

Haiku Contest

The Embassy of Japan in the Philippines invites everyone to join the 2007 Haiku Contest with the Theme:

Pinoy Haiku: Mga Taludtod Alay Kay Inang Kalikasan

Full moon's in the sky

Let me bring it close to you

Using my teacup

Gian Carlo Dizon

1st Place, 2006 Haiku Contest

Haiku is a form of poetry that developed in Japan from about 400 years ago. It is a short verse of 17 syllables, divided into units of five, seven and five syllables.

For further inquiries, please email: dydacs@yahoo.com or jicc-mnl@japanembassy.ph or visit www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp

Table Tennis Anyone?



Every Saturday, kung hindi umuulan, may mga naglalaro ng ping-pong sa Iliili. Ito ay sa kagandahang loob ni Nel Binuya.

hang loob ni Nel Binuya.

Nagaganap ang naturang pagpapapawis at magandang exercise sa tuhod, mga kamay at sa reflexes, sa malawak na bakuran ni Nel.

Kung sino man ang nais sumali ay magemail lang kay Nel sa nellspsi@yahoo.com

Fridays



Kahit ano pa ang mangyari, Kampeon na naman ang Pinoy Strikers Bowling Team na kasali sa American Samoa Scratch Bowling Tournament na ginaganap tuwing Biyernes. Eto ay ayon kay Ronnie Eustaquio.

Sa June 8, 2007 pa ang finals pero sa laki ng agwat ng sumusunod na koponan, tiyak na maiuwi na naman ng isang Filipino Team ang Perpetual Trophy (3 Consecutive Champion).

Ang team ay binubuo nila Dave Perez, Lito Lacson, Ronald Eustaquio, Ruben Vergara, Marcial Parungo, Goody Laroa at Ronnie Cuerpo.

Early Sunday Morning

Kung kaya mong gumising ng maaga tuwing Linggo, punta ka lang sa Lion's Park Tennis Court at doon ay may mangilan-ilan na mga kababayan natin na naglalaro ng tennis.

Puede ring magwalking sa tabi o dili kaya ay maglaro sa swing o slide o just hang around and breath the fresh air blowing from the South Pacific Ocean.



Naghahanda Na

Basketball enthusiasts are now seen playing at the Tafuna High School Gym every Sunday morning getting ready for the annual Pinoy Basketball Tournament.

Kaya kung wala ka pang team o gusto mo lang magpapawis, welcome ka sa Tafuna Gym.



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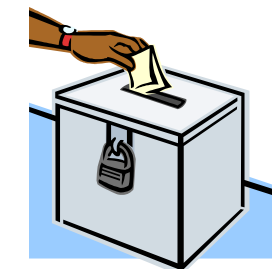
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Palota Mo Halalan '07



Opo, halalan na naman sa Pilipinas at eleksiyon na rin dito sa American Samoa.

The COMELEC chaired by Edgar Carnecer announced recently the holding of the election for the Officers and the Board of Directors of the Filipino Community in American Samoa.

Elections are now held every two years, since the majority of the voters agreed on the proposed amendments to the FCAS Constitution two years ago.

Those who are willing to serve as Executive Officers or Board of Directors for the next couple of years should get their Application of Candidacies from the COMELEC.

O dili kaya naman po ay magtanong sa mga incumbent Officers o Board kung

saan makakakuha ng Application Forms.

Sa June 2, 2007, mamimili po tayo ng Presidente, Bise Presidente, Secretary at Treasurer para maging opisyal natin sa susunod na dalawang taon.

Likewise, we shall also be electing six board members who shall also serve a two year term.

Ang mga Rules ng Election at ang mga qualifications ng mga kandidato at mga botante ay matutunghayan sa loob, pahina 2.

Philippine Independence Day Celebration



Bayang Magiliw

Perlas ng Silanganan

Filipinos whithersoever dispersed will celebrate the 109th year of our independence from any foreign master.

