



Fiesta

Filipina

Sct. Annæ's Church
Sunday
18 September 1988
10:00 to 19:00

Elections In October

The members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees will end their terms on December 31, 1988. The bi-annual election is therefore held in October to fill in the vacating posts.

The posts of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Auditor, Business Manager, Assistant Business Manager and Press Relations Officers and nine seats in the Board of Trustees are now open for nominations.

The Board of Directors has a two year term while the Board of Trustees has four years before they can be re-elected.

The members of the election committee is not yet finalized but any interested, dedicated and concerned bonafide members can forward their candidacy, latest September 30, 1988, to:

Mrs. Teresa Roxas, Chairman
Committee on Election
The Filipino Association of Denmark
Valdemarsgade 69
1665 Copenhagen V

A pre-election circular will be distributed to inform the whole community about the details of the election and most important - who are the candidates. This will reduce shock on the part of the candidates and the voters as to whom they are competing with or voting for.

For other details, inquire any officer from the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.

October 29, 1988 is slated as election day.

Fiesta Filipina On September 18

The "Fiesta Filipina" or "Barrio Fiesta" or "Pista-Sa Nasyon" is an annual rural folk tradition which has been adopted by the FAD to give the chance to the whole community to experience a nostalgic Filipino way of merriment.

This year's fiesta will be held in Sct Annæ's Church on Sunday, 18 September 1988 from 10:00 to 19:30. It will be a festival for kids and adults as well.

The day's activities are as follows:

- 10:00-16:00 Display and sale of Filipino delicacy (kakanin), viands (ulam), and other kinds of Pilipino products.
- 16:00-17:00 Parlor games for children and/or adults.
- 17:00-18:00 Holy Mass
- 18:30-1930 Entertainment Program featuring the music, dance and pageantry of rural Philippines. Special feature: music and dances from Polynesia.

There will be an entrance fee 20 kr. for adults and 10 kr. for children, with free soft-drinks.

Anybody who has something interesting or delicious to sell can contact Ate Petra Garcia on telephone (01) 28-87-08.

Others who have dancing and singing talents to share can contact Jennifer Stilling on telephone (02) 31-69-85.

Fausto Scorpions

The Fausto Scorpions, a group of Filipino acrobats performing this season at Benneweiss Circus, have visited the FAD and donated free tickets for the Independence Day Party lottery. Their act is rather unusual because they solicit participation from the audience.

Toto, the head of the trio, hails from Calococan City, married to Ember and brother of Billy. The two brothers came from a family of acrobats and have been earning their bread at their early age of five.

Ember, on the other hand, learned the act at the age of 23, a rather late age to learn acrobat tricks. But with the patience and love from both the teacher, i.e. Toto, and the student, Ember was formed to become Toto's circus Galatea. "Bog-boy sarádo ang inabot ko no'n ako'y tinuruan ni Toto", said Ember as she reminisced her learning days. She really had to work hard in order to learn. "But I am not sorry at all", she added. Toto met Ember in Germany seven years ago.

Due to early commitment to the family career and the travelling circus, Toto had only finished the fifth grade. But he is a born talent. He can speak English fluently, even more fluent than most Filipino college graduates. He can rattle perfect Italian. (Ember claims he had polished Toto's English). He designs and sews the trio's costumes. He shyly disclosed a four digit salary for every 20-30 minute performance. Their earnings are used on the education of their nieces and nephews and support of the family in the Phil. The couple, who are based in Milan, had been wanting to raise a family. But the contracts that have been pouring in give them no chance to train a substitute of Ember. Their affections towards their chihuahua named Rambo showed their great desire of a child. But they are still hoping.

After Copenhagen, they will perform in Monaco and later compete in a circus competition in Korea. The FAD wishes the Fausto Scorpions good luck and all the best!

