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Los Angeles County Filipino American
Employees Association



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PROUDLY PRESENTS

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114th
PHILIPPINE
INDEPENDENCE
DAY
CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 14, 2012

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Lawn Area
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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PROGRAM

- Master and Mistress of Ceremony Art Aquino and Virginia Culbertson
- Entrance of Colors Filipino Veterans
- United States National Anthem and
Philippine National Anthem Philippine Chamber Singers
- Invocation ... Reverend Raymond Decipeda, MMHC, Pastor
Holy Family Church, Artesia
- Opening Remarks LACFAEA President Francis L. Day
- Welcome Address by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich
- Congratulatory Remarks Philippine Consul General Aragon
- Kalayaan Award Presentation to Phil. Congressman Manny
Pacquiao, World Boxing Winner President Francis L. Day
- Kalayaan Award Presentation To Late Armando Valino
Represented by his Wife and Son..... President Francis L. Day
- Kalayaan Award Presentation To Brenda Mendoza
..... President Francis L. Day

LUNCH / ENTERTAINMENT

- Variety of Cultural Songs and Dances Featuring ...
Philippine Chamber Singers of Los Angeles
by Artistic Director Gelo Francisco

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- Presentation of LACFAEA Scholarship Awards
.....*LACFAEA President Francis L. Day*
- Closing Remarks and Announcements Antonio Mendoza
PI Day Event Chairman

SPECIAL GUESTS

Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, Honorable Consul General of the



Philippines is a career diplomat with the rank of Chief of Mission I. She joined the Philippine Foreign Service in June 1979.

Before assuming her post at the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles in June 2006, Mrs. Aragon held the position of Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs in Manila.

In the Foreign Service, Mrs. Aragon served in various capacities at the Philippine Mission to the United Nations in New York *from 1994 to 2001* and at the Philippine Embassy in Brussels, Belgium *from 1982 to 1990*.

Mrs. Aragon earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Schiller College in Bönningheim, Germany and London, UK, and a Diploma in International Relations from the University of London, UK.

Born in Manila, Mrs. Aragon is married to Dr. Romualdo A. Aragon, Jr. and they have one daughter, Kimberly.

Antonio Cartagena, Councilman of Walnut City was first elected to the



Walnut City Council to a four-year term to serve April 2000 - April 2004. The residents re-elected him in April 2004 and in April 2008. Tony Cartagena was elected by his peers to serve as Mayor in September 2010, September 2006 and in April 2002. He served as Mayor Pro Tem in April of 2001. Tony Cartagena's career included teaching Social Sciences at the college levels, after which the County of Los Angeles hired him to work in their Financial Services Division where he had been employed for 29 years. Tony has been happily married to Nora DeLa Cruz for 28 years. They are blessed with two

children, son Jason and daughter Camille.

Sonny Santa Ines, Councilman of Bellflower was

elected on March 2012 and his term expires on March 2015. He works as a Chief Financial & Administrative Officer at Weingart Center Association. He came from San Jose City, Philippines.

Schools Attended: Philippine School of Business Administration, B.S. Accounting (graduated magna cum laude); University of California, Los Angeles, Certificate in Early Childhood Education; California State University, Long Beach, MBA. **Current Appointments:** Board Member, Los Cerritos YMCA. **Past Appointments:** Commissioner, Bellflower Planning Commission; Member, Bellflower Town Center Design Review Committee;



Member, Bellflower Unified School District Citizens' Task Force; Member, Bellflower High School Site Council. He is happily married to Irma Santa Ines with two children.

KALAYAAN AWARDEES

Emmanuel "Manny" Dapidran Pacquiao, born on December 17, 1978 is a Filipino professional boxer and politician. He was named "Fighter of the Decade" for the 2000s (decade) by the Boxing Writers Association of America (BWAA). He is also a three-time The Ring and BWAA "Fighter of the Year," winning the award in 2006, 2008 and 2009. Aside from boxing, Pacquiao has participated in acting, music recording, business, and politics. In May 2010, Pacquiao was elected to the House of Representatives in the 15th Congress of the Philippines, representing the province of Sarangani. He joined a partnership business venture of 24/7 Card, which is a debit+remit money.



Late Armando Valino is the recipient of Posthumous Kalayaan Award. He was the LACFAEA President from 1995 to 1998. He was the first LACFAEA President who spearheaded the celebration of Philippine Independence Day in Los Angeles County. He asked the involvement of all Filipino employees working in all County departments and recruited 1000 members. He was able to get a payroll deduction code for LACFAEA from the Auditor-Controller Department. He retired from the Internal Services Department for 18 years of service on October 11, 1999. Upon retirement, he established his business in real estate, mortgage services and insurance. They have two children, Aileen J. Valino-Camcam and David A. Valino. Armand was very proud of his two grandchildren, Alyssa Gineza Camcam (was his Tennis buddy) and Aliyah Veronica Camcam (a young aspiring golfer).