Dito sa American Samoa ay atin ding ipagdiriwang sa ika-9 ng Hunyo sa taong ito ang ating paglaya sa mga dahuyan. Habang sinusalat ang balitang ito, kasalukuyang pinaplano pa ng mga opisyal at ng



mga nagboluntaryong tumulong para maging kaigayya at makahulugan ang pagdiriwang na ito.

Ayon sa nakalap na balita, magkakaroon ng paligsahan para sa tatanghaling Miss Teen Philippines.

Homer Ardiente is this year's Overall Chairman for the Independence Day Celebration.

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Health Tips (from the Safe Drinking Water Act Newsletter)

Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.

A mere drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page.

Pinoy Trivia

1. Philippine National Hero and writer Dr. Jose Rizal could read and write at age 2. He grew up to speak more than 20 languages including Latin, Greek, German, French and Chinese.
2. The highest mountain in the Philippines is Mt. Apo, a dormant volcano found in Mindanao, at 2,954 meters (9,689 feet). Mt. Pulog in Luzon is the second highest at 2,928 meters (9,604 feet).
3. The antibiotic erythromycin-used to treat a wide variety of bacterial infections, such as respiratory tract infections, middle ear infections, and skin infections-was created by Filipino scientist Abelardo Aguilar.
4. There are 12,000 or so species of seashells in the Philippines. The *Conus Gloriamaris* or "Glory of the Sea" is the rarest and most expensive in the world.
5. Of the 500 known coral species in the world, 488 are found in the Philippines.

RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING FCAS GENERAL ELECTIONS

1. A **Notice of General Election** of officers and members of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Filipino Community shall be issued by the COMELEC pursuant to board resolution. The Notice shall contain among other things – date, time and place of election, and positions open for election. COMELEC may at its discretion authorize the use of radio or print media in order to widely disseminate the election.

2. **Qualified to vote are:** Filipinos, persons of Filipino ancestry, and persons legally married to Filipinos, who, (Sec. 2, Art. IV):

- A. have resided in American Samoa for at least 1 year;
- B. are 18 years old or over
- C. have paid membership dues; and have participated in any membership activity during the preceding year of their current membership.

3. **Members qualified to hold office:** those who have continuous membership for at least 2 years. (Par 2, Sec 3, Art V)

4. **Terms of Office:** Term of office of elected officers and board members: two (2) years. The officer/ board member may be reelected but not qualified to serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same position. (Sec. 8, Art VIII)

5. **President and Vice-President's qualifications:** (a) a Filipino citizen; (b) at least 30 years of age; and (c) an active member for not less than two (2) consecutive years. (Sec.9, Art VIII)

6. **Administrator of election process:** Commission on Elections (COMELEC or Commission), which is independent of the officers and board in the performance of its functions. The Commission, with a chairman and six (6) member, adopts rules, procedures, and policies governing the

elections (Sec. 2, Art VIII)

7. **Availability of Candidacy Form & Who to File:** Candidates shall file their candidacies with COMELEC. Forms may be picked up at locations designated by the Board. Completed candidacy form shall be submitted in person to the Chairman or member of COMELEC.

8. **Positions Available to Member:** Any qualified member of the Community may file candidacy for either one or all of the executive positions or that of member of the board of directors, so that if he/ she is not elected to any of the executive positions, he / she may still qualify for election to board member.

9. **Deadline in filing candidacy:** The deadline in filing candidacy shall be 48 hours prior to start of election (refer to par. No. 1). Deadline is set in order to have enough time to prepare election paraphernalia.

10. **Withdrawal of candidacy:** The deadline for withdrawal of candidacy shall not be later than 72 hours before the start of election in order to allow other interested member to file their candidacy.

11. **Voting Time:** Voting will start at 1:00 PM at site later to be determined by COMELEC and will close at 8:00 PM.

