



Fil-Am Cultural Gala Night

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

6 PM - 12 MIDNIGHT

COLUMBIA MARRIOTT

1200 HAMPTON ST, COLUMBIA 29201

28th Annual Gala of

THE FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF GREATER COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA





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FILIPINO-AMERICAN Association of Greater Columbia, SC

27TH ANNIVERSARY 28TH ANNUAL GALA



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
COLUMBIA MARRIOTT HOTEL, COLUMBIA, SC



5:00 Registration/Reception (*Doors open at 5:30 pm — cash cocktails at the Sports Bar near the ballroom*)

6:00 ♦ National Anthems: *United States* **Demetrio Matienzo**
Philippines **Demetrio Matienzo**

♦ Invocation **Pastor Jake Bolotano**

♦ Welcome Remarks *Emcees* **Jadith Carswell & Michael Bartolay**

- ▶ Recognition of Attendees
- ▶ Recognition of Benefactors and Donors

6:30 Dinner

FAAGC Video Showcase. **Carlton Edwards & Carmelisa Edwards**
(FAAGC Lifetime Members)

7:15 Guest Speaker **Mr. Jon Melegrito**
FilVetREP Executive Secretary, Washington, DC

- ▶ Introduction by **Reyna Funderburk** (FAAGC First Vice-President 2017-2019)

Message **Gina Castaneda** (FAAGC President 2017-2019)

7:30 CULTURAL SHOW & AWARD PRESENTATIONS

- ♦ *Paru-parong Bukid* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe - Adult Group**
- ♦ *Mamang Sorbetero* **Fil-Am Executive Board Members & Dance Partners**
- ♦ *Pandanggo sa Ilaw* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe - Youth Group**

♦ Presentation of 2018 FAAGC Awards:

- ▶ *Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Recipients* . . . **Tess Hill & Alan Matienzo**
(FAAGC Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer 2017-2019)
 - *Assisted by* **Joy Clark & Tessie Bannister**
(FAAGC Exec. Board Member 2017-2019 and Benefactor)
- ▶ FAAGC Lifetime Members **Emily Cheney**
(FAAGC Asst. Secretary 2017-2019)
 - *Assisted by* **Teresa Ziegler, Maribel Tijing, Judy Berends, & Celyn Szoke**
(FAAGC Secretary, 2nd Vice President, Exec. Board Member & Spouse of Exec. Board Member 2017-2019)

Lifetime Members: **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Raymond V. and Joette Flora**
Mr. & Mrs. Ben and Aida Daquioag
Mr. & Mrs. Carlton, Jr. and Amy Edwards
Dr. & Mrs. Dan and Tessie Adcock

- ♦ *Tinikling* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe - Youth Group**
- ♦ *Dance Finale* **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe and FAAGC Members**

8:30 ~ 12:00 Gala Ball *Music by* **DJ ALAN REYNOLDS**

DANCE — RAFFLE — DANCE — RAFFLE — DANCE — RAFFLE — DANCE

Don't forget to get your FAAGC Door Prize / Raffle Ticket
Proceeds will benefit our **Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Fund** and **Charitable Initiatives**



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Joette Flora

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Tess Hill

Haideline Sosa

Teresa Ziegler

Dear fellow FAAGC members, family, and friends,

Welcome to the **Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia's 2018 Annual Gala!** It is always a pleasure to see my fellow "Fil-Am-ers" gather to catch up on the happenings of the past year and share the plans for the next one. As for FAAGC, it's been an exciting and eventful 12 months since our last gala!

Our annual gala is the biggest event of the year, and I find that it is a perfect time to reflect on the goals that were previously set by me and agreed upon by the Association's board members. We sought to not only continue the standard of activity set by others during FAAGC's previous years but to also seek new opportunities of involvement, thus, extending our radius of influence beyond our comfort zone.

During the past year, I have been impressed with the amount of support that many of you have given when called upon. I was also pleasantly surprised to witness certain individuals boldly accept *and* complete tasks that sometimes weren't exactly their forte. Thank you to those of you who put yourselves out there without the safety net of familiarity. I hope those experiences helped you learn a little more about yourself and the potential you have. Your willingness to contribute and work together has not gone unnoticed, and it encourages me to do my best while serving others with a humble heart.

