



Filipino American Association of
Stafford, Virginia (FAASV)

FILIPINIANA GALA NIGHT

Scholarship Pageant Fundraising

Saturday, September 16, 2023

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FAASV PROGRAMME

6:00 PM WELCOME

Dance, Dance, Dance

Master of Ceremonies

Cecilia Peters, FAASV Vice President
Terry Ruggles, FAASV Master-at-Arms

6:30: PM US NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lupang Hinirang

Cecilia, Carissa & Caiden Peters

Jenny Straton

6:45: PM WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

Brinda Ruggles, FAASV President

7:00 PM INVOCATION

Troy Foreman, FAASV Scholarship Chair

7:05 PM DINNER

7:45 PM ENTERTAINMENT

Dance, Dance, Dance...

Carinosa

FAASV Cultural Performers

7:50 PM INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Lorna Kivlehan, FAASV Director

7:55 PM SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Saul T. De Vries
Labor Attache, Migrant Workers Office
Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines, Washington, DC

8:10 PM ENTERTAINMENT

Tboli Blann
Performance by Rjam

8:20 PM MOTIVATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER

Victoria Parent
FAASV Scholarship Program Recipient

8:30 PM PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE

Troy Foreman
FAASV Scholarship Chair

Dance! Dance! Dance!

9:00 PM PAGEANT AND CORONATION

Yoly Cuccio, FAASV Director
Brinda Ruggles, FAASV President

PAGEANT COMMITTEE

Mila Wallace, Pageant Ballot Panel Chair
Riza Saleh, Mrs. FAASV ~ USA 2023
Marissa Byrne, Wendy DeLeon, & Dolorez Vautier

THE PAGEANT

CORONATION

PRESENTATION OF BOUQUET, SASH, CROWN & TROPHY

Yoly Cuccio, FAASV Director
Brinda Ruggles, FAASV President
Mila Wallace, Pageant Ballot Chair

AWARD/PRESENTATION

Mrs. Popularity - Surprise!
Mrs. Charity - Surprise!
Ms. Inspirational - Surprise!

Yoly Cuccio (FAASV Director) & Brinda Ruggles (FAASV President)

10:00 PM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dance! Dance! Dance!

Cecilia Peters
FAASV Vice-President

10:45 PM CLOSING REMARKS

Brinda Ruggles
FAASV President

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

GUEST SPEAKER



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
MIGRANT WORKERS OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SAUL T. DE VRIES
Labor Attaché



Saul is presently the Labor Attaché and Head of the Migrant Workers Office of the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C.

He is distinguished by more than three decades of public service experience. He joined the government service in 1989 and established a track record in labor policy research, migration-related program development and implementation, and overseas labor operations.

He started his career in government as Research Assistant at the Institute for Labor Studies (ILS), the policy research arm of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). For 15 years at ILS, he was involved in the conduct of countless policy research in such areas as child labor, social protection, and labor-management relations. Some of his research outputs saw print in the publications of the ILS, the International Labor Organization (ILO) and other institutions. He left ILS in 2004 as a Division Chief.

Saul entered the field of international labor migration in 2004 when he joined the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), an attached agency of DOLE. He served as Regional Director in four OWWA Regional Welfare Offices, namely, Region VI (2004-2006), Region II (2008), Cordillera Administrative Region (2009-2010) and National Capital Region (2010). He also served as Deputy Director of the National Reintegration Center for OFWs (2010-2011).

He was also designated Welfare Officer and headed the OWWA offices in the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo (2006-2008) and in Washington, D.C. (2011-2014). In 2014, he was recalled to Manila to serve as Director of the International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB) of DOLE, which is responsible for developing policies, plans, programs, projects and operating standards on international labor and employment concerns.

In 2016, Saul was appointed Labor Attaché and sent to Washington, DC where he served as Head of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) of the Philippine Embassy until 2018. He was transferred to Singapore where he served in the same capacity until 2021.

Prior to his return to Washington, DC in 2023, Saul served as OIC-Director of the International Migrant Workers Policy and Cooperation Bureau of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW); and Head of the Bilateral Labor Review Committee Secretariat of the DOLE.

