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FACO OBSERVES 15 YEARS OF CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Oceanside, CA – The FACO kicked off June with its annual Cultural Celebration at the Civic Center Plaza in Oceanside, CA. The event was held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 and marked the 15th year that the FACO has held this event. The Cultural Day celebration is held annually to coincide with the Philippine Independence Day which is observed on June 12 of each year. This year's festivities broke attendance records in FACO history. The event also had a record 32 participating vendors and booths, another record compared to past June events.

The theme of this year's event is appropriately called: A Look into the Past, Present and Beyond. This year's program commenced with the honoring of FACO's past presidents, an endowment to the Oceanside Library, a donation to the Oceanside Senior Center and distribution of scholarships to Filipino-American students in San Diego county.

There were new and innovative changes implemented in this year's program which included plenty of dancing to the music of the bands Red, White & Blue and Feel Some Groove. Other successful modifications included the program starting at 12 noon as opposed to previous year's 10 am schedule.

Other highlights included the annual traditional costume fashion show, performances from the Cultural Dance Group and a presentation from the Youth Development Program. Special guests this year included Hula Ramos of Energy 103.7, who hosted the Pinoy's Got Talent segment and a performance from Filipina chanteuse Amy Monson.

In keeping with its annual tradition, pageants were held throughout the day which included the 2016 Mrs. Fil-Am USA, Mrs. Fil-Am Senior Golden & Platinum, the Miss Pre-teen and Little Miss Fil-Am.

Dejah Urbanovitch took home the title and crown of Mrs. Fil-Am USA 2016. Completing the 2016 Mrs. Fil-Am court is Nellie Davis- Mrs. Fil-Am California, Nica Taylor-Mrs. Fil-Am San Diego and Judy Olmo-Mrs. Fil-Am North County.

The winners of the Mrs. Fil-Am Senior were Marylen Nunez for Golden and Florlita Luzon for Platinum.

Bagging the titles of Little Miss Fil-Am and Miss Pre-Teen 2016 are cousins Sarah Serquina and Jeanelle Serquina respectively.

This year's June Event set an all-time record by raising over \$18,000 for the organization. The money raised will help the FACO continue its mission of youth education and disaster relief. In years past, the FACO has upgraded classroom in the Philippines and built a learning center in Tacloban in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Philippines. It also currently sponsors 2 scholars in the UPIS.

The celebration was made possible with partnerships from the Oceanside Library, Friends of the Oceanside Public Library and Tri-City Medical Center. The event was featured in the San Diego Union Tribune and Oceanside News. A promotional campaign ran on CBS 8, Fox 5, TFC television channels and various social media for weeks leading up to the event.

This year's festivities was spear-headed by FACO President Belle Limoge, who was also the event's chair. This year's co-chairs were FACO Vice-President Zucette Lumabas and FACO Sgt.-at-Arms Bob Hamilton.



FACO officers on stage at the start of the June Event program

It's Time to Vote: Election Day is Coming!

September is election month for the FACO. This year, the bi-annual election will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at Luiseno Park in Oceanside, CA. Election booths will be open from 10am to 6 pm.

All FACO members will have the opportunity to exercise their privilege to vote for all officers' positions and a 5-member board of directors. This year marks the last year of FACO president, Belle Limoge's term. She announced earlier this year that she will not be seeking a second term as FACO president. FACO bylaws allow any president to run up to 2 consecutive terms in office.

The FACO holds its election every other summer. Nominations for the various positions were announced and opened to all members early this spring and was closed in June.

To be able to cast your vote, a member has to be in good standing and must have their membership active and current. To ensure that your membership dues are current, please contact Director Dori Harris at: (760) 802-2900.

The election also coincides with the Annual FACO Membership Potluck/Picnic. Members are requested to contribute their favorite dish to the event. To find out more information about the potluck, and the list of current candidates running for office, please visit us at:

www.filamcultural.com or contact any FACO officer.



