SAVE THE DATE
VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM
OCT. 17, 2021
TO CELEBRATE
FILIPINO AMERICAN
HISTORY MONTH
Host: The Philippine American Cham-
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Historical Society Oregon Chapter
(oregonfanhs.org)
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FANHS Museum in Stockton, CA

Known for its historical site to Fili-
pinos, Stockton was chosen as the
future site for the Filipino American
National Historical Museum by the
FANHS Board of Trustees at the 1994
Conference held in San Francisco.
This museum houses the many items
of historical memorabilia that has
been gathered by each chapter as
well as other items donated from
private citizens.

“The national society approved
Stockton as a museum site because
of its historic role as the center of
Filipino American family and commu-
nity life and labor activities,” said
FANHS archivist Fred Cordova. Once
the largest population center of Fili-
pinos outside the Philippines, Stock-
ton’s “Little Manila” attracted thou-
sands of immigrants who found work
and support systems here.

“Much of the birth of Filipino
American history was enconced in
Stockton, and it’s part of our national
society’s effort to preserve and pro-
mote what that history is all about,”
Cordova said.

This museum reflects the many
contributions that Filipinos Americans
have made throughout the United
States.
“Rizal in San Francisco”

Commemorating the national hero’s only visit to the United States

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 May 2021 – The Philippine Consulate, through Sentro Rizal San Francisco organized a webinar on 20 May 2021 to commemorate the visit of Dr. Jose Rizal in San Francisco on 4-6 May 1888. The visit is deemed to be Rizal’s only trip to the United States.

The online activity was conducted in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Establishment of PH-U.S. Diplomatic Relations, the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Month, and the Philippine National Heritage Month.

Consul General Neil Frank R. Ferrer, in his welcome remarks, encouraged participants to remember and ponder on the close relations between the Philippines and the U.S. and "moments in the nation’s histories, like that of the national hero’s stay in San Francisco and his travel to other parts of the U.S, that are still relevant to this day and age."

FANHS NOW Focus: 2020 a year like no other

2020 has been a year like no other: COVID 19, FANHS/Hawaii National Conference cancelled, George Floyd, January 6, Critical Race Theory, Anti-Asian Hate and Juneteenth. How is FANHS affected by these historic and traumatic events?

FANHS NOW Focus is a Zoom event. The purpose is to regroup and re-establish FANHS common ground. Last week, FANHS Chapter Presidents gathered to answer this question: What does FANHS mean to you? For a video of the discussion, see: https://youtu.be/DbZQm4oKfRl

This week features the co-founder of FANHS: Auntie Dorothy Laigo Cordova. She will also answer: What does FANHS mean to you? In addition, she will reveal her expectations on all FANHS Chapter Presidents. In addition, an update on the Seattle/FANHS National Conference in August/2022 will be provided by the conference chair...Barbara Lagasca Bergano.

This event exclusively features Auntie Dorothy. Please meet and greet her as we kickoff a year-long celebration of the 40th anniversary of FANHS, culminating at the Seattle/FANHS National Conference. Monday July 5, 2021 5:30PM Pacific

All Chapter members are welcome to attend by completing the registration form at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSey5Sw7E3GumbYHoYaL7A3IJXJQFV-DCkg1mlahNy838VTeQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

As in all FANHS NOW events, the Zoom link along with the informational packet will be emailed to all registrants by noon day of event. For any questions email: fanhsnow@gmail.com
What will the FANHS 2022 book project look like?

Good news! As revealed in the committee’s Zoom meeting last week of April, we have determined that we will proceed with the FANHS 2022 Project. The FANHS 2022 project is open to anyone interested. Tyrone Lim, the project coordinator, regularly posts updates to his Facebook Messenger chat group as we move forward with the project. We also have another place where you can find more information on how to get involved: a Google Drive folder started by Lorelei (email her at loreleihosmil-\lo@pacco.org if you wish to join). Tyrone will also keep you informed through email.

