

#NEWHORIZONS2022

ABOUT FACCGLA

ith more than a century of proven leadership, the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce Greater Los Angeles (FACCGLA) aims to empower Filipino American businesses to reach their full potential, cultivate an environment where our businesses can thrive and connect us as a major community player in the mainstream business world.

As a proactive business organization that is attuned to the peculiarities of our own ethnic culture, FACCGLA is a catalyst for entrepreneurship and business prosperity with a strong voice amongst its members. The Chamber will foster a vibrant and interconnected business community where collaboration increases capacity, education enhances ability and advocacy influences authority.

FACCGLA works towards the betterment and success of the Filipino business community. By providing increased opportunities and value for our members through various activities and services, we help businesses realize their potential for growth and prosperity. Steadily growing and continually offering assistance to its members, FACCGLA has been recognized as a leader in providing resources as well as promoting community development and awareness for businesses.

FACCGLA also serves as a voice for businesses. Not only through awareness of economic climate and legislative policies and news, but also through chamber member advocacy by conveying business' interests and concerns to community leaders and policy makers.

At FACCGLA, your business is our business. With our rich legacy of leadership, proficient members, and array of resources, we will be there for you in many aspects of your entrepreneurial journey. We want to help you succeed!

OUR MISSION

Promote, Cultivate, Connect, and Empower the Filipino American Community for Business Development in Greater Los Angeles.

OUR VISION

To be the leading catalyst for the Prosperity of Businesses that share the values of the Filipino American Community.

OUR CORE VALUES



"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." ~Henry Ford



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to New Horizons 2022!

y deepest gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all of you who supported and participated in this epic Event of the Year! We could not have done it without you - our family, friends, sponsors, community partners, colleagues, and most importantly the highest power of all, God Almighty.

It is with great honor and pride that we venture into this new era of our beloved Chamber. We have taken great strides in the past few years with unwavering passion, unmatched dedication, and incredible talents from all Officers and Board of Directors who have served in the past 21 years from our inception, and then transformation about 5 years ago. I could not be more blessed to serve alongside a multi-generational powerhouse cast that will elevate the work that we do even further.

As we begin to hit new milestones, I encourage everyone to continue to be highly engaged, become a member, support our Chamber programs, and continue to uplift and serve our community. Let's make it the Golden Era of FACC-GLA!

Empower Entrepreneurs. Elevate Professionals. Engage Community. Join FACC-GLA!

Yours Truly,

Lois P Klavir

President Filipino American Chamber of Commerce Greater Los Angeles



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THIS IS NEW HORIZONS 2022.

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Usually ho·ri·zons - the scope of a person's interest, education, understanding, mental perception, and experience:

Their horizons kept expanding.

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ABOUT THE EVENT

ew Horizons 2022 is a Black & Gold Inaugural Gala, Installation of the 2022-2023 Officers & Board Members of FACCGLA & Fundraising Dinner Cruise!

A night that has so much to offer! Join us as we connect and network with high-powered attendees and sponsors. Good food, great company, and a long line of opportunities to be part of FACCGLA's cause, mission, and vision. This is a 3-in-1 Signature Event:

- 1. FUNDRAISING for our Chamber Entrepreneurship Empowerment Programs and Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission
- 2. INSTALLATION of the new Board and Officers
- 3. RECOGNITION of outstanding community and business leaders



ABOUT FANTASEA YACHT



antaSea One is an ultra-modern yacht that can comfortably accommodate our guests in ultimate style.

She is the best yacht for charter in Marina Del Rey and functions much like a mini cruise ship.

Features include four decks, a welcoming lounge area, a formal dining room, a dance floor deck, and a full-length open sky deck.

FantaSea One has also been featured in many prominent movie productions as well as commercial and publicity launches!

Welcome to THE Event of the Year!



OUR "WHY"

hy are we putting together such a monumental event like the "New Horizons 2022" Gala? First and foremost, we aim to raise funds needed to promote, implement, and sustain FACCGLA's Entrepreneur Empowerment Program, it's non-profit beneficiary, and our organization's operational needs. We want to continue promoting and creating awareness of FACCGLA's mission, vision, and direction emerging from our "Thrive 2020" Anniversary Event. Moreover, our incoming FACCGLA Officers & Board Members are being installed! This grand event will also be our opportunity to engage new and highly sought after members and networking opportunities for our existing members. Also, let us not forget about recognizing our outstanding community and business leaders within FACCGLA's vast network. Last but certainly not the least, we want to celebrate and have fun!