PAGE TWO: Changes

Change is one of life's inevitabilities. It can be a sign of growth; it is part of evolution. In the past couple of years the FACO has undergone many changes. Good changes. It has refocused and honed its mission, it has refined its bylaws and it has modernized its image. Even this year's June Event underwent a major facelift, making it more interactive than ever before. The result was a record-breaking success than will go down in FACO history and will be the gold standard for future June Events.

This September the FACO will once again undergo another kind of change. A change of leadership. Members will elect a new generation of officers that will hopefully carry on the torch and the legacy that will be left behind by the current administration. Hopefully, members will select new leaders that will have the strength and vision to thrust the organization forward, navigate its journey in the 21st century, and carry on the work that the current administration has begun.

December will be the culmination of this year's changes. The Holiday Ball has a new home this year: The Sheraton at Carlsbad. This year's theme is also about a new dawn. Ushering in the 45th Anniversary of the FACO in 2017. The Ruby Anniversary. We will also witness the crowning of the new leaders as official torchbearers of the FACO.

If one can just look back at the FACO 45 years ago and see the FACO that it has become today, it is undeniable that all that growth and evolution is only possible because of change. Yes, change is a good thing. And yes, it takes a risk to make a change. But successful or not, change is the only way forward. So let's all learn to step out of our comfort zones and learn to embrace it. The future is unknown. The unknown can be scary. But like change, the future is inevitable.

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FACO TAKES PART IN FREEDOM DAY PARADE

Oceanside, CA- The FACO proudly participated in the 22nd Oceanside Freedom Day Parade, held on July 2, 2016.

The parade is presented each year by the City of Oceanside in partnership with Tri-City Medical Center to celebrate the U.S. Independence Day. This year's parade theme was "Volunteers are the Heart of Our City". Over 25 organizations participated in this year's parade.

LET'S TALK: Fall Forecast

Paris and New York Fashion Week is now over and I have narrowed down for you the 5 most wearable trends for F/W 2016 -2017. According to color authority Pantone, fall colors call for Potter's Clay (a rich rust red), Lush Meadow (an emerald green), Rich Mustard, Sharkskin Gray, Dusty Cedar and Warm Taupe.

Now here are the 5 top fall trends:

THE HIGH-FASHION PUFFER JACKET – A fall staple, the puffer appeared on several runways in a variety of colors and textures (from velour to patent leather), worn in very creative ways, even over evening gowns!

COLORFUL VELVET – in all forms, from dresses, jackets, pants and skirts. Velvet this year is lush but very soft and drapery. From jewel tones to pastels, velvet seems to be the texture of fall.

VINTAGE FLORALS – who knew that Coachella summer will carry into fall? Things to keep in mind: color. Think rich deep florals in jewel and wine tones and stay clear of bright summery hues and pastels that still scream spring!

70's GLAM – Bring out your inner disco queen with metallics, specially in gold. Remember, this new look is 70's INSPIRED, so don't start bringing out your vintage 70's. Save those for Halloween.

PATTERNED PANTSUITS – tailored pieces in pinstripe and plaid were seen with updated 80's shoulder pads from mild to wild.



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2016 Events Calendar

- *1st Monday of every month – Executive Board Meeting. Community Room
- *3rd Saturday in Feb, April, June, August, October, December- Membership / Fellowship Meeting
- *Saturdays- Tagalog Class. 9:30am -11am Youth. 11:15am - 12:45 pm Adult
- *Saturday, Sept. 10 – Annual FACO Membership Picnic/ Election Day 10am-6pm. Luiseno Park. Oceanside.
- *Saturday Oct. 29 – Halloween Fright Night. 5pm-10pm.Oceanside Senior Center
- *Saturday, December 11– 2016 HIYAS Awards & Holiday Ball 5pm-11pm. Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Carlsbad
- *Saturday, Dec. 17- Children's Christmas Party

(Please visit: filamcultural.com/events for event details)