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## You Have Joined PAANC, Now What?

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You sign up for membership, you pay your dues, you attend an event or two, and that is that! Later you wonder why you signed up in the first place. Does this sound familiar? How many of us have enthusiastically signed up for things or organizations and never really do much with it thereafter?

This is true for PAANC membership as well. To date, membership record shows that we have over two hundred current members. But how many of its members are truly engaged in meaningful activities that reflect or promote the organization's mission and objectives? Like other organizations, PAANC exist and thrive because of the efforts of dedicated volunteers. The organization's growth and success solely depend on the willingness of its members to lead or participate in its process.

Unless you become an active part of an organization, you will never truly reap the rewards of being a member, no matter what organization or club you may join in. As the saying goes, "You get out what you put in," and possibly even gain more. So what is next for you as a PAANC member? How can you benefit most from your membership while contributing to the organization's growth? Volunteering would be the way to go! Volunteering allows you to have a new perspective on things. It gives you an opportunity to take on roles that you would not otherwise be able to do in "paid" positions and therefore learn new skills. Because volunteers are drawn together by a common cause, they often form social networks and build lifelong friendships. One other benefit of volunteering is the satisfaction of helping others and what could be nobler than that? It gives one a higher sense of purpose.

Still not sure what to do? There are many ways to get involved at PAANC and we welcome your participation and contribution:

**Leadership:** If you are interested in serving in a leadership capacity, please contact any of the board members. You may choose from any of the Humanitarian, Social, or Educational committees that form the organization.

**Educational:** You can lead or organize workshops – either structured or informal sessions in areas of Health, Art, Business, Language, Law, Immigration or any other area of expertise you are willing to share that is in the general interest of our membership.

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PAANC is a nonprofit  
501c (3) organization

#### Mission Statement

To preserve cultural heritage, foster education and social exchange, and provide humanitarian assistance and services in the wake of a natural or economic disaster regardless of geographical location, but especially in North Carolina and in the Philippines.

## Welcome New PAANC Members

Suzeth De Leon & Family  
Julius Dizon & Family  
Ozee C. Henderson & Family  
William Lewis Jr.

**PAANC members may advertise their businesses, services or products in the quarterly newsletter and website at a discounted rate.**

**Non-members are also welcome to place ads**

**For details, please contact  
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## 2009 PAANC Board Members

### **Board Chairs**

Aurora Sprague  
Ansell Neri

### **Secretary**

Jocelyn Pontrelli  
Marie Siy

### **Treasurer**

Dulce Lea

### **Publications**

Claire Rhoades  
Spencer Dempsey

### **Membership**

Ricky Ferrer  
Marie Siy  
Lourdes Estrada

### **Folk Arts**

Aurora Sprague

### **Humanitarian/ CMM**

Emma Dempsey

### **Int'l Fest**

Ansell Neri

### **Annual Gala**

Nila Kucharski

### **Outreach**

Tess Ferrer  
Laura Lawton

### **Annual Picnic**

Minnie Sisk

### **Scholarship**

Ana Rivera

### **Special Projects**

(TBD)

## *From the Editor*

I hope the Fall season has started well for you - whether it is settling into school again or returning to work after a restful summer. I thought we could all use some inspiration to help us jumpstart our batteries midyear. Hence, featured in this issue are individuals who may inspire us to excel in our endeavors, from the late President Aquino, to Philippine modern day hero Manny Pacquiao, to our own Lea Ved! Another awe-inspiring individual, who left a big void for most, is Senator Ted Kennedy. Be sure to read the poem written in his honor (page 4).

Fall has always been my favorite season, with the burst of colors in the landscape and cooler temperatures. There is so much to look forward to this time of year. The PAANC board has some exciting events planned. I urge all members, old and new, to take some time and partake in these events. We invite you to visit our website [www.paanc.org](http://www.paanc.org) for the latest on these events.

PAANC is also in need of an Editor to help me for the remainder of the year and into next year. Believe me, you do not need any experience to do this job (I didn't, and neither did the previous editors), just the willingness to learn. If this interests you, please contact me for more information.