OUR BENEFICIARY

ENTREPRENEUR EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (EEP)

OVERVIEW OF EEP:

e are purpose driven and we focus on value creation for all of our current and future members, partners, sponsors, stakeholders and our local community. We aim to provide events, trainings, and workshops that create a more diverse, equitable, holistic and inclusive environment for our community and the region we represent. We believe that we can be the hub for Filipino American small businesses with entrepreneur-focused opportunities and development.

EEP KEY COMPONENTS:

Building Character, Business Skills, Leadership and Self-Care

EEP ELEMENTS

ENTREPRENEUR TRAINING AND COACHING	We will collaborate with our partners who conduct these types of trainings for the community.
NETWORKING EVENTS	We host in-person or virtual networking events once a month. The in-person events can be in the form of three (3) different types: Panel speakers, pure mixers, and membership events. The virtual events will explore "What Works?" to help business owners in their business and their personal growth as well.
CHAMBER CHAT	Spotlight on an FACCGLA member and they can talk about their business, their profession, and/or leadership. Short snippet that is both educational and inspirational. This will be in video/audio format.
Young Entrepreneurs Mentorship	Mentorship is a powerful way to support and contribute to a young person's growth. Young entrepreneurs (15-21 years old) can utilize mentors as a guide in their passion for business. An FACCGLA member can be a mentor if they are willing to: meet regularly with a student and assist them by listening, encouraging, and suggesting resources. We can identify and match mentor and mentee based on shared interests.
EIR (EXECUTIVES OR ENTREPRENEURS IN RESIDENCE)	As senior leaders, our Executives-in-Residence have held executive leadership positions in which they have demonstrated managerial acumen; Entrepreneurs-in-Residence have started and grown successful businesses. Typically appointed for a year (renewable), our Executives-in-Residence and Entrepreneurs-in-Residence share their expertise with us by mentoring students, and members, guest speaking in events and to other audiences.
HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLASSES	Activities that help entrepreneurs and business professionals with their overall health and well-being. This will be conducted six (6) times a year, which will include activities like: yoga, jogging, dancing, meditation, and more.
Women's Weekend Event	This event happens once a year for women entrepreneurs and business professionals. It will allow them to connect, network, promote, inspire and grow with each other.



OUR BENEFICIARY HOPE OF THE VALLEY

MISSION

ur mission is to prevent, reduce and eliminate poverty, hunger and homelessness. We do this by offering immediate assistance and longterm solutions. We are a faith-based independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that does not discriminate based on gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religious affiliaion or lack thereof. Our services are grounded in a deep respect for the dignity inherent in each human being.

VISION

- **⊃** Our vision is that no one goes without...
- ➤ Hope: A message of love, support and freedom for a better tomorrow.
- ➡ Hot Meals: Food distribution to the hungry.
- Housing: Emergency/transitional shelter to the situational and chronically homeless.
- ➡ Health Services: Resources for basic human needs.
- ➡ Healing: Proven programs that lead to wholeness and self-sufficiency.

PHILOSOPHY

We believe that everybody and everything deserves a second chance. As a faith-based compassion ministry, we focus on the spiritual, emotional, physical, relational, occupational and financial needs of our clients. Our two-pronged approach starts with crisis intervention then bridges clients, when they are ready, into long-term services that address chronic obstacles.

CORE VALUES



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ➔ Yacht Dinner Cruise
- Awarding Ceremony
- ⇒ Installation of Board of Directors
- ⇒ Launch of Entrepreneurial Empowerment Program
- Presentation of The Beneficiary of Funds Raised: Hope of
 - The Valley
- S Reception & Power Networking

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- ➡ Exhibits / Sponsor Booths
 - ⇒ Casino Games / Prizes
 - Fundraising Activities
 - ⇒ Silent Auction
 - DJ / Dance Party / Fashion Photoshoot



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PROGRAM

Attorney General Rob Bonta VIP reception Speech Departure Start of Program Saxophone Performance by Amin Baghallian Welcome, VIP & Acknowledgments United States and Philippine Anthems performed by Josephine Arciaga Invocation Dinner Special Performance by JD Perio & Josephine Arciaga Silent Auction Introduction to Entrepreneur Empowerment Program Our Beneficiary: Hope of the Valley Preview of New Board of Directors Silver Sponsor Speech: MyOwnEVA Silver Sponsor Speech: BayaniPay Silver Sponsor Speech: Certified Home Health Silver Sponsor Speech: Henry Chen Introduction to VIP Speaker by COFACC President Gerry Palon VIP Speech by Philippine Consul General Edgar Badajos Installation of 2022-23 Board & Officers Introduction to Immediate Past President Transfer of the Gavel by Immediate Past President Annie Nepomuceno President's Speech by Lois P. Klavir Silent Auction Update Recognition of 2020-21 Board & Officers Speech by Special Guest, Diana Williams Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Special Message from the Founders, Joe Arciaga & Rick Rolda Silent Auction Update Awarding of Beneficiary: Hope of the Valley Awarding of Beneficiary: Save Lives Campaign Raffle Closing & Sponsor Acknowledgments by Vice President for Events, Mikko Palon Belly Dancing by Didi Caneda

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SILENT AUCTION

elcome to our silent auction! Please bid on the items below or consider making a donation!

