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From the Board Chair:

You make it possible!

Fall is my favorite time of year because of the magnificent beauty in nature that it brings and the cooler temperatures that it offers, especially after a scorching summer we have had. For me, it also signals the near-end of the year and a good time to take stock of where you are in what you set out to accomplish for the year.



Claire L. Rhoades President/Board Chair

I would like to give you an update on how the organization is doing thus far. The board has been focused on capacity building for PAANC this year, increasing the ability of this organization to fulfill its missions in the most effective way. We know that PAANC has limited resources particularly when measured against the issues that the organization faces. Since PAANC has an all encompassing mission and services that it offers to its membership, it is a lot more challenging to deliver excellence in each of these areas.

However, I am happy to report, that we have fulfilled a variety of functions that have made an impact on our community and beyond. PAANC has provided the infrastructure for social networks that make for strong communities. The Annual Picnic was one event that provided a platform for this, where people both old and new to the area had the opportunity to connect. More recently, the Philippine Consular visit to the Triangle was another occasion coordinated by PAANC where leaders of the various Filipino organizations came together to meet with Philippine DFA Undersecretary Dulay, who visited the area. It was an informational session that addressed some of the concerns of the Filipinos living abroad. We hope to have future sessions wherein the entire community can participate.

On the education front, PAANC has just started another cycle of Scholarships, replacing the 9 students in the Philippines that graduated the previous year and 2 more in NC. We have also offered to enhance the library resources for one of the schools, which may be a beginning of yet another program. Another noteworthy project in the works is Partners in Health, a program seeking to do partnerships with a health center in the Philippines to enhance the quality and delivery of care to its community. This is in addition to the annual medical mission conducted by CMM. Disaster Relief continues to be a significant component of this organization. We continue to send aid when and where it's needed, both in NC and in the Philippines.

Youth involvement is part of our Outreach Program, and we are thrilled to report that we have made great strides on this front this year. Reportedly, some of our Filipino youth raised in the US have not had the opportunity to interact with Filipinos beyond their families, nor the exposure to our Philippine culture. PAANC is happy to provide them with that experience. Filipino-American students from universities in the Triangle are now participating in PAANC activities and collaborating with our leadership in seeking programs with futuristic sustainability.

Cultural offerings through dance and choral performances and film series, are all integral part of PAANC as well. One may ask, what about sports? We got that covered too. PAANC sponsors the annual

REMAINING 2019 PAANC EVENTS

For details, text or email contacts or go to www.paanc.org

Join the Fil-Am community! Enjoy the camaraderie!

DATE/VENUE

EVENT/CONTACT

October 19 6:30 - 9:00 pm Jacoba Hall-SFACC 11401 Leesville Road Raleigh

CMM Barrio Fiesta

Emma Dempsey, CMM Coordinator emakdemp@gmail.com • 919-673-4722

A Benefit for CMM 2021 Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu & Baybay, Leyte



November 9 Saturday, 2 p.m. Buffaloe Lanes 151 High House Road Cary More Than Bowling II: A Benefit For PAANC Scholarship Program Laura Lawton, Scholarship Chair Laura.1@me.com

December 6
"Winter Wonderland"
Brier Creek CC
Raleigh

36th Annual Benefit Gala

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Charity Golf Tournament. Then there's the Badminton Tournament, now on its 6th year, which broke the record this year for the most number of players and funds raised. Proceeds from both tournaments are earmarked for scheduled medical missions. These are just some of the offerings by PAANC not only to its membership but to our communities here and in the Philippines, all thanks to our diligent, dedicated Board and our fiercely loyal members and supporters! You make it possible.

Gratefully, Claire Rhoades

Op-ed:

The Dichotomy of Cultural Identity

By Linda McGloin
PAANC Board Member, Publications



Talks of "border walls" and "go back to where you come from" must drive people crazy, especially for those who were born in this country and have only lived and known this land as the only place where they want to be in pursuit of their dreams and where they want to rest when the bright lights of living start to dim. For many, America is their birthplace, really the only place they call home ... until being confronted with challenges of race, culture, and social and economic disparities. Simply said, the perceived problem is they do not look "American" since they do not fit the perceived ideal or "The Master Narrative" as called by the critically acclaimed writer Toni Morrison.