Saul was also member of various Philippine delegations in international conferences and meetings including the International Labor Conferences in Geneva (2014, 2016); Abu Dhabi Dialogue Meetings in Kuwait (2014); Colombo Process Meeting in Sri Lanka (2014); APEC-HRD Working Group Meeting in Vietnam (2014) and Peru (2016); United Nations conferences and meetings in New York on large movements of refugees and migrants (2016), persons with disabilities (2016), status of women (2016), and contributions of migrants and diasporas to sustainable development (2017).

Inspirational Speaker
Miss Victoria Parent
FAASV Scholarship Recipient



Victoria is thankful for the support of FAASV and her family throughout her academic and professional experiences, thus far, especially to her mother, Sarah Parent. Mahal kita, mom!

Victoria Parent is an award-winning teacher working with Chesterfield County Public Schools. She is the daughter of Sarah and George Parent and granddaughter of Dolores Vautier. Victoria is the leader of her school's 10th grade English Professional Learning Community, sponsor of multiple student organizations, and recipient of multiple awards and grants since starting her teaching career in 2018. In 2022, Victoria earned her National Board Certification, the teaching profession's most respected and rigorous professional certification. Her teaching philosophy is rooted in fostering empathy and civic activism through inquiry, expanding worldviews through cultural studies, and improving schools to be culturally responsive, safe spaces for students to thrive.

Victoria and her family have been active members of the Filipino American Association of Stafford Virginia since her early adolescent years. From volunteering at the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter, to the annual Christmas party, and eventually participating in the 2014 Filipina Pageant, Victoria has fond memories with FAASV growing up. She credits the organization with helping her form strong cultural ties to her Filipina identity and teaching her about the importance of community—two ideals that inform and inspire Victoria's professional and personal practices to this day.

FAASV provided invaluable financial and community-centered support during Victoria's collegiate experience at the University of Mary Washington, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in English in 2017 and her Master of Education in Secondary English in 2018. At UMW, Victoria ran varsity track and cross country for the Eagles while also working as a nationally certified communication consultant with the UMW Speaking Center. She was awarded honors as an NCAA Academic All-American in 2014, the Outstanding Senior Service Award from the Department of English, Linguistics, and Communication in 2017, and graduated Summa Cum Laude with departmental honors.

Victoria is committed to growing as a professional and contributing to the larger conversations about education to create a better system for our students. Victoria recently worked with Virginia Commonwealth University to conduct research on culturally responsive teaching practices, contributed to professional publications, spoke at conferences, and facilitated panel discussions centered around this vital pedagogical approach to teaching and learning. Additionally, Victoria was a 2020 recipient of the Book Love Foundation's Classroom Library grant, a 2023 Teacher of the Year Finalist, and most notably, a 2022 R.E.B. Award Winner for Teaching Excellence. The R.E.B. Award provided the opportunity for Victoria to visit the Philippines, South Korea, and Japan, where she aimed to learn more about the Asian American experience in order to amplify Asian voices in the classroom and prove insight into the nuances, complexity, and beauty of the Asian diaspora.

MESSAGE FROM FAASV BOARD OF DIRECTOR



Dear friends, family and guests,

Welcome! On behalf of the FAASV Board of Directors, I want to begin this message with much gratitude for the amazing journey that we have been on with FAASV for more than 20 years. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support throughout the last two decades. As community leaders, volunteers, partners and contributors, you have made a difference to our community, both professionally and personally.

I am optimistic and always like to start with a positive and growth mindset even when times are challenging. For instance, we have not had a Filipiniana event in a few years because of the COVID Pandemic. The entire country spent nearly two years either in lockdown or a constrained environment that did not allow us to get together in large groups. This affected nearly all FAASV events during that time. However, beginning in late 2021, FAASV was able to get back on track, robustly participating in numerous events of our own or supporting other community or organizational events. Thanks Lorna Kivlehan for leading the Organization even during that difficult time. FAASV's Board Members (Directors, Executive Board, and Committees) are all volunteers. It is during times like these that I am proud to be part of FAASV, working to advance our goals and continue our support as good citizens in our community.

This gala will make a big impact on our scholarship program and will allow us to continue to achieve our goal of assisting college bound students pursuing higher education. I would like to thank one of our Sponsors, Grace Esnardo, and all other supporters, for their generosity because this event would not have been possible without their continued support and dedication to our organization.

