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FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE

Chicago, IL. – In 2009, the US Congress thru the House of Senate and House of Representatives respectively passed H. Res. 780 recognizing October 2011 and every October thereafter as Filipino American History Month (FAHM) to celebrate the history and culture of Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to the Nation. Since 2011, Filipino American community groups in Chicago and suburbs have been working and partnering together to consolidate and promote the various events in celebration of FAHM every October. This year, the FAHM celebrations in Chicago and the Midwest started with a big bang and huge crowds at several events during the first weekend that includes the FAHM kickoff at the newly opened Seafood City in Chicago and a special music and dance performance of the Datu/Hataw groups from Toronto at the Field Museum on October 1, the combined Kultura Fest and Adobo Fest at Emporium Arcade Bar Logan Square in Chicago and a huge Philippine cultural festival at St Valentine's Church in Peru, IL on October 2. The TGIF concert with Jessica Sanchez, Mikey Bustos, Sama Sama Project and several local singers and dancers drew the biggest crowd (that we know of so far) at a FAHM celebration in the Midwest.



The Philippine American Cultural Foundation and The Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago officers at the FAHM kickoff reception at Seafood City. Photo Credits – Rudy Garcia



Two governors and six mayors in the Midwest have issued proclamations designating October as Filipino American History month. The Consulate General of the Philippines and the Filipino American communities in Chicago, suburban Illinois, and the Midwest, would like to thank all Midwest officials who have issued proclamations honoring the significant role and contributions of Filipino Americans, namely: Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner



“proclaims October 2016 as Filipino American History of Filipino Americans to our state and to our nation, and in recognition of Filipino Americans who call Illinois home”; Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker says “proclaim October 2016



as Filipino American History Month throughout the state of Wisconsin and I command this observance to all our citizens”; Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel “encourage all Chicagoans to acknowledge the enduring legacy and ongoing impact of the Filipino American community and join with them in celebrating this auspicious month” ; Van Dusen, Mayor of the Village of Skokie, do hereby proclaim the Month of October 2016, as Filipino American History



Month in the Village of Skokie and do hereby urge the people of the United States to observe Filipino American History Month with appropriate programs and activities; Kathleen Moesle Weaver, Mayor of the City of Darien, do hereby



proclaim the Month of October 2016, as Filipino American History Month and urge all residents to celebrate the heritage and culture of Filipino Americans and their immense contributions to our country; Carol Stream Mayor Frank Saverino Sr., Wichita Kansas Mayor Jeff Longwell and Village of Bolingbrook Mayor Roger Claar.



The Consulate General of the Philippines, in cooperation with the Filipino American communities in Chicago, suburban Illinois, and the Midwest, would like to invite everyone to actively participate and support the celebration of Filipino American History Month (FAHM) in Chicago, suburban Illinois, and the Midwest. The schedule of events/activities for the rest of the month is listed below.



PACF Performing Arts, Chicago Angkling Rondalla and Mike Pascual perform at the FAHM kickoff reception at Seafood City Photo Credits – Michelle Delson

FAHM planned events in 2016

Oct 1 to Oct 31: Art and Anthropology: Portrait of the Object as Filipino*. Display of 10 paintings and creation of collaborative mural by 5 FilAm artists from Chicago and 5 artists from the Philippines. Field Museum of Natural History Chicago, 1400 S. Lakeshore Dr. Events take place during museum hours. (Almira Gilles almiragilles@gmail.com)

Oct 1 to Nov 15: [Focusing \(Vol. II\)](#)

is a continuation of Alejandro T. Acierto's exploration of the breath through the colonial history of Filipino involvement in the 1904 World's Fair. at Corner 2912 N. Milwaukee Ave. (storefront) Chicago, IL 60618 -, Contact Person: Grace Needlman (Gallery Director) Tel. No. 216-533-2824, info@cornerchicago.com

Oct 15, Saturday - Sining Mulat 4 – Children's Arts and Philippine Crafts*, Drawing and Painting for ages 6-12 years old. Donation \$10 w/ lunch. Venue: Rizal Heritage Center. Contact Willi Buhay at buhaywilli@gmail.com

Oct 15, Saturday, 4-8 pm - Silip/Sulyap, "Art Exhibit with reception*. Venue: Rizal Heritage Center, Donation \$10.00. Contact Willi Buhay at buhaywilli@gmail.com

Oct 15, Saturday, 6 pm - [Search for Young Ambassadors*](#) - Lead your peers in making a difference.. at Drury Lane Theater Sponsor - Chicago Nightingales, 100 Drury [Lane](#), Oak Brook Terrace, IL Contact: Phoebe Doruelo Tel. No. [630-740-4994](tel:630-740-4994)

Oct 16, Sunday, 4-7pm – Old Town School – A Tri-Performance of Ethnic Communities (Filipinos, Koreans, and Indians) Venue: Rizal Heritage Center. Contact Bobby Luna 773 524-9798

Oct 20, Thursday, 5:30 PM - Rizal on USA during the Consulate General's "Ika-20 na Pagkikita sa Konsulado". (Contact Mr. Mariano Santos anongsantos@yahoo.com, Sponsor - Knights of Rizal)

Oct 20, Thursday, 5:30 PM - Gawad Kalinga Night at E+O 125 Randhurst Village Drive, Mt. Prospect, IL. Special Filipino menu available at E+O throughout October. (Contact Leslie Tiquia (224)848-9837, Sponsor – Gawad Kalinga)