Cheers!  
Claire Rhoades

**Submit articles to:** [clairerhoades@aol.com](mailto:clairerhoades@aol.com)  
**Deadline for the December issue:** November 30, 2009

**PAANC Upcoming Event**

**Pinoy Idol  
and  
Dance Competition**

**Please join us  
For a FUN afternoon!**

**Saturday, October 31, 2009  
2-4 PM**

**Jacoba Hall, St. Francis Church  
11401 Leesville Road  
Raleigh, NC 27613**

**Interested in participating?  
Contact : Aurora Sprague  
mstar46@hotmail.com**



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## An Inspiration On or Off the Stage



**Lea Ved** graduated from William G. Enloe High School this year, and will be attending the prestigious Juilliard School, New York, in the Fall. Lea was one out of only 12 men and 12 women accepted into the world-famous school of the arts this year, outdancing over 500 other applicants from across the world to take her well-deserved place on the Juilliard stage.

At school, Lea stays busy with activities such as Science Olympiad, Medical Bioscience Academy, Varsity Volleyball, and National Honors Society, graduating in the top 5% of her class. For superlatives at her high school, she won the title "Best All-Around", and was voted Prom Queen in her senior year. Popularity and academics aside, Lea's real forte is dancing, which she has been doing since the tender age of three. For the past five years, Lea has been dancing at Carolina Dance Center on Leesville Road, where she also extends her prowess to teaching classes for younger dancers. Outside of the studio, Lea has danced for diversity festivals as a Filipino dancer both at school and at the North Carolina International Festivals.

Although Lea was also accepted to Duke, Barnard, Northwestern, NYU, and UNC Chapel Hill, she is choosing to go to Juilliard this Fall to pursue her love of the dance. As Lea herself explains, "Everyone has their release, and mine is dancing. I'm a pretty introspective person so dancing is my means for expression through movement rather than talking. I really enjoy improvising to music and just putting on any type of music to jam. I also enjoy dancing fun lead roles like Peter Pan, Ariel, and Belle when the kids think I'm the real character. I just enjoy sharing my art."

She continues to be an inspiration to everyone who encounters her, whether on or off the stage, and I'm sure the Filipino community will be as proud of Lea as we are.

Elizabeth Ved



## So Long SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY

At the helm he stood, carefree  
Steering through the waves of blue  
'Til those waves became a sea  
Of a different, darker hue

A sea of sorrow, drops of pain  
Upon a pretty picture frame  
That would forever bear the stain  
Of desolation and self-blame

Yet on he sailed, undeterred  
Though alone he manned the ship  
A life he mended with a word  
A smile, a laugh, a witty quip

His words he used to pave the way  
His actions to forge down the path  
To a better, brighter day  
In the wake of a tragic aftermath

Long for freedom did he fight  
To realize his family's dream  
And every wrong he pledged to right  
To rebuild justice beam by beam

For the young, and for the old  
And for those from foreign soils  
He sought to tell their tales untold  
And to alleviate their toils

And loved was he by so many  
For his spirit and for his heart  
So much that there were never any  
Who believed this world he would depart

Then off he cast on one fine day  
And sailed into the vast, great sky  
And took his torch to light the way  
As sails of silver heaved a sigh

*Ashley Rhoades*

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## ***Manny* Of The People**

Matt Ouano

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, the atmosphere in the sold-out MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas will be buzzing with electricity and swarming with A-list celebrities. Boxing fans across the US and around the world will be watching intently as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the business will enter the ring for the most anticipated fight of 2009. The spectacle of a major prize fight is nothing new, but in place of a super-sized heavyweight or larger-than-life personality, the center of all the attention will be 5'6", 145 lb Filipino icon Manny Pacquiao, "The People's Champion." As recently as last year, the notion that a fighter of such diminutive size from the other side of the world would star in a sport filled with big bodies and bigger egos seemed like quite a stretch. What a difference a year makes!

For Filipino Americans, boxing has long been a staple of the culture, and Pacquiao has been an increasingly familiar name for several years while accumulating world titles in a record-tying six weight classes. For the rest of the sports world, the 30-year-old nicknamed "Pacman" exploded onto the mainstream scene last December with a shockingly dominant eight rounds against the face (and bell

Capitalizing on his eye-in the business, Pacquiao next took Ricky "The Hit Man" Hatton, in May. hook knockout at the end of the that smaller fighters couldn't pro-only seen in heavier weight classes.