All the donors, event participants, and, of course, volunteers, helped us to prepare, participate, conclude FAAGC's recurring yearly events, along with a number of new charitable giving & community service opportunities. Here are some of the highlights of the past year:

◆ Participated in events that promote the Philippine culture:

- Columbia International Festival (CIF)
- Green Charter School's International Festival
- Kid's Day of Lexington
 - Beneficiaries of this event were the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter, which provides safe harbor for thousands of children in Lexington County and the Dickerson Center for Children

◆ Donations to Philippine charities:

- [Tahanang Walang Hagdanan](#) (House with No Stairs) provides facilities, support, therapy, educational training and livelihood opportunities, among others, to persons with disabilities.
- [Hospicio de San Jose](#) serves the abandoned young and old, helping them experience quality life and become agents of Social Transformation.
- [Bantay Bata 163](#), the child welfare arm of ABS-CBN *Lingkod Kapamilya* Foundation, Inc. aims to protect disadvantaged and at risk children through a nationwide network of social services.

◆ Donations to charities here in the U.S.:

- American Red Cross: Funds to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey & Hurricane Irma

◆ Participated in our local community by volunteering at:

- Ronald McDonald House
- Harvest Hope Food Bank

In short, we achieved last year's goals because of YOU! It is my hope that we continue a trend of successful progress that we can celebrate in each of the coming years. I am confident FAAGC will experience growth and expand our impact by sharing the rich culture of the Filipino people and by serving others beyond our invisible boundaries. As we share and serve, the following statement holds true:

"Together We Make A Difference"!

Enjoy this evening with me as we celebrate FAAGC's 27th anniversary! *Mabuhay!*

May God bless you,

Gina C. Castaneda

Gina Castaneda, FAAGC President, 2017-2019





**THE FILIPINO VETERANS RECOGNITION
AND EDUCATION PROJECT**



September 22, 2018

Dear President Gina C. Castaneda, Officers, and Families of the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia, South Carolina

On behalf of the Filipino Veterans Education and Recognition Project (FILVETREP), thank you for your outstanding work in the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia, South Carolina in partnership with the City of Columbia, South Carolina.

Your presence with Filipino-Americans residing and contributing in the Greater Columbia is true testament of your mission in building coalition, community service, and civic representation not only in Columbia, but throughout the State of South Carolina. It exemplifies your motto of "Together We Make a Difference."

Thank you for inviting FILVETREP represented by Jon Melegrito, Executive Secretary, to your annual celebration. He will present the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal project to your attendees. The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest award presented to individuals or groups that contributed greatly to American history and culture. To the 260,000 Filipino and Americans Soldiers who earned this Medal, we owe them an eternal debt of gratitude. We must continue their legacy thru an education program which we are developing today.

I am certain this year's Annual Gala will be another huge success. Congratulations to your officers, volunteers, and community. It is heartwarming to know there are hundreds of kababayans in South Carolina representing and building a life of prosperity and future for many generations to come.

Sincerely,

Antonio M. Taguba Mabuhay!

Antonio M. Taguba
Major General, U.S. Army Retired
Chairman

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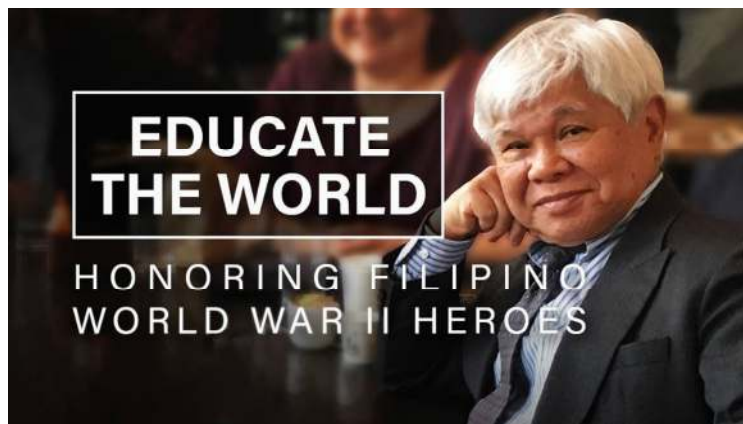
I am deeply honored to participate in this year's Annual Gala of the Filipino-American Association of Greater Columbia (FAAGC). This is indeed a significant occasion to celebrate the association's achievements of the past year, notably its commendable efforts to promote inter-cultural education and understanding. Now more than ever, we need greater awareness and appreciation of the breadth and depth of cultural diversity that has made America a beacon of hope in the world.