Acknowledgements

The Popularity Contest Committee and the Independence Day Executive Committee wishes all those who had helped made the celebration a success and most especially to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Club
Mr. and Mrs. George Abainza
Mr. and Mrs. Onofre Garcia
Mr. and Mrs. Noel Perona
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Røssell
Mr. and Mrs. J. Torres
Mr. and Mrs. Doy Barbaso (trophy donation)
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Santos (trophy donation)
Mr. and Mrs. Jens Stilling (trophy donation)
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Garcia
Mrs. Tina Castillo
Mrs. Vangie Abundo Cantor
Mrs. Anita Maca
Miss Isabel Malacas
Mrs. Luz Nielsen
Mr. and Mrs. Eres
Lista del Rosario Trading
Abundo Family
Jimenez Family
Magno Family
Mrs. Mindá Jensen

Likewise, we thank Ms. Marilyn Marker for emceeding the program, a great job and to Ms. Nitnit Høghs-holm for arranging the exhibition on the foyer.

Again, thank you to everybody!

We Hear..... We Say..

"Mga Manggang Walang Kaing"

Back home in the Philippines, it was fashion to have prisoners-without-cells (Marcos's political prisoners), secretaries-without-seats ("kabit"), and angels-without-wings (babaling-mababa-ang-lipad, not Darna). Recently in Copenhagen, a new type arose: mangoes-out-from-the basket or simply, "mga-manggang-walang-kaing". These "mangoes" were allegedly smuggled into the city by kind hearted persons-without-a-club and their freight was arranged by travel-agencies-without-an-office.

Believe it or not, these mangoes seemed to be extremely sour and half-rotten that people who happen to take them under their care pitched them back to the server or to another willing catcher until it became the best tennis match outside Wimbledon.

The effect was rabid that those Filipinos who used to be sincerely hospitable towards strangers had gotten a kind of lesson and became aloof or apathetic to visiting Filipinos. They got scared being suspected as masterminds or connivers and at times frightened to answer their ringing telephone.

But who should be blamed for these travel frauds or mango-gate?

- the people who smuggled them from the airport? or
- the phoney travel agencies who look like la coste (buwaya) and cheated them? or
- the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency who are supposed to monitor overseas employment contract? or
- the victims themselves who were too optimistic and lazy to check what they were getting into?

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Financial Reports

At last, the financial report of 1987 has been release after a rigid documentation, auditing and review by Elena Olsen, treasurer and Chit Atis, Auditor.

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| Balance Forwarded from 1986 | + 6,710.26 |
| Income | |
| membership | 3,616.00 |
| social affairs | 7,369.97 |
| donations | 346.63 |
| advertisements | 5,775.00 |
| fund raising | 7,376.85 |
| bank interest | 107.92 |
| registration fees | 15.00 |
| housing refund | 271.80 |

Total + 31,589.43

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| Less Expenses | |
| mailing | 2,482.50 |
| printing | 7,013.58 |
| hall rent/electricity | 3,517.15 |
| office supplies | 597.55 |
| meeting expenses | 1,028.15 |
| telephone | 1,883.30 |
| miscellaneous | 1,705.74 |

Total - 18,227.97

Grand Total + 13,361.46

1988 Popularity Contest Proceeds

Jennifer Stilling and Petra Garcia have disclosed the income of the recently held popularity contest.

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| Gross Income: | 19,153.00 |
| Less Expenses: | 9,577.00 |

Net Income 9,575.30

(supplement)

T. Y., A Million Times

Application

The 1988 Independence Day Celebration was more than what I had expected. The superb entertainment program, the colorful coronation pageant, the exotic food and the whole arrangements were beyond comparison. In spite of my absence during the preparations, the results or success of the event shows that there exists unity, cooperation and "bayanihan" among the members of the FAD.

I am especially grateful to Petra Garcia, chairman of the popularity contest and Jennifer Stilling, chairman of the Independence Day Executive Committee. Without their concerted efforts teamed with the other committees, the event would have been another ordinary affair.