I'm not talking about Latin-Americans, especially not Mexicans whose ancestry dates back to when Mexico owned a good chunk of the USA from California down to Texas; nor about African-Americans, whose ancestors were brutally captured and sold to the New World; and not even about Native Americans whose people have always been in this continent even before being "discovered" While neither of these groups are immigrants in the true sense of the word, they no less continue to experience that imposed cultural divide and opposition.

I'm talking, however, about Americans of Filipino descent who, for many reasons, acknowledge they know nothing or do not care to know of their Filipino ancestry. Nowadays, it is no longer just a case of working hard to find your own place or joining the rat race to get ahead. As sad and frivolous it may sound, we are often made aware, whether deliberate or not, of the reality that race and culture obviously matter. Skin color and how we look still make a difference, and that climb to the top will be made harder than that of the average American Joe. They too, are not immigrants, but their parents or their grandparents may have been. Indeed, no one can say that Americans of Filipino descent are immigrants ... well, in the physical sense that is.

One's ancestors are the inevitable carriers of silent bundles of harmony and irreconcilable differences. The emotional and mental are veritable depositories of contradictions and clashes with what is perceived as society's reality, hence the dichotomy of cultural identity. For culture is imbedded in the soul of a people, like a sleeping giant that would only wake when it wants to. When it does, it is expressed in many forms — in writing or literature, in dance and music, in theater and visual arts, in storytelling and folk life, and so on. That there's beauty in all cultural expressions may present a stretch for some, but one can find that particular sense of peace in embracing, even just acknowledging one or several slices of inherited culture, that is if one cares enough to look.

So, short of having drastic transplants, there's absolutely nothing one can do about one's genes or DNA, but embrace what one has, who one is. And perhaps, if one's conscious and subconscious come together to uphold and fortify the claim of being 'American' - then, go for it, as it may be the only thing one knows about oneself.

I'm always reminded, however, of that old and wise Filipino saying: "Know where you came from, so you will know where you're going." The ghosts of the past do not lie for they'll keep haunting. Time to sit down with the old folks, and ask them to really share their stories.

Feature:

Exploring Options and Career Paths

By Kayla Aves
PAANC Students/Young Adults Liaison

As we all know, October is Filipino-American History Month. In celebration of this month, UNC-Chapel Hill's Filipino student organization Kasama held a Filipinx-American Professionals Panel to discuss how Filipino identity impacts the workplace. PAANC member Linda McGloin and I were asked to speak on this panel, along with many other Filipino area professionals. The panelists included myself (working in digital marketing), Linda (arts/non-profits and human rights advocacy), Alan Aguilar (UNC professor), Errol Ramirez (software engineer), Jheanne Schack (project manager), Patrece Duhig (pharmacy school student) and Rachel Quinto (clinical program manager).



The discussion began around the topic of how one's Filipino identity impacts their worklife. Many attributed their Filipino culture to being caring, and the desire to create a "family" at work. There were also discussions of how racism and discrimination have come into play. The panel also discussed the pressures felt by second and third generation immigrants, as well as the stigma around mental health in Filipino communities. Finally, each of the panelists discussed how they are able to find their passions in the day jobs and other hobbies. This included finding ways to support under-served communities, fighting for human rights, educating future generations, and spreading knowledge around Filipino culture. The audience then had the opportunity to ask industry-specific questions to the panelists.

I thought that this was an excellent panel to be a part of. There was a pretty good turnout of about 25 Filipino students who were all actively engaged in asking questions and making commentary. Speaking with some of the students after, the resounding opinion was that the panel made many of them feel more confident in their chosen career paths, even if they were not necessarily what their family wanted. Many students who were still unsure of their future careers also felt comfortable that they had more options than the predominant Filipino stereotypes. The panelists also enjoyed taking part in this event because they were able to encourage the students to truly follow what they are passionate about.