I share your enthusiasm and excitement as you look forward to another year of rewarding challenges and meaningful opportunities to serve.

On behalf of the Filipino Veterans Recognition & Education Project (FilVetREP), we congratulate you and wish you well in all your endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon Melegrito".

Jon Melegrito
FilVetREP Executive Secretary
Washington, D.C.



THE COLUMBIA FIL-AM DANCE TROUPE



PANDANGGO Sa ILAW

A very popular folk dance that is said to originate from Mindoro, the seventh largest island in the Philippines. This dance of lights simulates fireflies at dusk and at night. The word **pandanggo** is from the Spanish *fandango*, a dance in 3/4 time. The phrase **sa ilaw** means "in light" and refers to the oil lamps that a dancer has to balance on the head and on the back of each hand. The oil lamp is called **tinghoy**. Sometimes, candles in glasses are used instead of an oil lamp.

Choreographer:

REYNA FUNDERBURK

BOYS: Kenneth Bolotano, Jericho Broome, Jaxen Castaneda, Gyles Gregory, James Gregory, Laurence Lafuente, Brayden Sosa, Ethan Sosa, Andre Vejerano, Joaquin Vejerano **GIRLS:** Julia Antonio, Savannah Carswell, Kathleen Elder, Gwen Jennings, Zena Murphy, Ashley Rabaca, Phia Rabaca, Phina Rabaca, Kylie Smith, Julia Szoke

TINKLING

One of world's most exciting folk dances, this most famous of all Philippine dances is a favorite among performers and audience alike. In imitation of the long-legged *tikling* bird, the dancers nimbly hop in and out between bamboo poles which are clapped together vigorously and rapidly in time with the music, whose tempo gradually accelerates.

Choreographer:

JOETTE FLORA



Slow Version: Phia Rabaca, Phina Rabaca, Kylie Smith, Brayden Sosa, Andre Vejerano, Joaquin Vejerano
Moderate Version: Savannah Carswell, Gyles Gregory, James Gregory, Gwen Jennings, Laurence Lafuente, Ashley Rabaca
Fast Version: Jaxen Castaneda, Gyles Gregory, Phia Rabaca, Phina Rabaca, Ethan Sosa, Julia Szoke

THE COLUMBIA FIL-AM DANCE TROUPE



MAMANG SORBETERO

Mamang Sorbetero (Mr. Ice-Cream Man) is a popular song in the Philippines by the singer Celeste Legaspi. A fun Filipino song about the ice cream man and the joy he brings with the ringing of his bell calling young and old to enjoy his sweet treats.

Choreographer:
YANI GOULD



Fil-Am Executive Board & Dance Partners

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Teresa & John Ziegler

PARU-PARONG BUKID

Paru-Parong Bukid is a Tagalog folk song about butterflies fluttering around in the fields. The song actually compares young ladies to butterflies fluttering in the air with their long gowns swaying as they gracefully walk around carry out their chores.

Choreographer:
YANI GOULD



Marie Broome, Grace Constantino, Diana Dingman,
Vivianne Elder, Mary Nicole Geva, Liza Gregory,
Amy Moore, Haideline Sosa



THE COLUMBIA FIL-AM DANCE TROUPE



DAHIL SA IYO

Ruben Bagnal, Mark Ramirez, Helen Alon, Flo Baker, Tessie Bannister, Leah Cuaresma, Diana Dingman, Carmelisa Edwards, Reyna Funderburk, Tessie Kenerson, Juvie Lowder, Marj Pena, Prescy Ramirez, Myrna Whitmire

Dance Instructor:

REYNA FUNDERBURK

BAILANDO

Josephine Battle, Marie Broome, Emily Cheney, Grace Constantino, Diana Dingman, Vivianne Elder, Mary Nicole Geva, Yani Gould, Liza Gregory, Tess Hill, Amy Moore, Haideline Sosa, Richel Values, Teresa Ziegler

Choreographer:

