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Celebrating 40 years 40 chapters

FANHS Newsletter June 2022
40th Anniversary Souvenir Edition

HISTORIC SITE
DURING THE MANILA-ACAPULCO GALLEONS TRADE FROM 1563 TO 1815,
SPANISH GALLEONS CROSSED THE PACIFIC BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND
MEXICO.
ON OCTOBER 18, 1567, THE MANILA GALLEON, NIEN TEN SENORA DE ESPERANZA,
COMMANDERED BY PEDRO DE UNAMUNO, ENDED UP WRECKED NEAR HERE. A
LANDING PARTY WAS SENT TO SEARCH WHICH INCLUDED SETON INDIAN,
MARKING THE FIRST LANDING OF FILIPINOS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED
STATES. THE LANDING PARTY TOOK OFFICIAL POSSESSION OF THE AREA FOR
SPAIN BY PUTTING UP A CROSS MADE OF BRANCHES. THE CROSS WAS ATTACKED
BY NATIVE INDIANS TWO DAYS LATER AND ONE OF THE FILIPINOS WAS KILLED.
UNAMUNO AND HIS CREW DAVE UP FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THIS PART OF
THE COAST.
HISTORICAL LANDMARK DECLARED BY THE
FILIPINO-AMERICAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER
DEDICATED OCTOBER 31, 1995

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Maria Batayola



Welcome to our FANHS Newsletter June 2022
40th Anniversary Special Edition

40 YEARS
40 CHAPTERS
2022 FANHS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

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From the Editorial Team

Our Newsletter mission from the FANHS Communication Committee is to “connect FANHS internally and externally by sharing FANHS’ exciting work”. Our team includes Publisher Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova co-founder and Executive Director of FANHS, Editorial Board Co-Chairs Trustees Luna Jamero and Terri Torres, and interim Editor Trustee Maria Batayola. For more information, please contact Ms. Jamero at ljamero1943@gmail.com .

FANHS MISSION

“To promote understanding, education, enlightenment, appreciation and enrichment through the identification, gathering, preservation and dissemination of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States.”



June 1, 2022

Dear FANHS Members,

Thanks to Editorial Board Co-Chairs Luna Jamero, and Terri Torres, and Editor Maria Batayola, we have a special edition for our 40th anniversary. During that time, FANHS continued to grow, and sadly valued members died. Today society is changing, political dynamics in America and the world are shifting. We are emerging (hopefully) from a deadly global epidemic which caused the cancellation of the 2020 Hawaii conference and altered the way we conduct business, interact socially, and consider what is important in our lives.

FANHS turns 40 this year and our 19th National Conference will be held at Seattle University - the site of the first gathering in 1987. Since then - almost 2,000 people have attended – many sharing research, personal stories or just listening and learning Filipino American history. Conferences have become “*reunions*” as many people continued to come and renew friendships with others they met at earlier sessions.

FANHS National Office and Archives in Seattle holds large collections of oral histories interviews, historic photos, and research, as well as several photo exhibits. We conduct TGIF lectures and the “Poverty Readers,” and have produced an award-winning documentary. For years, the late Dr. Virgilio Pilapil edited the FANHS Journal. The Central Coast Chapter hosted the commemoration of Morro Bay as the first documented American site in 1587 of “*Indios Luzones*” aka Filipinos. Filipino American History Month, the annual celebration of that fact, is held each October. In 2016 the National Museum opened in Stockton... and more.

Forty FANHS chapters with our affiliate, Filipino American Historical Society of Hawaii, have documented and shared their local histories in different ways. Members have become authors. Valuable materials contained in the National office and Archives have been shared with chapters, authors, filmmakers, historians, researchers, and ordinary folk seeking family history. For years we mentored students who now are mentoring younger students. We collaborate with other organizations or agencies on joint projects. Fifty members went to Manila in 1998 to share Filipino American history as part of the 100th Anniversary of the Spanish American War.

We have been busy the past 40 years – and the results have exceeded our expectations. Hopefully you will be able to celebrate with us in Seattle August 11-13 or join us electronically. Thank you for being part of our growing FANHS Family.

Dorothy Laigo Cordova

FANHS Co-Founder and Executive Director



Dear FANHS Extended Family and Community,

I write this message with so much pride and love in my heart. I want to talk about our beloved founder - Auntie Dorothy. We could not have gone this far without our beloved founder and pro bono Executive Director Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova who has been leading the way, supporting us at every turn to grow 40 chapters, growing the body of Filipino American primary research, stewarding the Archives, jump starting the Museum, co-leading the adoption of October as Filipino American History Month and more.




Join us at the 2022 FANHS Biennial Conference to celebrate in person or virtually our 40th Anniversary and honor our beloved Auntie Dorothy. (See page 45 to register.)


With gratitude,
Dr. Emily Lawsin
President
FANHS Board of Trustees

50th Anniversary Celebration of the FIRST YOUNG FILIPINO PEOPLE'S FAR WEST CONVENTION aka PILIPINO PEOPLE'S FAR WEST CONVENTION (FYFPWC) 1971 - 1982

To many historians, the first FYFPWC kicked off the Filipino American Identity movement, now also referred to as Filipino Americanism. Last year, FANHS celebrated its 50th Anniversary as the focus for October 2021 Filipino American History Month. The following pages include:

- Impacting So Many Lives by Luna Jamero, Mel LaGasca, and Maria Batayola
- Beyond the 1971 Conference
- FYFPWC Program Handout (\$25.00/\$22.50 covered the cost of attendance)
- See FANHS Website for details on the 50th Anniversary fanhs-national.org


October is Filipino American History Month!



#FAHM2021 Theme:
**50 Years Since the First Young
Filipino People's Far West Convention**

In 1971, over 300 young Filipino American people gathered in Seattle for the first Young Filipino People's Far West Convention. For the next 11 years, youth participants met at the FWCs to discuss issues important to them - from identity to the anti-martial law movement to farmworkers' rights to Ethnic Studies. The FWCs are considered to be the beginnings of the **Filipino American Movement** and the impetus for **Filipino American Studies**. For FAHM 2021, FANHS encourages commemorating the FWC and 50 years of youth empowerment and organizing throughout Filipino American history.

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YOUNG FILIPINO PEOPLES' FAR WEST CONVENTION

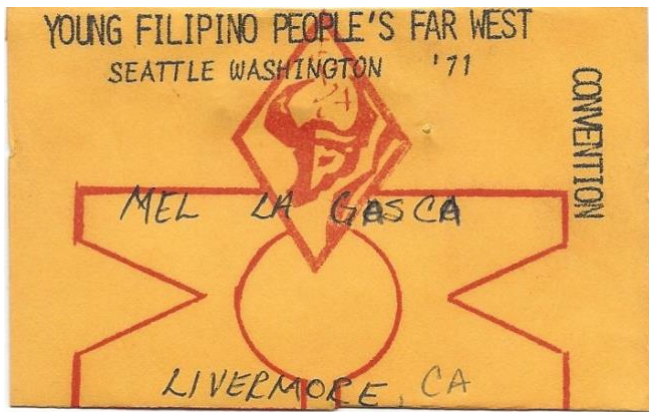
50th Anniversary Reunion / Oral History Interviews
1971: Birth of "Filipino Americanism"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 @ 3PM-5PM PDT:
Moderated by Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova
Invited Speakers: Anthony Ogilvie, Luna Jamero, Melvin Lagasca, Ben Menor, Maria Batayola, Rodel Rodis, Fermin Amutan, Luis Syquia, Marga Castellano

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 2021 @ 3PM-5PM PDT:
Moderated by Emil Guillermo
Invited Speakers: Larry Flores, Patricia Quintero, Barbara Bergano, Tim Dayonot, Lourdes Markley, Dan Begonia, Florante Peter Ibañez, Anna Rinonas Hansen, Reynaldo Pascua

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1971 First Young Filipino People's Far West Convention: Impacting So Many Lives

by Luna Jamero, Mel LaGasca, and Maria Batayola

The First Young Filipino People's Far West Convention (FYFPFWC) was held from August 18-21, 1971. Ask yourself, how was your life impacted?

It took 2 years to plan and develop the convention. Dorothy Laigo's aka Auntie Dorothy's research as funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities informed the need for Filipinos to gather, learn about each other's origins and issues and create connections. She developed and planned the Convention concept, which the

planning team bought off. As Filipino Youth Activities Youth Coordinator, she had FYA sponsor the Convention with Tony Ogilvie serving as conference chair. The program handout reflected the times and their thinking. See pages 11 -14.

"The Purpose

It is obvious that we, Filipino-Americans, have not really "made it" in this society. Nowhere at decision-making levels or in economically or politically influential positions is the Filipino found. Nowhere is he known for achievement. He is hidden in the service rooms of most buildings to do the janitorializing after everyone has left. He is hidden among those who have poor grades in school and have dropped out of the competitive mainstream.

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This must be changed. We must emerge from this repressed state. This convention is a step in our "QUEST FOR EMERGENCE."

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Mid-way, Auntie Dorothy noticed that the youth were not as engaged. She fought hard to change the Convention proceedings – only the youth can speak thereafter. “We gave a podium for the young people to have their voices heard.”

Impacting the Youth



Luna Jamero from Stockton shared a larger context. “Those of us who attended the 1971 Far West Young Pilipino People’s Conference (FWYPPC) in Seattle witnessed the beginning of a social movement in Filipino American communities. During this time, we were challenged by the turmoil of civil rights struggles, the Vietnam War, the assassinations of JFK, RFK, and Martin Luther King, the cultural identity of communities being destroyed by city development, Martial Law in the Philippines, and many other social issues....After graduating from college, I was hired to be a Social Worker with the San Joaquin County Department of

Public Assistance in 1967. During the mid-1960s, Stockton was undergoing a transformation after the City bulldozed many of the Filipino, and other Asian businesses that flourished for several years on El Dorado and adjacent streets considered by many as “Little Manila”. Several blocks of residential homes and hotels were bulldozed as well to make way for the Crosstown Freeway. The issue of displaced people and communities soon got the attention of community organizers. Jose Bernardo and others organized to successfully obtain funds for the high rise residential and commercial buildings, now known as the Filipino Plaza, which was dedicated in August of 1972. Jose was one of the keynote speakers at the 1971 Seattle Conference.

A notable outcome from the 1971 Convention was the Filipino Information Referral Center (FIRC) concept. I co- organized writing the grant proposal that was approved by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Director. Unfortunately, President Nixon dismantled the HEW shortly after taking office. Although FIRC did not get funded, the concept of wrap around services was implemented in Seattle’s Filipino Youth Activities and we established the Filipino Multi-Service Center in Stockton, California.

Personally, the 1971 FWYPPC in Seattle had a lasting influence on my identity as a Pinay and contributed to an awareness of our historical contributions to America’s development. It was a time of “connecting the dots” and recognizing that we as Filipino Americans suffered inequities and racism like other people of color. Our parents didn’t share their stories of struggle with us until we became adults. To their credit they wanted us to be all things American so we could have a more successful future. For many Filipino Americans like me, we did not learn to speak our native dialects fluently. We straddled two cultures of being Filipino at home with all of its food and customs and experiencing the conflicts of trying to be American but not always being accepted as an equal.”



Mel LaGasca, born of Afro-Irish mother and immigrant Ilocano father, attended the Convention when he was 24 years old. He was working for Sandia Lab, a nuclear weapons laboratory for the Defense Department, and playing basketball with the Filipino-Mestizo team at Filipino Basketball Tournaments that went back to the 1940's, while involved in the Civil Rights and equal rights Movements of the 1960s.

"...I focused on studying the negative social norms that suppressed "minorities from being acknowledged as contributing citizens"! Because we were underrepresented and/or lacked a strong voice we didn't hold a lot of major positions in politics, education, government, housing, employment, military, and law enforcement.

The Filipino Peoples Far West Conventions (FPFWC) ...addressed all of the above equal rights issues. The knowledge and inspiration from the FPFWC's allowed me to network and focus my resources on how I could address the negative social norms. These social and economic negative norms mentally and physically set up opportunity barriers for minorities, from progressing...."

The Convention sharpened LaGasca's focus on learning and making a difference. He served on the Associated Filipino Organization (AFO) Board of Directors (1974 to 2017), Filipino Center Plaza for more the 40 years to address housing needs, especially for low income, minorities. The building is a 10-story residential building with a separate two story commercial complex in one city square block in downtown Stockton. LaGasca witnessed the full payment of the \$2.1 M HUD mortgage in 2012. A member of FANHS since 1992, established and led the FANHS Stockton Chapter, chaired the FANHS Museum Project, raising money for 20 years prior to the Museum opening in 2016.