Oct 22, Saturday, 12pm to 2pm Pamanang Pinoy: Musika at The Field Museum 1400 S Lake Shore Dr, Chicago, Illinois 60605 (RSVP in advance to cocuration.philippines@fieldmuseum.org)

Oct 22, Saturday, 5:45 pm - [Chicago International Film Festival presents film screening of "Ordinary People"](#)* at AMC River East 21, 322 E Illinois St, Chicago IL 60611 (For more information and tickets - <http://www.chicagofilmfestival.com/tickets>)

Oct 22, Saturday, 5pm Filipiniana Fashion Show* Contact Person: Ms. Alma Reed 515-240-5631 Sponsor Philippine Cultural Group of Michigan)

Oct 22, Saturday, 6:30pm [Filipino American Association of South Du Page 32nd Anniversary Gala](#) at Double Tree Suites by Hilton 2111 Butterfield Rd, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (Contact Person: Jose Soloria (630)915-5956)

Oct. 23, Sunday, 11 am - 4 pm [FAHM Luncheon Honoring the Most Outstanding Fil-AM Seniors*](#) at Four Points by Sheraton Chicago O'Hare Airport 10249 West Irving Park Road Schiller Park, IL (Contact Adeline Fajardo at adeline.pacf96@gmail.com Evelyn Natividad, Ph.D. [773-426-5459](tel:773-426-5459); Email: ivynatividad9@gmail.com Sponsor – PACF)

Oct. 23, Sun, 11:30 am Methodism & US Colonial Rule in the Philippines, Central United Methodist Church, 8237 Kenton, Skokie, Call Anong 847-528-4991

Oct. 23 Sunday 12 noon - FAHM celebration in Mundelein. Mass in the chapel at St. Maria del Popolo, 116 North Lake Street, Mundelein, IL (Contact Yolly Rodrigo 847-951-0148)

Oct. 23, Sunday, 5pm Fashion for a Cause (Contact Person: Norma Manankil)

Oct 24, Monday, 5:45 pm - [Chicago International Film Festival presents film screening of "Ordinary People"](#)* at AMC

River East 21, 322 E Illinois St, Chicago IL 60611 (For more info and tickets - <http://www.chicagofilmfestival.com/tickets>)

Oct 26, Wednesday, 1 pm - [Chicago International Film Festival presents film screening of "Ordinary People"](#)* at AMC
River East 21, 322 E Illinois St, Chicago IL 60611 (For more information and tickets - <http://www.chicagofilmfestival.com/tickets>)

Oct 27, Thursday, 5:30 pm - [Justice Denied: Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Atonio](#) at 10/F 25 E. Pearson Street, Chicago, IL 60611 (Sponsor - The Filipino American Lawyers Association of Chicago, *RSVP wardscove.eventbrite.com)

Oct 27, Thursday, 9:00 am to 12pm – Celebration at Mount Mary University on 2900 North Menomonee River Pkwy Milwaukee, WI 53222-4597 in collaboration with the History Department, student organizations and FANHS-WI from 9-12pm Coordinator is Isabel Piana. Contact Angelica Camara angel15541@live.com

Oct 29, Saturday 8pm – Chicago Filipino Asian American Hall of Fame 22nd Anniversary* at Hyatt O'Hare (Contact viatimes@sbcglobal.net)

Oct 29, Saturday 2:30pm to 4:30pm. [Exhibits and Forum on relevant & timely issues/topics beneficial to our community](#) (we need speakers to talk about the importance of political involvement, knowing our rights) Venue - Mary Radmacher Room of the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St., Skokie, IL. Contact: Jelly Carandang, 847-679-7058, msjellybeans@aol.com , Sponsor - - FANHS Midwest)

Oct 29, Saturday – Book Launching : " Filipino American Immigrants in Michigan: Personal Stories" a joint book project by Willie Dechavez and Tony Antonio. Venue TBA. By invitation only. . Contact Willie Dechavez 586 713-8261

Oct 30, Sunday, 2-5 pm - Halloween Costume Party with Philippine History Characters, Venue: Rizal Heritage Center. Contact Al Cabagnot 773 799-8043, Sponsor – Filipino American Grandparents Association of Chicago (FAGPAC)

Oct 30, Sunday 2:30pm to 4:30pm.- Halloween celebration with FilAm youths showcasing their respective talent during the [variety talent show](#). at the Large Room of the Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton Ave., Niles, IL. Please encourage talented youths to join the Variety Talent Show. It is also a Halloween party, so they can come in various costumes. (Contact: Jelly Carandang, 847-679-7058 or msjellybeans@aol.com Abbey Eusebio, 847-529-5558 or gneabbey@gmail.com, Sponsor NaFFAA)

Oct 30, Sunday 3:00 pm - Film screening of "[Hinabing Pakpak ng Ating Mga Anak](#)" by Notre Dame Professor of Theater and Fil-Am Dr. [Anton Juan](#), DePaul University Student Center Hall 120-B (Contact: Dr. Cleofe Casambre cleocasambre@gmail.com, Sponsor-Consulate General of the Philippines and Asian Culture Exchange Club of DePaul) **FREE ADMISSION**

All of the above events are FREE Admission, RSVP to contact except those marked with * which is Ticketed Event

For the latest updates, please visit the website <http://pacfmidwest.org/2016/09/fahm2016/>

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