Thank you to Brinda Ruggles, FAASV President, for her enthusiastic leadership this year. She has supported and garnered support from others for all our recent events. Thank you also to Cecil Peters, FAASV Vice President, for her support and dedication to the organization and its activities. Thank you to the rest of the Board for continuing to work together to keep the organization going, even though challenging times. Without all the support, we would not have been as successful in all since the end of the Pandemic.

I would like to thank the FAASV Cultural Heritage Dance Group for their passionate approach to learning and performing the various Filipino cultural dances. Melinda Foreman and Len Bors are superb Cultural Heritage Chairs for the dancers. These ladies spend so much time practicing and performing at events throughout the DMV area. Their time and commitment is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to our Pageant contestants, who spent much time and effort into fundraising and preparing for this event. Without you, this event would not be possible.

Lastly, a special thank you to our Mrs. FAASV-USA Ambassador, Nita Ingold and her husband (Dave Ingold), for their support and generosity. Dave & Nita have been with FAASV since its founding and embody our organization's identity in their values and ethics. Nita is a recipient of the *Migrant Heritage Commission "Most Outstanding Migrant Award for Community Service and Promotion of Cultural Diversity"* and the *"Presidential Silver Volunteer Service Award."* Nita's integrity, sense of charity, and long-standing commitment greatly benefit FAASV and have earned her the title of Ambassador.

We are privileged to have a wonderful group and all the support among other organizations. If the challenges of the past few years have taught us anything, it is that we are all one community – and we must take care of each other. Again, thank you all very much for coming; have a wonderful night.

Many Blessings,

Yoly G. Cuccio
FAASV Director

MESSAGE FROM FAASV BOARD OF DIRECTOR



It is truly an inspiring way to continue this institutionalized FAASV Filipiniana Pageant tradition. The success of this program is the heart of the expectations and dreams for the future of the inspiring college bound students who will become the Scholarship program recipients of the funds raised from this pageant.

It has been over 5 years since we've held the last fundraising event and setting aside the pandemic, we must reflect a few years of great progress and we can conclude that we have come a long way. I am so proud of being a part of this event and how all the past and present Board of Directors and Executive officers made this event an uncompromising force in ensuring that the scholarship program continues no matter what happens.

My admiration to all the contestants, as the preparation and determination that goes into fundraising pageantry are aspects many people probably aren't aware of. Contestants must work hard selling tickets to family, friends, and everyone they know. Some of the contestants are putting forth the best way to sell tickets, like car wash, selling baked goods, hosting shows, and I personally know one candidate that sells tickets while singing karaoke at her favorite restaurant. All of these for a common goal of supporting our scholarship program.

Congratulations to all the contestants of the 2023 Filipiniana Pageant!! Thank you so much for all the hard work and your contributions to this program is truly life changing which is why we are celebrating your success tonight! It is going to be incredible and magical like always. Enjoy your moment and have fun!!

Sincerely,

MESSAGE FROM FAASV PRESIDENT



Welcome to the Filipino American Association of Stafford, Va. (FAASV) 2023 Filipiniana Pageant Gala. The Filipiniana Pageant Gala is the primary source of funding for FAASV's *Scholarship Program*, which provides financial assistance to eligible college-bound, or already in college, students. One of our most valuable assets is our students and their future, and we need to support them as they further their education. FAASV is proud to assist by helping them reach new horizons. FAASV is only able to do this because of the support and commitment from all of you.

My deep, heartfelt appreciation, and thanks to all the pageant candidates who have committed and dedicated their time to this year's Filipiniana Pageant Gala and to their families, loved ones, and friends who have supported them in every way possible. THANK YOU!

To all the 2023-2025 FAASV officers and volunteers who have worked so hard in the planning, implementing of this Gala to ensure this event is a success, my sincere gratitude and a special THANK YOU for all the hard work that has gone into this event! And last, but not least, THANK YOU to my husband for his patience with me and all his support of my volunteer work in the community!

We will continue to do our best to stewarding FAASV's objectives in the community, in partnership and collaboration with each and every one of you. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your continued support of FAASV!