If you know other people willing to contribute, please encourage them to sacrifice a bit of their time/talent for this. Contributions can take the form of article submissions, photo/video, interviewing people, graphic design, or just offering advice/guidance.

Potential Profile Stories
Below are possible chapter categories of the profiles. Each chapter may have at least five featured individuals and/or families.

1. Covid-19 Frontliners - nurses, doctors & other essential workers
2. Social Justice Activism: Immigrant & Ethnic Rights, Worker & Economic Rights, Youth & Students, Teachers & educators, Women, LBTQ - The very active folks at Nafcon, Malaya, Gabriela, lawyers, etc
3. Good Governance: Foreign Policy/Foreign Trade; PH-US Relations – FGG; any Oregonian involved in Philippine activities etc.
4. Civic, Volunteerism & Non-Government Activism – the Fil-Am organizations in our area
5. Business / Entrepreneurs (including foster care operators) – PACCO member businesses, etc.
6. Sports, Physical Fitness —athletes, exercising for health
7. Entertainment & the Arts — celebrities, artists & artisans
8. Career Professionals
9. Hobbyists / Travel & Tourism – backyard gardeners, trivia buffs, YouTubers, travelers & travel bloggers etc.
10. Military — active & veteran
11. Culinary / Restaurateurs / Food bloggers & writers
12. Religion & Faith Community

If any reader knows anyone living in Oregon or SW Washington who fits into any of these categories, please hurry and let the committee know. This is the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of members of the Filipino community. The next opportunity might not come again in another ten years.

Prospective story profiles are starting to trickle in, but we need a balanced representation from all parts of our jurisdiction, especially from outside the Portland area. Hopefully, the CFAA affiliates can assist in this regard.

FANHS-OR’s first two books, published in 2000 and 2010 respectively.
CALL TO ORDER by Jaime Lim (President) at 12:04 PM

ROLL CALL
- Attendees: Jaime Lim, Ligaya Humbert, Rae Santos, Mary Kay Moore, Lourdes Markley, Bob Bayot
- 3 Board Members in attendance, thus meeting quorum of minimum 3 board members

PRIOR MINUTES REVIEW
- Previous quarterly meeting minutes 1/17/2021 read by Rae was moved to be approved by Mary Kay. Jaime seconded. No objections. Minutes approved.
- Previous emergency board meeting 2/21/2021 minutes read by Rae was moved to be approved by Ligaya. Mary Kay seconded. No objections. Minutes approved.

TREASURER REPORT 12:25 PM
- Does not have March 2021 report yet. Credentials are not working.
- April statement: $4,845.60. She sees a monthly fee of $16 for the first time. She will contact the bank. Ligaya is surprised as well, as long as it’s $3K minimum balance, there should be no fee. May consider changing banks. Treasurer will call the bank to check on the monthly fee and get the March 2021 statement.
- Received member fees from Rae Santos, Ronnie Lim, Becky Hayes, and Lola Miholland. Rae to send out reminder to send FANHS-OR fees.
- Treasurer did the electronic filing for 2020 Annual Report CT-12 to Oregon, but couldn’t use FANHS-OR debit card did not work. She used her personal debit card and needs to be re-imbursed.
- There is a request for re-imbursement from Ronnie for ink of $78.98 as part as supplies expense. Board approves the reimbursement.
- Reviewed the Financial Policy and Procedures for Policy No B-001 draft and revised to final approval. Ligaya moved to approve. No objections. Policy B-001 approved.
- Mary Kay sees on the bank website lists a notice about minimum balance requirement fees. She checked and we have a BofA Business Advantage Fundamentals account. To avoid the $16 monthly fee, we must have balance of $5K and above or use the debit card of $250/month or before a preferred rewards for biz. To allow us time to establish, they gave us 3 months. We had a $5K up until Nov.
- Ask CFAA, what banks do they use for their non-profit group.