"I grew up hearing the "American Dream" is having an equal opportunity to get an education, find a job, own property - home, have a family, retire with a reasonable income, travel and help your family and community when you can! **LESSON LEARNED:** I learned nothing is handed to you, IT'S A CONSTANT STRUGGLE! Which means the sooner you realize you have a responsibility to focus on acquiring positive your skills, sharing your resources with family, friends, and educational networks. While you build up your confidence and have faith in your decision making. We were taught to be independent and self-reliant, early in school, but the reality is we must live, work, and survive as a team!



Maria Batayola was 16 years old when she attended the Convention. She just graduated from Immaculate High School and Auntie Dorothy asked her to volunteer at the Convention. A recent immigrant who came in 1969, she knew how

to navigate ethnic hierarchies and colorism in the Philippines but could not figure out racism. She felt disconnected, even to the American born Filipinos. When the youth spoke up at the Convention, they opened her ears to the parallels of Filipino immigrants and American born. Both felt less than (inferior), not fitting in, not belonging, and struggling to find their place in America.

The Convention's positive impact led Maria to a 30-year career in civil rights, equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) to ensure equal access to opportunities and services. She led EDI programs in large public agencies with 10-14,000. She is a dedicated FANHS National volunteer staff and Trustee, chairs Seattle Beacon Hill neighborhood council working on environmental, health and climate justice issues. She co-founded Community Coalition on Environmental Justice, API Women & Family Safety Center advocating and serving survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault.

Beyond the 1971 Convention

Since 1971, eleven more Conventions were held. In 1972, Martial Law was declared by Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos. The back home issues became of concern in the Conventions with Katipunan ng Demokratikong Pilipino (KDP) often leading the discussion in parallel with Filipino American identify, empowerment, equal access to human service, and educational/economic opportunities.

- 1971 **“A Quest for Emergence”** Seattle University, Seattle WA
- 1972 **“Power Through Unity”** (Lakas Ng Pagkakaisa) University of The Pacific, Stockton CA
- 1973 **“Itulong Ang Pakikibaka”** (Help the Struggle), San Jose Convention Center, CA. (Philippine Martial Law was declared in 1972)
- 1974 **“Sulog-forward/Onward”** UCLA, Los Angeles CA
- 1975 **“Serve The People”** (Paglingkuran Ang Sambayan) Berkeley, CA
- 1976 **“Focus on Filipinos here in America”** University of Washington, Seattle WA
- 1977 **Covered the Fall of the International Hotel**, University of California and UFW San Diego, CA

- 1978 **“Magkaisa!** (Unite and Fight for Your Rights), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 1979 **“Bumangon At Mackaisang Kumilos”** (Rise up and Let's Act Together) Sacramento, CA
- 1980 **“70's Decade of Awakening”** San Francisco, CA
- 1981 **“Build A Progressive and Active Filipino Community”** Seattle, WA
- 1982 **“Respond to the Issues of Today”** Los Angeles CA

For Auntie Dorothy, it was about giving our youth a voice, developing ideas, and bringing them to life, about learning about each other, and making regional and national connections, just like our Filipino manongs, and manangs in lodges and associations many years before.



Photo on page 7 is from the 1972 Stockton Convention taken by Mel LaGasca.

COPY OF 1971 FIRST FILIPINO YOUNG
PEOPLE'S CONVENTION HANDOUT

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AUGUST 18-21, 1971

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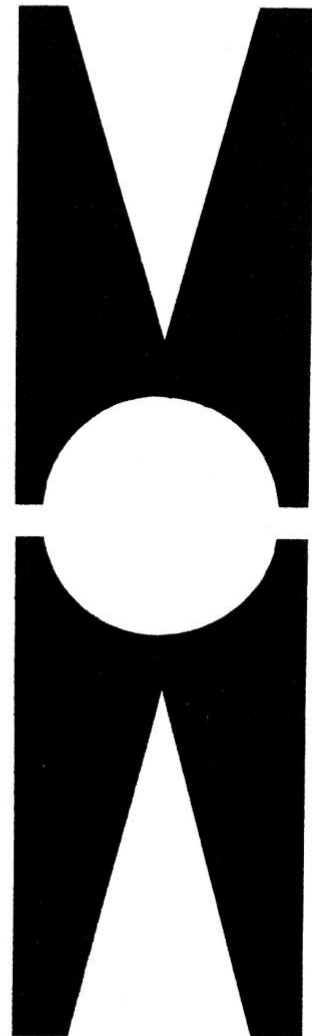
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Program

(Specific location is noted in the program booklet received upon arrival).

Wednesday, August 18th

- 9:00 am - all dayRegistration
Receiving - Welcoming
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pmParticipants and
Committee Briefing
- 7:00 pm - ? ? ? ?Community Reception
Potluck Dinner and Dance

Thursday, August 19th

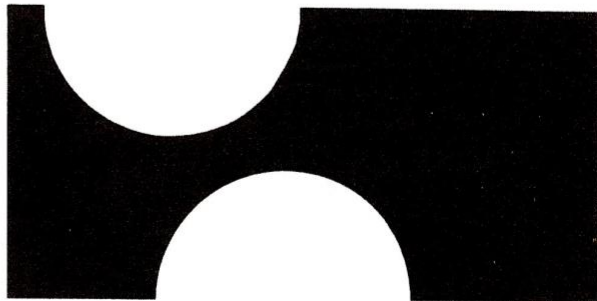
- 9:00 am - 10:00 amMorning Coffee Hour
and Registration
- 10:15 am - 12:00 noon1st General Session
Greetings - Invocation - Purpose - Keynote
- 12:00 noon - 1:00 pmLunch
- 1:10 pm - 3:00 pm2nd General Session
"Our Identity Crisis and
A Quest For Emergence"
- 3:15 pm - 4:00 pmFYA Drill Team Jhabandah
- 7:00 pm - ? ? ? ?Delegation Beach Party

Friday, August 20th

- 10:00 am - 11:15 am3rd General Session
Street People Rap Session
- 11:20 am - 12:45 pmProblem Identification
Forums
- 12:45 pm - 1:45 pmLunch
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pmProblem Identification
Forums, con't.
- 8:00 pm - ? ? ? ?Delegation Entertainment
Night

Saturday, August 21st

- 9:30 am - 11:00 am4th General Session
"The System - How It Works,
How It Is Used."
- 11:00 am - 12:30 pmSolution and Strategy
Workshops
- 12:30 pm - 1:30 pmLunch
- 1:40 pm - 3:30 pmSolution and Strategy
Workshops con't.
- 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm5th and Final General
Session: Review and Wrap-up
- 7:30 pm - ? ? ? ?Despidida (farewell) Dinner



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- (4) To present a series of methods and operational strategies which the delegates may elect to choose and use in their own Filipino community.

The Sponsoring Organization

The FYA is a private, non-profit, Washington State-incorporated youth agency established in 1957 to provide wholesome leisure time activities for children and teenagers who are Filipino by blood, adoption, foster care, guardianship, or identification. The FYA Program is four-fold: cultural, social, educational, and athletic. Volunteer adult supervision is given in such programs as the FYA Teen Club / Seafair Little Royalty / Princesa Drill Team, Cumbanchero Percussioners, and Mandayan Marchers / the Caba'taan Folk Dancers / Teen Basketball Conference / Arts and Crafts Program / Tagalog, Ilocano and Cooking class / plus many supporting social services. The FYA also sponsors the annual Filipino Youth Week and the Seafair Fiesta Filipina.

Delegate Registration Form

Cut out and send this registration form with a check or money order to the "Filipino Youth Activities of Seattle, Inc. / 507 - 11th Avenue, Suite 1 / Seattle, Washington 98122 by August 10, 1971.

Enclosed is \$25.00 / \$22.50 to cover the cost of my attendance at the YOUNG FILIPINO PEOPLES' FAR WEST CONVENTION as a delegate.

I will be attending as:

- a Filipino youth, coming on my own
 a Filipino youth, sponsored by _____
- a college student, coming on my own
 a college student, sponsored by _____
- a Filipino adult community action organizer
 an interested Filipino adult
 a non-Filipino interested in the convention topics

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

I have a friend or a relative to stay with: Yes ___ No ___
if yes Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

I will be needing: lodging _____ in-city transportation
while in Seattle _____

You can expect me to arrive in Seattle by _____ (date)

at _____ arriving by (type of transportation)
(time)

I plan to stay: Wed. ___ Thurs. ___ Fri. ___ Sat. ___

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- Dr. Lily Ann B. Villaraza – San Francisco, CA, National Scholar (2020-2024)



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AUNTIE DOROTHY - DR. DOROTHY CORDOVA SPOKE PASSIONATELY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING FILIPINO AMERICAN AND ASIAN PACIFIC STORIES, FACTS AND DATA AS A SOCIOLOGIST FOCUSED ON HUMAN RELATIONS. PHOTO BY ISABELLE BATAYOLA. ▶

Historians: The FANHS Filipino American National Historical Society

By Dr. Fred Cordova, FANHS Trustee
and Archivist

Foreword: The former Immaculate Conception Church High School at 820 18th Avenue in Seattle Washington spawned a regional treasure FYA (Filipino Youth Activities), national treasure FANHS (Filipino American National Historical Society) and national change agent DPAA (Demonstration Project for

Asian Americans) due to two outstanding stalwarts, Dr. Fred Cordova and Dr. Dorothy Cordova. Affectionately and respectfully called Uncle Fred and Auntie Dorothy, while raising their brood, they co-founded FYA with other parents, helped fan the flames of the Filipino American identity movement with Seattle's First Far West Convention in 1971, spurned legal and programmatic changes with DPAA's research results and spearheaded a national reclamation and promotion of Filipino American history through FANHS. Both shy away from the press, but they present Filipino American stories with gusto.

About FANHS

The Filipino American National Historical Society is a community-based entity whose beginnings and spirit emanate from Seattle because many Seattleites have helped make it a

In 1982 Dorothy Laigo Cordova founded FANHS in Seattle. In 1985 FANHS was chartered by the State of Washington. Its founding charter members were community folks, mostly from Seattle, including Rufino Cacabelos,



▲ ON THE WEST WALL OF THE CATACOMBS ARE THE NAMES OF THREE ORGANIZATIONS THE CORDOVAS EITHER FOUNDED OR CO-FOUNDED. PHOTO BY ISABELLE BATAYOLA.

significant institution, not only in the U.S. but also in the Philippines. The mission of FANHS is "to gather, preserve and share the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States".

Filipino American history began October 18, 1587, when Filipinos had first set foot in the Continental U.S. in Morro Bay at what is now in San Luis Obispo County in California.

Alfred Suarez Cabuang, Dr. Jesus A. Dizon, Efren Edwards, Peter and Teresa Jamero, Karen Johnstone, Prof. Tetsuden Kashima, Carolina Ordona Koslosky, Frederick Mendoza, Steve K. Oh, Dr. Andres B. Tangalin and Jeannette Castillano Tiffany. Other Seattleites were: Dr. Albert Acena, San Mateo, Calif.; Lorea T. Acuszaar, Aurora, Colo.; Cynthia Mejia-Guidici, Washington, D.C. and Br. William Yam, S.J., Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. Others in the charter came from Alaska, California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, Oregon and Virginia.

Today the 27-member trustee board has many with doctorates, plus »



authors, educators, professionals and just plain folks – the community historians and storytellers among youth and elders, both American and Philippine-born.

FANHS chapters include Oregon, Sacramento Delta, San Francisco, Hampton Roads, Seattle, Metropolitan New York, East Bay, Santa Clara Valley, Vallejo, California Central Coast, Midwest, Stockton, Fresno, New England, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Alaska, San Diego, Central Valley, Rio Grande, Wisconsin, Michigan, St. Louis, Pennsylvania, Sonoma County, Yakama Valley, New Jersey and Carolinas.

Besides national and regional historical photo exhibits, FANHS members or

chapters have written books. A FANHS video won a 1994 bronze award at the 27th Annual WorldFest – Houston International Film and Video Festival and a 1995 CINE Golden Eagle Award “as evidence of its suitability to represent American production in international festivals” by the Council on International Nontheatrical Events in Washington, D.C.

National Pinoy Archives

The historical society’s National Office in Seattle has numerous files of research and documentation about Filipino American aspects nationally and inter-



public who want to study, textual, graphic and electronic historical records. Some date as early as pre-world War I – which document Filipino American experience relative to individuals, groups, organizations, institutions and facilities in the U.S., its territories and other possessions. Typical documentation of some 20,000 individuals is unique, original primary resource material.

