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Filipino American National Historical Society

President's Message

Dear FANHS members and friends,

I am happy to announce that our first fundraiser event for the FANHS Sonoma County Chapter Scholarship Fund will be held during a recognition luncheon for Katherine "Kay" Baguio on September 27, 12 noon - 3pm, at the Filipino Community Center in Fulton.

Scholarship applications will be available online at our website, fanhssonoma.org, on October 1, 2009. We encourage FANHS members to share scholarship information with friends and family members. High school seniors planning to enroll in college for the 2010-2011 academic year who are referred by FANHS members are eligible to apply.

It is with great pleasure that I can also announce that Arlen Agapinan, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, 7-12 with Santa Rosa City Schools, will serve as Chairperson for the FANHS Sonoma County Chapter Scholarship Fund. Leny Mendoza Strobel, Associate Professor of American Multicultural Studies at Sonoma State University and Elnora "Nora" Tiongson Valle, an active participant in many community projects related to cultural diversity awareness and generational dialogue, will serve on the scholarship awards committee.

Listed on Page 5 are the FANHS Sonoma County Scholarship Eligibility Requirements.

FANHS To Honor Manang Katherine Baguio

This year FANHS is pleased to recognize and honor a long-time pillar of the community, Manang Katherine "Kay" Baguio. On Sunday September 27th, we will host a special recognition luncheon at the Fulton Center. Please join us in paying tribute to Manang Kay and her many contributions to the community, as we extend our love and gratitude for her years of service and dedication.

Anyone familiar with the local Fil-Am community, is sure to know Manang Kay. Over the years, she has earned the respect and affection of many, through the kindness and service that she has lovingly extended.

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Elections of FANHS Officers - Oct. 25, 2009

Wow, as the saying goes, *"Time flies…"* The two-year term of the current FANHS officers will expire at the end of this year. Nominations for these positions are now being accepted through Thursday, October 1, 2009, 12:00 midnight PST, and should be sent to FANHS Secretary Priscilla Sharp at

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Sotoyome School class photo. Katherine Salaya, second row from front, fourth from right, circa 1928.

Photo courtesy of Katherine Baguio.

Mr. and Mis. Faustino Baguio, circa 1943.

Photo courtesy of Molin Malicay.

Born Katherine Salaya on October 6, 1919, Manang Kay was the eldest of six girls. After losing both parents at an early age, she quit school at 14 to go to work. For the next five years she held various positions as a domestic worker in households throughout the state.

At age 19, she returned to Sonoma County where she met her future husband while attending a dance in Healdsburg. Hailing from the Philippine Islands, Faustino Baguio had immigrated to Sonoma County by way of Hawaii. In 1943 the couple married and made their home in what is now Rohnert Park. That home soon became well known to local Filipinos. As a young wife and homemaker, Manang Kay created a warm and welcoming environment in which she and her husband hosted many young immigrants who struggled to make their way alone in their new country.

"My house was an open house," recalls Manang Kay. *"They just came and felt that we were their family that they had."*

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A Luncheon To Honor Manang Katherine "Kay" Baguio
And
A FANHS Scholarship Fundraiser

Sunday, September 27, 2009, 12 Noon to 3:00 PM
Filipino Community Center, Fulton, CA

FAHNS To Honor Manang Katherine Baguio *continued*

Though true to her Native American/Mexican ancestry, Manang Kay also embraced the Filipino culture as her own. *"I've been more like the Filipinos,"* she mused. *" I just love the Filipino culture. And I'm so happy for it."*

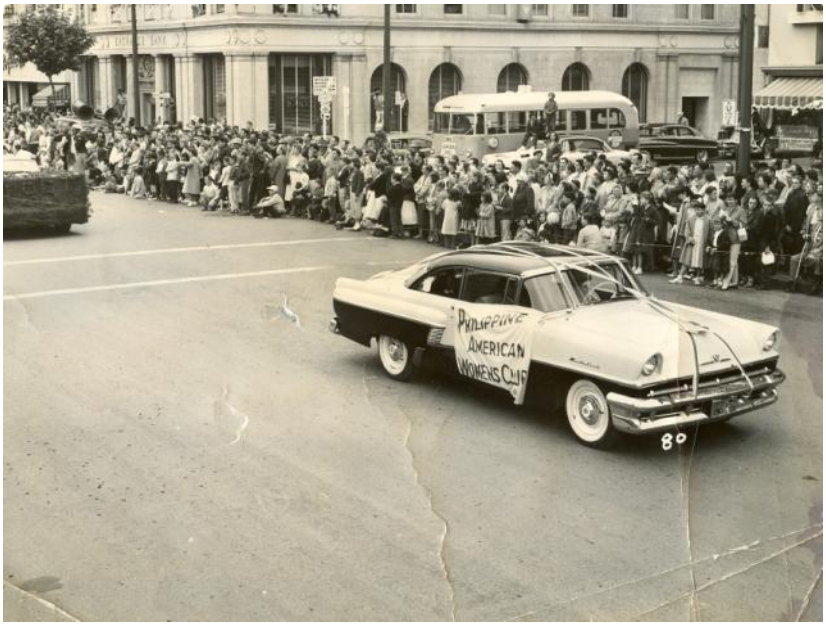
Throughout the years, Manang Kay has worked to keep that culture alive. In the 1950s, she helped found the Philippine American Women's Club, a social organization for wives of the immigrants. Among its earliest members were Bernita Oandason, Carol Jimenez, Carol Olivas, Frances Tapian, and two of Kay's sisters, Lee Tipon and Lucille Canillo. Besides holding social functions and other events, the club sponsored the Social Box, a fun way of raising money to help young Pinays pay for their schooling.

