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newsletter info

If you would like contribute to the newsletter, please send all submissions to **Marinel Mones**:
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Thanks!



Welcome to the Filipino Young Professionals of Metropolitan Washington, DC (FYP-DC). We are an organization that is dedicated to developing the professional, social and service aspects of our community. All are welcome to attend our events, and we encourage your involvement.

FYP-DC is a 501(c)7 non-profit organization, whose primary objective is to support issues or interests, related to the Filipino-American community and the DC metropolitan region, for non-commercial and non-political purposes. As such, FYP-DC is subject to guidelines set forth by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service System and may not endorse any political parties, candidates or similar activities.

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become a member

**Membership Dues
are only \$10!**

To renew your dues or to become a member, simply complete the membership form found at the Member's Area of www.fypdc.org and submit \$10 for annual dues. You may email your form or submit your dues via Paypal to info@fypdc.org. Please note that for Paypal payments, we are unable to accept credit/debit cards.

Please send checks to:
FYP-DC
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 [http://groups.yahoo.com/
groups/fyp-DC](http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/fyp-DC)

 www.myspace.com/fypdc

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message from the president



George Faustino, 2010 President

Another Spring and Summer is upon us and your FYP-DC officers are working hard to bring you quality events and an unprecedented scholarship for a college student to attend the Filipino American National Historic Society's (FANHS) 13th national conference on July 21-24, 2010 in Seattle, Washington.

First off, have you noticed our new newsletter layout? On behalf of the officers and I, we want to thank Marinel Mones for volunteering to be the 2010 newsletter editor. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please feel free to contact her: marmones07@gmail.com.

We have some exciting networking, volunteering and outdoor activities planned for the upcoming year and are thrilled to have you join us!

Our first spring event is a Networking Happy Hour on Thursday, March 25th at 5:30 PM at Temple Lounge in Arlington. Come mingle, drink and get to know your fellow FYP-DC members—especially the 2010 officers.

On Saturday, March 27, we are volunteering at ALIVE! to help distribute food to those in need at the Cora Kelly Recreational Center at 8:00 AM. We hope you join us and show support for our local nonprofit organizations.

We will also be entering the much anticipated DC Dragon Boat Tournament for the 3rd year in a row on May 15th and 16th. A lot of interest has been expressed in participating in this event and I am happy to announce that we have entered a second boat this year! If you want to participate or have questions, please email FYPDC@yahoo.com for more Dragon Boat information.

Be sure to support our local colleges' Filipino Organizations by attending their annual culture shows. Please turn to page 8 for more info.

As a reminder, all our events are listed on our Facebook page and website. And as always, please feel free to contact any of your FYP-DC officers if you have any questions or suggestions. Thanks!



meet your 2010 officers

College? George Washington University
Favorite thing to do in DC? Ride my beach cruiser
Any siblings or pets? 1 brother, no pets, just roommates
Why did you join FYP? To be connected to my roots, but I really wanted to represent team Lapu Lapu and win the Dragon Boat competition

bea querido
Vice President



victor belarmino
Director of Operations

Current Residence? Arlington, VA
Hobbies/interests? Sports/Outdoors, Traveling
Myers-Briggs Personality type? ESFJ - Guardian
Why did you join FYP? To become more involved in the Filipino community in the area as well as for networking.

Where is your family originally from in the PI? Cebu
College? Northeastern University
Favorite Filipino food? Lumpia
Why did you join FYP? To network with other young Filipino professionals and meet new people.

margaret garcia
PR & Marketing Chair



kristine hermoso
Professional & Cultural Chair

Any siblings or pets? 1 older sister
Myers-Briggs Personality type? ENFJ- Extroverted Feeling with Introverted Intuition... uhhuh, that explains me.
Astrological sign? Sagittarius
Why did you join FYP? I've been really interested in networking with the Fil-Am community and hopefully being able to give back through the community services while strengthening the Fil-Am relations in the DMV area. What better place than to do it here?!

want to know more? visit <http://www.fypdc.org>

fyp-dc annual ski trip

With all the snow that we had this winter, it was only fitting that FYP-DC had a snow trip planned to the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. We rented a house in a gated community and got down to partying and eating! On Saturday we went skiing and snowboarding at Big Boulder Mountain. It was a great day as some vets skied and boarded while some newbies took a few lessons and tried their hand at the mountains. After two straight years visiting the Poconos, some of the returning snow-loving FYP'ers have voiced a desire to try a new challenge next winter. The votes are pointing toward a WISP visit next year so keep tuned to find out where we will be headed!



new year! happy hour



FYP-DC's first Happy Hour of the New Year. Thank you to Matt Nicholas and Natalie Marston for helping organize the event!

DC Dragon Boat Tournament

May is just around the corner. With the warmer weather we see flowers, birds and dragons. You might say dragons?!?!? YES dragons are back! Maybe not real, fire-breathing dragons, but there will be dragon boats on the Potomac!!! May 15-16th, 2010 will be the 8th Annual Washington, DC Dragon Boat Festival May 29-30, 2010 at Diamond Teague Park. There will be four boats painted to resemble dragon scales in colorful hues with matching dragon heads and tails, will line up to sprint over distances of 250 and 500 meters. The racing will be divided into festival and premier categories, open (men's), women's, mixed and youth divisions.