AUDITOR REPORT
- None – Auditor is not in meeting

BOOK
- Committee is still working on the full proposal and will email a report after the next committee meeting.
- No cost due to donations expected except for book printing. But printing costs will be on a demand basis by who is buying the book.

FIL-AM HISTORY MONTH
- It’s in every October. Are we going to have an event?
- Right now it’s May celebrating AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) month which Filipinos are supporting.
Ligaya do we want to be part of the AAPI group. Filipinos are not in the list.

There isn’t a main AAPI umbrella group.

There should be Filipino presence.

Should this concern be raised to CFAA?

Should we find out what AAPI events are happening in Oregon and what group is driving?

Per Jaime, PACCO is involved with a lot of this. Received $75K from Ikea grant. Looking for executive director (paid role) managing what PACCO needs to do. They currently have 3 PACCO employees.

Problem: Filipinos are missing in action at the AAPI events. Need to know what are these AAPI events. Jaime to get a list from a Jan (PACCO) of the AAPI events

FANHS-OR to bring this concern up in CFAA meeting

What have we done in the past? Lourdes used to do Symposium at the FilAm Center on Stark

Do physical? Do virtual again?

Possible symposium topics: COVID experience

Board decided to celebrate FAHM 2021 with a virtual symposium focused on sharing local FilAm COVID experiences. Discussion: Come up with a name, e.g. how to cope, surviving, tips, lessons, challenges during COVID. Everyone to brainstorm after the meeting. Target getting a name by end of June. Finalizing End of July. Work on Speakers – target 5-6. Perhaps speakers be part of the book project. Ligaya to round up the speakers

FAHM 2021: Boards are all volunteers on FAHM planning. Target one date in Oct 2021. Sunday since lots of events are Saturday. Target Oct 17, 2021 a Sunday afternoon, no 10/10 and 10 /31.. 2 hours max. – 1 hr virtual symposium and 1 hr for misc e.g. book. What is FANHS National doing for FAHM 2021?. Lourdes to get theme from National.

BY-LAWS

Reviewed the proposed By-Laws changes. Agreed: I 1; I 5c; I 5d; II 1C; II 2C; (Note: This means Secretary is to post publicly FANHS-OR Emergency Board Meeting notices too to all FANHS-OR members not just Quarterly Meeting notices); II 3B; II 3C agreed, but change “propriety” to “proprietary”; III 1 C; IV 2

Board moved to approve changes. No objections. Changes are approved.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table to the next meeting

OPENS

Facebook Update – unofficial group was removed, official page is still up

FilAm Vancouver may hold their annual Philippine Independence Day picnic on June 12 @ 11am typically at Frenchman Bar Park

Secretary will check with FAAV President.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Sunday, September 12, 2021 @ 1 to 3 pm

VENUE: Joe Ramirez home and virtual Zoom meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED by Jaime Lim at 2:04 PM
Sunday, June 27, 2021 - Online Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER at 6:08 PM
ROLL CALL

4 Board Members in attendance: Jaime Lim, Ligaya Humbert, Rae Santos, Mary Kay Moore.
Quorum of minimum 3 board members was met.

OPEN

- Today’s FAHM NOW virtual meeting appears to be the first one. Ligaya and Jaime attended. FANHS National says they’ll commit to do monthly. They plan to decide on FAHM 2021 theme
- Current bank balance is $5129.60. Mary Kay called the bank and they waived 2 months and will refund the fee when balance dipped below $5K. She will do reimbursement for: $78.98 for ink to Ronnie; $20 filing annual report because Oregon would not accept the FANHS-OR debit
- We should consider finding another a bank

