

FAASV's Newsletter



*Filipino American Association, of
Stafford, Virginia Inc.*

January 2018

President's Message

Welcome to FAASV 2018



Dear FAASV Members and Friends:

I am not only honored and privileged to serve you as President, but I am humbled as well considering the many outstanding, inspiring, and tireless leaders who keep FAASV strong and progressive throughout the year: the Board of Directors, Advisors, the Executive Committee and other Committees. I'm grateful to work with such hard-working individuals and am excited to be working with them again in 2018.

"Time flies when you are having fun," as the saying goes, and it is so true! We received suggestions and feedback from many of you about the kinds of activities you would like FAASV to implement in 2017 and we listened --- to highlight some are:

- Social activities such as the Solomons Island family outing, Easter family picnic, "Spooky"/Halloween family potluck, and participation in the Fredericksburg Christmas Parade; and
- Serving the needs of the community as always through FAASV's core programs such as serving meals for homeless individuals and families at the Brisben Center, providing Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need in partnership with County Health and Social Services; and the 4-mile highway clean up through VDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program; and
- One other activity that was well received was the trip to New York City; a fundraising activity aimed at raising funds to defray the costs of FAASV activities;
- Most recently, the event that was so well attended was the FAASV holiday party. There were over 200 FAASV members, family and friends who attended the event. It was incredible! It was a testament of the love and support FAASV has in the Filipino-American community; and last but not least,
- Providing financial assistance to eligible college-bound students that will be attending/are attending a college, university or vocational school through FAASV's Scholarship Program. Our most valuable asset is our students and their futures, and we need to support them as they further their education. FAASV is proud to assist them by helping them reach for new horizons.

I saw many new faces in 2017 participating in FAASV events and activities, and I also saw a lot of veteran faces. No words can fully express how truly grateful I am for all your supportive presence ---through your attendance at Executive Board and Committee meetings; attendance at planned events – with registration fees or no fees; volunteering your time; providing monetary donations – to the general fund or through targeted giving; donating items for raffles and prizes; and/or bringing food and beverages to potlucks; and so much more -- **YOU all are the backbone that makes FAASV sustainable.** From the bottom of my heart, **THANK YOU!** Thank you all for your continued support of FAASV.

Together, we have accomplished so many things this past year and we have many events being planned for 2018, like the Filipinana Gala, FAASV's main funding source for its Scholarship Program, another family outing at Solomons Island, the New York City trip, and more. Please continue to check FAASV's website and Facebook Page for information and updates.

Thank you. Maraming Salamat.

Respectfully,

BRINDA RUGGLES
FAASV President 2017-2019

FAASV's Events

2018

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

*JANUARY 27, 2018: FILIPINIANA PAGEANT 1ST MEETING

* JANUARY 1ST TO MARCH 31ST 2018: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION



2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 17	Feed the homeless at Brisben Center
March 31	Easter Family Picnic (April 1 is Easter Sunday)
April 14	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up
April 14	Habitat for Humanity Re-store Collection Drive (Collection drive/will pick up your gently used furnitures, appliances, electronics, household items and home improvement supplies you no longer need (such as lamps, shower curtains, chairs, tools, microwave, rakes)
April 21	Feed the homeless at Brisben Center
May 1-10	Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month/ Cultural Performances
May 19	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up
May - tbd	Spotsy-History Hike
June 9	Car Wash (Fundraising Activity)
June 23	* <i>Migrant Heritage Council People's Ball</i>
July 4	4 th of July Family Picnic
August 11	Bake Sale (Fundraising Activity)
August 25	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up
September 8	FILIPINIANA GALA (Fundraising Activity)
October 5-8	Solomon Island Family Outing
October 20	Feed the homeless at Brisben Center
October 27	Halloween Family Potluck - Costume Contest/Pumpkin Art Contest/Games (Halloween is Oct. 31)
November 10	Feed the homeless at Brisben Center
November 17	Thanksgiving Baskets for Families in Need Preparing food baskets for Thanksgiving for families in need (in partnership with County Social Services) (Thanksgiving is Nov. 22)

- December 1 New York City Trip/Rockefeller Lights, etc.
(Fundraising Activity)
- December 8 Holiday/Christmas Party

Saturday, January 27, 2018	Preliminary Meeting	1:00 to 5:00 PM	Stafford Porter Library
Saturday, June 16, 2018	First Counting	2:00 to 5:00 PM	Stafford Porter Library
Saturday, August 4, 2018	Final Counting	1:00 to 5:00 PM	Stafford Porter Library
Saturday, August 11, 2018	Due Date for contestants solicitation of ADS\Souvenir Program	Midnight. Email\Phone\Text	
Saturday, August 18, 2018	First Rehearsal	Time/Location TBD	
Saturday, September 01, 2018	Final Rehearsal	Time/Location TBD	
Saturday, September 08, 2018	Coronation Night	5:00 to 11:30 PM	The Clubs at Quantico

Executive Board Meetings

Held every every 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., John Musante Porter Library (2001 Parkway Boulevard, Stafford, VA 22554, 540-659-4909).