FAASV PAGEANT CANDIDATES 2023



Shirley Bennett
Mrs. LEYTE ~ USA 2023



Jacqueline Keihn
Ms. FAASV ~ USA 2023



Leathrese Chappell
Mrs. Luzon- USA 2023



Twinnny Whitman
Miss FAASV ~ USA 2023



Melinda Foreman
Mrs. FAASV ~ USA 2023



Ciara Kent
Princess FAASV ~ USA



Nenita Ingold
Mrs. FAASV ~ USA
AMBASSADOR

FAASV GROUP 2023



RIZA SALEH

OUTGOING MESSAGE FROM MRS. FAASV ~ USA 2018

“A crown worn on the head will last a year, but a crown worn on the heart will last a lifetime.” – Author unknown

Five years ago I embarked on my journey as Mrs. FAASV. I am very grateful that my husband always encouraged me to see my crown and sash not as a prize, but as an opportunity to represent FAASV to serve, and to grow into the best version of myself. Thank you to my family, friends and this organization for pushing and allowing me to lean into that person. My experience of feeding the homeless, preparing Thanksgiving food baskets, being a cultural dancer volunteer was very rewarding. It was also an honor to represent the organization’s advocacy of promoting fellowship and unity among Filipino-Americans, providing scholarship grants to qualified students and assistance to newly relocated members in the area. I am so grateful for being entrusted with the opportunity of being Mrs. FAASV, the countless friendships that were made and the lessons learned along the way. To the next Mrs. FAASV you have been chosen for a reason. Represent this organization with pride, grace and poise. You have everything right inside of you along with an entire community’s support. As my time comes to an end, I am filled with gratitude, joy and a bit of sadness. Although I wore this crown for several years, Mrs. FAASV will always hold a special place in my heart. It’s truly been a great honor. Thank you all and Mabuhay! Here is my message since I paid for the full page for the Personal Ad: I will send you some of my family photos. “On behalf of my family, we wish to thank all the FAASV gala pageant candidates for your participation. I wish all the new winners to be a good ambassador of this organization to support their goals and objectives.



NENITA INGOLD

MRS. FAASV- USA AMBASSADOR



My name is Nenita Flores Ingold and I was born in Dumaguete City, Philippines in 1953. I came to the United States in 1980 and married David Ingold. We have been married now for over 42 years. We have three children: Nikita, Todd, and Geraldine. My husband was in the U.S. Marine Corps so we moved around every few years. We have lived together in Columbus, Ohio when he was going to college at Ohio State. We also were stationed in California, Japan, and South Carolina. We also spent 3 years in Boston when he was attending Harvard Law School.

I have always been the family manager while David was either in college or in the U.S Marine Corps. I often served as a school volunteer at each of my children's schools. I guess that I always wanted to be near them and wanted to help out. I usually served as the team Mom for each of our children's sports

teams. Depending on the time of year, it was either soccer, basketball, baseball, or softball. I would make sure that we had snacks for after the games.

I also was interested in volunteering at each of the base's that we were stationed at. I started by getting involved with the Officer's Wives' Club and grew to understand that we have been pretty fortunate in life and that we should try to give something back to the community.

We eventually settled in Stafford, Virginia in 1995 when my husband accepted an attorney position at the Marine Corps Systems Command. I continued my roles as Ingold family manager, sports team Mom, and school volunteer. I soon joined the Filipino-American Association of Stafford, Virginia (FAASV) and have been an active member of the organization ever since.

I'm very proud of our organization and the efforts that we have made to help the local community. I regularly participated in the FAASV Adopt-A-Highway program where we cleaned a stretch of Garrisonville Road every few months rain or shine. My husband and I also assisted in the scholarship program funded by FAASV to help young college students fund their education. I am most proud of the work that we have done and continue to do to support the homeless in our county. It has been a privilege to provide home cooked meals to these folks on a regular basis. While it is sad to see so many people in such difficult situations, it is also very rewarding to see the smiles on their faces when we are able to bring a little bit of joy into their lives.

I have also been active in FAASV serving as the organization's corresponding secretary and treasurer. I also unofficially serve as the refreshments coordinator since I always try to ensure that we have something to eat at our board meetings. I have also been a regular participant in the FAASV dance troupe which has entertained at various cultural events held by FAASV as well as other local Filipino associations.

I am proud of the service that our organization has been able to provide for our community and I am glad to have been able to be a small part in the success of FAASV. I have been blessed to have such a wonderful husband and children that have always supported me and encouraged me to in all of my volunteer efforts.