PAANC REPORT/UPDATES

From Annual "Kalayaan" Picnic/Fiesta Filipino

On June 8, PAANC celebrated the annual Philippine Independence Day with the largest gathering ever assembled for this event at the Jim Graham Building at NC State Fairgrounds. Event Chair Brian Carey and volunteers organized a successful gathering of over 400 people from the Triangle and beyond, including Charlotte, Greensboro, Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, and many other towns. Families with lots of children came! Tables laden with a variety of foods fed the multitude while entertainment was going on onstage. The Filipino American Performing Arts (FAPA) showcased beautiful traditional song and dance numbers; Kayla Aves read a statement that reminded everyone why we are celebrating Philippine Independence; the PAAANC Choir sang spirited folk and romantic ballads, and vendors provided a large selection of crafts, services, and even a voter registration table. It was indeed an event to remember, and challenges PAANC to continue the tradition that builds on the success of the 2019 event.



Presenting PAANC's latest humanitarian initiative:

PAANC-Partners In Health (PIH) Project



A brainchild of Robert Turner, M.D., the PAANC-PIH is an international health project with primary service focus on underserved communities in the Philippines. It is established under the humanitarian umbrella of the Philippine-American Association of North Carolina, Inc. (PAANC). Dr. Turner sees collaboration as a key component, hence the partnerships with affiliate groups, including the Philippine Nurses Association of North Carolina (PNA-NC) and community health stakeholders in the Philippines.

Service Specifics: To provide grant support to maintain health clinic staff to, in turn, provide:

- sustainable primary and preventive care,
- prevention and educational services,
- · access to medicines, and
- follow up care

Further, the integration of public health professionals and students will also allow for policy advocacy to address broader social and environmental needs.

The PAANC-PIH's mission is to support continuous, coordinated, comprehensive, and sustainable primary health care to a designated and underserved community in the Philippines. Its vision is: Everyone deserves access to adequate health care.

The PAANC-PIH goals are:

- 1) To collaborate with an existing health care clinic to enhance services to its patients in measurable ways.
- 2) To expand basic primary health care services in a resource constrained setting by supporting a cost efficient and sustainable healthcare model that is patient centered.
- 3) To empower individuals, families, and communities to optimize their health by educating both providers and patients about health promotion and disease prevention.
- To create a tool that measures and demonstrates transparency, accountability, and performance so the clinic is better poised for success and longevity.
- 5) To understand the culture of our health clinic partners and to learn from them as they learn from us.
- To explore and adapt the use of integrative and alternative medicine strategies.

As a PAANC project, donations and contributions to PAANC-PIH are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The EIN is available upon request. For more information, contact:

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PAANC REPORT/UPDATES

Badminton Charity Tournament - August 24, 2019

Josie Spontak, PAANC-Badminton Chair

Badminton was definitely the sport of the summer for many Triangle athletic enthusiasts who participated in the 6th Annual PAANC-Badminton Charity Tournament in August. For the first time since its inception in 2014, the event has become so popular that some players had to be denied entry in what is one of the hottest tournaments in the Triangle. Due to the tournament's growing visibility, players came from Virginia Beach, Charlotte, Greensboro and Fayetteville. To celebrate 5 years of the badminton community's tremendous support of PAANC, Filipino food was served free of charge. Players were happily served by Credit-Suisse and PAANC volunteers, and the feast consisted of chicken adobo, deep-fried pork belly, pancit, fried rice, mango salad, stir-fried vegetables, cassava and rum cakes, and banana turon. With voracious appetites in tow, no crumbs were left behind by enthusiastic players who happily devoured everything. We hosted 90 players in 11 events and 3 categories (advanced, intermediate and beginners). With the tournament at maximum capacity, it was not only fun but also guite competitive. The men's doubles events had 19 pairs competing in the intermediate, 10 in the advanced, and 6 in the beginners levels. Many of these players also played in second and third events. The PAANC rejoiced as one of its members. Maita Encarnacion, together with her partner, Nate Morabe, garnered first place in the intermediate mixed doubles division. Other Filipino winners included John Acebu, Kristani Alcantara, Josie Spontak and Cheryl Whitney. Beginners Lily and Jim Redder and Kayla Aves also gave their best effort. There was absolutely no doubt that FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE was the appropriate motto of the day. Thanks to the notable support from Credit-Suisse, a private donor, and the participating badminton community, a net total of \$3k is earmarked for the Cebu/Leyte 2021 Carolina Medical Mission. Hope to see you all on the courts again next year.