FANHS is planning the Filipino American National Museum in Stockton, Calif., the mother lode of Filipino American History. Collection is being done for the Filipino American National Library.

Biennial Conferences

FANHS chapters host national conferences every other year. The Conference themes effect the discussions of the times, celebration of special events and historical discoveries and publications.

- ▶ **1987** – 1st National Conference, November 13-14, Seattle University, Seattle, Washington. “Who/What Is a Filipino American?”
- ▶ **1988** – 2nd National Conference, commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Permanent Settlement of Filipinos in the Continental United States, November 18-19, Clarion Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana: “Filipinos: An Enigma in American History” »



▲ **FANHS PACIFIC CROSSINGS EXHIBIT TELLS THE STORY OF THE DREAM AND REALITY OF IMMIGRATION. EXHIBIT IS CURRENTLY ON LONG TERM LOAN TO THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER. PHOTO BY NING ROGGE.**

nationally. FANHS’ major repository of Filipino American History is its National Pinoy Archives. This is a simple research facility, initiated in 1987. The NPA appraises, collects, preserves and makes accessible to scholars, authors, filmmakers, students and others in the general



▲ **VISITORS SMILE AT THE “POWERED BY ADOBO” SIGN ON THE CATACOMBS DOOR. A FAVORITE FILIPINO DISH SIMMERED IN VINEGAR, SOY SAUCE, GARLIC, BAY LEAF, SALT AND PEPPER, THE ADOBO IS THE SCENT AND ESSENCE OF FILIPINONESS. PHOTO BY ISABELLE BATAYOLA.**

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It has become tradition that every biennium the foremost Filipino American research historians gather from near and far, to share their knowledge, wisdom, and experiences, showcasing Pinoy history in tones and colors which ignite our imaginations and inspire future generations.

On July 3, 2008, FANHS will host this extraordinary event in Anchorage, Alaska where the currents of Pinoy history run strong and the depth of our pride runs deep.

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2002, 2006 AND 2008 FAHNS CONFERENCE POSTERS. PHOTOS BY ISABELLE BATAYOLA. ►



- ▶ **1990** – 3rd National Conference, July 12-14, Radisson Hotel, Sacramento, California: “Filipino American History: The Legacy Lives”.
- ▶ **1992** – 4th National Conference, July 2-5, Westin Hotel, Chicago, Illinois: “Kindred Spirit – Waves Apart”.
- ▶ **1994** – 5th National Conference, August 4-6, Clarion Hotel, San Francisco Airport, San Francisco, California: “Honoring the Bridge Generation: Sons and Daughters of Filipino Pioneers”.

- ▶ **1996** – 6th National Conference, June 27-29, Park Central Hotel, New York, New York: “The Now Generation – Post 1965 Filipino Americans”.
- ▶ **1998** – 7th National Conference, remembering the Philippine Centennial of the 100th Anniversary of the declaration of independence from Spain, July 30-August 1, Double Tree Hotel, Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon: “Legacy of a Revolution: One Hundred Years of Filipinos in the United States”.
- ▶ **1998** – Conference on “Filipinos in America: A Centennial Experience”, August 5-7, Manila Hotel, Manila, Philippines, by the Philippine Commission on



- Filipinos Overseas in cooperation with FANHS, the Philippine Civil Service Commission, Commission on Higher Education, Department of Tourism, National Centennial Commission and National Commission for Culture and the Arts in celebrating the Philippine independence centennial “to provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas between Filipino Americans and Filipinos in the Philippines about life in America”.
- ▶ **2000** – 8th National Conference, June 27-July 1, Virginia Wesleyan College, Norfolk/Virginia Beach, Virginia: “Forever Pinoy/Pinay: Legacies of the American Experience”.
- ▶ **2002** – 9th National Conference, July 24-28, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California: “Visions and Voyages: Images of Filipinos in America”.
- ▶ **2004** – 10th National Conference, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the St. Louis World’s Fair, July 22-24, University of Missouri, St. Louis: “American Experience: A Century Hence from the St. Louis World’s Fair”.
- ▶ **2006** – 11th National Conference, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Sakadas in Hawaii and the beginning of the 2nd Immigration Wave of Filipinos to the U.S., July 25-30,

Ilikai Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu: “Sakadas and Beyond: Connecting Our Past to Inspire the Future”.

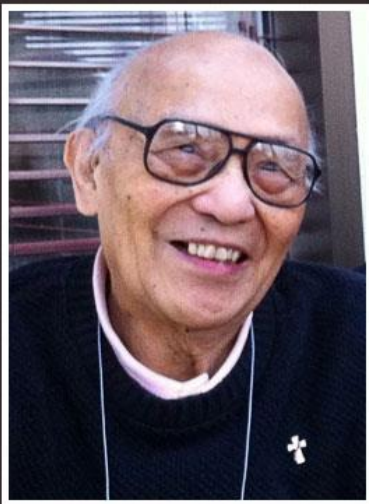
- ▶ **2008** – 12th National Conference, July 3-5, Anchorage Hilton, Anchorage, Alaska: “Lure of the Salmon Song”.
- ▶ **2010** – 13th National Conference, July 21-24, Seattle University, Seattle: “Quest for Emergence: A Retrospective”.

Establishing National Filipino American History Month

In 1991 FANHS established October as Filipino American History Month. It became a state law when the California Assembly enacted “October 2009, and every October thereafter, as Filipino American History Month”. The 111th U.S. Congress also proclaimed in 2009 Filipino American History Month, which still needs to become a nationally annual commemoration similar to months for Black History, Asian Pacific American Heritage and Latino Heritage. The Washington State and Alaska State Legislatures, at least, have recognized October 2010 as Filipino American History Month. 🇺🇸



UNCLE FRED – DR. FRED CORDOVA MADE
READY FILIPINO AMERICAN MATERIALS
FOR ARCHIVING. POSTERS ON THE WALLS BRING
TO LIFE PIECES OF FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY.
PHOTO BY ISABELLE BATAYOLA. ▶▶



"Everybody doesn't have to be a hero; everybody doesn't have to be famous. Each person who's Filipino American, to me, is very, very important as a story... Our stories are really in our people. It's not so much in what the achievements are... as much as what is the story itself."

-Fred Cordova
(1931-2013)

FANHS Chapters, Our Extended Family

In her message, Auntie Dorothy proclaimed the value of our chapter members as frontline community researchers and gatherers of oral histories, photographs, and historic memorabilia, sharing their research at events, authoring books, and publications:

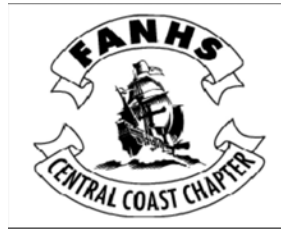
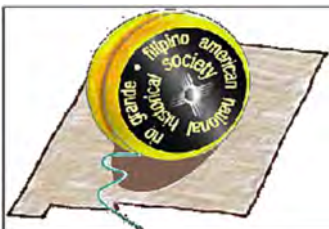
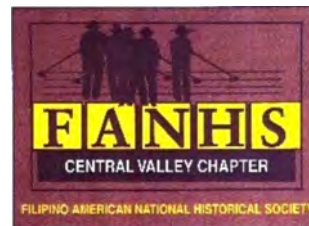
“...Forty FANHS chapters with our affiliate, Filipino American Historical Society of Hawaii, have documented and shared their local histories in different ways...”

Connect with National and your local chapter. (See contact information in the next 2 pages.)
You don't have one in your area, then create one. Contact Auntie Dorothy at

fanhsnational@gmail.com

Catch up on Chapter stories profiled by their founding date.

- # 1 Oregon Chapter
- #4 Hampton Roads VA Chapter
- #7 East Bay (Oakland/Berkeley/Fremont) CA Chapter
- #8 Santa Clara Valley CA Chapter
- #10 California Central Coast CA Chapter
- #12 Stockton CA Chapter
- #18 San Diego CA Chapter
- #19 Central Valley CA Chapter
- #21 Wisconsin Chapter
- #25 Sonoma CA Chapter
- #26 Yakama Valley WA Chapter
- # 29 Chicago Chapter
- #31 Greater Puget Sound WA Chapter
- #35 Arizona Chapter
- #38 Orange County & Inland Empire CA Chapter



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Chartered August 10, 1988

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The Oregon chapter sponsored the 7th National Conference on July 30, 31, and Aug 1, 1998 in Portland with the theme, "Legacy of a Revolution: One Hundred Years of Filipinos in the US."

Another outstanding achievement of the Oregon Chapter is the Historical and Cultural Exhibit presented at the Oregon History Center on June 5, 1997, to February 15, 1998. From September 9, 2015, to January 20, 2016, historical panels were displayed at the Salem Multicultural Institute in Salem. Annual symposium featuring immigration stories are conducted at different Oregon sites in cooperation with local Filipino associations.

Editor's Note: FANHS National Founder and Executive Director Dorothy Cordova spoke fondly about Lourdes Markley who established the first FANHS Chapter. Manang Lourdes is a consummate leader and volunteer, traveling regularly to Seattle to help Auntie Dorothy with the Research Center and the Archives, and to Stockton to commemorate the opening of the FANHS Museum and to many other places to help out and celebrate.



4 Hampton Road Chapter VA

Chartered: June 3, 1990 Ray Obispo

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FANHS Hampton Roads hosts the FANHS NOW, an initiative led by the founder of the chapter Dr. Allan Bergano. It provides the ability for FANHS chapters across the United States to continue to meet during the COVID 19 pandemic. The capability provides real time video conferencing through Zoom and Facebook for FANHS Chapters to gather, record, share and preserve Filipino American experiences for future generations. Programs include FANHS Community Dialogue, TGIF (Thank God I Am Filipino) events, October Filipino American History Month celebrations, lectures, readings, oral histories...etc.

This year, 2022, FANHS HR and the Council of United Filipino American Organizations of Tidewater, Virginia (CUFOT) collaborated for the dedication of the Virginia Historical Marker "Filipinos in the US Navy" on 28 May 2022 located at the Philippine Cultural Center of Virginia in Virginia Beach. Students from Cherry Run Elementary School, Burke, Virginia, and English as a Second Language Program at Chesterfield County, Virginia wrote the text on the marker as part of the *AAPI Heritage Month Historical Marker Contest* in the of Spring 2021. The marker reads, "Filipinos who had served in the U.S. Navy as early as the Civil War, began enlisting in large numbers after the US took possession of the Philippines following the Spanish-American war. The Philippines gained independence in 1946, and an agreement negotiated the next year allowed the U.S. Navy to recruit Filipino nationals. Over the next four decades, about 35,000 Filipinos served in the Navy, initially as stewards and

mess attendants. Eligible to serve in all enlisted and officer positions by the 1970s, they later rose to the Navy's highest ranks. Filipino American communities often develop near naval bases; one of the nation's largest such communities is here in Hampton Roads."



Invited guests to the dedication ceremony include but is not limited to Rear Admiral Alan Reyes USNR who is Filipino American, Congresswoman Elaine Luria and Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott. Both played an important role in petitioning the Secretary of the Navy to name a destroyer for Telesforo Trinidad.

FANHS HR joined Filipino American communities and organizations across the United States in the successful effort to petition the Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro to name a surface combatant ship after Medal of Honor recipient Telesforo Trinidad. This was accomplished on 20 May 2022.

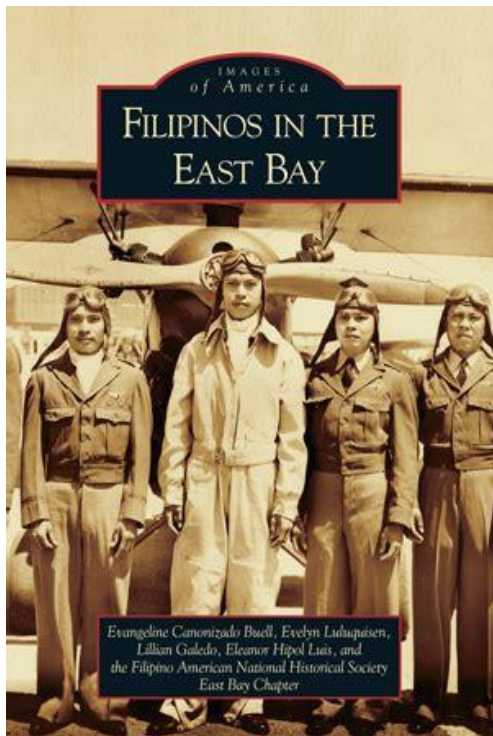


**#7 East Bay Oakland/Berkeley/Fremont,
CA. Chartered: August 12, 1991
Pres. Vicky Santos (victoria@vjsantos.com)**

Significant interest from community leaders, activists, professionals, and students living in Oakland and Berkeley led to forming the East Bay Chapter. Early membership included organizers from Filipinos for Affirmative Action (now Filipino Advocates for Justice), Asian Community Mental Health Services, and students from the University of California at Berkeley.