Brenda Mendoza works for the Department of Community and Senior Services, as Director at Santa Clarita Valley Service Center #325. She is the current 2nd Vice President of LACFAEA. She is the President of Federation of Filipino Rosary Group, Inc. (FFRG). She chaired the "Kundirana", which benefited underprivileged children with substance-abuse challenges. She also chaired the Philippine Independence Day which was a joint venture with the City of Los Angeles and the County. She received awards from five districts of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in recognition of her dedicated service to the community. She was also honored by State Assemblyman Gilbert A. Cedillo for her outstanding contribution in the 6th Annual Health Fair. She received commendations from the City of Los Angeles Mayor Richard J. Riordan and City of Carson Mayor Jim Dear. She also received an award of Presidential Medallion of Honor by International Jaycees in the United States. Her peers regarded her as an excellent motivator using her endless energy in Cystic Fibrosis Project, Town & Cultural Heritage as well as the Filipino-American Youth. Brenda enjoys the fashion and was a model in her younger years. She is an alumnus of the Philippine Women's University with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics, emphasis in Food & Nutrition. She is married to Willie Mendoza, a retired CPA and were blessed with two daughters, Barbie and Beverly, who are both professionals and married. Brenda delights her six grandchildren.



Special Thanks To

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Internal Services Department, Consul General of the Philippines Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, City of Walnut Councilman Antonio Cartagena, City of Bellflower Councilman Sonny Santa Ines, Reverend Raymond Decipeda, MMHC, Pastor Holy Family Church, Artesia, Allergan, Alpha Phi Omega of Hollywood Alumni, APR Consulting, Inc., Bradford Portraiture, Brenda Mendoza Personal Greetings, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, Ms. International 2010 Clare Alejandrino, Farmers Insurance, Fasae, FilAmea, Local 721-Filipino Caucus, Filipino Veterans, Francis Day Family Greetings, VQ Engineering/Home Team Realty, Healthcare Partners, Kyani of Audra Galang, Los Angeles County Asian American Employees Association, LA Dodgers, Melaleuca, Philippine Nurses of Southern California, Prather's Family Greetings, Rawley Portraiture, Rotary Club of Historic Filipinotown, RPM Mortgage, Santa Anita Race Track, Smile Finders, Southern California Mapua Alumni Association, WFG, Zumba

EVENT COMMITTEES

Over-all Chairperson – Antonio F. Mendoza
Over-all Co-Chairperson – Rosario Salon

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Co-Chair Purita Prather
Faye Discipulo
Tessie Aquino

B.O.S. LIAISON

Chair Rosario Salon
Audra Galang
Cynthia Birch
Glee Quiaot

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Chair Henry Ong
Orlando Co
Frank Ong
Cip Estrada
Glee Quiaot

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Clare Alejandrino

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Art Aquino
Virginia Culbertson

RECEPTION

Chair Rosario Salon
Clare Alejandrino
Cynthia Birch
Rene Galano

FINANCE

Chair Francis Day
Antonio Mendoza
Purita Prather
Henry Ong

KALAYAAN AWARD

Chair Francis Day
Antonio Mendoza
Brenda Mendoza
Clare Alejandrino
Frank Ong
Purita Prather
Rosario Salon

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Chair Faye Discipulo
Gliceria Quiaot
Carmelita Rafols
Audra Galang
Rene Galano

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

Chair Audra Galang
Co-Chair Glee Quiaot
Antonio Mendoza
Clare Alejandrino

BOOTHS

Chair Henry Ong
Orlando Co
Frank Ong

The Philippine Chamber Singers of Los Angeles



Gelo Francisco
Artistic Director



Emmanuel Miranda
Resident Conductor

The Philippine Chamber Singers - Los Angeles (PCS-LA) is a dynamic, diverse and decorated group of Filipino music-lovers, bonded by their passion for choral singing. Founded in 2004, PCS-LA has grown from its humble beginnings of Christmas caroling and performing at local weddings.

In 2007, PCS-LA participated in the Choral Directors Association's (ACDA) 24th biennial National Convention where they delivered a successful opening night performance at the International Concert Session Gala held in Miami, FL. PCS-LA also graced the stages at the Long Beach Convention Center, L.A. Sports Arena, the La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts and the Cerritos Performing Arts Center to name a few. In 2008, PCS-LA performed at the 4th Word Festival of Sacred Music spearheaded by UCLA and at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion for the Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration.

In August of 2009, PCS-LA performed at the Ford Amphitheatre and delivered an outstanding presentation of Ryan Cayabyab's music in "Awit ng Buhay", a musical revue depicting the life of a Filipino, the Filipino family dynamic, and the emotional struggles of overseas workers.

Gelo Francisco is the Choir Master of the Philippine Chamber Singers. As a conductor, he has handled numerous choirs from small amateur ensembles and college choirs to the 100-voice Grand Festival Choir of the Cultural Center of the Philippines during commemorative events. Originally pursuing a nursing degree, Gelo shifted to the University of the Philippines College of Music in 1991 where he majored in Voice. That same year he was invited to join the world-renowned U.P. Madrigal Singers whom he toured with extensively on international concert tours, festivals and competitions. In 1995 he formed the pop vocal group 3 Of A Kind which stylishly and successfully merged mass appeal and formal vocal training, thus winning critics' praises at the A Cappella Harmony Sweepstakes and becoming the Bay Area Champions of 2002.