YANI GOULD



UPTOWN FUNK

The Bruno Mars of Columbia Fil-Am: Jaxen Castaneda, Gyles Gregory, James Gregory, Walter Hill, Lawrence Lafuente, Delfin Lomboy, Alan M. Matienzo, George McNulty, Mark Ramirez, Eric Sosa, Ethan Sosa, Andre Vejerano, Eric Vejerano, Joaquin Vejerano

Choreographer:

YANI GOULD



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Diana	DINGMAN	Columbia	SC	Joy & Mat	MYRICK	Columbia	SC
Jason & Rose Ann	EBERHARDT	Elgin	SC	Marvin & Beth	NOBLE	Columbia	SC
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As of September 12, 2018, the persons listed above were paid FAAGC members for all, or at least part, of Association Year 2017-2018 and/or 2018-2019 (July 1 — June 30).

Many have renewed their FAAGC membership for 2018-2019 (a few even beyond 2019). We hope the rest, as well as others not on the list, will rejoice or join us soon.

At the **20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA** on Sept. 10, 2011, the **Columbia Fil-Am Association** honored those who had steadfastly supported and continuously sustained **FAAGC** from its beginning through its first **TWENTY (20) years** by recognizing them as **LIFETIME CHARTER MEMBERS** (♦).

At the **25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA** on Sept. 24, 2016, **FAAGC** honored three who were instrumental in establishing and guiding **FAAGC** during its early years by recognizing them as **HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS** (★).

Others have or can become **Lifetime Sustaining Members** if they have paid or willing to pay the equivalent of 20 years of membership (#).

LIFETIME MEMBERS

♦ Lifetime Sustaining Charter Members Continuous Members since 1991

- ♦ Rita Houston ALCANTARA
- ♦ Noel & Helen ALON
- ♦ Edith ALSTON
- ♦ Lulu ANDERSON
- ♦ Ruben Matias BAGNAL
- ♦ James & Edith BARKER
- ♦ Linda BROWN
- ♦ Grace COLLINS
- ♦ Manny & Leah CUARESMA
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- ♦ George & Nieves McNULTY
- ♦ Marvin & Beth NOBLE
- ♦ Alfonso & Susana PASICATAN
- ♦ Naty AKANA ROBERTS
- ♦ David & Cindy TEFFT

★ Honorary Lifetime Members

- ★ Eva RIGNEY (FAAGC President, 1991-1992)
- ★ Remie MORALES-SARMIENTO (FAAGC Treasurer, 1991-1992)
- ★ Minerva WHEEDLETON (FAAGC President, 1992-1994)

Lifetime Sustaining Members Members for 20 years or more

- # Charles & Bev GOYENECHÉ (since 1991)
- # Lee & Polly PEARSON (since 1992)
- # Joy CLARK (since 1993)
- # Jim & Juvie LOWDER (since 1993)
- # Imelda GO (1993-94, since 1996)
- # Butch & Dhel ELAMPARO (since 1995)
- # Peter & Olga LIUNORAS (since 1995)
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- # Dan & Tess ADCOCK (since 2000)

Columbia FIL-AM Scholarship Program



SHANE
CLARK



CARLTON
EDWARDS III



JASMINE
FLORA



ALISHA
RABACA



ANDREA
ROBICHAUD



CHASE
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A Columbia Fil-Am Youth Scholarship program has been discussed often since the formation of the Association in 1991. Officially started in 2002 by the FAAGC Executive Board through the initiative of Peter Liunoras (FAAGC President, 2001-2003), the **Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship** awards are given to Fil-Am

college-bound high school graduates whose families are currently paid FAAGC members and who (or their parents) have participated actively in Fil-Am activities. As specified by the Executive Board recently, criteria are involvement in FAAGC (50%), academics (30%), and interview and essay (20%).

Funds for the scholarship program are generated from, among others, donations, raffles during FAAGC gala and Christmas events, food sales at basketball tournaments, and from 2004 to 2010, fund-raisers by the Ridge View High School (RVHS) **Fil-Am Youth Club** under the direction of Peter Liunoras.

FAAGC presented the first **Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship** award at the 13th Annual Gala on September 13, 2003. Since then, award certificates (and checks) have been presented to deserving and qualified students every year during the annual gala. Interestingly, most of the past scholarship recipients had been **Columbia Fil-Am Cultural Dance Troupe** performers at one time or another.

