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FILIPINIANA



Did you know? In the latter part of the 16th century, Spain colonized the Philippines. Opposition to Spanish rule grew, and in 1892 a secret society called Katipunan was formed to gain independence from Spain through revolution; the Philippine Revolution began in 1896.

In December 1897, the Pact of Biak-na-Bato was signed, a truce between the Spanish colonial government and the revolutionaries. Emilio Aguinaldo, a leader of the revolutionaries who later became the first president of the Philippines, was exiled as part of the agreement.

Soon afterwards, Spain and the U.S. conflicted in the Spanish-American War. When Commodore George Dewey defeated the Spanish in the Battle of Manila Bay in May 1898, the U.S. Navy returned Aguinaldo to the Philippines, where he declared Philippine Independence from Spanish colonial rule on June 12, 1898.

Our Philippine Independence Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 6 in the Anthem Center Grand Ballroom from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. It will include dinner catered by Café V and dancing to music by the Bohol Songbirds. Tickets are \$35 for members and \$40 for guests or non-members.

Contact our social chair Vivian Enverga at gems_n_rarities@hotmail.com for more information and for tickets.

Join our bus trip to New Mexico from August 10-14. We will spend five days and four nights traveling and visiting Carlsbad Caverns, Santa Fe Plaza, the Santuario de Chimayo, Taos Plaza, the Painted Desert and more. Check your email or visit our website for registration forms. A \$50 deposit must accompany your registration form. For more information, contact Manny Mallanao, travel and entertainment co-chair, at man1115up@yahoo.com.

Planning continues for the three-week trip to the Philippines from January 13 through February 3 next year.

The SCA Filipiniana Club aims to preserve, promote and share the Filipino culture and traditions among all residents of Sun City Anthem. Membership is open to all residents. You do not have to be of Filipino heritage to join in the fun. If you would like to join our club, the application form is available for download at our website, www.scafc.org. Fill it out, attach your payment of \$5 annual dues, and drop both in the Filipiniana Club mailbox at the entrance to the Anthem Fitness Center. For questions or more information, visit www.scafc.org and/or contact membership chair Cici Roshon at cici724@gmail.com.