



Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory Inc

FAANT PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2013

I assumed the role of FAANT's President in November 2012. Each day is interesting and full of various challenges. However, the hard work and dedication of the former FAANT Presidents and Executive Committees lay the ground works for the Association and its Executive Committee to face and handle the 2014 challenges and opportunities.

FAANT's EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2013

- The current FAANT Executive Committee is composed of vibrant Z-generation and golden generation members:

Z-generation:

- Virginia Mitchell - events coordinator and future FAANT sports ventures
- Siobhan Reed - publications and events coordinator
- Matthew Mitchell - maintenance and OH&S procedures
- Nestor Sanchez - legal aspects, websites and events coordinator
- Benben Salandanan - procurement

Golden generation:

- Judith Ventic - Vice-President plus media releases and building hire
- Lourdes Valles - Secretary, handles membership
- Elsi Barretto - Treasurer
- Ron Greaves - licencing, provides inputs/advice to grant applications
- Maria Mitchell - procurement, gathers and organises stall holders for all events.
- Mary Anne Samson - Assistant Treasurer, event venue organiser and decorator
- Marcos Pastor - maintenance, building hire and OH&S Procedures

Everyone contributed and did their best to make FAANT's ventures and events significant and successful.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Association has continued to focus on collaborative activities and has worked with a wide range of colleagues as part of the advocacy and events program that included networking, meetings and coordination with:
 - Office of the Chief Minister
 - Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)
 - Multicultural Council of NT.
 - Philippine Honorary Consul General
 - Community Liaison Team/Department of Immigration
 - Darwin City Council
 - Palmerston City Council
 - Filipino Council of NT (FILCONT)
 - Filipino Communities Council of Australia (FILCCA)
 - Filipino Club Darwin Inc
 - Filipino Social Club of Gove
 - Mabuhay Multicultural Association of Alice Springs
 - Filipiniana Senior Citizens Association Inc
 - Katherine Filipino-Australian Association of the NT Inc
 - 40Love Darwin
 - Nepalese Association of NT (NANT)
 - East Timor Community Centre of Darwin.
 - Catholic Aboriginal Community of St Martin De Porres
 - Holy Family Parish
 - St Mary's Cathedral
 - National Fil-Oz Sports Assoc. (NASA Int'l)
 - Philippine – Australian Sports & Culture Inc. (PASC Inc)
 - Darwin Rondalla
 - SoundtripNT
 - FiloJammers
 - Filipino Basketball League NT (FBLNT), Darwin/Cacoy Doce Pares Arnis Club and other Darwin based Filipino sports clubs
 - Other NT Filipino associations/clubs
- One Big Jam - Super Typhoon Haiyan Fundraising Concert
- Malacanang Palace provided us with messages from the Philippine President, Benigno Aquino, Jr., for our Philippine Independence Day and Barrio Fiesta 2013 celebrations.
- The Association has been invited by the Holy Family Parish to be a part of their Parish Pastor Council.
- The Association participated in the St Mary's Cathedral multicultural community celebration and meetings.
- Harmony Day 2013 Soiree
- The Philippine Independence Day 2013 Celebration
- Barrio Fiesta 2013
- The Barrio Fiesta 2013 Souvenir Book is coloured.
- The Sining and Kultura has been refurbished.
- FAANT has a water feature.
- The FAANT grounds are kept tidy, green and blooming.

AWARDS

- Plaques of Appreciation were awarded in recognition of their selfless dedication and support as Treasurer and Executive Committee member to:

Betty Lonsdale
Carlos Cabalhug

- Certificates of Appreciation to volunteers, artist/performers, friends, supporters and members of the community for their invaluable contribution during the 2013 FAANT events.

GRANTS APPLIED FOR

- Multicultural Facility Grant – the 2013-2014 is for OMA's final deliberation.
- Multicultural Affairs and Sponsorship Program – to be submitted by April 2014.
- Darwin Waterfront Harmony Soiree – 2014 grant request has been submitted to OMA 31 October 2013.
- Filipino Community Centre Sharing – grant request to be reactivated in April 2014.
- Computer grant – 4 laptops and 4 desktops have been received.

EVENTS and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

- Sto. Nino's Sinulog
- National Fil-Oz Sports Assoc. (NASA Int'l) and Philippine – Australian Sports & Culture Inc. – FAANT/40Love organized the golf and FBLNT for basketball activities
- Darwin Waterfront Harmony Soiree
- Philippine Independence Day Celebration
- Barrio Fiesta
- World Solar Challenge
- SoundtripNT Oktoberfest
- FAANT Christmas Party
- St. Mary's Cathedral Multicultural Celebration
- Missionaries of Charity (Sister's Teresa Congregation)
- Holy Family Parish Multicultural/family activities
- 25th Anniversary of the Catholic Aboriginal Community, St. Martin de Porres
- Nepalese Association of the Northern Territory events
- Fiji Association Event

- East Timor Community of Darwin events
- Darwin/Cacoy Doce Pares Arnis Club seminar/workshop

PUBLICATIONS

- FAANT Newsletter.
- Facebook.
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PLANS and PROGRAMS for 2014

- Sports Festival – Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Darts, Chess and Golf Tournaments.
- Membership Drive/Discount Scheme Card.
- Wider Filipino Community Directory.
- Kitchen Renovation.
- Disable Access.
- Basketball, Badminton and Volleyball courts.
- Acquisition of printer, projector and projector screen.
- Monthly Socials – e.g. Bingo, Food Festival, Market/Tiangge, Karaoke/Singing contest.
- Revisit the Constitution and existing forms/documents to strengthen the governance of the Association
- Honour Roll – Honorary Life Membership - Honorary Life Membership of the Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory Inc is awarded in recognition of a significant, long-term contribution to the Association.
- Haiyan Rehabilitation Fundraising.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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- The Darwin Rondalla, SoundtripNT, FiloJammers, Jimmy and Gloria Limiatis, Malix Laurel, Sanderson High School dance group, Darwin High School and Darwin Performance Academy dance group for their invaluable support and contributions during the Association's 2013 events.
- The Association's 2013 friends, supporters, volunteers, sponsors and stall holders. Without them the 2013 events will not be a festive and successful events.
- Michelle Salazer and family for the 2013 Barrio Fiesta Mutya sponsorships.
- 40Love Darwin and Bluey Biermann for the funding and construction of the Association's water feature.
- Whiskey Valles who is always there to organize and coordinate all the Association's major events.
- Siobhan Reed, Nes Sanchez Jr, Ginia Michelle and Lito Lontoc and the editorial team for their contributions that made the newsletter, FAANT facebook and website a successful means of publication and communication. Of course, no newsletter can function without the invaluable contribution of the many reviewers and specialists who diligently perform the task of peer-reviewing document submissions and contributions.
- Philippine Honorary Consul-General, Mr. John Rivas, provided FAANT Executive Members guidance on how to sponsor performers and involved FAANT in events like the World Solar Challenge and One Big Jam Fundraising Appeal.
- FAANT members who are the most important stakeholders and most valuable assets of the association.

Thank you for your continued and full support. The executive committee looks forward to meeting you at all our events. We are here to hear your views, requirements and interests and to be of service to you.

Yours respectfully,



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