12. **List of Voters:** The Chairman of the BOD or designated representative shall provide list of qualified voters/ members. Any dispute as to their eligibility to vote shall be referred to the same person for resolution. Conflict shall be resolved outside of polling place in order to preserve order.

13. **Blank Ballot:** Only the voter will be allowed

to get his own blank ballot, after a COMELEC representative has checked his name with the official List of Voters. A voter whose name appears more than once in the list, no matter if he/ she has paid membership fees more than once, will be given only one (1) blank ballot to fill.

14. **Campaign Free Zone:** No campaigning will be allowed within five (5) meters or talking distance from polling booth. COMELEC reserves the right to extend the area in order to preserve the integrity of the election process

15. **Counting of ballots:** Ballot shall be counted immediately after closing the polling place. Counting should be open to the public depending on the limitation of space and expediency, demand, and the number of people at the place where votes are counted. The need of COMELEC for appropriate space in order to conduct proper count shall be paramount. A candidate should be allowed to witness or his representative the conduct of the counting of ballots.

16. **Protest on the Results of Election:** Protest letter should be submitted in writing within 24 hours of announcement of the results of elections. Such protest shall be heard and decided by the COMELEC, meeting en banc, within three (3) days after receiving the complaint. At such meeting, both the protestor and the protestee or their authorized designees in writing, shall be invited to present their sides. A majority of all the members of the COMELEC shall decide the cases. Such decision shall be final and executory.

17. **Proclamation of Winners** – Winners shall be proclaimed if there is no protest after 24 hours from announcement of the results of elections and if with protest after 4 days. Such proclamation shall be final.

Election Notes

Date: June 2, 2007 Saturday

Time: 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Place: Filipino Chaplaincy Off.

Fatu-O-Aiga Multi Purpose Hall

Available Positions:

i. **President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary**

ii. **Six (6) Board of Directors**

Deadline of Filing: May 31, 2007

Application Forms: Available at all Filipino Stores or call the COMELEC

Nomer Que, phone no. 258-76-72.

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Beneficiaries Receive Death Aid

Marcial Parungo, the father of the late Marcial Parungo, Jr. and Tita Pepito, the mother of the late Popot Pepito, received \$500 each recently from the FCAS Emergency Assistance Committee through Gilda Niedo, the FCAS President. Dong and Popot were both active members of the association.

The Death Aid and Permanent Disability Program was enacted by the Board of Director's Resolution No.2005-14.

Meanwhile, Dennis Javier, Chairman of the Membership Committee is requesting all registered members to please update their membership data. For details please call 699-94-09.

Building Fund

As requested by one of our readers who wishes to remain anonymous, we are publishing hereunder the money raised per year since the Building Fund Project started, as supplied to us by the Commission on Audit:

1998-\$2,000.00

1999-\$0.00

2000-\$4,000.00

2001-\$4,650.00

2002-\$6,500.00

2003-\$0.00

2004-\$6,000

Brain Twisters

1. If two typist can type two pages in two minutes, how many typist will it take to type 18 pages in six minutes?
2. Which number comes next in this series of numbers? 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, __
3. A monkey fell down inside a 30 feet deep hole. In order to get out of the hole, everyday, the monkey jumps three feet, but slides down two feet. How long would it take for the monkey to reach the ground?

Answers next issue. Or email your answers to dacs@yahoo.com. 3 entries with perfect answers shall be drawn and winners will get free dinner at the Independence Day Celebration.

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Ang Galing ng Pinoy !!!

Bravura !



Isabelle Carnecer will be graduating next month with two degrees, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Major in Accounting, Cum Laude and Bachelor of Arts in Communication.

Aside from her distinguished academics, she also busies herself with the Tucson Polyneesian Family, International Friends, Honor Society and the Prof.Women's Business Asso.

Isa graduated Valedictorian from the Faasao/Marist High School in 2002. Her two siblings likewise graduated Valedictorians.

