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## Message from the President

It's been six months since the FAAWC Y2K team took their oath of office and I am very pleased to report the team's accomplishments thus far:

The FAAWC funds was raised to a comfortable level of \$6000 as of November 1999. The new board of officers has approved the year 2000 budget to fund the following projects:

- ◆ FAAWC will donate books on Philippine History, Humanities, Art, and Philippine Style Cooking to the Danbury Public Library --- budget \$ 500.
- ◆ FAAWC will purchase *singkil* costumes for the Alay ng Pilipinas dance troupe--- budget \$1000.
- ◆ Spring dance 2000 will be sponsored by the Tiare Polynesian dance troupe and proceeds will be used for Hula and Hawaiian costume.

FAAWC will subsidize transportation cost for the Independence Day parade in NYC on June 4th.

Other projects and scheduled activities:

- Basic Computer Training that is being offered free to all FAAWC members will start on May 27, 2000.
- The board is currently reviewing the Constitution and By Laws and will make amendments if necessary to suit the qualification required for not-for-profit status.
- FAAWC will participate in the Danbury veterans parade on Danbury on May 29, 2000.
- The FAAWC's Alay ng Pilipinas will present the Singkil Dance at the Richter Park Center of Performing Arts on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The annual picnic has been slated for July 22 at the YMCA picnic grounds.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Night has been planned for October 14, 2000.

In closing, I would like to thank all the FAAWC members and officers for giving me the opportunity to lead this organization in to the new millennium. I am optimistic, that with your support, we will continue to enjoy the success that has become a tradition to this organization. **Maraming Salamat Po Sa Inyong Lahat. Nes Buan**



The FAAWC newly elected officers were inducted by Danbury Mayor Gene Enriquez during the FAAWC 5th Gala Night on October 16, 1999 at Danbury Hilton. Standing L-R : Mila Manlongat, Chie Jardeleza, Nestor Buan, Consul Bautista, Ellen Parpana, Matty Bautista, Bernadette Cardino, Gigi Ampeloquio, Lynn Maher & Arleen Ducusin..Seated L-R: Larry Manalo, John Venturina, Brenda Rasing and Lucky King. Officers that are not in the picture: Jennifer Figueras, Vincent San Antonio and Claude Kern.

### **FAAWC BOARD OF OFFICERS 1999-2001**

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**F**AAWC's very own JOANNE RASING was finalist in the search for Miss Diwa ng Kalayaan Beauty Pageant that was held in New York City on April 15, 2000. She was chosen as Mutya ng Pilipinas 2000. Her trophy was presented by Dr. Manny & Matty Bautista and her sash was pinned by her proud parents Vil and Brenda Rasing. Joanne at 16, was the youngest among the 11 candidates from five different states. Joanne who represented the state of Connecticut, started her talent show with accapella of "Dahil Sa Iyo" and continued with a hawaiian dance. Joanne is the only candidate that garnered a perfect score in the talent competition with her song and dance combination choreographed by Chona Trinidad. Bouquet of Roses was presented by Federation of CT Fil-Am Association's President Arnie Rosario and wife Juliet Rosario.



Joanne will be presented along with all the title holders during the Independence Ball at the NY Hilton Hotel & Towers on May 20th and will ride the float of Diwa ng Kalayaan during the Independence Day Parade on June 4 in New York City.



**F**AAWC's teens, Sheila Buan and Rochelle Parpana joined the Danbury High String & Orchestra group that competed at the Music Festival Competition held at the Valparaizo College in Orlando Florida last March 23, 2000. The Danbury High group won the superior ratings in all events.

#### **PINOY B.B.Q. RECIPE**

2 lbs. pork (cut to pieces.), 1/3 cup lime juice, 1/4 cup soy sauce, 3/4 cup 7up, 1 1/2 tbsp. chili sauce, 3 tbsp. sugar, Salt and pepper to taste

Marinate the pork pieces for at least 2 hours and skew with barbecue sticks. Save the remaining mixture and mix with banana catsup. Baste with this mixture while barbecue is in grill. It's the banana catsup that makes it truly pinoy. Enjoy...



#### **Kilitian Korner**

The Canadians and Ilocanos have the same National Anthem " Oh, Canada" ( Okenada )

Bakit laging Intsik and kinikidnap?

Kasi pag Pinoy - hulugan, pag Bumbay - 5-6  
pag Kano - credit card,... Eh pag Intsik - C.O.D.

#### **ERAP'S JOKES:**

Q: Ilang liters meron ang Coke 2000?  
Erap: Apat! Liter C, liter O, liter K, liter E!  
Hehehe! Wag niyo akong subukan!!!

Erap bought an AM radio.  
It took him a month to realize he could play it at night.

#### **ERAP'S WISDOM:**

1. Don't judge the book for you are not a judge.
2. Birds of the same feathers are the same birds.
3. Tell me who your friends are, and I'll tell you mine.
4. I have a dream..... Bangungot nga lang

**The Alay ng Pilipinas** Folk Dance Group has been learning the "Singkil - Maranao Dance" during the winter season. Week-end practices were held at the Senior Center of Danbury. Presently, the Singkil group is composed of dancers between the ages of 11-17. The long awaited "Singkil" cultural dance will be presented on the FAAWC Spring Dance on April 29, 2000.

Needless to say, 1999 has been a busy year for the Alay. They have engaged at school functions, picnics, Phil. Independence Day parade in NY, and March of Dimes-Walk America. Noteworthy is the individual efforts of Genna Valera and Monica Mahoney, members of the Alay. Genna performed at her teacher's retirement party at Mill Ridge Elementary School and Monica did a solo dance performance at Pembroke Elementary School's Talent Show.

The FAAWC acknowledge the hard work of all the Alay staff, members and their parents. Keep up the good work!!!!!!

#### **LOCAL NEWS**

##### **Danbury, Connecticut**

Dr. Henry Lee, world renowned forensic scientist, will lead a team of law enforcement specialists in an attempt to reconstruct the shooting of Mark Rebong. Mark, the oldest son of FAAWC adviser Dr. Efren & Annie Rebong, died after he was shot in his Jeep Cherokee off Exit 2 on Interstate 84 on Jan 17. The Fil-Am community hope and pray that reconstruction will clear up un-answered questions.

If anyone has any information regarding the incident call the CT State Police at 1-800-376-1554.



Mark Rebong

#### **PHILIPPINE NEWS**

##### **131 killed in RP's worst air disaster**

Davao City (4/19/00)—An Air Philippines jet packed with Easter holidaymakers crashed and burst into flames on the resort island of Samal near Davao City yesterday, killing all 131 on board in the country's worst aviation disaster.

The 29-year-old Boeing 737 plane, was preparing to land at the Davao City airport at the end of an early morning flight from Manila, when it slammed into a coconut plantation.

##### **Ferry sinking toll rises to 143**

ZAMBOANGA CITY (4/26/00)-- About 35 more bodies from the latest ferry tragedy were recovered yesterday off coastal areas in two southern provinces, raising the death toll to 143. Officials said that more than 200 people were believed aboard the motor launch Anna-hada when the 14.5-meter boat capsized on April 12 although only nine crewmen and 11 passengers were listed on the manifest. More than 70 others were rescued.

#### **BUSINESS**

Manila (4/27/00)—According to Asian Development Bank (ADP), Asia will remain the fastest growing region in the world in 2000 with its developing economies set to repeat their 1999 average 6.2 per-cent GDP growth.

Despite of that growth, ADP sees sluggish 4-5% Philippine GDP growth this year as the economy continues its slow-paced recovery.

The Philippine economy grew by 3.2 percent in 1999.