Along with her husband, Manang Kay was also active in the Saranay Association and Legionnarios del Trabajo, two fraternal orders that provided financial support to those in need. They would take *"care of you when you're sick and when you die…"* she recalls. *"Because…before. when people died, they would go from camp to camp trying to collect enough money to bury them. It was very, very hard, cause they had no family here. Well, this organization took care of that and the sick too."*

Today Manang Kay is also a member of the Barangay, another women's organization formed in the 1970s. And each June, those attending FACSCI's annual Fiesta Filipina enjoy the delicious treats prepared and offered by Manang Kay at her popular food booth.

When asked what advice she has for today's youth, Manang Kay does not hesitate in her message to keep the Filipino culture alive. *"Hang on to it, girls. Develop it into something for the young people…*

Culture, culture girls, that's the way!"



The Philippine American Women's Club car participating in the Rose Parade, circa 1952.

Photo courtesy of Katherine Baguio.

Barangay Women's Club, Katherine Baguio second row from front, fourth from left, circa 1979.

Photo courtesy of Lita Lyons.

2009 Membership Meeting Schedule

Our 2009 membership meetings will be held on the last Sunday of every other month, 1:00 p.m. at the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County, 153 Stony Point Circle, Suite 100, Santa Rosa CA.

October 25— 2010 Elections

Election of FANHS Officers—October 25, 2009

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The election of officers will be held on Sunday, October 25 at the Sonoma County Volunteer Center, 153 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, during the FANHS regular membership meeting. Proxy votes and voting by mail will be accepted for those unable to attend the election. Ballots and voting instructions will be provided, following the closing of the nomination period.

Nomination Guidelines

• To be considered for election, each nominee must be a FANHS member, and must agree to be a nominee before his or her name is submitted.

• Chapter members may nominate themselves or another chapter member as a candidate for office.

If your membership has lapsed, or if you are not yet a FANHS member, and you want to participate in the election, please complete the membership form on page 7 and return it today!

Officer Positions and Responsibilities

President: Provides direction, leadership and oversight of all chapter business and activities. Acts as liaison to FANHS National, other FANHS chapters, and all external organizations. Chairs or assigns delegate chair for all chapter meetings, including Board and Membership meetings.

Vice-President: Supports President in all chapter endeavors, and acts as backup to President as needed.

Treasurer: Under the President's leadership and in consultation with the Board, manages all chapter funds, financial activity, and related records. Maintains chapter bank accounts, ensures checks and balances are in place to assure the integrity of all financial activity, and creates and provides regular financial reports as required by the Board.

Secretary: Records and documents minutes of all chapter meetings, maintains official records of chapter documentation including meeting minutes, membership lists, mailing and distribution lists, correspondence, and other documents as required by the Board. Provides administrative support for all chapter activities.

Please consider nominating someone who you consider to be an effective leader (including yourself) and submit your nomination(s) now!

Filipino American History Month Celebration at the Asian Art Museum—October 4, 2009

Please join us on Sunday, October 4th, 11 am to 4 pm at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco to commemorate ***Filipino American History Month***.

One of the largest museums in the Western world devoted exclusively to Asian art, the Asian Art Museum's mission is to lead a diverse global audience in discovering the unique material, aesthetic, and intellectual achievements of Asian art and culture. The day's programs will present Filipino American artists, performers, authors, and educators in celebrating the richness and beauty of Filipino American culture and history. There will be activities for children.