Notable past chapter events include FAHM events at Fremont, Berkeley, and Union City Libraries which featured readings by East Bay authors of our two chapter-anthologies, *“Seven Card Stud with Seven Manangs Wild”* and *“Beyond Pansit, Lumpia and Seven Card Stud with Seven Manangs Wild.”*

We also published *“Filipinos in the East Bay.”* Another major FAHM event was held in 2017, at Larry Itliong/Philip Vera Cruz Middle School in Union City, the first school in the U.S. named after Filipinos.



We also collaborated with the S.F. Asian Art Museum to plan and organize FAHM events there. Our advocacy led to expanding the museum’s Filipino art collection and an unprecedented exhibition of pre-Colonial up to present artworks. East Bay members Vangie Buell, Terry Bautista, James Sobredo, and Vicky Santos were featured in a video of community members that ran alongside this exhibition.



Chapter members at San Francisco Asian Art Museum

We honored East Bay Pinay visionaries Vangie Buell, Dr. Carmencita Agcaoili (who runs regular medical missions to the Philippines), educator Linda Canlas (who was instrumental in getting the Union City school renamed after Larry Itliong and Philip Vera Cruz), educator Tracie Noriega (who was instrumental in getting Filipino-American history added to the California curriculum), and international pianist Aileen Chanco (who founded Music at the Mission, a Bay Area classical chamber music series, and has been its executive director since 2005).



FA History Month Pinay Visionaries Celebration

#8 Santa Clara Valley Chapter, San Jose, CA. Chartered August 21, 1991
Current Administrator: Ann Reginio (Core Member) (fanhs.scv@gmail.com)
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The FANHS Santa Clara Valley (SCVC) Chapter had its initial beginnings over a cup of coffee in 1989 with Riz Raymundo, Ben Menor, and Esther Romero. With Herb Jamero and Art Villarruz, they formed SCVC in 1991. Herb Jamero served as first President followed by Art Villarruz. SCVC members contributed articles to the Filipino Journal from 1991 to 1998. Esther Romero and Riz Raymundo coordinated the Filipino Journal which was one of the few journals on our history at that time. Our founding members were primarily Bridge Generation Filipinos who felt the need to pass on the legacy of the first-generation Filipinos - their aspirations, their dreams, and their struggles in coming to a new country of which they call home.



In 2016, a new generation emerged promoting the Filipino American contributions to the Santa Clara Valley. SCVC dug deeper into the history of the first wave of Filipino American families living in San Jose, discovering from Robert Ragsac, that Pinoytown once existed and thrived during the early 1920s. Pinoytown Tours are held annually during Filipino American History Month (FAHM) in October.

Other notable events included: the very first Filipino Heritage Night with the San Jose Earthquakes, a major league soccer team, the biennial FANHS Seattle Exposure Trip to Seattle FANHS for the youth and young professionals,

annual Flag Raising in San Jose City Hall for FAHM with FAHM JAM celebration with vendors, food, and entertainment and in December, the annual Parol Making workshop for our community.

Our upcoming projects include the grand opening of Delano Manongs Park, the First Public Park to be named after Filipinos in San Jose; "Pinoytown Storymap Project" where we are creating a virtual tour; and we are creating a mural at the Filipino Community Center in San Jose Japantown. Keep an eye out for our quarterly video virtual newsletters and follow us social media.



#10 California Central Coast Chapter

Chartered January 5, 1992

Current President: Joe Talaugon

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A resolution was passed in 1992 by the FANHS board of trustees, to proclaim October as Filipino American History Month, commencing in the year 1992 to mark the 40th Anniversary of the presence of Filipinos in the United States to commemorate the landing of the First Filipinos in the Continental United States in 1587 at Morro Bay. A historical marker and the dedication ceremony was held on October 21, 1995, at Coleman Park, Morro Bay, CA. Later this year in October, there are plans to present a rededication of this monument, that has been relocated to show the iconic Morro Bay rock in the background.

A contemporary artist from New York, Camille Hoffman, will display her artwork depicting the 1587 landing of the First Filipino, in the San Luis Obispo Museum on May 27 through August of 2022.

We are involved in supporting the Cal Poly Pilipino Cultural Exchange Students from Cal Poly

San Luis Obispo in their events as well as students working on their senior thesis. We are also involved in all the Filipino organizations in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties in their events. The President's League was established where all the Presidents of the organizations come together to review their calendars and collaborate as well as participate in their events.

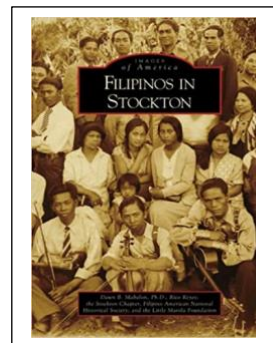
We completed our 2nd book in October 2021 "Tomorrow's Stories an ocean and a dream away" including stories from 2nd generations, the last wave/ professionals, and some of the pioneers.

The Guadalupe Educational Cultural Center will soon plan for their dedication of the new building, which will be the site for our future Filipino Barrio Fiestas.

Pres. Joe Talaugon, VP Rosalie Salutan Marquez, Secretary Rosie Sagisi, Ast. Secretary Minky Wilhelm, Treasurer Bill Marquez. Past President Ernie Cabreana. Newsletter editors: Nieves Villamin and Minky Wilhelm. 2nd Book publication: Nieves Villamin and Rosalie Marquez



#12 Stockton Chapter, Stockton, California
Chartered November 21, 1992
Current President: Linda Claramo
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Before World War II, Stockton had the largest population of Filipinos outside of the Philippine Islands, and during the harvest season, its Filipino population would swell to over 10,000. But, by 1970, the Filipino population in Stockton fell to less than

5,000, mostly due to the construction of the "Crosstown Freeway" which went through the downtown area of Stockton, now known as "Little Manila".

In 1988, some of the children of those early Filipino laborers, formed a club known as FAHI (Filipino American Historical Institute). They decided to have a Grand Reunion and invited their fellow Filipinos from all over to come and meet up with the friends they grew up with in Stockton. Hundreds came, including Fred and Dorothy Cordova (Fred had grown up in Stockton). They talked to the organizers of the reunion, and the Cordovas mentioned how they had started FANHS a few years

earlier in Seattle, and already had 3 chartered chapters, and suggested that FAHI should become a chapter of FANHS, since their mission was the same – to preserve the history of those early Filipinos, their parents. So, the Stockton Chapter and Central Valley was chartered in 1992 (later changed to just the Stockton Chapter in 1998) – its first officers were Frank Acoba (Pres.), Cecil Bonzo (Vice Pres.), Virginia Zambra Melear (Treasurer) and Anita Ritarita Balbirona (Secretary).



The chapter has been collecting, interviewing, and exhibiting the history of Filipinos Americans at local area libraries, schools, and festivals. They published the "Filipinos in Stockton" book in 2008 and a video for PBS titled "Little Manila: Filipinos in California's Heartland" in 2007. Their other main task has been the development of the national FANHS Museum, which was voted to be built in Stockton by the FANHS Trustees in 1994. The Stockton Chapter hosted fundraising events until, in 2015, they were able to rent a site and held a grand opening in 2016 for the only national Filipino American history museum in the United States.

The chapter continues to record the history of the area, publishes a quarterly newsletter, awards scholarships to area students, and exhibits at various venues. The Stockton Chapter celebrates its 30th Anniversary in 2022 and in March 2022 received a Commendation from Stockton City Mayor, Kevin Lincoln.



#18 San Diego

Chartered September 23, 1995

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The San Diego Chapter (SD) began bi-monthly meetings this year to raise awareness and to encourage participation in the 2022 FANHS National Conference in Seattle, Washington. The SD Chapter Officers plan to present. However, due to COVID and various circumstances, the presentation may be hybrid, both live and virtual.

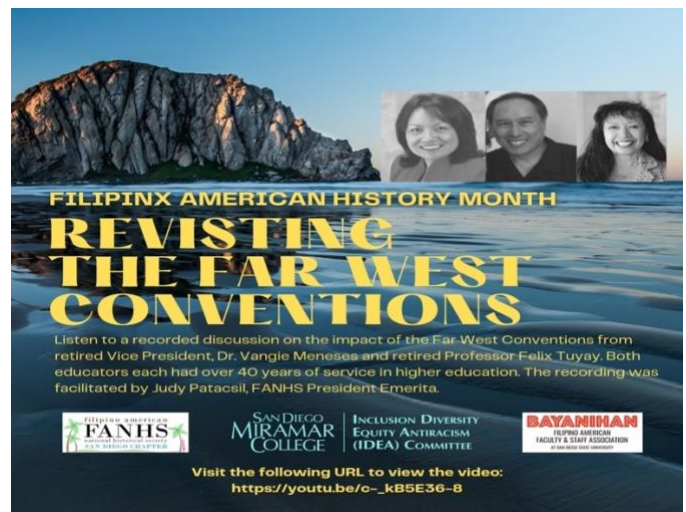
Since last year, the SD Chapter held, participated in and/or sponsored various activities. Last May for Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, an “AAPI Healing Circle” was held for our members. During the summer of 2021, a trip to Delano, California, was conducted where SD Chapter members connected with FANHS Delano Chapter members for a tour, visited Agbayani Village and the gravesite of Manong Philip Vera Cruz.



For Filipino American History Month (FAHM), SD held three (3) events and had a table at the Inaugural Taste of the Philippines and the San Diego Embarcadero. The three events included a couple of Zoom events.



One was with co-author Gayle Romasanta. Another was with the San Diego Public Library, where an award-winning film was shown made by children from Walker Elementary at our San Diego FAHM event in 2019. The third event was a recording with our SD members who were very involved in previous Far West Conventions in line with our national FAHM theme last year.



Our SD members are also actively engaged in a project display which will be called the “Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit”. The goal of the project is to honor the history and contributions of Filipinos in Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, and surrounding areas. The organizations collaborating to curate the “Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit” are PASACAT - Philippine Performing Arts Company; FANHS; and the Council of Philippine American Organizations of San Diego, County, Inc. (COPAO). The project will be unveiled in October 2022 at the Chula Vista Library, Civic Center Branch in cooperation with the library and the South Bay Historical Society.

#19 Central Valley Chapter (CVC) Chapter, California. Chartered May 1998.

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A unique character of our chapter is that our members grew up with each other and belonged to the Livingston Dragons, a Filipino youth club formed in the early 1950s. We shared a bountiful of history before and we continue to do so through CVC FANHS. Most of our membership are descendants of the Filipino Pioneer Families who settled in the Central Valley communities of Livingston, Winton, Delhi, Ballico, Merced, and Atwater during the early 1930s.

The first notable event we sponsored was “Campo 99” where we gave tribute to the Pioneering Filipino Families, had a “mock chicken fight”, folk dances and of course served lechon along with other Filipino food. This event was held at the former Jamero Labor Camp site in Livingston and drew upwards of 250 people from all parts of California. Through the years, we have taken part at cultural festivals, presented workshops on our history at UC Merced and local colleges and sponsor an annual scholarship program for graduating Filipino American seniors. CVC members have been active participants in the biennial FANHS Conferences, and we have members who have served as President of FANHS and as Trustees as well. We presented documentaries such as on the 1st and 2nd Filipino Infantry and the “Delano Manongs: Unsung Heroes of the Farm Labor Movement”. Two CVC publications that we are proud of are “Talk Story,” a collection of history through stories shared by CVC members and, “Flavors of Filipino American Kitchens” cookbook which is currently still available for sale.

Projected activities include doing an oral history documentary of our membership. Like other chapters, we are trying to resume activities after two years of being in a Pandemic. We also suffered

a great loss in January 2022, with the passing of our Chapter President, Bob Luna, then followed by Connie Gin-Alcordero, a longtime member, who passed away in February 2022. Their legacy will continue through our existing membership that is currently at forty and the addition of new members in the near future.