*If you pre-registered and pre-bid on at least one item before March 20th, you get a chance to win a Mayan Palace 5-Night Getaway!

Give your family a chance for a trip filled with activities, adventures, and entertainment with a 5-night stay for 2 adults and 2 children (12 & under) at one of Mexico's most beloved vacation spots, Mayan Palace.

This package allows you to choose from any of the following destinations: Acapulco, Cancun-Riviera Maya, Nuevo Vallarta and Puerto Peñasco.

Support the Chamber by bidding NOW!



THANK YOU TO OUR SILENT AUCTION DONORS!



EVENT ATTRACTIONS 1ST DECK: LOUNGE



Registration



Exhibitors



Silent Auction



Photos Backdrop

EVENT ATTRACTIONS 2ND DECK: DINING



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Program



Awards

EVENT ATTRACTIONS 3RD DECK: DANCE



Dancefloor



Casino

EVENT ATTRACTIONS 4TH DECK: SKY-DECK







Get Some Fresh Air! Meet & Greet VIPs & Networking Step & Repeat Photo Ops

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LEADERSHIP AT ITS FINEST.

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The art of motivating a group of people to act toward achieving a common goal; in a business setting, this can mean directing workers and colleagues with a strategy to meet the organization's needs:

Their firm and confident leadership inspired the team's operations.

VIP GUESTS



HONORABLE ATTORNEY ROB BONTA

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

As California's Attorney General and California's chief law officer, Rob Bonta is the "attorney for the

people" and holds those who break the law – especially those in positions of power – accountable and wins justice for California families. He knows that enforcing the law and public service is about helping people, making people's lives better, and improving the human condition.

In 2012, Bonta became the first Filipino American in California history to win election to the Legislature, representing Assembly District 18 in the cities of Oakland, Alameda, and San Leandro. He quickly became a statewide leader in the fights for racial, economic, and environmental justice. In the Legislature, Rob:

• OUTLAWED FOR-PROFIT PRISONS IN CALIFORNIA:

Bonta authored legislation that made California the first in the nation to ban for-profit prisons and immigration detention centers.

• LED MAJOR SENTENCING OVERHAUL EFFORT:

Following statewide cannabis legalization, Bonta authored the California law to automatically expunge and modify criminal records for people convicted of minor cannabis charges. • WROTE CALIFORNIA'S GREEN NEW DEAL:

Bonta authored the California Green New Deal bill and has been a leader in the fight against climate change and to ensure every community equitably benefits from our green economy.

PASSED NATION'S STRONGEST STATEWIDE RENTER PROTECTIONS:

Bonta led the fight to pass statewide protections for renters, ultimately resulting in the nation's strongest protections against phony evictions.

• FOUGHT TO STRENGTHEN HATE CRIME LAWS AND PROTECT COMMUNITIES:

Bonta has introduced a number of bills to improve hate crime statutes, support victims of hate violence, and build bridges between law enforcement and targeted communities.

• PROTECTED IMMIGRANT FAMILIES FROM DECEPTIVE ICE TACTICS:

Bonta authored first-of-its-kind legislation requiring immigrants to be informed of their rights before speaking to ICE agents.

• FOUGHT PREDATORY BAIL LAWS:

Bonta co-wrote the law that sought to end the racist and predatory forprofit bail system.

REQUIRED INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS OF UNARMED DEATHS:

Bonta co-authored the law that required an independent investigation when there is a death of an unarmed civilian by law enforcement.



HONORABLE EDGAR B. BADAJOS PHILIPPINE CONSUL GENERAL, LOS ANGELES

onsul General Edgar Barrairo Badajos assumed his post as Consul General of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles on 06 April 2021.

Consul General Badajos first joined the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in 1997. In the DFA, he has held various positions of responsibility including, most recently, as Director of the Political and Security Division of the Office of ASEAN Affairs. In that role, he played a significant role in negotiations related to the Code of Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea during the Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2017.

