## FILIPINIANA

# April 2015

The February general membership meeting featured guest speaker Louis Gosioco, who presented an overview of Gawad Kalinga (GK), a Philippine-based organization that strives to end poverty for five million families by 2024.

Gawad Kalinga simply means "giving care," and GK works to empower poor individuals and communities by teaching "the poorest of the poor" to become self-reliant, one family at a time. Using privately donated or government land, GK instills self-reliance so that residents can eventually care for their own communities.

The first GK Expo was launched in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City in October 2003. At that time, GK's ambitious campaign, GK777, was aimed at building 700,000 homes in 7,000 communities for seven years (by 2010). Today, GK is present in almost every province in the Philippines, spread over 2,000 communities and affecting some 60,000 families.

**Upcoming club events**

- Saturday hula dance lessons begin April 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Liberty Center. Member Malia Tetzlaff will be the instructor, and asks for a $20 donation for five sessions. The funds will go to young, needy hula dance students in the area. The classes, limited to 15 students per session, filled quickly and are all booked. However, if you are still interested, contact Cora Rufino at glisrufino@gmail.com to see if wait lists are being established.
- A three- to four-day California bus trip in July is being planned. San Francisco, Napa, Solvang and Hearst Castle will be on the agenda.
- A two-week trip to the Philippines in January 2016 is being researched by Lucy Lariosa, travel and entertainment co-chair.
- Our second annual Filipino Club bocce tournament is in the planning stages, to be organized and run by member Bob Capriotti. Bob will offer two orientation sessions, for members who have never played bocce, prior to the tournament.
- The annual Independence Day party is set for Saturday, June 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Anthem Center Grand Ballroom.
- The Filipino food festival and luau is scheduled for Friday, September 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the ballroom.
- The annual Christmas party will be Saturday, December 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the ballroom.

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. Annual dues are $5 per person. Visit www.scafc.org for more information.