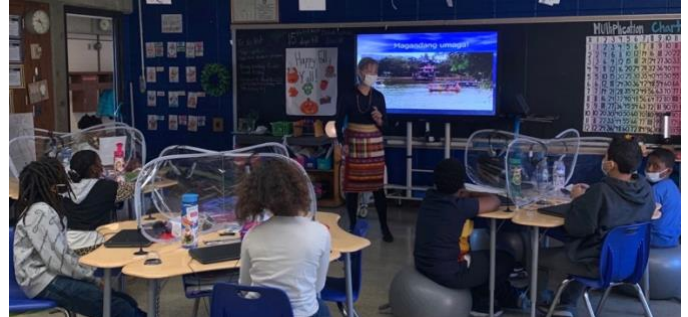
#21 Wisconsin Chapter
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Prior to the 1960's, the Filipino population in Wisconsin was quite small. Today there are almost 9000 out of 5.9 million residents. The largest group resides in the southeast quadrant. As with FANHS groups throughout the country, the early founders wanted to preserve the history of Filipinos in this area. The early members and leaders worked hard to promote the Filipino community in many venues. In the early days, FANHS-WI:

- participated in the Asian Moon Festival and the annual Holiday Folk Fair through cultural presentations, food exhibits, demonstrations and the Information Center. One year they garnered the 'Best of the Fair' award for the cultural booth.
- sponsored the "Lahing Kayumanggi" dance troupe Midwest and National Tour.
- launched the Family History program to begin recording the history of WI Filipinos.
- provided a list of speakers and other resource members available to appear in local radio and TV stations, schools from elementary to the university level and various businesses.
- collected and paid shipping of books, clothing and educational supplies for distribution among several groups in needed rural areas of the Philippines.
- worked in partnership with FANHS Midwest Chapter, Chicago and other community groups to heighten the Filipino-American presence in the Midwest and much more.

Due to a variety of reasons including Covid, the growth of our chapter had plateaued. But in the last year we began making strides to move forward again, albeit wisely, to ensure the safety of our members and the public we have contact with. We:

- Shared our Fil-Am History in our schools, the Holiday Folk Fair and with the Coast Guard.



- Made and wrapped scarves for distribution to the VA and shelters for women.
- Gathered and shipped books and educational materials to the Philippines.



- Educated our Fil-Am community through programs featuring a variety of speakers. including Maria Alvarez Stroud, author of **Brave Crossing**.



We continue to document our Filipino American stories in Wisconsin and started our Face Book page and will soon launch our new website.

#25 Sonoma (Sonoma County, CA)

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In the early 1900s, about 100 young men, recently immigrated from the Philippines, arrived in Sonoma County. Drawn to the area's mild climate and steady farm work, they made their homes here—some marrying and starting families while others remained lifelong bachelors. Despite their varying paths, the pioneers retained close lifelong bonds and together, founded a thriving community. In 1970, some of those pioneers' children convened to create the Pilipino Youth Alliance (PYA), an organization dedicated to preserving Filipino history, and serving the then-aging pioneer community and began recording oral histories. But by the mid-70s, the group gradually dissolved.

In 2004, some of the original members reconvened the group, and officially chartered Sonoma chapter in 2006. The chapter's initial project was to complete the oral histories that were begun in the 70s. Though most of the original pioneers had passed, the group interviewed remaining survivors, as well as friends and families. With the collected histories and partial funding from a California Council of the Humanities grant, the group produced a one-hour documentary entitled "Remembering Our Manongs—Sonoma County's First Filipinos," which aired on PBS stations in 2008 and subsequent years.

FANHS Sonoma often collaborates with local schools, museums, and community groups, such as the Sonoma County Museum, the Japanese American Citizens League, the Sonoma County Public Library, Sonoma State University, and the Windsor Historical Society. In 2009, the chapter established the Kay Baguio Annual Scholarship, which grants scholarships to college bound Filipino youth each year.

In October of 2021, the City of Rohnert Park presented us with a proclamation in recognition of FAHM. Also, in October, we hosted a BBQ picnic

recognizing local Filipino history. Stories of events that once took place in the surrounding area were shared including the presence of three large ranches where Filipino men, many of whom had come to the U.S. as teens, lived and worked from the 1930s through 1960s.

Most recently, we established a newly created FANHS Sonoma Pioneer Scholarship Fund named in honor of the original pioneers who made it all possible.

Plans for the remainder of 2022 include a public showing of our documentary film "Remembering Our Manongs;" and a presentation of the film "Forgotten Soldiers".



#26 Yakama Valley

Chartered: March 06, 2006

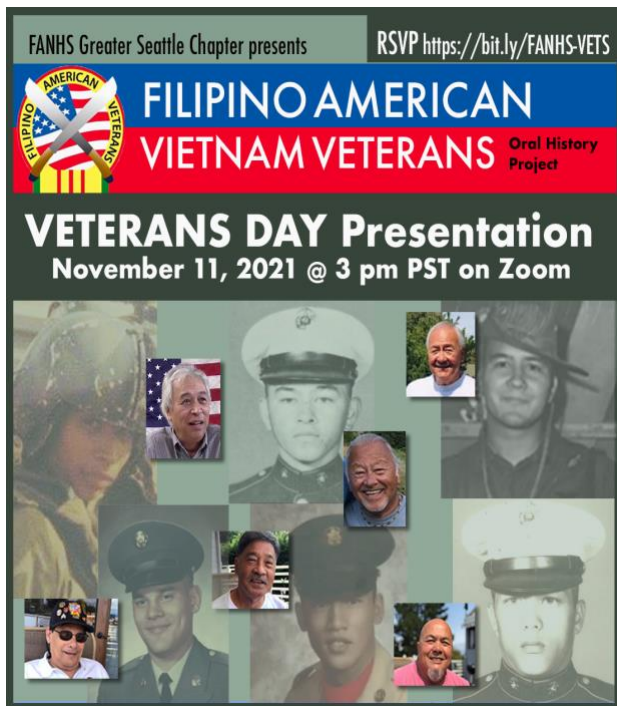
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Yakama Valley Chapter continues to move forward in Central Washington State. We are lucky to have continuing leadership from Chapter President Lorena Bucsit Silva and Administrator/FANHS National Trustee Rey Pascua with charter member Dori Baker, volunteer Pete Sotelo, and others.

Our community rises with activities, hopes and dreams of the Valley's 1,500 Pinoys. Highlights of our Chapter achievements include:

- 2018 Yakima Valley Vietnam era veterans participated in FANHS Greater Seattle oral history project and video.

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- 2019 The Washington Legislature passed Senate Bill 5865 and was signed by Governor Jay Inslee establishing October as Filipino American History Month in state law. Rey Pascua championed the recognition and the passage of the law in a ten-year saga of work with state government, counties, cities, and school districts.



- 2020 to Now. We have been working with the FANHS National Statewide Filipino American historic sites project. We've identified Filipino pioneer homes in Yakima's Little Manila and 40+ Filipino working and historic farms. Land use and ownership were made possible by our community special friends - the Yakama Nation that allowed Filipinos to lease and buy land from them. Recently, we obtained permission from the Filipino American Community of Yakima Valley to nominate the Community Center to the US Parks National Historic Sites Registry.



We continue archiving photographs, newspapers, and documents, and have a continuing dialogue with the Yakama Indian Nation as our histories are intertwined. We also plan to expand our Chapter membership.

#29 Greater Chicago Chapter
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In 2018 FANHS Greater Chicago Chapter hosted the very successful 17th Biennial Conference with the theme “Community for Cohesion and Collaboration”. The Chapter is active in planning for the 2022 FANHS Conference “The Past, Present & Future of FANHS” this coming August 11-13 in Seattle.

Notable past Chapter events & Photographs



Oct 17, 2021 – [Filipino American History Month Celebration](#). Celebrating Filipino American History Month, the 35-year anniversary of the Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago and the 85th Birthday of Estrella Alamar, the founding president of Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago.

Oct 19, 2021–FAHM Celebration and Film Showing of “Honor thy Mother” in Bolingbrook, IL.



Oct 21, 2021– Book Launch of Maria Alvarez Stroud’s first book, Brave Crossing, in tribute to her father.



**#31 Greater Puget Sound
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In the first half of 2022, FANHS Greater Puget Sound established Community Agreements, ideating outreach strategies for Thurston, Kitsap, and Pierce constituents, and created a volunteer Leadership Committee (LC) to share the various roles and tasks of leadership for the Chapter.

In recognition of our traditions' deep-seated cultural family and gathering values, the Chapter is currently organizing an Adobo competition, "Adobonanza." It was initially planned for May 18 but was postponed to a later date to be determined. Unfortunately, forty percent of the LC were afflicted with COVID-19 before the event, and due to quarantine and health concerns, the LC decided to postpone the event. The competition's program will include a stand-alone booth/section where guests and participants can be recorded while sharing stories about their FilAm experience. The Chapter anticipates this inaugural outreach event will garner much interest in future activities hosted by the FANHS GPS.

At the April LC meeting, LC members gathered at Field Bar Tacoma to support Pilipinx chef Inna Sioux and her dynamic melding of Philippine dishes with Pacific NW ingredients. That meeting inspired a brainstorming of ideas about future events, programs, and acknowledgment of the catalyzing power of food in our history and traditions. As Filipino food is becoming an emergent popular, sought-after fare in our region after generations of just a handful of Filipino restaurants operating in our region, the Chapter strategizes to leverage this emerging movement through future programming.

Several Chapter members will be present at the National Conference and look forward to organizing in collaboration with fellow chapters nationwide.

Photo from the LC Meeting in April at Inna Sioux. L-R are Chanel Athena Estrada, Jan Parker, Faith Brown, Chef Inna (standing), Clarissa Gines, Wilmer Galindo (standing)



#35 Arizona Chapter

Chartered July 27, 2017

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Filipinos in Arizona followed a similar immigration pattern to the West Coast states, although lagging a few years. In 1920, the Federal Census listed 10 Filipinos. However, as the Manongs began to follow the harvests to other states inland, Arizona's vegetable farms became a draw during the October-February season from the 1930-1970s. Many chose to settle in the southwest, marrying women of Mexican American descent (anti-miscegenation laws applied here, as well), raising families, and establishing a community life which included celebrations, dancing, and cockfights. As more Filipinos with families moved to Arizona in the 1960's, Filipino social clubs and organizations began to emerge in the Phoenix and Tucson areas. Other surges of Filipinos and Filipino Americans to Arizona included a handful of physicians who arrived in the 1950's, ongoing armed forces personnel stationed in one of several military bases in Arizona choosing to remain, the influx of Filipino nurses recruited to fill shortages starting in the 1980s, and to date, a steady stream of students, professionals, and entrepreneurs from other states and the Philippines. Today, Filipinos are one of the largest Asian populations in Arizona after Asian Indian and Chinese. The state is rich with over 20 Filipino American social, professional, fraternal, cultural, religious, and business organizations, mostly in the



Phoenix and Tucson areas, as well as the rural parts of the State.

Established in 2017, FANHS – Arizona Chapter, was founded by like-minded community members who recognized the urgency of capturing the Arizona story of Filipino Americans and were already familiar with the FANHS mission. This continuing journey has uncovered stashes of farm labor records and photos depicting decades-old Filipino Town pool halls in Phoenix and workers in the fields. Several oral histories have been conducted of pioneering farm labor families whose fathers were original manongs to the State. Ongoing is outreach and educating the many Filipino American community members and students at Arizona's three universities on the importance and value of documenting the past and present. Participating and collaborating with these groups are an essential element to celebrate our shared past and bright future.

A notable highlight is the first Larry Itliong Day Proclamation in Arizona signed by the Mayor of the City of Chandler in October 2021. We look forward to being more proactive emerging from the pandemic with collecting, interviewing, documenting, sharing, and exhibiting the Arizona Filipino American story.