Likewise, I am grateful to Benn Adriatico, who prepared an informative and entertaining souvenir program, and to Rose Jimenez for a well arranged beauty pageant; to the parents and sponsors of the candidates who understood the cause of the popularity contest; to Ambassador Carapan and those kind hearted donors of trophies and gifts; to Scandinavia Hotel, New Bamboo Restaurant, Peter Lund and Fausto Scorpions for donating the fantastic prizes; to Nancy Canon, Jøraen Storch, Philip Bay, Marilyn Marker, Nit-nit Høgsholm, Nita Berthelsen, and all part-takers of the program; to Manq Tony Garcia, *my co-officer and all guests* who came without considering the pain of paying kr.190; and those, whose names I could not remember, who contributed something to make the 90th Independence Day Party, an event to remember. Again, a million thanks to you.

Date: _____

Mrs. Teresa Roxas
 Ellekildevej 16
 2740 Skovlunde

Dear Madam:

I have the honor to file my candidacy for the post _____, on this forthcoming FAD Elections. I understand the requirements of a candidate and the rules of the FAD Elections.

Your kind attention on my application will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

(signature)

(name)

(address)

Mrs. Sally Hansen, President
 (continued)

"Mga Manggang" continued...

So goes an old Filipino proverb: "Walang manluluko kung walang paluluko!"

O.K., everybody wants to get out from that now poorest country of Southeast Asia - the Philippines, in order to seek a no-matter-what-job at a no matter-what-it-may-cost in a green (not greener) pasture. But good heavens, with 60,000 thousand pesos (the disclosed amount invested in the fraud) one can start a sari-sari store which could make both ends meet. Pity those who used their houses and lot and other real properties as collaterals to "5-6 usurers" whose interest rates tick faster than the Manila Metro Taxis. One rengørings kone uttered, "pag ako ang may lupa at bahay sa Pilipinas, bakit pa ako'y mangibang bansa, para paalipin sa iba?"

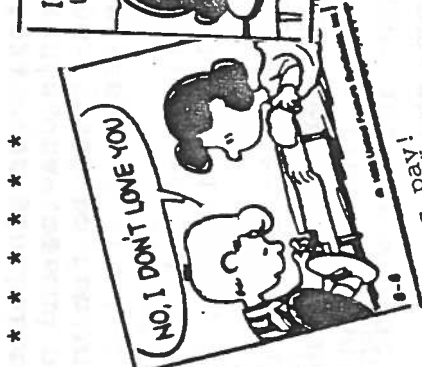
New Filipino saying, "Iba talaga ang abroad. Kahit taga-kudkud ng kubeta, nakakapag-Christian Dior na tunay naman!"

"Why don't we help them apply an asylum", suggested another kind hearted Pinay.

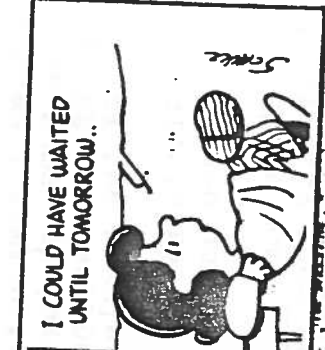
Possible! Just pray or hasten a civil war in the Philippines that threaten the mangoes' lives. Otherwise, we end up with "refugees-without-a-war".



"Manana" Habit



does pay!



Sometimes...

cut this page and mail to:

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An Invitation

The INFO is inviting its readers to send letters to the editor. Letters could contain criticisms, observations, comments, facts and gossips to be verified.

Only letters with complete name of sender and his/her full address will be entertained. In some cases, they can request their names to be withheld. The letters will never be used against the sender under any circumstances.

Send your letters to:

INFO Newsletter
The Filipino Association of Denmark
Valdemarsgade 69
16065 Copenhagen V

OR

INFO Newsletter
c/o Benn Adriatico
Vagtelvej 53, I
2000 Frederiksberg

We likewise invite original literary contributions, poems, children's drawing and poems. They must be concise and "cute" to fit into the small pages of the newsletter.

All letters will be edited for clarity and space. Please use English, Filipino, Tag-lish, or Danish.

Share some tsismis to us and it is our job to verify them if they are true, false or "trulse".