Her parents, Edgar and Gemma will be attending her graduation next month at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Eto Pa

Ang anak naman ni Dr. Leo at Beth Leituala ay magtatapos naman ng kursong Bachelor of Science in Social Work Major in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude at the Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Nive was a consistent member of three Honor societies and the Vice President of the University Samoan Association while at HPU.

Nive graduated Valedictorian from Leone High School in 2003.

Mabuhay kayo Isa at Nive.. Nawa'y sundan ng mga kabataan ang inyong mga yapak.

Estudyanteng Pinoy Jokes

Boy: Nay! Muntik na ako maging top one sa klase!
Nanay: Bat mo naman nasabi?
Boy: Ini-announce kasi kanina ung top 1 sa klase. Ang tinuro ni ma'am ung katabi ko. Muntik na ako.

Nahuling may kodigo ang estudyante...
Guro: Ano 'to?
Estudyante: Prayers ko po, ma'am!
Guro: At bakit answers ang nakasulat?
Estudyante: Naku! Sinagot na ang prayers ko! Yahooooo!!!

FCAS Statement of Assests, Liabilities & Fund Balance, March 31, 2007

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash in Bank	\$7,016.27
Petty Cash	6.95
Short Term Investments:	24,481.30
Accounts Receivables:	
Raffy Arceo(Basketball Funds)	442.02
Etelini Fuifui (NSF)	60.00
Inventory:	27.80
Total Current Assets	\$32,034.34
Property & Equipment	
Typewriter	129.99
Tables & Chair	240.00
Mop/Stick/Bucket	83.10
Electronic Scoreboard	570.65
Total Assets	\$33,058.08
Liabilities	
Aid to Raul Roblas	280.00
Total Liabilities	280.00
Fund Balance	
Fund Balance Beginning July 1,2005	\$26,881.67
Add: Net Income	4,872.67
Total Current Surplus	\$31,754.34
Add: Invested Surplus	1,023.74
Total Fund Balance	32,778.08
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$33,058.08
Prepared by: Ma. Lourdes Amurao	Treasurer
Noted by: Gilda Niedo	President

Bagyong Reming

Maraming mga kababayan natin sa pangunguna ni Pres. Gilda Niedo ang sumali at tumulong sa Operation Helping Hands para makalikum ng \$16,126.85, mga tatlong buwan na ang nakakaran. Ang naturang halaga ay ipinadala through UNICEF para makapagbigay tulong sa mga nasalanta ng Bagyong Reming. Si Reming ay sumalanta sa Bikol at Timog Katagalogan nuong Disyembre nuong isang taon. Ang OHH ay isang multi nationality group na nabuo para tumulong sa mga biktima ng mga disasters. Si Lina Prendergast ang Chairman ng OHH.

The Time Has Come

Ang mga sumusunod ay ang mga Opisyaes at mga, Board of Directors na nahalal nuong 2005 at magtatapos na ang kanilang termino sa huling araw ng Hunyo sa taong ito. Nakalista rin ang mga sari-saring Chairpersons ng ibat-ibang Komite na nahirang ng Presidente at ng Board.

President– Gilda Niedo

Vice President– Ardie Roque (Resigned last year) Vacant

Secretary– Amita Blanco

Treasurer– Peter Lagarejos (Resigned Oct.2005, replaced by Lot Amurao

Directors– Gemma Carnecer, Ariel

Niedo, Dave Dacanay, Nemia Aguirre, Leila Stahlman, Ruben Vergara and Marcial Parungo.

Commission on Audit– Ely Barja
COMELEC– Edgar Carnecer,

Standing/Special Committees:

Social– Charet Felix

Cultural- Leng Buenaventura

Membership—Dennis Javier

Finance—Ella Echanis

Emergency Assistance– Noly Cagahastian

Sports– Lito Lacson

Information– Ardie Roque

Ways and Means– Theresa Galvez

Building Project– Lor Baul