MELINDA FOREMAN

MRS. FAASV~ USA 2023



Melinda D. Foreman, the Co-Chairperson of the Filipino American Association of Stafford Virginia (FAASV) Cultural Committee, is a leader in the Fil-Am community in promoting Filipino culture. Melinda has been with FAASV for over 10 years, serving in the several roles from fundraiser, cultural dancer and volunteer. In these different roles, Melinda has performed over 50 times as a FAASV dancer, even performing a cultural dance at the Philadelphia's Independence Day Parade. In partnership with the Migrant Heritage Commission, she performed at the Around the World Embassy Tour at the Philippines Embassy, Migrant Heritage Council's People's Ball, performances for the aged and

elderly at nursing homes, and the Norfolk Virginia Beach Filipino Independence festival promoting Filipino culture across mid Atlantic region of the United States. She has volunteered for several organizations including the AAA Lions Club and Filipino American Cancer Association to name a couple. She has provided meals and gifts to children and families in Tondo, promoted awareness for Cancer care for FACC, and even shared cultural dances in front of the NBA Wizards home crowd. Melinda is honored to be a recipient of the Presidential Volunteer Silver Medal in 2022.



Melinda is a loving and caring wife, mother of two and proud Filipina. Melinda's children have both benefited from a college education. Knowing the value of education, Melinda is striving to increase the educational opportunities for all Filipino Americans through the FAASV Scholarship Fund. Melinda thanks all of her friends, and especially her husband, for the support through out the years.



LEATHRESE CHAPPELL

MRS. LUZON ~ USA 2023



Leathrese Chappell is my full name. Relatives and friends call me Leah or Lee for short. I was born and raised in Majayjay, Laguna, Philippines.

I graduated from the University of the Philippines with a Bachelor of Science in Home Technology, major in Child Development. I took up a Master of Arts in Education at the Ateneo de Davao University in the Philippines. My work history includes being a Researcher at the Human Ecology Department of UP Los Banos, an Educational Researcher at the Department of Education and Culture, a Grade School Teacher of St Theresa's College in Cebu and Quezon City and of Assumption School in Davao City, Philippines. In the US, I have taught in several schools during the 22 years of I have been here.

At present, I am a Financial Professional, helping people prepare for the future but I still have that passion for teaching so, I am also a Part Time Music and Spanish Teacher for two private schools in Woodbridge, Virginia. I

am also a health coach for a wellness program.

I am serving my church as a Lector and Treasurer and as a member of the Board of Directors for the UP Alumni Association of DC, MD and VA.

Hula and ballroom dancing, traveling, hosting parties and helping people prepare for the future are my passion.

I have two children from my prior marriage: Lindsay, who is now an Australian citizen, married and has 2 children and Luther, single and still in the Philippines, but will be joining me here soon!

I am happily married to Gary Chappell, who is my travel buddy. We enjoy traveling to different parts of the globe. This year alone, we have seen 12 countries and will be seeing 2 more before the year ends. We have traveled domestically too this year: Arizona, North Carolina, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut and far away Virginia towns near Shenandoah Valley. Also, we have already mapped out our travel plans for next year. Gary is my partner, my wisest adviser, my friend, my companion, my lifetime surprise and the one I depend on whatever the weather.

I learned about this scholarship pageant from the FAASV president, Brinda Ruggles. Since I want to help people prepare for the future, scholarship fundraising can be a good way to do it. Students who are hard up can benefit from this program. I am proud to be a candidate for this scholarship pageant.

More power to FAASV!



SHIRLEY BENNETT

MRS. LEYTE ~ USA 2023



I am Shirley Bennett and was born in Manila, Philippines. I am the oldest of my siblings and have two sisters and two brothers. I have been living in the United States since 1983.

My husband is David Bennett and we have been married for 34 years in 2023. During these 34 years being married to a Marine, I traveled from the east coast, Cherry Point, North Carolina; to west coast, Camp Pendleton and Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego; to overseas in Okinawa, Japan where we lived for 6 ½ years. After 30 years of being a Marine, my husband retired from active duty in 2012 and is now working as a government civilian aboard Quantico Virginia, where he and I decided to plant roots in Northern Virginia.

David and I have four children: two boys and two girls. Ruby, lives in California. Raymond, and his wife Kristyn, live in Arizona. Isaac lives in Virginia. The youngest, Abigail and her husband Raymart Domingo, have two daughters, Christiana, who is two years old and Ariana, who is 11 months old, live in Virginia.

