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BALITA SA FACC

FILIPINO AMERICAN COMMUNITY NEWS

FACC New Partners



**MOLSON
COORS** beverage
company



The Filipino American Community of Colorado is proud to announce our newest partners! The FACC has agreed to Denver 7's and Local 3 terms to be our Exclusive Local News Team. This agreement allows will be our Exclusive News team, allowing Denver 7 rights to be first in line for any newsworthy stories such as Festivals, Events, Community Events and more. In exchange, Denver 7 will give the FACC media coverage on social media, print and TV.

The FACC has agreed to be a community partner with Molson Coors. In exchange for discounted rates on Alcohol and beer donations for our community events, the FACC will proudly display Molson Coors Logo on our social media sites

Upcoming Events

**MAY 14TH & 15TH -
1ST AAPI+ HERITAGE
CELEBRATION @
DENVER ZOO**

**MAY 21ST - BOD
MEETING**

**MAY 22 - LUMPIA
ROLLING PARTY**

**JUNE 11TH & 12TH -
PHILIPPINE
FESTIVAL**

Our new partnerships will allow the FACC to give us a new local social media boost that will translate into new memberships, increased visibility in our community and Cost savings for events that require alcohol. Thank you to our Officers and Board of Directors for their hardwork to build relationships with our community!



Our FACC Volunteers



The FACC would like to recognize two volunteers who went above and beyond to make the FACC a better place. First, Carrey Arnick, after a hard day of work she has regularly volunteered to work the Rockies Games bringing her energy, laughter and smile to lift up our FACC team of Volunteers. At our Easter Event, she donated 100's of cookies for kids to decorate. When we need Volunteers, we always can count on Carrey to help.

You must be wondering why our Bahay Kubo is in immaculate condition, it is because of the work of Jeff Albright. Jeff has been our go to guy, setting up our events, cleaning up our garden, de-cluttering our basement and most important of all...ensuring that the renovations we pay for has been completed correctly. He has saved us thousands of dollars cutting down dead trees, digging out old iron post and has started work on our Garden.

The FACC is a 100% volunteer organization, without our Volunteers like Carrey and Jeff, we cannot continue to do the good work in our community. Thank you Jef and Carrey for your outstanding Volunteer Work!! Salamat Po'!

Stories behind the Dance, Banga by Esta Mae Ault

The Philippines has a rich history in dance. There are over 7,000 islands in the country, and many have their own different dialect, traditions, and unique dances. In the Cordillera Mountain Range of the northern Philippines, there is a dance called "Banga", which originates from the Kalinga people. Banga translates to the word "pot" or "jar".

In those times, these pots were made with local clay from Kalinga villages and used by the native women to perform daily duties such as cooking, carrying water, and transporting objects. This container was crucial in order for women to complete their tasks, and it remained that way for centuries. To this day, the banga holds much cultural significance.

In the dance, performers balance multiple clay pots on their head as they move in slow, graceful gestures. The meaning behind the dance is to show the vitality, beauty, and strength of Filipino women. As each dancer moves through the dance, emphasis is placed on the flow of their wrists and hands as they conduct difficult tasks with grace and ease. In most performances, it is common to balance more than one banga on top of the head, take them off individually, and once again stack them above. In the past, women would fill each pot with water and bring it back to their home.

I have seen the meaning of this dance displayed in my own life by the women around me. My mother, who works tirelessly each day at her job and at the house, executes it with a beauty that I have yet to achieve myself. The women at the FACC who spend hours preparing for each event, carefully plan ahead, and cook food for everyone to enjoy makes me aspire to grow more. Of course, this is not limited to just Filipino women, but to women of all cultures. Each woman shows strength and resilience in her own life by overcoming hardship with elegance, and this dance not only brings attention to that, but celebrates the many beautiful aspects of being a woman



The FACC would like to wish a Maligayang Kaarawan (Happy Birthday) to our Members born in April and May.

April Birthdays. Alyssa Chapman, John Beltrone, Mitch Phang, Dolores Manalastas, Mariza Firmantes, Melanie Rice, Maeline Barnstable, Nora Phillips, Karen Barela, Dominick Calderon and Roan Stewart.

May Birthdays. David Montoya, Fred Obana, Espino Lorenzo, Tessie Carlson, Gerry Ault, Aurelia Grinstead, Pam Holtz, Jo Avante, Ashley Barela, Angel Padrigone and Larry Fuller.