PAANC REPORT/UPDATES

From Scholarship

Laura Lawton. Committee Chair

More than Bowling II

Please sign up to bowl and raise funds for the PAANC Scholarship Committee. In addition to having fun, you will be helping to fund Philippine and North Carolina scholars. Deadline to sign up is Oct. 31. The event is at 2 pm, Nov. 9, Saturday at Buffalo Lanes in Cary.

Go to the PAANC Facebook page to sign up for the tournament. Scroll down until you see "Get Tickets." https://www.facebook.comevents/2588720657858634/. There are currently only nine people signed up. We booked 15 lanes. Need to fill about 13 more lanes!

SY2019-2020 PAANC Scholars in the Philippines:

Assumption College of Davao (ACD): Scholarship awards ended with successful completion of 4-year studies by 3 scholars. Per PAANC Board recommendation, the remaining funds of \$482.41 in ACD scholarship account shall be utilized by the ACD Library to add to their collection of reading materials to benefit its faculty and student population.

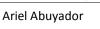
Lapu City College – Here is a photo of the 2019 scholars with their parents and LLCC administrators. They are displaying their MOUs during the document signing.



From left: Mrs. Lilbeth P. Nuñez (mother), CHRISTINE JOY NUÑEZ (scholar), BERNARD LUIZ E. ALDA (scholar,) Mildred Alda (mother), Mamerto E. Lemente (father) MAE JEAN R. LEMENTE (scholar), CHERRIE T. MANCHING (scholar), and Marilyn T. Manching (mother). In the middle: Dr. Maria Noeleen M. Borbajo, Vice President for Academics/Dean, College of Education. The tallest gentleman in the middle is the College President, Dr. Eduardo A. Ompad and beside is Mrs. Elvie S. Espinosa the Guidance Counselor/Scholarship Coordinator. Next to me is, JHON MARK B. LAS-IRAS (scholar) Jelymar B. Las-Iras (mother), IVY LOU B. CAMPU (scholar) and Emma CAMPO (mother).

Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) Scholars:







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From Film Series

Tim McGloin. Outreach/Disaster Relief Chair



The PAANC film series continued this past September 7 at the home of Tim and Linda McGloin with "Bitter Melon", an award-winning film directed by H.P. Mendoza about a family reunion Christmas party in San Francisco. That may sound like an innocent celebration of holiday cheer, but this film of dark humor was anything but that. While an oldest son rules the household with fear, a legacy of family abuse and violence emerges and must be confronted and resolved.

"This film created more discussion over food and refreshments after the viewing than anv other film shown." This was number 6 in the PAANC Film Series for Outreach/Disaster Relief, and Tim plans to show 2 films in the Spring and Fall next



year. He noted that, "In addition to raising funds for disaster relief, we also want to feature Filipino and Filipino-American film-makers, especially young, up-and-coming actors, writers, directors, and producers".

Thanks to PAANC Board members who participated in the discussion post viewing; and special appreciation to Kayla Aves, Students/Young Adults Liaison, who coordinated the participation of 3 students from nearby Duke University. ■

From Cultural Arts:

Learn to dance the "Tinikling" and other folk dances

In preparation for the March 2020 International Festival in Raleigh (IFR), the Folk Dance Group is holding open classes for children and for young adults. As often times, children are accompanied by their parents or grandparents, they too are welcome to learn or re-learn basic folk dance steps, including the ever popular "Tinikling" or Bamboo Dance.

