

FILIPINIANA



Have you forgotten to renew your membership for 2016? If so, it is not too late to do so. Simply fill out the form found at our website, www.scafc.org and drop it in the Filipiniana Club mailbox across from the Fitness Desk in Anthem Center, along with cash or a check made out the SCA Filipiniana Club. Annual membership is only \$5 per year. Please renew by February 22 so we can get an accurate accounting. *Salamat* (thank you).

Our club aims to preserve, promote and share the Filipino culture and traditions among all residents of Sun City Anthem. One does not have to be of Filipino heritage to join, and membership is open to all residents.

It takes many hands to have a successful event. In 2015, we had many, thanks to those who pitched in to help plan, sell tickets and collect money, do set up, buy table decorations, etc., etc., etc. Last month we held an appreciation luncheon for those who contributed in so many ways last year to our club's activities and events.

As we plan this year's activities, we welcome any member in good standing to share ideas, recommendations and feedback so that this year will be just as successful and relevant as prior years. Would you like our club to sponsor a movie night, karaoke, a bowling tourney, a trip to The Smith Center or ??? Share your ideas with us. Contact any of our board members (email addresses are listed on our website) and tell us what you would like to do this year.

Or if you would like to help with preparations, set up, table decorations or anything else, please don't hesitate letting us know. The more help the easier it is to get the job done.

Do you know what the Panagbenga Festival is? Also known as the Blooming Flowers Festival, it is a month-long annual flower festival that occurs in Baguio each year during February. The festival was created as a tribute to the city's flowers as well as a way to rise up from the devastation of the 1990 Luzon 7.8-magnitude earthquake that impacted the Cordillera region of Central Luzon.

Causing damage within an area of approximately 20,000 square kilometers, it was felt in Manila, Cabanatuan City, Dagupan City and Baguio, among others. The Panagbenga Festival is just one of the approximately 79 festivals that are celebrated in the Philippines during February. Can you think of others?