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PILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

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Upcoming Events

KAAMP Study Nights
Mon/Wed Room 390/391
7:00PM MLK Library

10/9 - 10/10
3:00PM SPUF
@MEADOWFAIRE

10/20 Internship Meeting

10/20 Candlelight Vigil

10/22 General Meeting

10/24
FRIENDSHIP
GAMES

10/28 PCN Info Night

"Know history, know self. No history, no self."

-Pnoy Apparel

If you did not know already, this month is officially Pilipino American History Month. Interestingly enough, it was just this September that California State Legislature unanimously approved October to be Pilipino American History Month thanks to the help of Senator Leland Yee (D- San Francisco/San Mateo) who authored the resolution through Senate Concurrent Resolution 48.

"For far too long the role of Filipinos in our national history has been ignored. Through SCR 48, we help ensure that our children learn about this important history," he said in a statement.

In the early 1990s, President Bill Clinton proclaimed this month, but it never passed congress. It took California Legislature 17 years.

So, how do you feel about this? I, being a first generation Pilipino American, have not been able to grasp my roots up until college. The majority of middle and high schools have neglected our history for far too long. Do you remember having a section in your history books about Pilipino heritage besides Lapu Lapu killing Magellan? It is our job to go and search for ourselves about our history and who we really are. So I challenge you, to embrace yourself and look back. Look back into history and see where you come from; learn more about your heritage whether you are Pilipino or not. "Know history, know self. No history, no self."

- Ron Buena



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The Biggest We Have Ever Seen by Ingrid Mapanao

On September 27, 2009 the power typhoon Ondoy hit areas near Manila in the Philippines causing the lost of many homes and tragically, the lost of many lives. The challenge right now is finding how many people that have actually died and how many people need aid, which Richard Gordon, the chairman of the Philippines National Red Cross, said a few days ago. More than 80 percent of the capital was under water, swallowing buildings, buses, and cars. Ondoy is seen as one of the most powerful storms to ever hit the country because the down-pour was equivalent to a month's worth of rainfall within 6 hours. Currently, typhoon Onodoy continues to move with winds moving of about 85 kph. There are many efforts around the world in aiding those affected by the typhoon Ondoy. Akbayan is asking that each and every one of you help by donating money, clothes, blankets, and other needs that would help in every small possible way. All of you can make a difference, and this is the perfect opportunity for all of us to come together and lend out a helping hand. There are a lot of people in the Philippines that need us, and Akbayan wants to thank all of you that have contributed to this cause. Keep up the good work and don't forget that there are people out there needing our help.



CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL

Do you know anyone or have any family members who have fought in WWII or the Vietnam War? They are our grandfathers and uncles who still today have no recognition or benefits. We call them *Veteranos*. On October 20th we will be hosting a Candle

Light Vigil in honor of them. October 20th is also the national day of the *Veteranos*. This vigil will be hosted at the amphitheater at 6:30-8:00pm with Veterano speakers, a prayer and a strength march. We ask that everyone comes out and participate in this because it is apart our history and culture. We will be handing out brown ribbons in honor of the *Veteranos*. Those who are interested in coming, we ask if you come in brown attire and ready to be inspired with an open heart.

Our Charity Drive held outside the Student Union. Ever since the Typhoon has hit many Pilipino Organizations have been collecting clothes, food, and toiletries for those affected by the typhoon.

CALLING ALL WRITERS AND ARTISTS!

There are plenty of ways that you can showcase your creative talents through Akbayan! If you're interested in publishing an article in the next issue of Ano, or if you are interested in showcasing poetry, spoken word, photos, art, etc. please contact:

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Why I Love Being Filipino

By: Kevin Irabagon

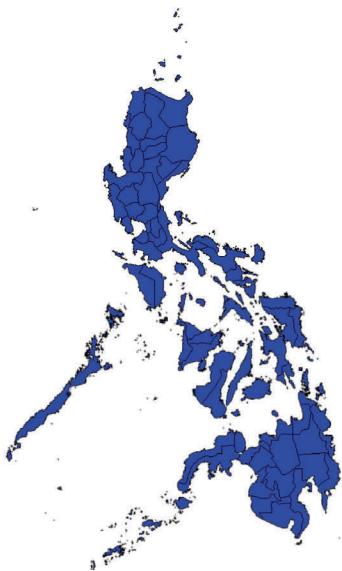


The main reason why I love being Filipino is having a strong sense of family. Always, being able to go to your cousin's house and your aunt asking "Are you hungry? Are you thirsty? You must be!" Also, hanging out with you cousin for house just playing videos games while your parents play mahjong in the garage until two in the morning. Another reason why I love being in a Filipino family is because when one person gets addicted to something everybody in the family gets addicted. For example, my Mom discovered Facebook, then she discovered Farmville, and now she discovered that all my Aunts and Uncles play Farmville. So what do they do all day? Talk about Farmville! And harvest potatoes. Haha. Anyways, Filipino's are known having very strong family values and that is one of the reasons why I love being Filipino.

The next best thing about being Filipino is of course the food! Every kind of dish that us Filipinos cook is so good. I love being Filipino because of what we eat for breakfast. A really good Filipino breakfast would include: fried rice (garlic rice), Eggs, and tocino or longanisa. If you're lucky you'll have some Tang with your breakfast! Food is a very good and easy way to teach people about your culture. Filipino food is very unique, for example cooking a dish with peanut butter as your sauce and having ox tale as the main part of the dish?! That is an insane combo, but it taste so good! If you know what I mean go ahead and smile and nod your head up and down. There yea go....So let me ask you... What do you love about being Filipino?

Facts of The Phillipines

By: Maria Eugenio



As we all may know October is Filipino history month. The Philippines is such a diverse and interesting country that I could say a lot about in this article. But, we all know it wouldn't even be close to give our country justice. So, in this article I am going to inform you all about some basic and common facts of the Philippines. The capital of the Philippines is Manila and the largest city is Quezon City. The motto of the Philippines is, "Maka-Diyos, Maka-Tao, Makaklikasan, at Makabansa" which translates to "For god, people, nature, and country". There are a wide variety of languages spoken in the Philippines, some of the more well known ones are Tagalog, Ilokano, Kapampangan, Hicol, Cebuano, and Pangasinan. The national anthem of the Philippines is called "Lupang Hinirang" meaning chosen land. The peso is the currency used in the Philippines. The Philippines is the 12th most populated country with an estimated ninety plus million in population.

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