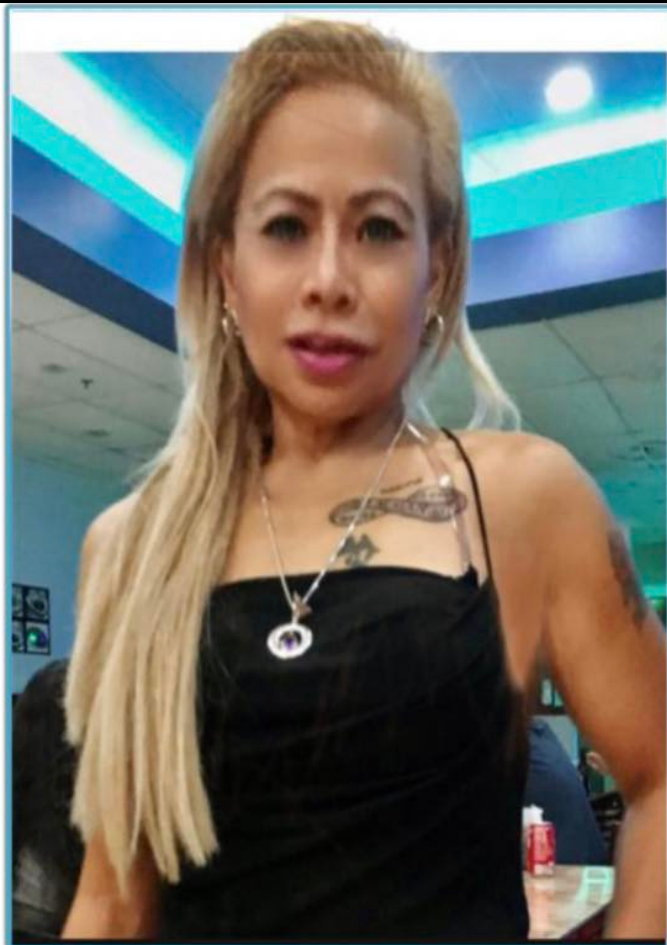
David and I have been members of Filipino American Associations - from Cherry Point, North Carolina; Camp Pendleton, California; Okinawa, Japan Chapters; and now of the Filipino American Association of Stafford Virginia (FAASV).

My passions are activities on cultural awareness and education, Church and my faith in God, and remaining physically fit as any given day, I am at a gym and doing activities, if not multiple, in those places.



JACQUELINE KEIHN

MS. FAASV ~ USA 2023



Ms. Jacqueline Horniman-Keihn was born in Allen Northern Samar, Philippines, a place known as the homeland of the Polynesians. Like Jackie's personality, Allenians are known for their willpower, warmth, generosity, and creativity. The influence of Franciscan Friars has instilled spirituality, values, morality to the people of Northern Samar.

Jackie and her family lives in Spotsylvania, Virginia, where she loves spending time with her grandchildren Marie and Mackenzie. Jackie is a single mother of a talented, brilliant, and hardworking son Michael Titze. She is going to be a grandmother again to a baby boy this coming August. Jackie has a special place in her heart for children and made her lifelong career surrounded by children working at the Child Development Center (CDC) in Quantico and Fort Myer, Virginia.

Jackie studied at Saint Rita College (Colegio De Santa Rita), San Isidro Paranaque, Manila, Philippines and completed several Business Management courses. Jackie has passion and determination for managing restaurants and food chain businesses. She used to manage and

owned an authentic Lechon Restaurant in Tagaytay, Philippines where clientele around the neighboring town or cities travel long distance just to have a taste of famous meals from her specialty restaurant. Many years later, her passion for cooking and creating specialty menu for catering and sharing with family and friends remains as her most favorite hobby and activities on her daily life. She takes advantage of every single opportunity to get involved in planning and coordinating an event so she can contribute to creating delicious meals. She takes pride of her original creation and loves to be complimented when friends and family are happy with the foods she makes.

Jackie worked for over 20 years combined at the Certified Substance Abuse Counselor's office (CSAC) at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, and worked at the Substance Abuse Program (SAP) at the Army Base, Fort Myer, Arlington, Virginia.

Jackie loves to sing and dance with friends and family. She is dedicated in keeping herself healthy and fit by eating sensibly and staying in shape by going to the gym on a regular basis.

