pilipinas-USA's aim for *Isang Gabi ni Rizal* is to generate awareness about our national hero as well as to foster an appreciation of our national history and heritage is laudable and great.

This will be held at the East West Players in the heart of Los Angeles' Little Tokyo at the East West Players, 120 Judge John Aiso Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 on Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Ticket prices are: Donors: \$20, Labor (those who have work) \$15 and Students: \$10. Ads for the souvenir program is also available. Those who would like to donate for this cultural event can write checks to Bantay Pilipinas-USA.

*Isang Gabi ni Rizal* will feature a full reception replete with chamber music, wine table, verses from Rizal's work, exhibition of paintings by US-based Filipino artists, books and Rizal inspired publications and a sumptuous Filipino style light buffet. The highlight of the evening will be the screening and review of Marilou Abaya's 1998 film *Jose Rizal*.

For more information please contact Jerry Esquerria at (818) 749-0272 or email us at [bantaypilipinas@yahoo.com](mailto:bantaypilipinas@yahoo.com) ■

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