



# Filipino Community Center of Charleston

July—September 2023

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5-6 Aug Flea Market
- 19 Aug Jul/Aug B'day Celebration
- 09 Sep Fil-Am Band performance

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jimmy Camus
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- Ernie Torres

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- Regina Veloso Orlando Cabading

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Lily Cabading

Dear Kababayan and Friends,

I want to thank all of you for supporting the FCC. With your help, our charitable organization continues to grow in number and in prosperity. Our core strength is that we stand firmly united in our one common goal, which is to enrich the lives of the Filipino Community by preserving our cultural heritage, and its philosophical and moral values that are so important to us all. May God always bless the FCC.  
Lily Cabading

### Filipino Community Center

**Scholarships for 2023.** On 13 May, the Filipino Community Center presented academic scholarships totaling \$3,450 to local high school students of Filipino descent. Factors included in the evaluation process were academic merits, current GPA, SAT or ACT score, extracurricular activities, and written essays.

1<sup>st</sup> place, \$1200 was awarded to Jake Trakas, a graduate of Pinewood Preparatory School. He is to attend Virginia Tech.

2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$1000 was awarded to Madelyn Hall, a graduate of Academic Magnet School. She is to attend Duke University.

3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$800 was awarded to Sophia Taber, a graduate of Academic Magnet School. She is to attend USC.

Best Essay #1: Zoe Gumangan, \$200 donated by Lolita Cabading.

Best Essay #2: Josefin Eraula, \$200 donated by Regina Veloso.

Congratulations to all of our 2023 FCC Scholarship recipients!

**2023 Outreach Program** headed by Consul General Iric Arribas of the Philippines Consulate in Washington, DC and hosted by your FCC on 19-21 May was an extremely successful event. Thanks in large part to Jimmy Camus' planning & coordination that facilitated the Consular Services team's processing of 323 Philippine passport renewals and 154 dual citizenship requests for our Filipino visitors. Some of whom came from as far away as Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida to take advantage of these services. We want to recognize the following FCC volunteers, who willingly devoted their time and energy to provide the much needed support that made this event a huge success. They are...

- Roger Viduya Lily Cabading
- Nomer Adona Leo Aranas
- Jesse Borja Vonn Bunao
- Daphnee Camus Jan Caseja
- Joey Caseja Pura Caseja
- Bobby Davidson Nida Davidson
- Consuelo de Leon Rey de Leon
- Gilda Florendo Aileen Francisco
- Pricilla Gambill Ross Garcia
- Nita Haddox Lonny Haddox
- Betty Inigo Ed Inigo
- Evelyn Lee Merlyn Moore
- Carmen Malamug Cesar Malamug
- Benny Samson Nancy Samson
- Linda Tolentino Tony Tolentino
- Olive Ubas Kellet Alice Webb
- Arlene Tiamzon Bunao

**New FCC Treasurer.** On 24 June, Nita Haddox was permanently assigned as the FCC Treasurer, a position she has been temporarily filling since 15 June. A native of Cebu currently living in West Ashley, Nita joined the FCC in 2019, and was selected to serve on the 2023-2025 Board of Directors.

**Birthdays.** We want to wish all of our FCC members with birthdays in July, August, and September a very "Happy Birthday!" on their special day.

#### July

Trini Aldea	Mike Floresca
Roger Viduya	Juliet Ednacot
Jocelyn Alnague	George Paroda
Helen Curameng	Ernie Torres

#### August

Larry Acala	Eddie Albayalde
Pura Caseja	Liza Clark
Fely Morales	Roger Reolegio
Delores Kantala	Linda Singian

#### September

Oscar Diano	Adrian Maravilla
Gene Veloso	Rolando Morales
Nelson Saqui	Yolly Alcantara
Nida Davidson	Bobby Davidson
Emmanuel Alcantara	

**Wedding Anniversaries.** To all our FCC members celebrating wedding anniversaries in July, August, and September, we want to congratulate you on an accomplishment that is a true testament of your deep and enduring love for each other. Congratulations!

**Get well soon.** We wish the following members the very best for a speedy recovery.

Merlyn Moore	Linda Tolentino
Carmen Malamug	

**New FCC Auditor.** Please join us in welcoming Frank Deseo as the FCC's new Auditor. He replaced Mario Guandana after his many years of honorable and faithful service to the FCC. We wish Mario all the very best in the future

**Miss Teen FCC pageant of 2023** was held at the FCC on 10 June. 1<sup>st</sup> place was awarded to Miss Jereza Blatt; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Miss Lorelai Thompson; 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Miss Hailley Schlect; and 4<sup>th</sup> place to Miss Anvergne Reyes. Congratulations to these lovely young ladies. This annual competition recognizes not only their beauty and talent, but it also provides much needed financial support to the FCC.

**FCC beautification** continues with the repainting of the entrance gates and the wooden fence railing along the front driveway. We want to thank the following members for volunteering their time and effort to accomplish this work. They are Nelson Saqui, Nomer Adona, and Lonny Haddox for repainting the gates, and Orlando Cabading for pressure washing and repainting the wooden fence railing. Job well done!

**Parking lot gravel.** You may have noticed that over the last few years low areas have developed in our parking lot where rain water now collects to turn it into a muddy mess. However, thanks to the generosity of donors like the Samson and Albano families, 10 tons of gravel were purchased and spread in our parking lot. If you did not have an opportunity to donate, no worries. A lot more gravel is needed to finish this job.

**Council of Presidents.** To establish unity with the other local Filipino organizations, our President, Lily Cabading, has joined this newly formed council. The other council members are.

Pres. Nelson Saqui, Cavite Assn  
 Pres. Roland Morales, Travelers Assn  
 Pres. Art Artuz, Bicol Assn  
 Pres. Ike Pineda, Kapampangan Family  
 Pres. Alice Webb, Hyasmin Assn  
 Pres. Lea Ramos, Philippine Nurses Assn  
 Pres. Ric Galang, Fil-Am Assn of Palmetto State  
 Pres. Ron Melendez, Pangasinan Assn of SC

**FCC Riding Lawnmower** is back in service once again! Thanks to Pete Adona, our Facilities Manager, for coordinating its repair with J.R. Hughey. They replaced its worn out 42" deck belt, two broken deck bolts, and both blades that were cracked and unsafe to use. (Thank you, J.R. for donating the two new blades to the FCC.) Pete says our lawnmower runs like a champ now! Let's be sure to thank them both for taking care of our FCC and its equipment.

**Special Note.** So that the FCC may continue recognizing the individual birthdays, anniversaries, and other special days and achievements of our members and their families in our quarterly newsletter, please email this information to email address [info@fccofcharleston.com](mailto:info@fccofcharleston.com) in the following format: Fname, Lname, month, and include a brief comment about the special occasion being celebrated or recognized. (e.g. the 5 W's... who, what, where, when, and why?)