Columbia Fil-Am Scholarship Recipients

	★ Shane Clark	★ Carlton Edwards III
2018	★ Jasmine Flora	★ Alisha Rabaca
	★ Andrea Robichaud	★ Chase Szoke
2017	★ Dyonn Dingman	★ Diego Luis Ignacio
2016	★ Kathleen Arevalo	★ Roy Balacanao, Jr
	★ Joan Rose Peña	
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Oh, say, can you see,
by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
o'er the ramparts we watched,
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there;
Oh, say, doth that star-spangled
banner yet wave
o'er the land of the free
and the home of the brave?



PAMBANSANG AWIT NG PILIPINAS

Bayang magiliw,
Perlas ng Silanganan,
Alab ng puso
Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.
*Lupang hinirang,
Duyan ka ng magiting,
Sa manlulupig
'Di ka pasisiil.*
Sa dagat at bundok,
Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw,
May dilag ang tula
At awit sa paglayang minamahal.
*Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y
Tagumpay na nagniningning;
Ang bituin at araw niya
Kailan pa ma'y 'di magdidilim.*
Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta,
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo;
Aming ligaya na 'pag may mang-aapi,
Ang mamatay nang dahil sa iyo.



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- Teresa Ziegler

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- Haideline Sosa
- Teresa Ziegler

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- Reyna Funderburk (Youth)
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- Teresa Ziegler
- "Chauffeurs" of the Dancers
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- Flora Residence
- Gregory Residence
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~~~ Thanks Y'all! ~~~

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## FAAGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### ✦ Irmo Okra Strut Festival

- September 28-29, 2018, Friday, 5:00 p.m. -- 10:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. -- 10:00p.m.
- Irmo Community Park (7505 Eastview Drive, Irmo, SC 29063)



### ✦ FAAGC General Membership Meeting & Halloween Party

- October 27, 2018 (Saturday, 1:00 pm -- 4:00 pm)
- Seven Oaks Park (200 Leisure Lane, Columbia, SC 29210) (off Piney Grove Road in the St. Andrews area)



### ✦ FAAGC Fundraiser @ Fatz

- November 17, 2018, Saturday, 7:30--10:30 a.m.
- Fatz Cafe (5590 Forest Drive, Columbia, SC 29206)



### ✦ Columbia Fil-Am Christmas Party

- December 8, 2018 (Saturday, 5:00 p.m.)
- St. John Neumann School Gymnasium (721 Polo Road, Columbia SC 29223)







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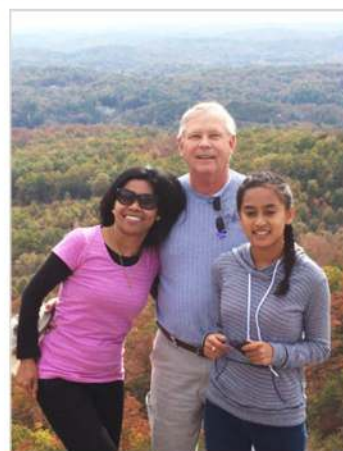
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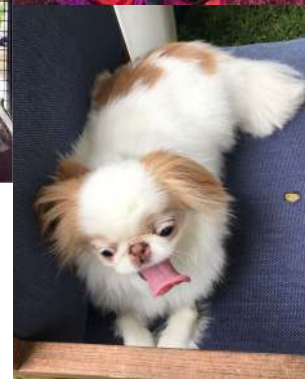
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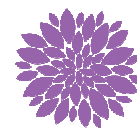
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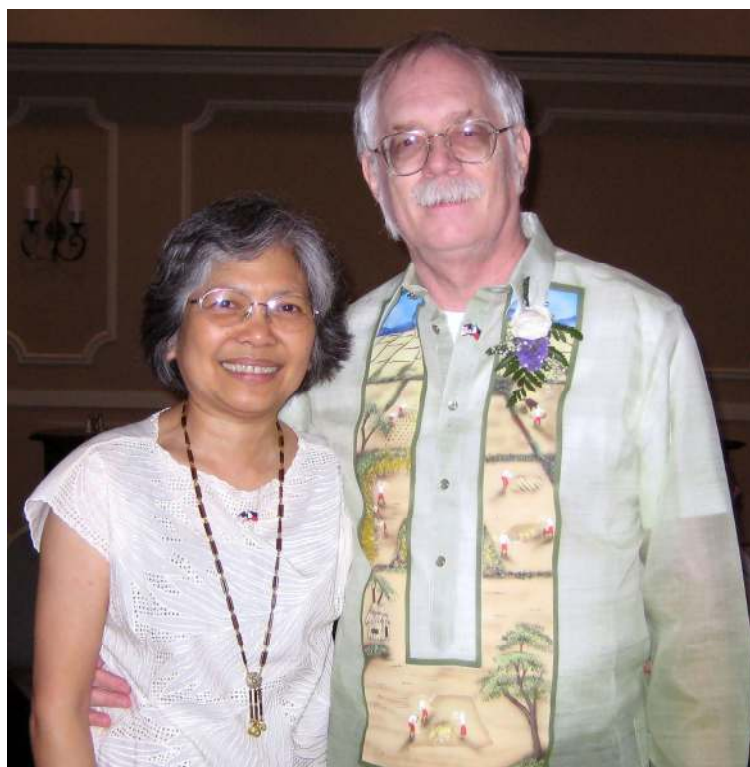