Filipino Choir:

We all know that we're missing something but can't quite place it until one request becomes too many at the end? Well, that's the case of the Filipino Choir — do bring it back as it's been missing for a while. We miss the fun and camaraderie as we struggle to stay in tune! Most of all, we miss Miss Myra's loving tutelage. Perhaps, the return of Dr. Carmen and Miss Imelda's emails will help to rouse us from the long hibernation

From Membership:

We are running out of space, so Susan Serna's Membership update and other committee reports will appear in the Winter 2019 issue of PAANC Newsletter. ■

FIL-AM COMMUNITY NEWS

From the Triangle:

Sept 30: Filipino-American Groups Come Together for 2nd Philippine Consular Meeting

Per request from the Philippine Embassy in Washington, DC, a meeting was arranged between the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Brigido Dulay, who apparently was visiting the US in an official capacity, and the Filipino community in North Carolina. According to the Embassy of the Philippines' First Secretary and Consul Katrina Isabelle Borja-Martin who placed the request via email, Undersecretary Dulay, scheduled to be in the Triangle area Sept 29-30, was "looking forward to an intimate meeting discussion with leaders/representatives of the Filipino-American community in NC to find out how the community is doing in general, and to get their views and recommendations on the delivery of consular services." Borja-Martin further added that Dulay "is the Undersecretary for Civilian Security and Consular Concerns mainly overseeing consular affairs and overseas absentee voting."

The request to meet was sent to Emma Dempsey of PAANC and to Fe Praiswater of PNA-NC, who, along with volunteers from their respective groups, jointly hosted and made possible the first and highly successful service-oriented Philippine consular meeting in the Triangle in 2018 specifically focused on dual citizenship.

The Sept 30 meeting was hosted by long-time PAANC member and enterprising realtor Judith de la Cruz at her place in Wake Forest. Attendees represented area organizations, including the following: PAANC (Philippine-American Association of North Carolina, Inc.; PNA-NC (Philippine Nurses Association – North Carolina; GSS (Gabriela Silang Society), Anak Pawis, FAPA (Filipino-American Performing Arts), GK (Gawad Kalinga), and the Triangle Asian Group

A Q/A session followed a reception sponsored by PAANC and PNC-NC. Undersecretary Dulay responded to questions on Philippine tourism, infrastructure, security, etc. Answers to usual questions about passport application, dual citizenship and benefits, tax liabilities, starting a business, etc., can also be found online at official Philippine Embassy website.



Other Happenings in Durham

From Fil-Am HICC Parishioners:

Dinner-Dance
Benefit Fundraiser
for
Holy Infant Catholic Church
Altar Memorial Fund
Oct 26, 2019
7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Filipino-American Parishioners
For more information, contact:
Dee Stevenson • 919-943-5915
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Event venue: Triangle Grace Church
(formerly the Triangle Presbyterian Church)
5001 Tudor Place
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From SAND (Support & Advocacy Network for Dumaguete)



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Alaska, U.S.A.

Hometown: DumagueteCity, Negros Oriental Philippines

Engr. Elizabeth Lajato Merto-Engle 2019 Outstanding Sillimanian Awardee 2018 Pamana ng Pilipino Awardee

In an industry traditionally dominated by men, Engineer Elizabeth Lajato Merto-Engle has proven that it is possible for a woman to be heard and show the world what she can do. As the first registered woman engineer in the state of Alaska, Engr. Engle served in various leadership roles, managed projects with precision, and worked collaboratively and fervently with different professionals over the years.