Jackie loves to travel and explore the world; she's been to so many memorable and exiting places. She hopes to travel more with her family in the near future including being able to take a cruise somewhere in Europe next year. Jackie personally thanks everyone who supported her goal in contributing to FAASV's scholarship program.

TWINNY WHITMAN

MISS FAASV ~ USA 2023



Twinny Catadman Whitman, 34, born and raised in the Philippines. Speaks Hiligaynon, Cebuano and Tagalog. A graduate of Bachelor of Science in Tourism major in Travel Management. An exchange student of UNLV-Singapore. Also, took up a year course through pathway program of Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Member and sponsor for Filipino American Cancer Care, modeled for FACC for a cause. A member of Filipino American group in Saranac Lake/Tupper Lake/Lake Placid upstate New York. Also, volunteered for Humanitarian Distribution Kits for field/construction workers in the UAE in partners of Latter Day Saints Charity Program. I have been doing a feeding program and distribute school supplies in some public schools in the Philippines for the past years and will continue this year. In partners of Cadiz City Counselors relief

program. A support and teacher for special needs kids with speech delays. A member and volunteer of BMW Car Club Of America. And now, proudly a member of FAASV organization that supports scholarship programs and looking forward to work more for the upcoming events/charities.



THANK YOU



CIARA P SORIANO KENT

PRINCESS FAASV ~ USA 2023



My name is Ciara Kent, and I am six years old. I will be in First Grade this coming school year and I am so excited. My favorite subject in school is Science because it is so fun and we get to make stuff like something that is exploding and sticky slime (lol). In school, I love to join our talent shows.

I am a very happy and high-energetic girl, that I love to keep myself busy and do not like to be bored. My hobbies and favorite things to do are riding a bike and doing the hula hoop for my exercises, and doing arts and crafts. I love to draw, paint and color.

I also love to dance and sing and love to play with my brother Padraig. I

love to watch Disney movies with my family and spend time with my mom to help her cook. My most favorite movie is called Encanto because its about love in the family. I am taking piano lessons and I am also in ice hockey skating camp. I enjoy nature and my favorite colors are pink, purple and black. My favorite food are blackberries, raspberries and dragon fruit. In the summer, I like to go to the swimming pool, lake and beach to have fun and swim. The best thing about me is I love to pray to Jesus because I love Jesus and I believe in Him. When I grow up, I want to go to the Philippines and help a lot of Filipino kids to give out food and teach them about God. I want to be a teacher one day and I also want to sell my arts and crafts to save the money help the poor.

My mom and I support FAASV and the FAASV Pageant Gala because the money it will raise will go to its Scholarship Program, and I am joining the FAASV Princess Pageant because I want to help the kids for their educational funds. That is how I want to help the community.

Meet FAASV Board Members



**Yoly Cuccio,
FAASV Director**



**Lorna Kivlehan,
FAASV Director**



**Brinda Ruggles
FAASV President**



**Cecilia Peters
FAASV Vice President**



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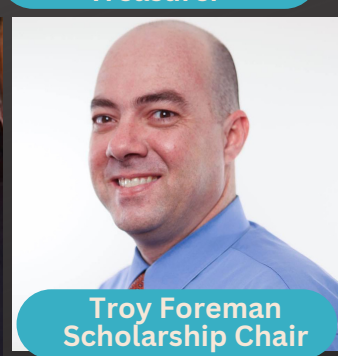
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Corr. Secretary**



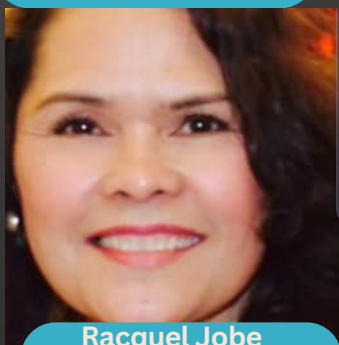
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Special Committee**



**Mila Wallace
Special Committee**



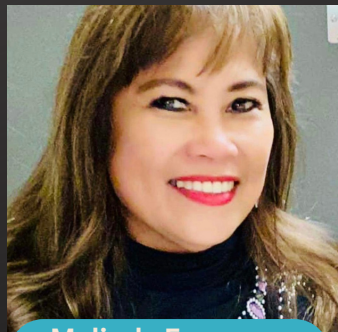
**Troy Foreman
Scholarship Chair**



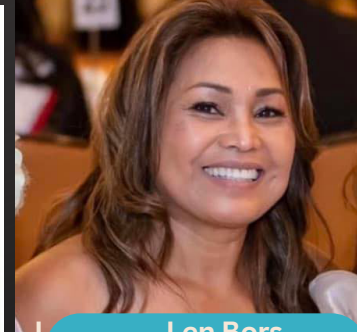
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**Dolores Vautier
Special Committee**