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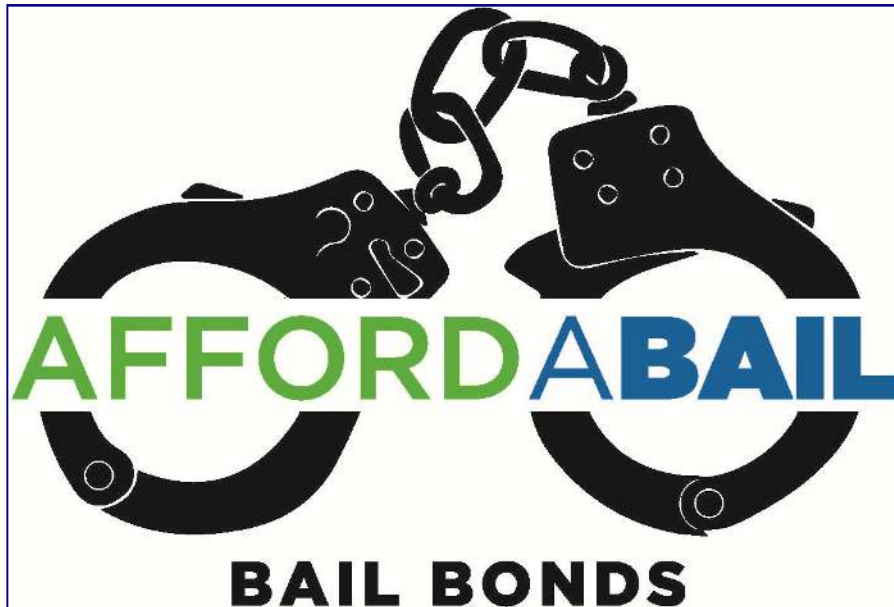


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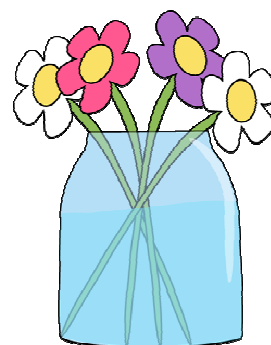
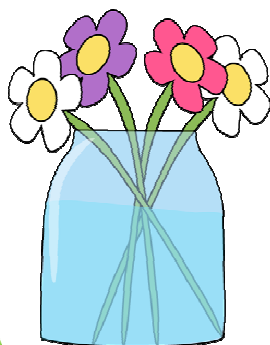


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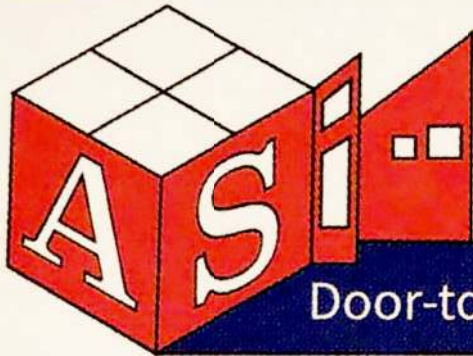
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Getting ready for the OKRA Strut Festival - September 29, 2018  
**BUILDING THE FAAGC NIPA HUT IN TRUE BAYANIHAN SPIRIT!**  
**BIT BY BIT...PUTTING IT TOGETHER!!**



**IT TAKES A VILLAGE . . ! THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK !!!**

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