All FAASV Members and Non-Members are welcome to attend the meetings.

Feed the Homeless

Prepare, cook and serve breakfast, sometimes lunch, 3 to 4 times a year to at-risk and homeless men, women and children at Brisben Center.

Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up

FAASV is committed to raising awareness of the impact litter has on our environment by cleaning up a 4-mile stretch road along Garrisonville, VA.

*Many FAASV Officers/members attend this event

For more information, please contact any of the FAASV officers listed below:

Ester Terry (540) 446-1994
Grace Hunter (703-477-4663)
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Emman Dockendorf (540) 809-9323
David Alford (540) 845-3692
Sasha Contreras (540) 840-3605

Please check us on Facebook



Search "FAASV Filipino American Association of Stafford Virginia" or the FAASV website at www.faasv.org

Treasurer's Report:

FAASV's MFCU

As of January 2018: \$ 6,401.38

Grace Nicolay -Treasurer

Marissa Byrne – Asst. Treasurer

Membership's Report:

Membership Madness!

FAASV would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members.

December: Family & Individual Membership/Annual
Renewal/Holiday Collections \$547 Donation\$ \$704

Dolores Vautier

Membership Chair



Filipiniana Pageant Scoop:

On January 6th, the Kick Off Meeting was held for the 2018 FAASV Filipiniana Program. So many topics were discussed as the members provided many ideas, suggestions, and recommendations, which resulted in a very productive and engaging meeting. My sincere appreciation to the following members who attended the meeting: Brinda, Lou, Mila, Jeanette, Cherry, Grace, Justin, Sasha, Josie, David, Edith and Nita. I am so honored to be your chairman of this incredible fundraising program, and with me in this journey are two women who do such great work across the board. They're stellar in this Association and have worked many years in one way or another, from serving as a program committee to leading events and other tasks. They bring their passion, knowledge and experience. Working with them inspires me and gives me a sense of comfort because I know we will have a very successful result. Mila and Jeanette, thank you for your support.

Over the period of 6 months, we will be active. We will be planning and we will be preparing in one of the most significant and historical events for this Association. We will be making history. We will all become part of supporting our goals and objectives, but most especially we'll be helping and supporting fundraising for our Scholarship Program. This program delivers results and helps transform our college bound students' lives, and our efforts will become instrumental in giving them an opportunity for a brighter future.

Some of you have already asked, "How are we going to do this?" We all know that fundraising is not easy; it's challenging and can sometimes be frustrating, so we have to focus and really work hard. We must build teams that will work together as one, and most of all we all have to take action. There's so much to do, and so much preparation leading into the Coronation event. I believe in you, and I know that we can do this. We are all hardworking and dedicated; as incredible leaders, let us inspire our prospective candidates to understand and visualize our goals to provide them the information and support they need for them to be successful as well. We need to make them all feel that they're winners regardless of the outcome. We can make a lasting positive impact in our candidates' lives. So let us all go out to meet the challenges ahead of us. Let's have a great run this year!!

Please mark your calendar for the below Critical Dates and Highlights of the 2018 FAASV Filipiniana Program

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Lorna Kivlehan – Filipiniana Chairman



Scholarship Program

***** FAASV SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM *****

The Filipino-American Association of Stafford, Virginia (FAASV) encourages children of FAASV members to further their education beyond high school. Through the Scholarship Program, FAASV will provide funding assistance to eligible applicants.

Scholarship application is open from January - March. Attached is the application form. Please submit your completed form to FAASV Recording Secretary, Sasha Contreras (smcontreras09@gmail.com).

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

- 1) Must be children of FAASV member (active member/membership dues paid); and
- 2) Must be college-bound high school seniors or those who are already enrolled in appropriate degree programs at accredited colleges or universities; and
- 3) Shall submit the following information:
 - a) FAASV Scholarship Application Form;
 - b) Type-written essay (MS Word format), on topic relevant to heritage and goals between 500-1,000 words, double spaced; and
 - c) Current school transcript(s).