- INFO Editor

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Cultural Scoop

Sweden Trip

The Maharlika Dance Troupe had been invited to Lund, Sweden to entertain the guests in a wedding reception of Michael Maclund and Elizabeth Pablo. The rites was held at the Cathedral of Lund while the reception followed in Axelgaard, an old farm house rennovated. There were 110 guests most were Swedes, few Germans and some Filipinos. The exotic dances impressed the guests that one of them asked one of the dancers if the troupe was a professional. The dancer humbly answered, "No, just a cross between amateurs and professionals."

Assistance From A Pro

With the help of Anne Marie Uy-Barreta, wife of Jero, the Maharlika Dance Troupe will learn new dances for the "Fiesta Filipina" in September. Anne Marie was a member of a professional dance troupe that had been touring Japan.

A Birthday Presentation

To Claus Okholm, he wished on his 60th birthday party is a performance of the dance troupe. As a gift to the celebrant, the dance troupe will entertain him and his guests in his residence in Frederiksberg on August 28. Claus, an architect by profession, has been helping the petty needs of the troupe and has been very helpful during the show of the UP Concert Chorus Chorus.

Nysted Exhibition

It looked like a mini-field demonstration when the troupe danced on the town hall square of Nysted, Lolland Falster. It felt weird for them to dance

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barefooted in an open air, with the natural spotlight of the sun and the wind blow. The dance opened the immigrant women's art exhibition as detail by the news clip below. Gloria Aguinaldo Sørensen, participant of the exhibition, has arranged the troupe's participation.

Philippinsk danse-gruppe til Nysted

NYSTED - Måske tør man sige at lørdag eftermiddag i Nysted bliver lidt eksotisk - takket være turistforeningen.

Åbningen af den store udstilling i vandtårnet med billedkunst ved 14 kvindelige indvandrere betyder, at flere af udstillerne (10 lande er repræsenteret) kommer for at overvære fernisering. Men ikke nok med det.

Der bliver eksotisk underholdning med musik og dans på pladsen foran rådhuset, inden udstillingen åbner. Turistchef Erik Persson har så

sent som i går eftermiddag fået tilsagn fra en gruppe på otte philippinere, der har dannet en folkloristisk danse-gruppe.

Den giver en opvisning, som varer en lille timestid med start kl. 12.30. Tillige er der mulighed for optræden af en tyrkisk kvinde. Hvis det skulle gå hen og blive regnvéjr, rykkes hele forestillingen indendørs i rådhushallen.

Og når det er slut, er tiden ved at være inde til åbning af vandtårns-udstillingen, kl. 14.

Fællesbidrag 17/7-88

Gratis Et Amore

"Do you get paid for all these performances?" asked a few who are a bit skeptical towards the troupe. The performances are done gratis et amore or free with the love of promoting the Filipino community here and the Philippines in general.

Transition

CONGRATULATIONS

- To those happy and lucky couples who recently exchanged marriage vows:

OLE and EUGENE LLOREN

GRACE

JOSEPHINE and LITO GALES

ANGIE CANTOR and VANGIE ABUNDO

CRISTY MAYUGA and RICHARD MORISSET

May you all live-happily-ever-after!

- TO MR. and MRS: JOE COTONG on the christening of their child.

Welcome to the Christian world little one!

- To the newly elected and re-elected officer of the Danish-Filipino Association (DFA): chairman: DENNIS LLOREN, vice-chairmen:

MICHAEL BAUNER and PERLA LLOREN, secretary: LEONOR KRISTENSEN, auditor: RUBEN SABENIANO treasurer: MARISSA MALVEDA, suppliers:

TOMMY CAGARA, AMPY MALVEDA, JULIET SØRENSEN, MARIA PAZ BRINGAS, and LUZVIMINDA LLOREN:

More power to all DFA officers!

GOOD LUCK

- To the BORDEOS FAMILY who left wonderful Copenhagen to Waltzing Matilda country for good.

So long, farewell, and Godspeed!

CONDOLENCE

- To the family of MOMMY DONATA and ORLANDO TORRES whose grandchild died in an accident. May the Light of the Good Lord shine upon the child soul!



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