Immediately prior to his posting to Los Angeles, Consul General Badajos served as Consul General at the Philippine Consulate General in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. His other previous foreign assignments include the Philippine Consulate General in Toronto from 2000 to 2003, the Philippine Consulate General in New York from 2003 to 2007, and the Philippine Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand from 2009 to 2015.

Consul General Badajos is a graduate of the U.P. College of Law. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of the Philippines in Baguio.



JESSICA CALOZA

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF LOS ANGELES

She is the first Filipina American to serve on the Board and is the lead Commissioner for the Bureau of Engineering.

Prior to joining the Los Angeles Mayor's Office, Jessica served in the Obama Administration in the U.S. Department of Education — where she worked on higher education policy, Congressional and legislative affairs, student data and privacy, immigration policy, and gender equity issues. She has also been a campaign aide to several members of Congress, including former Rep. Xavier Becerra of California; former

Rep. Mike Honda of California; and Rep. Albio Sires of New

Jersey. In 2012, she was a community organizer for President Obama's reelection campaign and helped lead various field offices in Virginia.

Jessica is also passionate about giving back to the community and volunteers with various Asian American and Filipino American organizations. In 2014, she was selected as one of ten delegates for the Filipino Youth Leadership Program (FYLPro), an international leadership program led by the Ambassador of the Philippines. Most recently, she served on the boards of KAYA: Filipino Americans for Progress, FYLPro Executive Committee, and the Leadership Council of the Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE).

A graduate of the University of California, San Diego, Jessica is a proud first-generation immigrant.



DR. CRIS B. LIBAN, P.E. Chief Sustainability Officer

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

r. Cris B. Liban, P.E., serves as Chief Sustainability Officer at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro). Dr. Liban has worked at LA Metro since 2003 and has grown his agency's environmental and sustainability practice into one of the most progressive and forward-looking in the country, implementing over 150 sustainability initiatives to date. He is working to ensure that \$140B in capital projects that are programmed for the next 40 years are sustainable, climate- adapted, and resilient for the more than 10 million people of Los Angeles County. Many of these are to be completed in time for the 2028 Olympics.

Dr. Liban holds concurrent appointments in the State of California Green Bonds Development Committee, Los Angeles County Beach Commission, and the City of Los Angeles Board of Transportation Commissioners. He is currently the Chapter Lead in writing the Transportation Chapter of the forthcoming Fifth National Climate Assessment (https://www.globalchange.gov/nca5).

He held previous political appointments as a member of the USEPA's National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology and the California Climate Safe Infrastructure Working Group.

Cris was the recent Chair of the American Society of Civil Engineers' Committee on Sustainability where he led the effort to develop a global sustainable infrastructure standard; and guidance documents that incorporate climate science into both the practice of civil engineering and procurement and execution of sustainable infrastructures. He is currently the Co-Chair of the American Public Transportation Association's Sustainability Commitment Committee. He conceptualized and co-led the formation of the International Coalition for Sustainable infrastructure in 2019, which now has become a global coalition of almost 200,000 engineers and more than 10,000 cities around the world.

Cris previously received in 2016 the Philippines' highest civilian honor for Filipinos living overseas, the Pamana ng Pilipino Award, from Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte. In addition, because of his singular focus on building a sustainable transportation system that is also economically and socially beneficial to all levels of society, Cris was awarded the Engineering-News Record's (ENR) 2020 Award of Excellence. Cris was elected to the National Academy of Construction in 2021.

Dr. Liban has degrees in geology, civil engineering, and environmental science and engineering.



RACHELLE ARIZMENDI COUNCIL MEMBER CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

achelle Arizmendi was first elected to the City Council in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. In April 2017, she was selected to serve as Mayor by the Council. In February 2020, she was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem. In December 2020, Arizmendi was appointed as the Mayor.

She is extensively involved in numerous local, state and national organizations and initiatives. Locally, she serves as Board Chair for the Foothill Employment Training Consortium's Policy Board, Second Vice-President of the League of California Cities Women's Caucus, Board President of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council and Board Member of Child 360. Rachelle was also appointed by former California Governor Brown to serve on the California State Board of Food and Agriculture. Nationally, she serves as the Secretary of the Board of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development and a Board Member At Large for the National Community Development Financial Institution Coalition.

Ms. Arizmendi is Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE), one of the largest Asian Pacific Islander (API) community development corporations in the nation.

Born in Carmel, California, Arizmendi is a graduate of San Diego State University where she earned 2 Bachelor's degrees prior to pursuing her Master's degree at Eastern Illinois University. She's a dietitian by education and has taught Nutrition courses at Pasadena City College. Rachelle, her husband Fili, and dog Madison, have resided in Sierra Madre since 2006.