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER SELECTION CRITERIA:

- 1) Scholastic Achievements
- 2) Community Service
- 3) Essay
- 4) Financial Need
- 5) Extra-curricular activities and active participation to the FAASV, demonstrated by written narrative about participation in at least one (1) FAASV activity in a given year.

Please go to www.faasv.org to download the FAASV Scholarship application form.

Send your application form to:

FAASV
ATTENTION: SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
P.O. Box 594
Garrisonville, Virginia 22463

PLEASE NOTE: Application submission available January through March. Please spread the word!
Thank you.

Grace Esnardo –
Scholarship Chair

Jaycee Christmas Holiday Parade



FAASV reached 15-year milestone!



Greetings!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Happy 15th Anniversary!!! **(This note was originally posted on FB page in December).**

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! I can't tell you how pleased I am to see longtime friends and to meet new faces, as there are so many new members of our organization. The NYC day trip was not only a very enjoyable event, but was very successful for fundraising as well. Thanks to all FAASV members who participated and supported the trip, to our President, Brinda Ruggles, and to the special committees who made it happen. The recent Jaycee Parade event that FAASV attended provided huge publicity for the organization. There were thousands of spectators at the parade. FAASV's princesses and their escorts were proudly smiling and waving their hands. They were so excited, and it was especially cute to hear Aurora, Lorna Kivlehan's granddaughter, yelling "Merry Christmas!" so loud that she was out of breath by the end of the parade. People of all ages were shouting back to us, "Merry Christmas!" It was the most amazing thing I've heard all night. If you missed it this year, don't worry -- you can join us next time!

It is very exciting for us to reach the 15 year milestone. We emerged from an initial 27 families & individual members to over 150 families and individual members. Certainly, these changes are significant. The milestones we reached in 2017 came as a result of more than a decade of hard work and dedication. There is no real way to adequately thank the distinguished and highly-committed board members who have done so much to build FAASV into a vibrant organization over the past 15 years. They have truly been superb. Without their focused commitment, leadership, and dedication to building a community-focused organization that could really make a difference, we simply would not be where we are today.

Let me give a well-deserved special thanks to our past FAASV Presidents!

Ester Terry: November 2002-May 2003

Lou Goyena: May 2003-2005

Lorna Kivlehan: May 2005-2007

Earl Underwood: May 2007-2009

Azucena Gehring: May 2009/2011

Gerry Goyena: May 2011-2013

Azucena Gehring: May 2013-2015

Dory Henderson: May 2015-2017

Brinda Ruggles: May 2017 - Present

**November 2002 to
November 2017
FAASV 15th Year Anniversary!!!**

From my Director colleagues from the start, Gerry Goyena & Claude Calangi; a couple of Advisers: Patty Evans, Mike De Leon; and all the Presidents thereafter, along with Mike Wallace, Bill Byrne, and Mila Wallace who joined us on the Board of Directors. And for all the members who have volunteered to assist in literally hundreds of events over the years - Thank You! Community service is one of the reasons why this organization continues to grow; thank you for the job well done. Your help was much, much needed and deeply appreciated.

We currently have an energetic group of board members who are planning many future events. We would like to invite you to help us benefit through your creative input, and the energy generated by your enthusiasm. Our goal is to take all of your ideas, shake them up together, and see what we can produce that can help us refine our strategic plan and plot our next steps in the months and years ahead. We are convinced that changes are good, and improvements are always necessary to help us reach our Big Goals. In short, we have a decade of good work behind us, but have some challenging years ahead. Let's make the most of it.

Lastly, I hope to see you at the next event. Our Executive Board President, Brinda Ruggles, and the Special Committees, have done a tremendous job with some exciting events already this year, and we have a long, fun list of events ahead of us... please check our website or visit us on Facebook for a list of events coming up.

Have a wonderful year 2018!

Wishing you good Health and Happiness!!!

Check us out on Facebook!

www.faasv.org and www.faasv.com

Best wishes!

Yoly Cuccio

FAASV Director



Thanksgiving Meal Basket Drive



FAASV continues to help sponsor Thanksgiving Meals for less-fortunate families from Stafford Social Services.

Thanks to all FAASV member volunteers who worked together to prepare Thanksgiving Meals and to the Esnardo family for hosting, and monetary donations from Dunning's and Jobe's family.

Thank you!!!

