

FANHS Sonoma County Filipino American National Historical Society

President's Message

Hello! Can you believe it, it's July already. We've been busy so I wanted to give you an update on what's been happening. In May, FANHS received a Proclamation from the Santa Rosa City Council (see Page 3). Many community members supported by attending the City Council meeting, including, Carmen "Menchie" Barker (President, PAARP), Ben Barker, Norman Sheehan (Vice-President, PAARP), Josie Quimado, Flori Cabergas, Holly Calica, Ann Hall, Norma, Cora and myself.

In June, FANHS hosted a beautiful Museum display at the FACSCI Filipino Fiesta organized by VP Alicia Viloría Watson and Pat Romero, with Josie Quimado, Norman Sheehan, and Michael Viloría's assistance. The display entitled "Honoring Wives of the Filipino Pioneers," paid homage to the wives of our beloved Manongs and celebrated the diversity and commitment the wives brought to the local Filipino community, see article on Page 4.

We awarded our annual Katherine "Kay" Baguio scholarship to Leilani Emery, a high school graduate who will be attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Lucky young lady! See article on Page 2.

Last weekend we held our Annual Garage Sale, and I want to thank everyone who helped set-up and pack up, came out to support and especially to Norman and Brenda Sheehan for hosting. We couldn't have done it without you two! And a HUGE thank you to PAARP for donating items. Thank you All!

We invite you to come to our General Membership meeting on **Sunday, July 19, 1:00-3:00 pm**, Filipino Community Center, Fulton, Ca.

Thank you everyone for your on-going support!

Karen Mejia Pennrich

FANHS Sonoma Board Members

President.....Karen Mejia Pennrich
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Member of the FANHS Bay Area Consortium - consisting of the East Bay, San Jose, San Francisco, Sonoma, and Vallejo chapters.

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FANHS is a non-profit organization.

Scholarship Award 2015

FANHS Sonoma is pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's Kay Baguio Scholarship award is Ms. Leilani Emery of Windsor. The award was presented in June at the 38th annual Fiesta Filipina in Fulton.

A recent graduate of Piner High School, Leilani is a third generation Filipino American whose great grandparents emigrated from the Philippines during the 1920s. Throughout her high school career, Leilani excelled academically and participated in a variety of extracurricular activities, often in leadership positions. In 2013 she completed an internship at Pepperwood Preserve where she collected and recorded scientific data about various species occurring at the preserve.

According to her high school principal, "Leilani is a focused, articulate young woman and an adamant learner."

This fall, Leilani will begin studying Marine Biology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She plans to become a Marine Biologist, and hopes to help rehabilitate marine life, and teach others about the beauty and importance of our oceans and how to protect them.

Given Leilani's track record, we are confident that she will make the most of her education, and ultimately achieve her goals.

The Kay Baguio Scholarship program was established by FANHS Sonoma in 2009 to promote and support continuing education among Filipino American youth. Applications are accepted each spring with awards announced in early summer. For more information contact any of the FANHS Board Members listed on our website: <http://fanhssonoma.org/about.html>

More scholarship articles to come, with interviews from past recipients, in our next newsletter.



Leilani Emery



Leilani and family

Upcoming Events

- July 19 -** FANHS General Membership meeting, Sunday, 1—3 pm, Filipino Community Center, 3361 Fulton Road, Fulton, Ca
- September 20 -** FANHS Annual Potluck Picnic, Sunday, 11—3 pm, Youth Park, Santa Rosa, Ca
- October -** Date TBA, FANHS Sonoma FilAm History Month fundraiser/event, more details to come
- October 4 -** FilAm History Month Opening Ceremony/Event, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, Ca
- October -** Dates TBA, FilAm History Month events, more details to come

City of Santa Rosa Proclamation



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Filipino American National Historical Society of Sonoma County's mission is to promote understanding, education, enlightenment, appreciation, and enrichment through identification, gathering, preservation and dissemination of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate they preserve and share their history and culture with all, through educational repositories, published works and public forums; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the impact Filipino Americans have had on our City through their valuable contributions to the social, cultural and economic fabric of the community, as well as providing educational scholarship funds to local youth and services that support and promote the health and wellness of Filipino Americans residing in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County; and


WHEREAS, we specifically acknowledge the incredible "bayanihan" (community spirit) the Filipino American National Historical Society of Sonoma County has brought to this community by undertaking a two-year effort to research and produce the full-length documentary film "Remembering Our Manongs (Elders), Sonoma County's Filipino History," which traces the history and experiences of the first major wave of Filipino immigrants to settle in our county. Recounting their stories through photographs and memories of surviving descendants and friends, the film, which premiered in Santa Rosa and aired on PBS, is also a reflection of Sonoma County's broader history of the time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is proud of its skilled, talented, and dedicated workforce, including members of the Filipino American community who serve in a wide variety of jobs providing service to the people of Santa Rosa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, John Sawyer, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim a hearty acknowledgment of the successes of the

FILIPINO AMERICAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SONOMA COUNTY




Mayor John Sawyer
May 19, 2015

FANHS Exhibit “Honoring Wives of the Filipino Pioneers”

Last month, FANHS Sonoma celebrated the women who helped build our community, in a photo exhibit entitled Honoring Wives of the Filipino Pioneers. Held at the 38th annual Fiesta Filipina in Fulton, the exhibit paid tribute to the diverse mix of industrious and committed women who along with their husbands, in the 1940s-70s, built Sonoma County’s culturally rich Filipino American community that still thrives today. More than 100 visitors stopped in to view the exhibit, read about the women’s contributions, and share favorite photos and memories. Some took time to pose alongside portraits of their mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers.



Alicia Viloria Watson and Patricia Romero



Polly Yoro and Fay Mendoza



Cheryl Boden



Marce Becerra



Lisa Benes and family



Josie Quimado



MaryEllen Silipo and son



Rivera Grandchildren



Museum attendees

FANHS continues to collect old community photos to complete the historic archive, so if you have favorites you’d like to share from the 1930s-1960s era, please let us know. We will scan and return them to you.

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FANHS SONOMA COUNTY 2015

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES/RATES 2015

(Please Check one)

Annual Membership

- Individual \$30.00
- Family* \$40.00
- Senior (62+) \$10.00
- Student \$10.00

Decade

- Individual \$150.00
- Family* \$250.00

Life Time

- Individual \$300.00
- Family* \$350.00
- 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/s of Interest/Expertise

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| ____ 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. \$_____.

Please make checks payable to: FANHS Sonoma County

Amount Paid \$_____ Type of Payment: Check Number _____ or Cash _____
Receipt Number _____ Initials _____

Detach this page and mail your membership application/donation to:
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The mission of the Filipino American National Historical Society shall be to promote understanding, education, enlightenment, appreciation, and enrichment through the gathering, identification, preservation, and dissemination of the history and culture of Filipino Americans in the United States.

FANHS Sonoma New Address

Please note, the new FANHS Sonoma mailing address is:

18229 Railroad Avenue
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