*October is celebrated as **Filipino American History Month** to acknowledge the first recorded landing of Filipinos in America, Morro Bay, along the central coast of California on October 17, 1587.*

*Our film, **Remembering Our Manongs, Sonoma County's Filipino History,** will be shown at the museum at 12 noon.*

FAHNS Sonoma County Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

The FAHNS Sonoma County Scholarship Application will be available on the FANHS Sonoma County Chapter website, www.fanhssonoma.org, on October 1, 2009 and may be downloaded.

Listed below are the requirements for applicants. Please start thinking of eligible applicants that you can refer to apply.

Eligibility:

Open to college-bound high school seniors applying to community colleges and/or four-year colleges/ universities.

Minimum GPA: 3.00.

Referred by member of the Filipino American National Historical Society Sonoma County Chapter.

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Please support these Filipino owned businesses! If you'd like to advertise your Business in the FANHS newsletter, please call Noemi Issel at 707.538.9229 for ad sizes & prices.

Schedule of Activities

September 13, 2009
Joint Asian Potluck and Picnic
Finley Park Gazebo Area, Santa Rosa, CA
12 noon - 4 pm
Bring a salad to share. Barbecue will be provided.

September 20, 2009
Race Equality Week and Festival
Elsie Allen High School, Santa Rosa, CA
1 pm - 4 pm
Free

September 27, 2009
FANHS Luncheon & Scholarship Fundraiser
In Honor of Manang Kay Baguio
Filipino Community Center, Fulton, CA
12 noon - 3pm
Free

October 1, 2009
Last Day To Nominate FANHS Officer Candidates

October 4, 2009
Filipino American History Month Celebration
Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA
11 pm—4 pm
Free entrance

October 10, 2009
FACSCI Dinner/Dance Annual Event
Veterans Memorial Building, Santa Rosa, CA
6 pm - 11 pm
$35/person

October 24, 2009
PAARP Halloween Party
Burton Hall, Rohnert Park, CA
6 pm
Potluck

October 25, 2009
FANHS Membership Meeting & Election of Officers
Volunteer Center, 153 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA
1 pm - 3pm

November 15, 2009
FACSCI Thanksgiving Luncheon
Filipino Community Center, Fulton, CA
12 noon - 3pm

December 5, 2009
FANHS Holiday Party
Volunteer Center, 153 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA
12 noon - 3 pm
Potluck

December 13, 2009
FACSCI Christmas Party
Filipino Community Center, Fulton, CA
12 noon - 3 pm
Potluck

December 19, 2009
PAARP Christmas Party
RP Community Center, Rohnert Park, CA
TBA
Potluck

FANHS Wish List

Equipment and supplies are needed to support ongoing historical preservation work, as well as educational and cultural endeavors. We are currently in need of the following:

Equipment (new or used in good working condition):
Laptop computer with Windows 2000 or later
Panasonic Professional camcorder (and any or all accessories: shotgun microphone, tripod, XLR cables)
Portable flash drives
Portable podium or lectern
Portable Projection Screen (5' X 5' or larger)
Microphone with portable PA system
Microphone stand
Lavalier microphone with windscreen
Lighting umbrella
Apple MAC Computer with Final Cut Express Program
External hard drive, 80 GB or more

Supplies:
DVD bubble or cardboard mailer envelopes
Printer paper
Mini DV tapes (Sony brand)
Postage stamps
Envelopes (business size or manila)

Donations of this type are tax deductible subject to IRS rules, and are another way for FANHS supporters to contribute to the preservation of local history.

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES/RATES 2009

(Please Check one)

Annual Membership
- ❑ Individual $30.00
- ❑ Full/part time student $15.00
- ❑ Senior (62+) $15.00
- ❑ Family* $45.00

Decade
- ❑ Individual $200.00
- ❑ Family* $250.00

Life Time
- ❑ Individual $500.00
- ❑ Family* $600.00
- ❑ Honorary (wife of manong)

*Family category includes "dependent children" living at home.

Membership Application

Name:_____ Date_____

(Family membership, include names of children)_____

Address:_____
Street City State Zip

Phone No:_____

Email Address:_____

Membership Category:_____

____Check here for permission to print contact information in Chapter Membership Directory

Area of Interest/Expertise

_____Archival/Record Collection _____Photo Collection _____Writing/Newsletter
_____Oral/Written History _____Videography _____Research
_____Public Relations/Sponsorships_____Lectures _____Public Speaking
_____Other interests

For our newsletter, tell us why you decided to join FANHS_____

I am unable to participate as a member. Enclosed is a donation to support your efforts. $_____.

Mail your membership application/donation to: FANHS Sonoma County, P.O. Box 6915, Santa Rosa CA 95406. Questions? Please email info@fanhssonoma.org or call (707) 294-0519.

Please make checks payable to: FANHS Sonoma County

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