Perhaps as important as inside the ropes was how he carried mentaries leading up to each fight. ers in showcasing Pay-Per-View years perfected the concept of 4-interest in matches and to endear

The series, entitled *24/7*, fol- to their title bouts. The training needed to fight at the world champion level was reason enough for any casual fan to tune in and admire. Viewers were able to witness Pacquiao's relentless work ethic and attention to details while working with his long-time trainer, Freddy Roach.

Aside from the inside look at fight preparation, the program painted a picture of the man that otherwise would be unknown to the western world. The show covered his rise from humble beginnings to his status as a national hero and international star. While Pacman's English leaves much to be desired during post-fight interviews, his generosity, humility and humor displayed during *24/7* episodes spoke volumes to those tuning in.

In the coming weeks, Pacquiao will once again leave his family and country to prepare for the fight against Puerto Rican world champion Miguel Cotto. Once again, the HBO cameras will be there to follow boxing's brightest little star.



opening win over the biggest name on England's most famous fighter, The power exhibited in Pacman's left second round put to rest the theory vide the one-punch excitement often

Pacman's two magical performances himself during a short series of docu-HBO Sports, long time industry lead-boxing events, has in the past three episode documentaries to drum up fighters to their targeted audiences.

lows fighters in the weeks leading up

### **About the writer:**

Matthew Ouano is an associate producer of *Pardon The Interruption*, a talk show that airs daily on ESPN. His parents, Clementina and Melecio Ouano, reside in Raleigh, NC. Matt has a degree in Broadcast Journalism and Media Production from Northern Illinois University and presently resides in Ashburn, Virginia.

## Cory Aquino: Inspiration in its Purest Form

Ashley Rhoades



On Saturday, August 1, 2009, thousands of Filipinos gathered in a Manila stadium to grieve the death of former Philippine president Corazon Aquino, who passed away at the age of 76 after a strung-out battle against colon cancer. The deluge of rain did nothing to dampen the spirits of Cory's supporters, who lit candles in front of her photograph, adorned the streets with yellow ribbons (a tribute to her favorite color), and lined up to view Cory's body in order to pay respect to her undying memory. The Filipino community of greater Raleigh, led by Father Julian Jagudilla, also recently held their own memorial service in honor of the woman who conquered tyranny and uplifted a nation.

Although Aquino professed that she was never a fan of politics, she put her own preferences aside and overthrew the Marcos regime to take office in the wake of the cacophony caused by her husband's assassination in 1983. As the first female president of the Philippines, Aquino became legendary for her incessant defense of democracy and her resolve to restore peace, civil liberties, and economic stability to the Filipino people. Though she never saw herself as a leader, instead proclaiming herself a "plain housewife," Aquino was adored by her people and respected by other governments as a woman who banished a long-standing dictatorship with nothing but her iron will and compassion for her country to guide her. The reception of the news of her death proves that she is just as treasured and admired today, with everyone from current Philippine president Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to Secretary of State Hilary Clinton publicly mourning her passing. For Corazon Aquino was more than an icon, she was inspiration in its purest form, and she will live on in the memories of not only the people to whom she dedicated her life, but to everyone who believes in the power of a single person to change the world.

*"I would rather die a meaningful death than to live a meaningless life."*

Corazon Aquino



Photos taken during the Memorial Service at Holy Infant Catholic Church in Durham, August 8, 2009. Special thanks to Fr. Julian and all those who helped organize the event.

*Thank You  
to those who have served  
PAANC  
through the years!*

### CMM Update

CMM 2010 preparation is underway with 22 US Volunteers registered thus far!  
Venue will be announced once finalized.

US Coordinator  
Financial Officer and Supplies Coordinator  
General Coordinator

Arturo de Leon  
Anita Ng  
Emma Dempsey

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### So You Have Joined PAANC, Now What?