Dragon boat racing has its roots in Ancient China, where the first dragon boat races were held more than 2500 years ago along the river banks of the Yangtze. Dragon Boat racing was not introduced to the world at large until the 1970s when the Hong Kong Tourist Board staged an international Dragon Boat Festival to promote Hong Kong culture. Now, Dragon boat racing has spread all over the world, with more than 50 million people now participating in competitions held on every continent.

Our very own Lapu-Lapu is competing for the second year. We had an excellent performance last year garnering a medal for each distance (250 and 500 meters). Come out and support our team or better yet be part of the team! Contact FYPDC@yahoo.com for more info. Either way a fun weekend is guaranteed when you show up in the Potomac on May 15-16!!!! For festival details, location and direction go to the official website www.dragonboatdc.com

By Reginald Reyes

speed dating



Was love in the air that night or was it the chill of winter? The 7th Annual FYP-DC Speed Dating was held February 27th at Guarapo lounge in Arlington, Virginia. Typically held before Valentine's Day to find the perfect match for *that special day, the event was postponed due to inclement weather (remember that awesome snow storm with over 2 feet of snow?!) Nonetheless, eager singles were ready to mingle, friends were there to support and several matches were made throughout the night. Whether you were there to find true love or just to meet new friends- the event was a fun time. Perhaps at the next Speed Dating event you too can find that special one! Thank you to everyone that volunteered, participated and cheered on the participants!

FAHNS scholarship info

The Filipino American National Historical Society (FAHNS) is proud to host the 13th national conference July 21- July 24, 2010 in Seattle, Washington.

Get the opportunity to meet with scholars, historians, authors, educators, students and activists from all over the nation as they share their unique experiences as Filipino-Americans. This year's conference theme is "A quest for emergence: Retrospective."

FANHS national conferences features unique intergenerational experiences such as memorable panels, films, an authors' reception, and a dinner dance and many other performances and presentations.

FYP-DC would like to sponsor a current college student to attend this mind-opening conference. We will cover the cost of registration, housing and airfare from a preselected travel agency during the conference (an estimated value of \$600). Those interested for this scholarship should email Kristine Hermoso: shmugity8@gmail.com with the following information: Name, age, major and expected date of graduation. Please also include an essay on the following topic: "How can I help educate my Filipino Community in DC/MD/VA by attending the Filipino American National Historical Society 13th National Conference." All submissions are due April 20, 2010 and will be reviewed by the FYP-DC officers.

For further information about the scholarship, please contact Kristine Hermoso: shmugity8@gmail.com. For more information on FANHS visit: <http://www.fanhs-national.org>.

**2010 Local University and
College Filipino Cultural Shows**



**Saturday
March 27**

The Filipino Organization of Catholic University Students (FOCUS)-For more info, contact Pres. Celia Ces: 07ces@cardinalmil.cua.edu



**Saturday
April 3**

Filipino Cultural Association (FCA) of GMU -For more info, contact Patrick Pansoy: ppansoy@gmu.edu



**Saturday
April 10**

Filipino American Student Association (FASA) of UMBC-For more info, contact Melvin Velasquez: velam1@umbc.edu



**Saturday
April 17**

Filipino Cultural Association (FCA) of UMCP-For more info, contact Andro Almario: j.alejandro.almario@gmail.com



**Saturday
April 17**

Philippine Cultural Society (PCS) of GWU - For more contact info, contact Kaye Ablen: kaye.ablen@gmail.com



**Saturday
April 24**

Filipino American Club of MOCO-For more contact info, contact April Paulines: apl.paulines@gmail.com



**Saturday
May 1**

Filipino Cultural Association (FCA) of TU-For more contact info, contact Alfred Ebrado: aebrad1@students.towson.edu

upcoming events

Come and show your support for FYP-DC and the great associations that we have been working with!



Networking Happy Hour!

Thursday, March 25, 2010
5:30 pm–8 pm
Temple Lounge DC
4001 Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22203
(703) 908-4999 | www.templeloungedc.com



ALIVE! Volunteering

Distributing Food to the Needy
Saturday, March 27, 2010
8 am
Cora Kelly Recreation Center
25 West Reed Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22305-2427
703-837-9300 ext 2 | <http://www.alive-inc.org/>



DC Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday, May 15–Sunday, May 16
8 am
Thompson Boat Center
2900 Virginia Avenue Northwest
Washington, DC 20037-1911
Interested? Email: fypdc@yahoo.com
<http://www.dragonboatdc.com>



FAHNS-National Conference

13th National Conference
Wednesday, July 21–Saturday, July 24
8 am
Seattle University
901 12th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122-1090
fahnsnational@earthlink.net
<http://www.fahns-national.org>