#38 Orange County & Inland Empire Chapter, California. Chartered Aug. 1, 2020 Inaugural/Current President: Erin Manalo-Pedro

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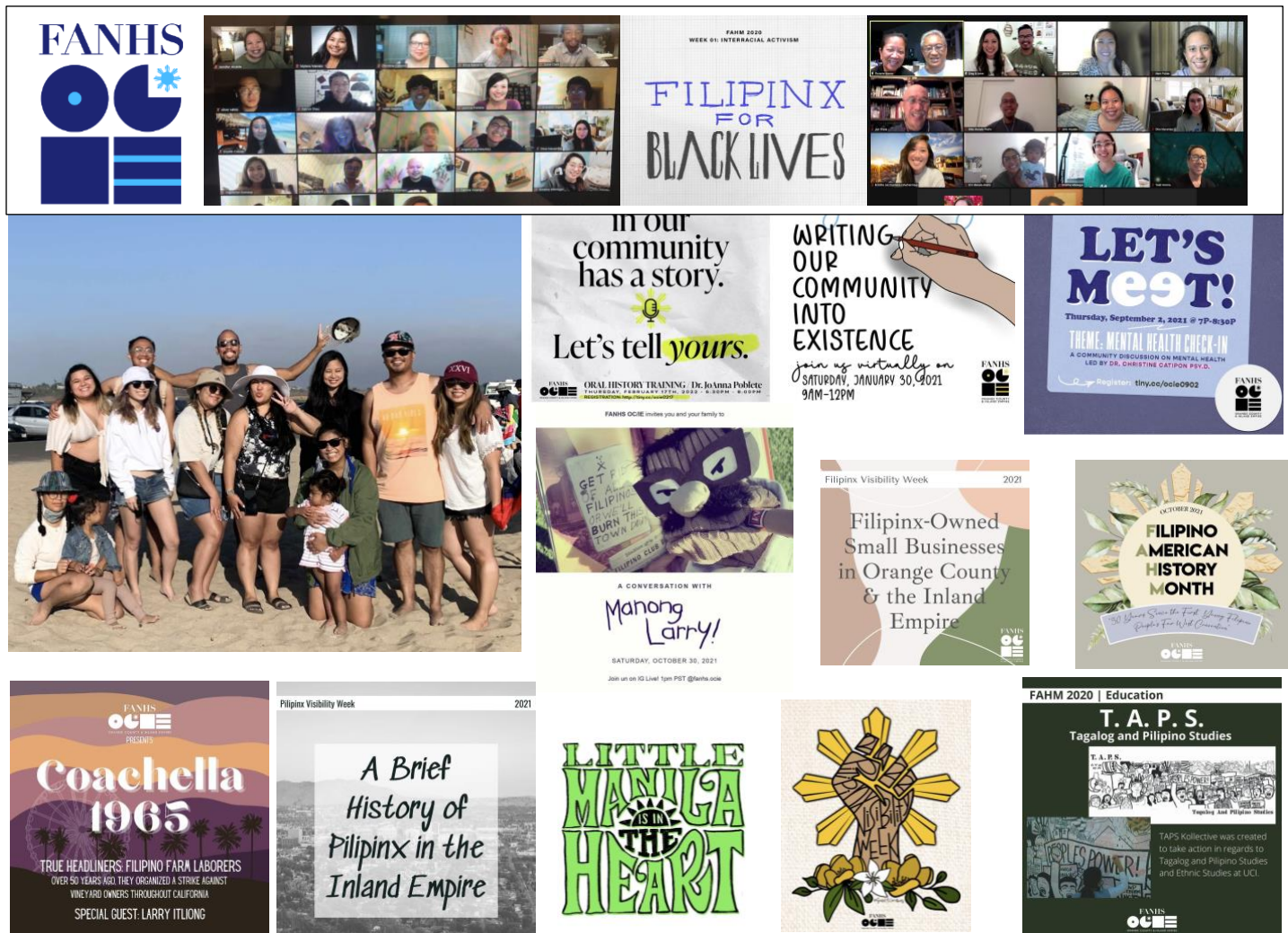
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Filipina/x/os have lived in Orange County and the Inland Empire (generally defined as Riverside and San Bernardino Counties) since the arrival of Pensionados in 1903 and farm workers in 1908. Although more than 250,000 Filipina/x/os reside in this widespread region now, few organizations serve our community. Dr. Christine Catipon, Dr. Mike Manalo-Pedro, and Erin Manalo-Pedro founded the chapter to build an intergenerational

community, increase opportunities to learn Filipino American history, document regional history and current events, and promote the use of history in research and practice.

Despite starting during the coronavirus pandemic, we used social media and online meetings to connect with more than 500 people, organizations, and small businesses with ties to the OC/IE region. We raised awareness about the history of Filipinx in the OC/IE through social media campaigns during FAHM in October and Pilipinx Visibility Week in April. Our working groups organized an oral history training, held monthly virtual writing sessions, and compiled a directory of local small businesses. Dr. Anthony Ocampo and his cousins, Drs. Arlene and Rod Daus-Magbual, Florante and Rose Ibanez, and even Manong Larry in sock puppet form told us their stories.





The first 3 Articles were written by Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova. The Special Issue section was written by the new Journal Editors.

1988 The Creation of the FANHS Journal

October 1982 Dorothy Laigo Cordova, director of the Demonstration Project for Asian Americans, invited interested people to join a historical society which focused on the history of Filipinos in America. Her project – **Forgotten Asian Americans: Filipinos and Koreans** – funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities had ended and there was no hope for future funding. However, this project had collected hundreds of oral histories, thousands of old photographs, and negatives, produced a small photo exhibit, and created a nation-wide network of community-based fledgling historians. The book – **FILIPINOS: Forgotten Asian Americans** by Fred Cordova was published January 1983.

After two years of meetings – the **Filipino American National Historical Society** was chartered in 1984 and its mission was simple: to gather, document, share and disseminate the history of Filipinos in America. Initially FANHS was a small, humble organization composed basically of non-academicians content to share history through lectures, exhibits and small public events in different parts of the country.

In 1986 Dr. Tetsuden Kashima, the Japanese American Trustee, proposed FANHS consider occasionally printing a journal which published

historical research about and by Filipino Americans. He stressed the production of such a product would raise the scholarly image of FANHS – especially among professors and academic researchers. It took the formation of biennial national conferences to provide material for the proposed journals.

The first journal – **Ala Ala** (memories, remembrance, or gift in Filipino) – was published in 1988 and edited by Jess Dizon. The second publication – **FANHS Forum** – edited by **Estela Matriano, Ed.D.** came out in 1992. **Virgilio Pilapil, M.D.** took over as editor in 1994 and continued until his death in 2019. He officially changed the name to the **Filipino American National Historical Society Journal** or **FANHS Journal** for short.

A Tribute to Gil Pilapil FANHS Journal Editor 1994-2019



The death of Dr. Virgilio Pilapil in January 2019 marked the sad and continuing passage of FANHS luminaries. He joined my husband Fred, Dawn Mabalon, Thelma Buchholdt, Terri Jamero, Tony Pido, Ping Serafica and others who contributed to the growth of FANHS and the scholarly collection of Filipino American history.

I first met Gil and Elena and several other Midwest Filipinos in 1988 at the second FANHS Conference held in New Orleans. During the conference, attendees went on a boat tour to Baratavia Bay and were shown the remains of a 19th century Filipino fishing village destroyed by a hurricane in the 1940s. At the closing dinner several

descendants of the earliest Filipino families presented a “mini-Mardi Gras” fashion show. The emcee introduced herself as “a proud 6th generation Filipino American.” I could see people tallying up the past generations of her family. At this conference we were introduced to vintage history – and Gil was hooked.

The Pilapils soon became an integral part of FANHS. In 1992 Gil, who was a medical officer in the U.S. Navy, became the volunteer editor of the FANHS Journal – a job he was dedicated to until he died. He served as FANHS National President 1994 to 1998 and set up our Mini-Conference in Manila which commemorated the Spanish American War centennial. During his annual medical assistance trips to the Philippines, he invited Philippine historical organizations to work collaboratively with FANHS.

Gil chaired the Midwest Chapter’s mini conferences held during the off years after the FANHS National conferences. He collected and begged for the most interesting conference presentations to be printed in the Journal – a job he worked on as a labor of love – typing, editing and finding funds to publish. He became an expert on the St. Louis World’s Fair Philippine Exhibit – his curiosity was endless.

At the same time, he worked for FANHS – Gil also was a leader among Filipino American doctors and spent months each year on medical missions in the Philippines. We spoke before his trip in 2018 and he was full of plans – but they were never to be.

At his funeral on a snowy Springfield, Illinois day - I reflected on how much he gave of his time and talent to FANHS. We will miss his enthusiasm, vision, hard work and dedication to the FANHS Mission.

I am grateful to Elena and their children for sharing him with all of us.

Dorothy Laigo Cordova
Executive Director
Filipino American National Historical Society

THE PASSING OF THE TORCH

It is my great pleasure to introduce the new Co-Editors of the Filipino American National

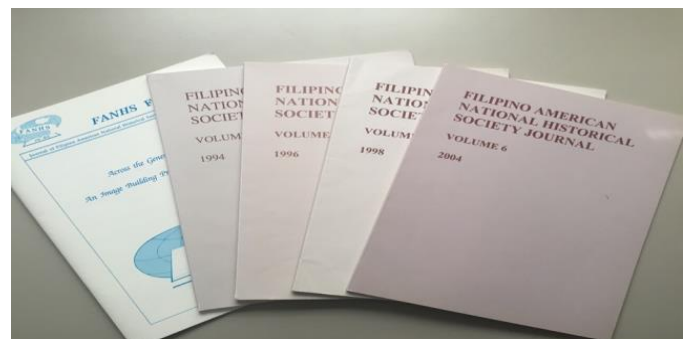
Historical Society’s Journal – **Patricia Espiritu Halagao, Ph.D.**, University of Hawaii, and **Therese Guinsatao Monberg, Ph.D.**, Michigan State University. They succeed the late **Virgilio Pilapil, M.D.** who served as editor from 1994 until his death in 2019.

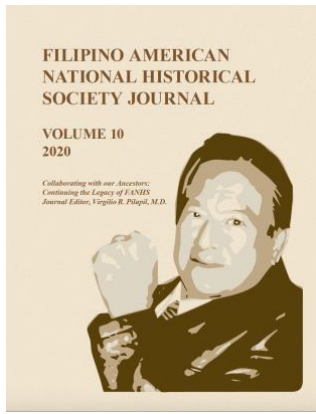
Although both came to FANHS as graduate students in the 1990s – their family histories reflect significant parts of old Filipino American history.

Patricia’s late great uncle was the legendary **Dr. Macario Bautista** who not only served as the only Filipino doctor in California’s Central Valley during the late 1920s – 1950s - but also was active in the fight for Filipino farm workers to secure fair wages and decent working conditions. Unlike other notable and long farm strikes led by Filipinos - Stockton’s Asparagus Strike lasted only a few days. As a doctoral student she was a co-founder of **Pinoy Teach** which taught Filipino American history to middle school students in Seattle and nurtured future Filipino teachers.

Therese is a third-generation Filipino American whose grandparents came to America in the late 1920s. They became active members of the Filipino community of Chicago – often hosting gatherings in their large home. Her mother was part of the Filipino American “*bridge generation*” which in the 1930s to 1950 straddled the Filipino culture of their parents and the American way of life they were born into. As a mestiza Therese’s research and insights brings a different dimension in telling the stories.

Both new editors have ideas for future issues of the FANHS Journal. Patricia and Therese plan their first issue to be a tribute to Gil’s 28 years of service. It is my hope their years as editors will match his tenure. The torch has been passed.





**SPECIAL ISSUE:
COLLABORATING WITH OUR
ANCESTORS:
CONTINUING THE LEGACY OF *FANHS*
JOURNAL EDITOR VIRGILIO R.
PILAPIL, M.D.**

The Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) is excited to share its first issue of the *FANHS Journal* (Vol 10, 2020) under its new co-editors, Dr. Terese Guinsatao Monberg and Dr. Patricia Espiritu Halagao. This Special Issue, "Collaborating with our Ancestors," pays tribute to the memory and work of our previous editor, Virgilio R. Pilapil, MD, (1938 - 2019), who edited the journal for twenty-five years. The editors highlight Gil's enduring legacy as a community-based historian and editor in shaping the *FANHS Journal* and FANHS research more broadly. By analyzing Gil's work across place and time, the editors hope to use this issue as a model for the kinds of content they are looking for in the future. They hope you will join them in continuing the legacy of *FANHS Journal* Editor, Virgilio Pilapil, M.D.