Known as Betsy to her friends and colleagues, Engr. Engle came from a modest beginning. She hails from Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, where she spent her early childhood years together with her five siblings were spent in a home without electricity and running water. Through her parents' hard work, coupled with her own dedication, she obtained a degree in Civil Engineering at Silliman University in 1963, and later took up Sanitary Engineering at the Mapua Institute of Technology in 1965. A year later, she tried her luck overseas by pursuing her engineering career in Virginia and Washington D.C. Then in 1968, what was supposed to be a seven-month structural engineering job in Fairbanks, Alaska became permanent as she got married to her immediate supervisor and eventually started her own family.

From 1971 to 1999, Engr. Engle worked in various capacities in companies in Fairbanks, Alaska, including the State Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Northern Region (AKDOT&PF). While at AKDOT&PF, she rose from the ranks, starting as a Project Planner, then as Design Group Chief, and eventually, as Director of Design and Construction. She was responsible for numerous public work projects throughout the northern region of Alaska. She worked with state client agencies in developing project scopes and budgets, and administration of projects from concept development through design and construction.

She handled projects like upgrading of AKDOT&PF buildings in line with the American Disabilities Act; purchase of snow removal equipment for various airports in Alaska; Fairbanks International Airport maintenance and facilities improvement; and the Deadhorse Airport Combined Facility for the State of Alaska and the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA). The latter won the FAA's 1999 Facilities National Award for Excellence.

She also did the renovation of the Fairbanks Youth Facility, as well as the Huslia Airport masterplan and improvements, among others.

Shortly after retiring in 1999, Engr. Engle was offered a Project Manager position at the world renowned Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC) which designed, constructed, and maintains the 800-mile Trans- Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). TAPS transports crude oil from Prudhoe Bay to the northernmost port of Valdez in Alaska. The pipeline today is recognized as a landmark engineering feat and remains essential to Alaska's economy and central to the state's industry.

From 2000 to 2008, Engr. Engle was responsible for the tank inspection projects, management of major maintenance and new construction projects, from inception through project closeout. Moreover, she managed challenging jobs and made multi-million dollar decisions. Despite these, Engr. Engle had the uncanny ability to smile through the tasks and pull the best team together to do the work.

Among all the projects on the TAPS that she handled, the most challenging and high profile one was a bypass project due to a discovered leak in the transit line of British Petroleum (BP), the major owner and contributor of the oil that flows into TAPS. Pigging activities, solids management, and corrosion inspections were performed in three months with about 300 construction workers in the field, working 24 hours in 12 hour shifts and 50 support staff in the office in minus 35°F average outside temperature.

Now retired, Engr. Engle is highly involved in various activities, both in Alaska and in the Philippines. She is the current Chairperson of the Silliman University Alumni Council of North America (SUACONA), which has 15 chapters in the US and 3 chapters in Canada. She is also the founder of the Silliman University Alumni Association of Alaska (SUAA) and was its President for 10 years. Moreover, she was a member of the Board of Directors of Ice Alaska, which hosted the largest ice sculpting competition in the world.

Her exemplary contributions and accomplishments were recognized by various institutions in Alaska and in the Philippines. She was given the 2017 Woman of Distinction Award by the Farthest North Girl Scout Council. The award recognizes women from Fairbanks, Alaska and surrounding communities in Northern Alaska, who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and excellence in their professional, family and personal endeavors. In 2016, she was bestowed with the Outstanding Sillimanian Award in the field of Project Management in Engineering by Silliman University. In the same year, she was Silliman's Balik Talent Speaker for the College of Engineering.

Engr. Engle confronted three challenges when she migrated to the United States, i.e., to hold her own as an engineer in a field that is traditionally dominated by men, to deal with usual obstacles that go with being an ethnic minority person and to work in state with subarctic conditions. None of these daunted her as she proved her worth and capabilities, thus, exemplifying the Filipino's character can succeed in a way that few others can.

In conferring the *Pamana ng Pilipino Award* to Engr. Elizabeth Lajato Merto-Engle, the President recognizes her excellence in the field of civil engineering and her vital role as Project Manager in various high-profile projects with AKDOT&PF and TAPS. ■



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