**Melinda Foreman
Cultural Heritage Chair**



**Len Bors
Cultural Heritage Chair**



**Paul Miller
Master-at-Arms**



**Terry Ruggles
Master-at-Arms**



Cultural Heritage Dance Group



FAASV MISSION STATEMENT

The Filipino-American Association of Stafford, VA (FAASV) provides fellowship, promotes Filipino Heritage/Cultural education, provides Scholarships to eligible members, and performs community service activities in order to foster cohesiveness and strengthen social interactions in the community.

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FAASV Up-coming Events.....

*Filipinina Pageant Dress Rehearsal
September 9th*

*Filipiniana Coronation
September 16th
At Fairfax Country Club*

*Supporting Migrant Heritage Commission Peoples'
Ball
September 30TH*

*Adopt-A-Highway
Apr 29th, Aug 26th, and Oct 18th*

*FAASV's 21st Anniversary
November 6th*

*Thanksgiving Meal Program
November 15-19*

*Thurman Brisben Center
Serving Breakfast
October & December 2nd*

*FAASV Holiday Celebration and Volunteer Award
Presentation
December 9th
Pinay Kitchen, Woodbridge*



FAASV Pageant 2018





Congratulations MELINDA FOREMAN

Mrs. FAASVA 2023



From:
Joseph, Magge and Charmaine
CABATUANDO FAMILY



**Congratulations Melinda!
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GREETINGS FROM THE INGOLD FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS FAASV on your 2023 Filipiniana Pageant Gala!

We are happy and proud to be active members of FAASV; a great organization that helps meet the needs of the community. Thank you FAASV! ~~~ From the Ingold Family ~~~

Congratulations to Todd and Elena, and Judy and Mike on their weddings.

Congratulations to Todd and Elena on the birth of their first child. Welcome to our dearest Mia Nikita born on 7 February 2023!



Thank you to my sisters for all their love and support, and most especially to my husband, Dave. I love you dear husband!



GREETINGS FROM RIZA SALEH



On behalf of my family, we wish to thank all the FAASV gala pageant candidates for your participation. I wish all the new winners to be good ambassadors of this organization to support their goals and objectives.

Greetings
From Mrs. FAASV ~ USA 2018



More power to the FAASV Scholarship Fundraiser!

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FAASV Community Service



CONGRATULATIONS to all the pageant participants to this year's Filipiniana Pageant Gala. You are all winners!

★ *from Terry and Brinda Ruggles* ★



Our son's wedding at the Villa Del Balbianello, Lake Como, Italy

Happy Wedding Anniversary to our son, Dean and his wife, Jessica! May God bless you both on your special day and may your love for each other continue to grow stronger with each passing year. Best wishes on your anniversary! We love you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FAASV CANDIDATES!

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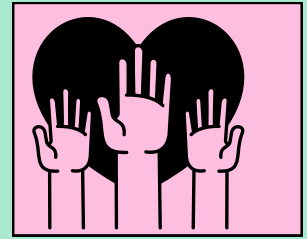


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Congratulations!

To **Vanessa Byrne** on her recent promotion to 6th degree black belt in the Chuck Norris System!

Vanessa has also spent the last few years pursuing modeling and film opportunities. She lived in the Philippines and in New York City modeling for brands such as L'Oréal and Mac Cosmetics PH.

She now lives in Atlanta pursuing stunts for film after landing a stunt gig on a TV show.

We are so proud of you!

Love,

Mom & Dad



Line Events UAE, a Dubai-based event planner, would like to extend its congratulations to Twinnny Whitman and all the members of FAASV on their recent success. We wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors. Line Events UAE offers a wide range of event planning and management services, and is committed to creating unforgettable events. Janice and her team are experts in creating events that are both stylish and functional. They are also skilled at working with clients to understand their unique needs and goals. We look forward to working with you on your next event.  Jamice Ramirez



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