Grace Esnardo, Brida Ruggles, Nita Ingold, Josie Weaver, Dolores Vautier, Grace Hunter, Marissa Byrne, Ester Terry, Oscar, Racquel and Jim Jobe.

Holiday Celebration

Special presentations at FAASV Holiday Celebration!



Piano presentation by Joseph Goyena



Thanks to all our great performers!



Sayaw sa Bangko:
(Dance on the top of the bench).

Dayang-Dayang

Dance: Hadji Dayang Dayang is the first lady of Sulu. The Title Dayang Dayang, by which she is popularity known, means "Princess of the first degree", a title given only to the daughters of the Sultan.



Marissa Byrne
Received her
Membership
Chairman
Award!



Santa finally arrived!

FAASV Holiday Celebration!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!!

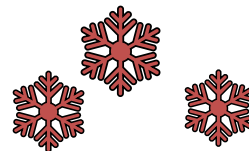


FAASV Caroling Group 2017

Thanks to all our sponsors



Thanks to our Our Sponsors
The Barber Family
The Esnardo Family
The Gehring Family
The Goyena Family & more



FAASV's New York "Fun-d-raising" trip

Did you know? Manhattan was purchased by Dutch explorer Peter Minuit; the island of Manhattan (really its southern tip) was bought from the Algonquin tribe for trinkets and tools worth about \$24.

Did you know?

1. From the ground to the top of the torch the statue measures 93 metres, and weighs 204 metric tonnes.
2. The statue's full name is Liberty Enlightening the World.
3. It was a gift from France, given to America in 1886.
4. The head of the statue was displayed at the World's Fair in Paris in 1878.
5. The robed female figure represents Libertas, the Roman goddess of freedom.
6. She holds a torch and tablet upon which is inscribed the date of American Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776).
7. Lady Liberty wears a size 879 shoe.
8. She has a 35-foot waistline.
9. Visitors have to climb 354 stairs to reach the statue's crown.
10. There are 25 windows in the crown.
11. Approximately 4.5m people visited the statue in 2016. By way of comparison, around 7m people visit The Eiffel Tower each year, and 3.75m visit The London Eye.



FAASV's Spooky Halloween Party

HALLOWEEN



Halloween Winners!!!
From different Categories...



Food For Thought!

Emma Lazarus - 1849-1887. You can find her plaque from her famous poem *Colossus* in the 2nd floor of the Liberty Museum where all the exhibits are displayed, to include one of the quotes from a boy that caught my eye: "Wake up, wake up! You can see the Statue of Liberty! You can see the Statue of Liberty!"



This bronze plaque was presented by philanthropist Georgiana Schuyler in 1903, twenty years after Emma Lazarus wrote her sonnet. Originally displayed on the interior wall of the Statue of Liberty's pedestal, it was placed in this exhibit in July, 1986.



The New Colossus

***Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"***



Fun events in your area



Did you know? The Historic Aquia Church is one of the oldest active colonial churches still in operation in America today, and is designated a National Historic Landmark. Built between 1751-1757, Aquia Church is noted for its three-tiered wooden pulpit and Aquia stone trim. Visitors travel from around the world...



Cultural Tourism DC (CTDC) develops and delivers memorable Washington, DC experiences that provide people with opportunities to enjoy and learn about the District of Columbia's neighborhoods by walking along its DC Neighborhood Heritage Trails and participating in WalkingTown DC, its international diplomatic community via Passport DC and the Around the World Embassy Tour, and its arts and culture during PorchFest DC, a showcase of neighborhoods and local performing artists. Authenticity extends to the Embassy Chef Challenge, an extraordinary tribute to international cuisine. Through these programs, Cultural Tourism DC encourages residents and visitors alike to explore the city, boost the community's economic prosperity, and become civically engaged.

Passport DC is a month-long journey around the world highlighting DC's thriving international diplomatic community and its lively and varied culture. Celebrated annually in May, which is International Cultural Awareness Month in Washington, Passport DC is 31 days of programming by 70 embassies and more than 30 of DC's very best cultural institutions.

In 2017, more than 200,000 people enjoyed the popular embassy open houses, street festivals, performances, exhibitions, workshops, and more.

Passport <https://www.culturaltourismdc.org/portal/passport-dc1>

Experience the free guided tour at NEO – CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE AT **THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.**

Available Monday through Saturday, the building's great hall's incorporates neo-classical design elements from commemorative arches to mosaic.



NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The National Christmas Tree Lighting is hosted by the National Park Service in President's Park on the grounds of the White House. The switch is flipped for the first time in early December, followed by an opening concert. The tree is lit each night after that, with performances each evening. The "Pathway of Peace" surrounds the National Christmas Tree, with trees from every state and territory in the U.S. decorated with unique handmade ornaments. (This information is from the DC Insider newsletter).

Filipiniana Pageant Coronation

Filipino American Association of Stafford, Virginia

Invites you

The Filipiniana Pageant Coronation Night

The Clubs at Quantico

3017 Russell Rd, Quantico, Virginia 22134

Saturday, September 8, 2018

6: 00 pm to 11:00 pm

Dinner Ticket:

**Adult 13 and over \$75.00

Seated Dinner Menu Choice of:

1. Blackened Prime Rib with Rosemary Au Jus Or,
2. Pan Seared Salmon with Dijon Mustard Cream & Fresh Basil Butter Or,
3. Pan Seared Chicken Marsala with Sautéed Mushrooms & Marsala Wine Reduction

**Children 5 to 12 years old \$32.00

- Chicken Tenders with Fries

**Children 4 years and below-FREE

Seating Arrangement is First Come First Served

Cash Bar Available, please drink responsibly

Deadline for dinner ticket is August 4th

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Meet our Board Members:

Board of Directors and Executive Board Meetings:



Meeting at Goyena Residence:
From Left: Susie Gehring, Lou Goyena, Yoly Cuccio, Ester Terry,
Gerry Goyena. On the right, Lorna Kivlehan, and Brinda Ruggles.

Brinda Ruggles
FAASV President 2017-2019



January 2018 *** Board Members meeting: Comfort Inn – 20 Salisbury Dr, Stafford
First Row/back/left: Edith Raymundo, Brinda Ruggles, Jeanette Quitoriano, Marissa Byrne, David Alford, Aurora Morales, Cherry Scimemi, Sasha Contreras, Mila Wallace, Dolores Vautier, Grace Nicolay & Grace Hunter.
2nd Row front/left: Yoly Cuccio, Ester Terry, Lorna Kivlehan & Emmanuel Dockendorf

2017-2019 FAASV Board Members

Executive Board

Brinda Ruggles	President
Emmanuel Dockendorf	Vice President
Vic Carag	Asst. Vice President
Grace Nicolay	Treasurer
Marissa Byrne	Asst. Treasurer
Sasha Contreras	Recording Secretary
Zarah Pulido	Asst. Secretary
Nita Ingold	Corr. Secretary
Bing Schram	Corr. Secretary
Flor Contreras	Corr. secretary

Board of Directors

Yoly Cuccio	Director
Mila Wallace	Director
Gerry Goyena	Director
Lorna Kivlehan	Advisor
Lou Goyena	Advisor
Ester Terry	Advisor
Azucena Gehring	Advisor
Bill Byrne	Advisor
Dory Henderson	(Honorary Advisor) (NY)

Appointed Committees

Grace Esnardo	Scholarship Chair	
Justin Marin	Public Relation Officer	Social/Special Events
Terry Ruggles	Master-At-Arms	Cherry Scimemi
Paul Miller	Master-At-Arms	David Alford
Dolores Vautier	Membership	Grace Hunter
Lorna Kivlehan	Filipiniana Chair	Maria McFertridge
Doug Raney	Historian/Photographer	Grace M. Esnardo
Cecilia Peters	Cultural Heritage	Lina Rainey
Jaqueline Fisher	ASST. Cultural Heritage	Chona Holzier
		Gaiz Lejano

FAASV Board Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Porter Library Stafford, Virginia.

<http://www.librarypoint.org/porter>

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About our organization

Want to advertise in FAASV newsletter?

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www.faasv.org and www.faasv.com
or connect with us on facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/faasv>

About our organization.....

FAASV's Goals and Objectives:

The Filipino-American community of Stafford, Virginia and the surrounding areas established a non-political, non-religious and non-profit organization to promote fellowship and unity among Filipino-Americans, and to keep the heritage of the Filipino culture with the ideas of liberty and democracy.

The Filipino-American Association of Stafford, Virginia ("FAASV"), will engage in lawful activities that are non-political, non-religious, and non-profit (subject to the limitations stated in the Articles of Incorporation under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code). The **association's objectives are:**

1. To promote fellowship and unity among Filipino-Americans.
2. To promote Filipino heritage, and provide cultural education to the community.
3. To foster cohesiveness, and strengthen personal and social interactions among its members and other organizations.
4. To provide hospitality and assistance to newly relocated members in the area.
5. To provide scholarship grants to qualified students.

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