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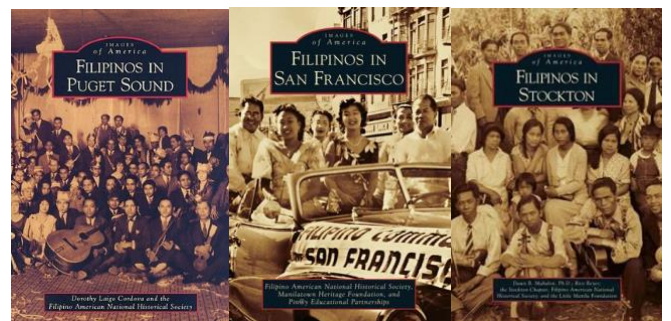
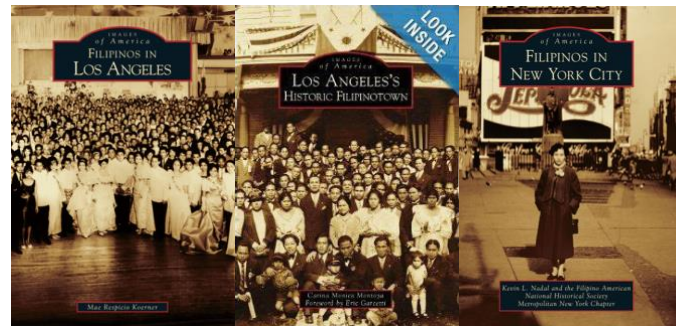
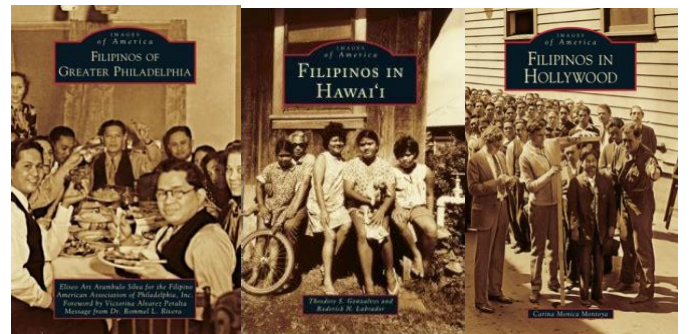
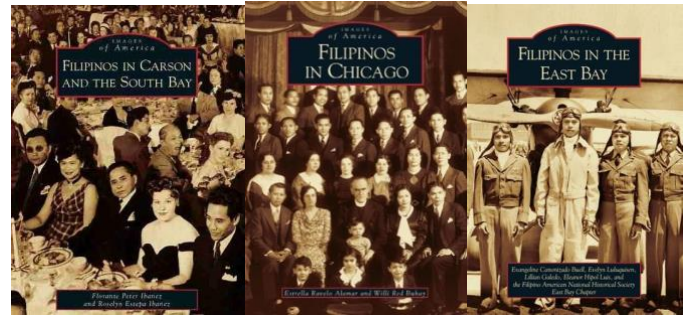
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Some FANHS Chapter Books



**CELEBRATING
FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY
MONTH**

<http://fanhs-national.org/filam/about/>

The celebration of Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States, which occurred on October 18, 1587, when “Luzones Indios” came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California. The late Dr. Fred Cordova, along with his wife, FANHS Founder Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova, first introduced October as Filipino American History Month in 1992 with a resolution from the FANHS National Board of Trustees. The FANHS Central Coast Chapter organized a dedication ceremony of the historical monument commemorating the landing of the first Filipinos in 1587. The ceremony was held on October 21, 1995 and attended by several FANHS chapters. Currently, there are plans to rededicate the monument that has been relocated to show the iconic Morro Bay Rock in the background.

In October 2009, the Senate of the 111th Congress passed Senate Resolution 780 recognizing Filipino American History Month and in November 2009, Congress passed the House Resolution 780, officially recognizing October as Filipino American History Month.

Various states, counties, and cities in the U.S. have established proclamations and resolutions declaring observance of Filipino American History Month. Across the nation, FANHS Chapters, colleges and universities, museums, and community groups commemorate Filipino American History Month with various activities and events to bring awareness of the significant role Filipinos have played in American history. Since Filipino Americans are the second-largest Asian American group in the nation and the third-largest ethnic group in California, after Latinas/os and African Americans,

celebrating FAHM will continue to showcase our contributions and accomplishments

The FANHS Nat’l Board of Trustees initiated annual FAHM Themes beginning in 2013. Using social media such as Facebook, daily historical information on individuals and events related to the month’s theme are highlighted.

**2013: Hands That Built America:
Filipino Americans in the Labor Movement**

**2014: Cooking, Planting, Serving:
Filipinos Feeding America**

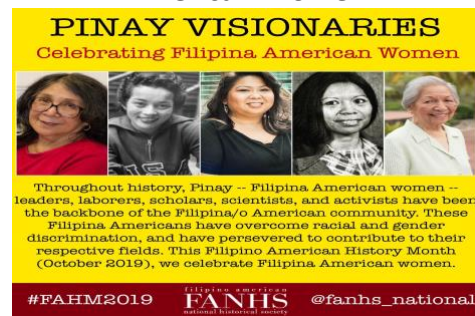
**2015: 1965-Tipping Point for the
Filipino American Community.**

2016: 1946: A Turning Point for Filipino Americans

**2017: 70th Anniversary of the U.S. Military Bases
Agreement and FANHS is 35!**

**2018: Turning Points in Filipino American
History: The 120th Anniversary of the Philippines
Declaration of Independence, The 120th
Anniversary of the Spanish-American War, and
The 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of
Ethnic Studies.**

**2019: Pinay Visionaries: Celebrating Filipina
American Women**



**2020: History of Filipino Activism
People’s Far West Convention**



**2021: 50 Years Since the First Young Filipino
People’s Far West Convention**

FILIPINO AMERICAN FANHS MUSEUM

NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Established 2015

THE FANHS MUSEUM WELCOMES YOU!

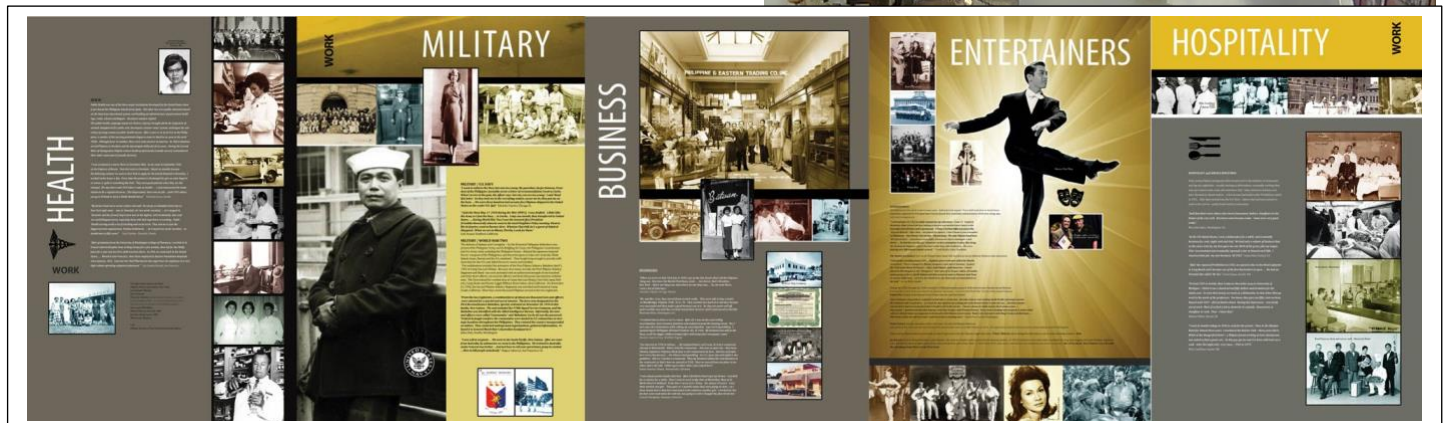
By Terri Torres, FANHS Trustee,
FANHS Museum Board

The National FANHS Museum tells the rich, diverse story of Filipino Americans throughout the United States and it is in downtown Stockton. The city of Stockton was chosen as the site for the FANHS Museum at the FANHS Biennial Conference in 1994 because of Stockton's significance in Filipino American history from the early 1920s to the 1960s.

After 20 years of fundraising, a rental space was found in 2014 and the all-volunteer Museum Team was handed the keys in 2015 with a Grand Opening held in October of 2016!

There are 40 FANHS Chapters in the United States collecting the history of Filipino Americans in their area and the FANHS Museum is a place to showcase that history. This Museum exists through generous donors who see the importance of preserving this Filipino American history. This Museum exists to educate the public about Filipino American history through exhibits and presentations. ***The FANHS Museum exists to tell your story.***

Contact us: (209) 932-9037 message
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SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 11 – 13, 2022



Filipino American National Historical Society

Past, Present, Future
FANHS 2022
CONFERENCE
SEATTLE

WHO: Greater Seattle Chapter of Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) <https://fanhs-seattle.org/>

WHAT: [19th Biennial FANHS National Conference](#)

WHERE: [Seattle University](#)
901 12th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98102

REGISTRATION: [Registration](#)

CAMPUS HOUSING / MEALS: [Campus housing/meals](#)

HOTELS: [Hotels](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: [FAQ](#)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: [Conference Schedule](#)

CONTACT PERSON:
[Barbara Bergano](#)
seattlefanhsconference@gmail.com

TO REGISTER, GO TO
<https://fanhs-seattle.org/>

The FANHS National Biennial Conference comes back home to Seattle, Washington!

The FANHS Greater Seattle Chapter will host the conference on August 11 – 13, 2022 at Seattle University (SU). This will be a hybrid conference, meaning that some attendees will be in Seattle, in person. Others will attend virtually by using the Whova event app, and view conference sessions on demand, on the day and time of their choosing. No matter which modality you choose, this will be a conference to remember!

Since 1987, the [Filipino American National Historical Society](#) (FANHS) has sponsored national conferences where community folks of all ages and from all walks of life gather to share and present research, network with other Filipino Americans, and honor those who have produced groundbreaking innovative work in the field of historical research and analysis. Past projects include the award-winning video Filipino Americans Discovering Their Past for the Future; the renowned pictorial essay Filipinos: Forgotten Asian Americans; and various regional publications and photo exhibits.

The FANHS national network, comprised of 40 chapters, was founded by Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova and Dr. Fred Cordova in 1982. The 19th Biennial Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) National conference in Seattle will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of FANHS!

COVID Guidelines: Wearing masks in campus buildings is highly encouraged, regardless of vaccination status. More details will be added as we are updated by Seattle University.

Hybrid Conference

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this is a hybrid conference. Meaning: some attendees will attend In-Person. They will travel to Seattle and attend conference events in real life (IRL). (Note: Seattle University has required COVID protocols for In-Person attendees. [See FAQ for more information.](#)) Virtual attendees will attend the conference virtually via the Whova app

(application). All registered In-Person and Virtual conference attendees will have access to Whova.

Whova event application

Whova is an event app (application) that can be downloaded to any smartphone, tablet, laptop, or computer desktop. In Whova, you can view the entire conference schedule, organize which workshops you want to view, set reminders to attend sessions, view the live-streamed opening Keynote session, view pre-recorded conference workshops, view the recording of conference sessions recorded via Zoom, ask Questions, view the conference attendee list, send messages to other attendees, and post to discussion boards like “Meet Up” if you’re In-Person or start a Virtual “Meet Up” if you’re attending virtually.

- The conference Opening Morning Plenary will be live-streamed, which means that Virtual attendees may watch it in real-time as it happens. Can’t make it to the live stream opening session? Watch it later via Whova, on demand, at any day or time.
- Some pre-recorded conference workshops will be available via Whova to watch, on demand, at any day or time. Details identifying these workshops will be listed on this web page as soon as the program schedule is finalized.
- Other conference workshops at Seattle University (SU) will be attended In-Person by some attendees, recorded in Zoom (Note: not all workshop sessions at SU will be recorded), and uploaded to Whova afterwards. Watch these recordings on demand, at any day or time! Details identifying these workshops will be listed on this web page as soon as the program schedule is finalized.

In-person attendees will attend workshop sessions at SU but can also watch any workshop sessions that were recorded, in Whova. **All workshops in the Whova app will be available for 3 months after the conference ends**, so you may view sessions you were not able to attend August 11-13.

Note: Only registered FANHS Conference attendees will be able to view the content on the Whova app.

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 11 TO 13, 2022

Tentative conference schedule, subject to change

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Pre-conference Activities

Welcome Reception for registered, in-person conference attendees at Immaculate Conception Church Jean Moran Hall. 2 pm to 6 pm there will be a National Pinoy Archives Tour, "Pelengke" book sale. At 6 pm a live program will begin, and Food Trucks will be onsite. More entertainment and a tribute to Dr. Dawn Mabalon will begin at 7 pm.