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**Humanitarian/Outreach:** Support our humanitarian projects by either taking part in CMM, Scholarship Program, or helping with any of our fundraising efforts. Choose among the local charities that we support and join us in activities to aid those organizations.

**Special Events:** (Welcome Luncheon, Annual Picnic, Gala) Volunteers are always needed in Registration and Reception, Usher, Childcare/ Babysitting, Food Service, etc.

**Raleigh International Festival:** This is a huge endeavor and requires practically the entire community to pull it off. Represent the Philippines while supporting a good cause! Participate in dance presentations, volunteer for a shift in one of our booths: café, cultural exhibit or bazaar.

**Sports and Fitness:** Health and Fun  
Organize/teach a fitness class for youth or adults: dance, yoga, etc.  
Organize teams: basketball, volleyball, or any other sports.

**Social/Cultural:** Join PAANC Choir or Dance Troupe, host gatherings, attend general meetings and PAANC sponsored events.

**Publications:** Submit articles or photos for our newsletter, website or souvenir program. Help in the distribution of newsletters or brochures during events. Assist in mailing out newsletters to the membership. Solicit advertisers for our publications.

**For a more comprehensive list of volunteer opportunities and contact information, please visit our website:**  
[www.paanc.org](http://www.paanc.org)

Claire Rhoades

# The 24<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Raleigh



**Food****DANCE****Music****Culture****FUN**



**October 2, 3, 4, 2009**  
Raleigh Convention Center

Tickets: \$6.00 at the door, \$5.00 in advance  
at [www.internationalfestival.org](http://www.internationalfestival.org)



## Int'l Festival Details

Friday, October 2nd  
12 Noon-10 PM

Saturday, October 3rd  
10 AM – 10 PM

Sunday, October 4th  
12 PM – 6 PM

### WHERE:

Raleigh Convention Center  
500 South Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

### TICKETS at the door:

Adults	\$6.00
Weekend Pass	\$15.00
Kids 12 and under	Free

Bring the whole family for a  
three day celebration:

- Sidewalk Cafes
- Cultural Exhibits
- World bazaars
- Demonstration Booths
- Performances

## Volunteers Needed for the Raleigh International Festival

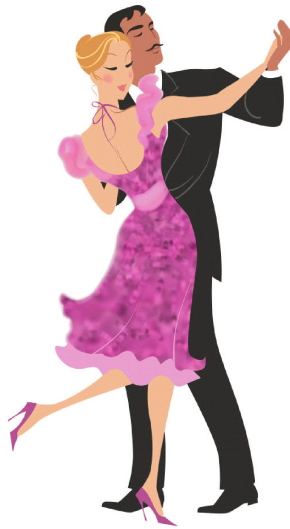
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The Philippine-American Association of North Carolina

Cordially invites you to our

# *Annual Benefit Gala*



**Friday, December 18, 2009**

**7PM-2AM**

**Sheraton Imperial Hotel, RTP**

**Attire: Semi-formal to Formal**

Tickets: \$45.00 if purchased by November 30, 2009

\$50.00 if purchased on December 1- 15, 2009

For ticket purchase, souvenir program ad placement, or  
volunteer opportunities, please contact:

NILA or MAREK KUCHARSKI

at: 919-676-6917 or 919-302-4013

E-mail : [Nila@CarolinaRealtyMax.com](mailto:Nila@CarolinaRealtyMax.com)

## Membership Application

### The Philippine-American Association of North Carolina, Inc.

[PAANC is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501c(3) organization]

Name	
Names of children and ages	
Mailing Address	
Phone Number	E-mail Address
Occupation	

#### Annual Membership Dues

Single (\$10) \_\_\_ Couple (\$20) \_\_\_ Family w/children 12 & under (\$25) \_\_\_ Family w/children 13 & up (30) \_\_\_

#### Three year Membership Dues

Single (\$ 25) \_\_\_ Couple (\$50) \_\_\_ Family w/children 12 & under (\$70) \_\_\_ Family w/children 13 & up (75)\_\_\_

Please enclose completed membership form with your check payable to **PAANC**  
Mail to: PAANC, Attention Membership

PAANC  
1309 Spring Forest Road  
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