

MESSAGE FROM FAACV PRESIDENT, GERRY BALALLO

I am very excited to once again take on the position of President of the Filipino American Association of Central Virginia for 2018-2019. I thank the previous officers and board members most especially to the outgoing President, Rudy Bolipata, for an outstanding job. FAACV is in its 46th year of existence. It is a testament to the tireless efforts of the individuals that came before us that has made our association what it is today.

The goals that I have set forth for our association in the next two years are challenging. You could be assured that I have the passion and dedication and with the help of our capable and talented officers and board members, we will accomplish these goals.

- Create a stronger and more visible Filipino-American community in Central Virginia. FAACV will reach out to the leaders of various Filipino-American organizations and groups in the area to collaborate and work towards this goal. We have to be united and show our community's strength in its numbers.
- Increase membership and its involvement not just in social events but also in community projects. Our association will only be successful if members are engaged in the association's activities. I welcome your ideas and suggestions for projects that we could undertake. Feel free to reach out by email and on FAACV's social media platforms.
- Increase the use of technology to gain efficiencies in event payment processing, membership dues collection and communication. Follow our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We will also disseminate information through our website and email.
- Apply to privately and publicly funded grants available to non-profit organizations to support our events and various community projects.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

FAACV kicked off 2018 with its annual New Year's Eve party at the Double Tree Hotel on Kroger Center Drive. The event was well supported by the community from all over Central VA. There were plenty of music, dancing and merriment throughout the night. Revelers counted down to welcome the New Year.



Everybody on the dance floor for Zumba led by Myra Hudencial and Rowena Colina of PinayZ.

INDUCTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The new Officers and Board Members for 2018-2019 were inducted during the New Year's Eve Party. The seven officers and ten board members are composed of familiar faces and new ones. This diverse group of volunteers brings experience and expertise from their various professions: engineering, healthcare, education, technology, accounting and financial services. These men and women are dedicated to continue FAACV's mission and to serve the community.



Front Row (L-R): Gerry Balallo, Andrew Armada, Joey Colina, Ferdie Hudencial, Romy Hernandez, Rico Duller

Back Row(L-R): Chato Igharas, Imelda Raguindin, Jingjing Webster, Vilma Siegel, Innah Stephens, Alicia Spurlock, Cecile Migo, Jinky Tweedie, Melody Forbes, Lourdes Balallo, Monica Pioquinto



Team FAACV ready to strike

BOWLING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

FAACV participated in the Bowl-A-Thon benefiting The Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU on February 17, 2018 at the AMF Hanover Lanes in Mechanicsville. The event raised more than \$31,000 for The Children's Hospital. FAACV participates in this fund-raising event yearly, demonstrating its commitment to community engagement by supporting local organizations and charities.



Gerry Balallo representing FAACV along with his lovely wife, Beth and FAACV Board Members Cecile Migo, Melody Forbes and Jingjing Webster at the Tri-Cities Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball.

SUPPORTING OTHER FIL-AM ORGANIZATIONS

FAACV showed their support for the Fil-Am Association of Tri-Cities Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball held at John Tyler Community College on February 10, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EVENT



President Gerry Balallo during his opening remarks with FAACV Officers and Board Members.



Rumy Motha, Chef Mike Ledesma, Owner of Perch RVA, Andrew Armada, and Gerry Balallo.



Thank you to the FAACV community for a great turnout.



Igorot Dance performed by Rico Duller and Vilma Siegel

ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

The month of May is Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. On May 9, 2018, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam and First Lady Pamela Northam invited various leaders from the Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities at the Executive Mansion in Richmond to celebrate.



VA Governor, Ralph Northam, with FAACV representatives Rumy Mohta, Imelda Raguindin and Gerry Balallo.

FAACV held its Membership Drive Event at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on March 3, 2018. The event drew more than 120 people in attendance. FAACV President, Gerry Balallo, started the program with his opening remarks followed by a welcome address from Vice-President, Chato Igharas. A presentation by Innah Stephens and Andrew Armada emphasized FAACV's commitment to the community through its various programs in Culture and The Arts, Community Engagement projects, Educational Scholarships, and Sports and Fitness. It was a night filled with music provided DJ Nilo Migo, live entertainment from the teen band, Four of a Kind, an Igorot Dance by Vilma Siegel and Rico Duller, as well as dance performances from the FAACV Board Members and PinayZ. Raffle prizes were also given out. We thank you for making this event a success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19, 2018

Asian Festival at the Richmond Convention Center

Come out and support our food and cultural booths as well as performances by PinayZ and Sayaw!Diversity.

May 27, 2018

Annual Flores de Mayo/Santacruzán 12:15 PM at St. Edward Catholic Church in North Chesterfield.

June 15, 2018

Kultura Pilipino will be having their Filipiniana Gala at the John Marshall Ballrooms in Downtown Richmond.

June 16, 2018

FAACV 6th Annual Asian American Charity Golf Tournament at The Club in Viniterra in New Kent. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Daily Planet and FAACV Scholarship. The Daily Planet provides integrated quality health services to anyone regardless of their housing, financial or insurance status. FAACV Scholarship provides financial assistance to deserving students throughout Central VA. **Make it a father and son outing for Father's Day. Click on link for [player registration](#).**

July 8, 2018

Philippine Independence Day Picnic

Celebrate Philippine Independence Day at Deep Run Park in Henrico, Shelter #2. Festivities start at 11:00 am.

August 10-11, 2018

13th Annual Filipino Festival

Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Henrico. This year's festival will feature the lesser known indigenous tribes of Mindanao.

August 25, 2018

FAACV Casino Night

Join us on a fun bus trip to Maryland Live! Casino in Hanover, MD. More details to be posted on our social media pages and website.

April 2019

FAACV Fiesta in RVA

Details to follow.

FAACV Board Meetings are usually held every 1st Saturday of the month in the Executive Conference Room at Johnston-Willis Hospital.

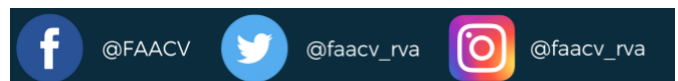
CONGRATULATIONS

Therese Igharas, daughter of Rowen and Rosario Igharas, graduated from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL on May 5, 2018 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Therese will start work in July at the Bone Marrow Treatment Unit of MCV in Richmond.

Kristina Migo, daughter of Nilo and Cecille Migo, graduated from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA on May 5, 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. Kristina was awarded the Dean's List for her outstanding academic performance.

Lourdes Balallo on her retirement from Henrico Area Mental Health and Development Services. All the best in your new adventures.

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