

INFORMATION

FCA Board & General Membership Meetings are held every 3rd Saturday of the month from 1:00-4:00pm (Potluck Lunch).

MEMBERSHIP

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Membership Dues: \$12 per year per member
(couples need two separate membership forms)

- Membership in the FCA is open to any person, 18 years of age or older, who is a member in good standing in his/her community and who sincerely and wholeheartedly supports FCA's vision, mission and objectives.
- Other Fil-Am groups are invited to become partner organizations and each will have a voice on the FCA Board of Directors and will be listed on the FCA website, www.FilipinoCommunityAlliance.org.



L to R: Brig. Gen. (Ret) Oscar Hilman, Susan Barbon, and Dr. Jeanie Espanto. Gen. Hilman offered rules to be observed at all meetings of the association. Among them are: be respectful of each other, positive comments and constructive criticisms only, there is no bad idea, have fun, and always leave a meeting feeling good.

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Filipino Community Alliance volunteers during the Second Consulate on Wheels on April 23-25, 2010 held at the John L. Scott Real Estate Office in University Place, WA. The Philippine Consulate in San Francisco has announced to bring this program to Pierce County at least once a year in April. This year 112 became new dual citizens and over 400 got new Phil. passports.



About 145 members and guests attended the FCA Picnic and Membership Drive held on July 12, 2009 at Owen Beach in Point Defiance Park in Tacoma, WA.

Founded November 29, 2008

**4970 Bridgeport Way West
University Place, WA 98467**



ABOUT THE FCA

The Filipino Community Alliance was established on November 29, 2008 by an enthusiastic group of forward-thinking and committed Filipino community, military, and business leaders to bring together as an alliance the various Filipino groups in the South Sound so that they can be stronger and more effective in promoting and advocating for the welfare and contributions of Filipino Americans, in soliciting funds for urgently needed community programs and projects, in holding a yearly Pista Pilipino (formerly Barrio Fiesta) in the South Sound celebrating Filipino American heritage and in acquiring a modern Filipino Cultural Center based in Pierce County.

On March 14, 2009, the Filipino Community Alliance adopted its By-Laws, which were amended on December 19, 2009.

The current Leadership Team of the FCA is comprised of its Executive Team, Standing Committee Chairpersons, and Board Members—at—Large. The Executive Officers are president **Oscar Bautista Hilman**, retired U.S. Army Brigadier General and presently with the Veterans Legislative Coalition; vice president **Gideon Epistola**, owner of the University Place and DuPont offices of John L. Scott Real Estate, real estate investor, and publisher of Pinoy Reporter; treasurer **Arleen Ibay**, a Certified Public Accountant; secretary **Maria Isabel Periabras**, an agent with New York Life Insurance; and executive director **Marilyn Guzman**, Boeing Contract Chairman for the 737 program.



Filipino Community Alliance meeting and workshop held on November 29, 2008 at the Fire Station on South Tacoma Way in Lakewood, WA. Moderated by Gideon Epistola, this get-together of various Fil-Am community organizations and businesses came up with FCA's initial standing committees and their tasks.

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- **April 29-May 1, 2011**
3RD CONSULATE ON WHEELS
 John L. Scott University Place
- **“WELCOME TO THE U.S.A.”**
Social Services, Housing & Job Search Assistance
- **“BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN”**
Naturalization Review Classes
- **May 28, 2011 Saturday**
11am-4pm—Entertainment & Trade Show—FREE Admission
6pm-Midnight—Benefit Dinner Gala—\$60 Admission Ticket
2011 PISTA PILIPINO (formerly BARRIO FIESTA)
Filipino American Heritage Day
 Sharon McGavick Conference Center
 Hundreds of people expected to attend
- **September 3, 2011 Sunday 10am-9pm**
Joint SUMMER PICNIC with other community groups

RECENT MAJOR PROJECTS

- **Philippine Consulate on Wheels** - 2009 & 2010
- 2010 U.S. Census Forum - April 18, 2009
- Inaugural **Pista Pilipino** May - 29, 2010
- Summer Picnic & Membership Drive - 2009 & 2010
- Joint Christmas Party with The Fil-Am League & The PAYO - December 12, 2009
- New Year's Eve Benefit Gala - 2009 & 2010



Erlinda Peralta, who donated \$750 for FCA's 501(c)3 application, which the IRS approved in 2009, on another fundraiser: selling FCA t-shirts.



FCA Board of Directors who were at the event, L to R - Maribel Periabras, Arlene Ibay, Lee Noble, Felix Guzman, Marilyn Guzman, Retired Col. Al Cosio, BG Oscar Hilman, Dr. Jeanie Espanto, Nora Salcedo, and Gideon Epistola.



Luzvi Milton, Major FCA donor and advocate.

VISION

To lead, educate, and advocate for the Filipino American community.

MISSION

With one voice, the FCA will provide networking opportunities, cultural programs, and access to resources that benefit the community.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide Filipino Americans and other communities with needed services.
2. Preserve the Filipino American heritage and culture.
3. Promote unity and collaboration among Filipino Americans and other communities.
4. Procure a modern facility that will serve as a Cultural Heritage Center for Filipino Americans and other communities.