FAHM

- Ligaya proposes we do own our own and not wait for National’s theme. Make this an opportunity to make the book
- Symposium: There are catastrophic happenings in 2020. In past, we look for group/affiliate to partner that has quantity of members, e.g. symposium in Coos Bay, Medford, Eugene, Bend had agreed to host but canceled because of pandemic
- Ligaya sees 3 options:
  1) Do we want to partner with another affiliate who has the speakers?
  2) Partner with CFAA? But CFAA decided not to do a conference so CFAA is not an option
  3) Do it ourselves and get one speaker pair with categories of catastrophic happenings: FilAm affected by COVID-19, for race; Those affected by racial tensions, e.g. Elena’s group has BLM flag; Wildfire, e.g. GSFAA had several in Stayton who were impacted.
- Mary Kay – prefer we partner and reduce repetition – 25th founding of PACCO. Thinking of celebrating. Maybe we partner with PACCO. Jaime will talk to the PACCO Board in their July 4 get-together to see if they’re willing to partner with FANHS on FAHM. If PACCO agrees, Ligaya will share the symposium materials.
- Keep our Oct 17 Save the Date. Focus on overcoming the challenges of 2020. We would also need to get approval for speakers permission to allow FANHS-OR to print in the FANHS-OR book. We will have a symposium committee
- What about the Bayanahan Filipino Center? Include as one of the speakers in the symposium, e.g. under gender equality. Maybe use their facility for a hybrid symposium?
- There is storytelling recording software. Ask Ellen again who had mentioned the software program in one of the book committee meetings. Storyvine App – should help people tell their stories – Rae will take a look.
- Do we agree on the theme: overcoming the 2020-21 catastrophic happenings – pandemic (economic impact & health), wildfire, racial tensions (BLM & Asian hate), ice-storm, gender equality? Yes. Target 1.5 hours, e.g. target 10-15 minutes per speaker
- But we may need to change/adjust/accommodate the theme with the partnership with PACCO. Same in providing the Bayanahan Center in having a voice in the symposium especially if they allow us to their venue.
- Follow up after hearing back from Jaime on PACCO’s decision.

MEETING ADJOURNED by at 6:49 PM
Filipino WWII Veterans
Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony

Filipino WWII Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony May 22, 2021

Good morning,

My name is Joy Lalic Chang and I am the eldest grandchild of Sargent Paul Laruya Ramirez Sr., who was part of the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment and served in Luzon Philippines and New Guinea.

On behalf of the Ramirez, Sebastian and Carino families, we would like to thank Brigadier General Oscar Hilman, the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project and the United States Congress for recognizing, honoring, and awarding these three individuals with the Filipino World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal of Honor.

The Congressional Gold Medal of Honor is the highest civilian award bestowed by Congress to individuals or groups that have contributed to American culture and history.

My grandfather enlisted in the US Army after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the war broke out. Based on my grandmother’s recollection, my grandfather was part of General Douglas MacArthur armed forces when he returned to the Philippines in 1944.

During World War II, more than a quarter million Filipinos fought alongside American forces. The Rescission Act of 1946, deprived most Filipino veterans of the “rights, privileges, or benefits” they had earned with their WWII service. The Filipino Veterans’ Recognition and Education Project is dedicated to righting these wrongs. Their efforts helped the passage of the Filipino Veterans of WW II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2015 where President Barack Obama signed into law on December 2016. It took 75 years before these Filipino Veterans were finally recognized and full benefits restored. The recognition of the Filipino World War II Veterans has been long overdue.

Even though our honorees are no longer with us, their legacy lives on through their families. As descendants of these great men, we are all part of why America is the land of opportunities. As Asian Americans, we are a fabric of what makes America a great melting pot. Through our fathers or grandfather’s valor and military service, we are able to gather today and celebrate their legacy and this honor.

The Filipino World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal is greatly appreciated and our love ones will never be forgotten. Their legacy lives on.

Thank you.
Your eyes playing tricks on you?

If you are visiting Crater Lake this summer, do a side tour to the Pinnacles, a series of eroded peaks up to 200 feet high about six miles off the Crater Lake Ring Road on the east side. Some look like stone needles, others flying buttresses on a gothic cathedral. To this photographer he sees a roaring lion.

Photo by Ronnie Lim