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Breakfast on Your Own

8 AM to 4 PM Registration

Check-in/Coffee and Tea Service

(Seattle U, Pigott Auditorium Atrium) PIGT, E2

- 9:00 – 10:15 **Opening Plenary Session**
10:15 – 10:30 Break
10:30 – Noon Concurrent Conference Sessions (Thursday Breakout #1)
10:30 – 4:30 Filipino American Film Screenings
Noon – 1:00 Lunch on Your Own
1:10 -- 2:10 Concurrent Conference Sessions (Thursday Breakout #2)
2:10 – 2:20 Break
2:20– 3:20 Concurrent Conference Sessions (Thursday Breakout #3)
3:30 – 5:00 Concurrent Conference Sessions (Thursday Breakout #4)
5:30 – 7:30 **FANHS Membership Meeting/
Trustee Elections**
8:00 – 12:00 **Welcome Dance, Entertainment
(Washington Hall 153 14th Ave)**

Access Anytime, Virtually via Whova
Pacific NW Filipino American
Author Readings

Friday, August 12, 2022

Breakfast on Your Own

8 AM to 4 PM Registration

Check-in/Coffee and Tea Service

(Seattle U, Pigott Auditorium Atrium) PIGT, E2

- 9:00 – 10:15 Concurrent Conference Sessions (Friday Breakout #1)
10:30 – 10:40 Break
10:40 – Noon Concurrent Conference Sessions (Friday Breakout #2)
10:40 – 3:00 Filipino American Film Screenings
Noon – 1:00 **Lunch Provided**
Poverty Readers
1:00 -- 2:10 Concurrent Conference Sessions (Friday Breakout #3)
2:10 – 2:30 Break
2:30 – 3:30 Concurrent Conference Sessions (Friday Breakout #4)
3:40 – 5:10 Concurrent Conference Sessions (Friday Breakout #5)
5:30 – 6:15 **FYA Drill Team (performance)**
6:00 – 8:00 **Chapter Exhibits**
7:30–10:00 **An Evening with Entertainment**

Access Anytime, Virtually via Whova
Pacific NW Filipino American
Author Readings

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Breakfast on Your Own

- 9:00 – 10:20 Concurrent Conference Sessions (Saturday Breakout #1)
10:30 – 10:40 Break
10:40 – Noon Concurrent Conference Sessions (Saturday Breakout #2)
10:40 – Noon Filipino American Film Screenings
Noon – 1:00 Lunch on Your Own
1:00 -- 2:10 Concurrent Conference Sessions (Saturday Breakout #3)
2:10 – 2:30 Break
1:00 – 3:30 **FANHS Trustee Meeting/
Officer Elections**
5:00 – 9:00 **FANHS Conference Banquet
Speaker**

Access Anytime, Virtual via Whova
Pacific NW Filipino American
Author Readings

Frequently Asked Questions

1) When is the 2022 FANHS National Conference and where is it being held?

The 2022 FANHS National Conference is a three day conference and will be held August 11-13, 2022 in Seattle, Washington at Seattle University located at 901 12th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98102. A Seattle historic tour will start around 12:00 noon on August 10, 2022, followed by a Welcome Reception at Immaculate Conception Church, Jean Moran Hall located at 810 18th Avenue East, Seattle, Washington starting at approximately 5:00 pm. More details about the tour is forthcoming. It is a hybrid conference, meaning that the sessions will be zoomed, and conference attendees can choose to attend face-to-face or virtually. Seattle University has protocols for COVID restrictions that are in line with the State of Washington COVID Restrictions. Face to face conference attendees will be required to wear face masks while on campus and in the classrooms. They are also required to be socially distant from each other. Although the Washington state COVID restrictions have relaxed a bit, organizations, restaurants, and businesses are allowed to uphold face masking and patrons remain socially distant from each other. Seattle University is upholding their COVID protocols for now. Therefore, conference attendees attending face to face will have to show their current COVID vaccination records or have a negative COVID test taken at least 72 hours prior to August 10, 2022. FANHS Greater Seattle conference officials will be checking vaccination records and/or negative test results during registration and during the conference. If a conference attendee tests positive for COVID, he/she will have to leave Seattle University campus.

2) What are the conference fees?

For FANHS members:

Regular members: \$150.00

Seniors (65 & older) and Students: \$130.00

For non-FANHS members:

Adults \$170.00

Seniors (65 & older) and Students: \$150.00

Virtual FANHS members: \$100

Virtual non-FANHS members: \$120

2) Are there housing accommodations available on campus?

Yes, housing is available on campus. Conference attendees under the age of 18 are not allowed to stay at Seattle University campus housing. There are single room occupancy and double occupancy rooms. Currently, the cost for one person sharing a room with another person is \$41.25 per person, per night. There is no tax. For one person in one room the cost is \$59.10 per night. So it's cheaper if you share a room. If you stay in the resident hall, it is required that you purchase two meals on campus. Meals are served food court style in Cherry Street Market in the Student Center. The food is good and reasonably priced. For example, breakfast is \$10.80, lunch is \$14.00 and dinner is \$16.60. An additional 10.25% sales tax is applied to all food. There is also housing available at three nearby hotels.

There are **three nearby hotels** that we have reserved some rooms (double occupancy): The reservations are under **FANHS**

- **Silver Cloud Hotel**, 1100 Broadway, Seattle, Washington 98122, Phone: 206-325-1400 Cost: \$224 per night per person plus tax double occupancy
- **Hotel Sorrento**, 900 Madison Street, Seattle, Washington 98104, Phone: 855-372-3284 \$177 plus tax for double occupancy and \$186 per night per person plus tax for a suite of 4 people.
- **Crowne Plaza Hotel**, 1113 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101 \$219 per person per night double occupancy plus tax Phone: 866-306-0944

3) Is the conference only being held at Seattle University campus?

No, not exactly. A tour of the FANHS National and Pinoy Archives is scheduled prior to the start of the conference. The tour will open on Wednesday, August 10 right before the Welcome Reception at Jean Moran Hall in Immaculate Conception Church, 810 18th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98122 which will start around 5:00 pm or earlier (this will be confirmed later). There is a plan to have shuttle busses available to transport conference attendees to and from Seattle University to Jean Moran Hall and the FANHS National Office. The two buildings (Jean Moran Hall and FANHS National Office/Pinoy

Archives) are next door to each other. You will have an opportunity to see the new location of the FANHS National Office and Pinoy Archives if you haven't seen it yet. We will also have a "Pelengke" or "Marketplace" in the hallways of the National Office, so you can browse, purchase, and support local vendors selling their Filipino treasures.

4) Has the Call for Proposals been released for solicitation?

Yes, the Call for Proposals was released on November 10, 2021 with a closing date of January 15, 2022 with an extension. There were 160 presentations received and all presentations were accepted. More information forthcoming.

5) Will there be any pre-conference tours available?

Yes. On Wednesday, August 10, 2022, there is the Historic Seattle Tour where you will see all the sights that are a part of our Filipino American History. From Seattle Chinatown to Jose Rizal Park and the scenic views of Seattle is all part for this tour. You will end your tour in time for the Welcome Reception that is planned at Jean Moran Hall next door to the FANHS National Office and Pinoy Archives. You might even have time to visit before or maybe even after the reception. The cost for this tour has not been finalized yet, which covers transportation and a meal.

6) What time does the conference start?

The conference starts at 9:00 am and will end around 5:00 pm. These times are set for all three

days. There are other activities planned after 5:00 pm including the Banquet dinner on Saturday and other entertainment planned for Thursday and Friday nights. The conference ends on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Check out time from the Resident Halls is Sunday, August 14, 2022.

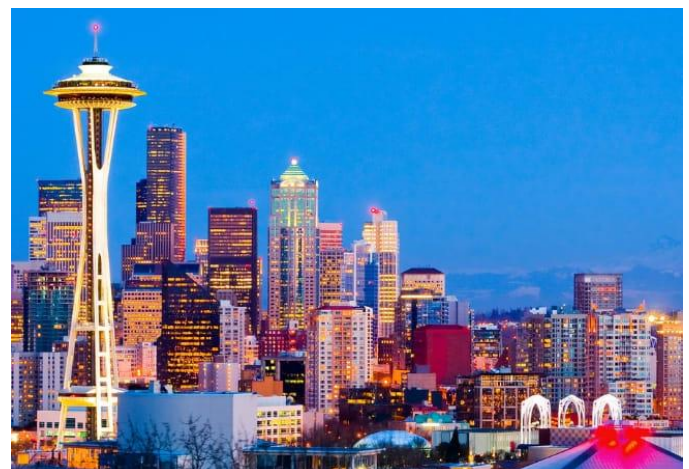
7) What is the Conference Schedule?

See page 47.

All classrooms are in the same Building, Pigott Hall. The Films screening will be located at Wycoff Auditorium which is across from Pigott Hall. The roundtable discussions are planned at Campion Ballroom on Thursday and Friday, the banquet and

box lunch luncheon are also planned at Campion Ballroom. This schedule is still a work in progress, so things may still change. Registration forms will be sent out soon, maybe in the next two weeks. Details, details, details... we're trying to get it right. Thank you for your patience. Hopefully this information is helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. Bergano
Conference Chair
President, FANHS Greater Seattle/ April 22, 2022





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Filipino American National
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- Know (your) history, know self. No history, no self.
- For your children and their children.
- Be proud of our American contributions.

There are 40 chapters in the US, Hawaii & Alaska.
For a cup of coffee a month, you can be a part of:

- your local FANHS Chapter. Contact your local Chapter to obtain membership rates. See pages 24 and 25 for the contact list
- FANHS National with an At-large Membership. Rates are super low at:

Individual/Annual	\$30
Individual/Decade	\$150
Individual/Lifetime	\$300
Family/Annual	\$45
Family/Decade	\$250
Family/Lifetime	\$350
Student* (full/part time)	\$10
Seniors 62+years*	\$10

*7/24/2002 FANHS By-Laws Article 2.2

To become a member visit <http://fanhs-national.org/filam/donate/membership/>

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**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS
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**to gather, document, and
disseminate our histories.**

Participate in Free Public Programs

- National Conferences (held every two years in different cities)
- Regional Conferences (sponsored by some chapters)
- Lectures by scholars and community researchers
- TGIF (Thank God I'm Filipino) Lecture Series
- Journal writing and oral history training & workshops
- Speakers and Discussion Groups
- Poverty Readers (dramatic readings of oral histories)
- Theatrical presentations
- Historic research projects (national / local)
- National Clearinghouse

Access Lending Exhibits Such As:

- Filipinos and Koreans: Forgotten Asian Americans
- Filipinos in Washington State (Centennial Exhibit)
- Filipino Women in America
- Pacific Crossings
- Regional e.g., Oregon, Stockton, Vallejo, East Bay
- Filipino Americans and Work

Access to Research and Archives Resources:

- National Pinoy Archives (20,000 individual holdings) at National Office in Seattle
- Video Documentary: **Filipino Americans: Discovering Their Past for the Future**
- Photo Collection (5000 photographs [originals or copies], slides, negatives)
- Mounted enlarged historical photos / Can be loaned for exhibits or displays.
- Filipino American history in slides
- 300 oral histories (primary research) / 120 transcribed
- Filipino American and Asian American primary research projects and papers (ca. 1971 to 2000)
- Individual research assistance
- FANHS Journals, newsletter, bibliography
- Collaboration with museums, historical societies, filmmakers, and authors on special historical projects
- **Filipino American National Historical Society Museum** (in Stockton, CA) 337 E Weber Ave, 95202 (209) 932-9037



1587 Indios Luzones Morro Bay

HISTORIC SITE

DURING THE MANILA - ACAPULCO GALLEON TRADE ERA, FROM 1565 TO 1815, SPANISH GALLEONS CROSSED THE PACIFIC BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND MEXICO.

ON OCTOBER 13, 1587, THE MANILA GALLEON, NUESTRA SENORA de ESPERANZA, COMMANDED BY PEDRO de UNAMUNO, ENTERED MORRO BAY NEAR HERE. A LANDING PARTY WAS SENT TO SHORE WHICH INCLUDED "LUZON INDIOS," MARKING THE FIRST LANDING OF FILIPINOS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. THE LANDING PARTY TOOK OFFICIAL POSSESSION OF THE AREA FOR SPAIN BY PUTTING UP A CROSS MADE OF BRANCHES. THE GROUP WAS ATTACKED BY NATIVE INDIANS TWO DAYS LATER, AND ONE OF THE FILIPINOS WAS KILLED. UNAMUNO AND HIS CREW GAVE UP FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THIS PART OF THE COAST.

HISTORICAL LANDMARK DECLARED BY THE
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