FAITH BAUTISTA CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT, NAAC AND NDC

aith Bautista founded the Mabuhay Alliance in 2004 to launch and manage a micro lending program that would provide loans mostly to ethnic Filipinos and Southeast Asian small business owners. This micro loan program was later re-instituted by the NAAC in 2015 to cater to a wider population of ethnic minorities and low-income families in the states of California and Nevada.

Her appointment by the Trump administration as a member of the CDFI Advisory Board in 2017, gave her an opportunity to share her experience and expertise in community lending; allowing Ms. Bautista to further expand the NAAC network to include a wider base of minority and lowincome populations for the propagation of micro lending services.

As the concurrent President and CEO of both NAAC and NDC, Faith Bautista brings the NAAC/NDC advocacies to the halls of Congress, as well as the California legislature, by fearlessly facing key federal legislators from the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC.)



ERIC ELNAR TRADE COMMISSIONER PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL LOS ANGELES

ric Elnar is the Trade Commissioner at the Philippine Consulate General, based in Los Angeles California. He grew up in San Fernando, La Union, Philippines.

Constantly sharing the values he learned as a child, he is a true government servant, who is returning the benefits he obtained when he was given a scholarship in Quezon City Science High and later in University of the Philippines.

A man full of passion to entice foreigners to look at the Philippines as a destination to invest, he continues to share how Filipino entrepreneurs can explore bringing business to the U.S.

Proud to be Pinoy, Eric Elnar!



COUNCIL MEMBER JIM DEAR MAYOR PRO TEM, CITY OF CARSON

Tim Dear was first elected to the Carson City Council in March 2001 bringing in a new approach to city government. He went on to win a special election in March 2004 to become Mayor of the City of Carson. He was re-elected Mayor to serve a full four-year term in the March 2005 General Election. Dear was re-elected in March 2009 and again in 2013 to another four-year term of office as Mayor. Dear was re-elected to the City Council in November 2018 and is currently serving as the Mayor Pro Tem.

In the community, Jim Dear is a member, and has served as an officer of the local Lion's Club International, the Carson Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Friends of the Library. He serves as executive board member of the NAACP, delegate for UTLA, member of the Carson Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman's round table member of the YMCA. He has received from the NAACP both the NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award and the Annual Freedom Fund Award. He also hosted the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast while serving in that capacity in Carson and attends St. Philomena Church. Jim Dear is a strong supporter of many charitable and non-profit organizations that service the City of Carson.



ANGIE ARAMAYO COMMUNITY BUSINESS MANAGER OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, LOS ANGELES

ngie Aramayo works for the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti as Community Business Manager She is an experienced area representative with a demonstrated history of working in the government relations industry.

With extensive experience in Government Administration, she is highly skilled in Grassroots Organizing, Fundraising, and Community Outreach.

Angie graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) focused in Political Science and International Relations from San Francisco State University.



ARLEEN ROJAS COUNCILWOMAN, CITY OF CARSON

rleen Bocatija Rojas, born in 1966 in Agana, Guam USA, is an active 31 year veteran Police Officer for the City of Los Angeles and holds the title as the First Female Filipino-American Police Officer in the history of the department. On November 2, 2021, Arleen won the seat as the newly elected councilmember for the City of Carson District 4. She is the second Female Filipino-American Councilmember since 1993. Arleen's training, experience, dedication, civic engagement and passion, gained the trust of over 22,000 residents in her district, and becoming the "Voice of the People." Arleen will bridge the gap between law enforcement and the diverse communities in which she serves through social, civil, educational and vocational functions. Arleen's motto for her campaign was "We Are, Stronger Together" and she will continue to promote unity within her community.



GERRY PALON PRESIDENT

COALITION OF FILIPINO AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

n 2008, Gerry Palon moved from Manila, Philippines to Encino, California. He had 28 years of corporate/executive experience in the food service industry before switching careers to Accounting and Finance in 2008. Gerry became the Finance Manager/Controller of the Shangri-La Hotel in Santa Monica before entering the financial services industry. Currently, he operates his business practice with Prudential Advisors as a securities licensed Financial Professional. Gerry's milestone achievements include:

- ➡ Founding President of the Coalition of Filipino American Chambers of Commerce (COFACC), an umbrella organization of 24 partner Chamber organizations nationwide.
- ➡ Formerly President of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Los Angeles (FACC GLA) – 2015 & 2017.
- Holds two (2) Masteral degrees with Distinction awards MBA from the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) and Master in Accounting & Finance Management (MAFM) from the Keller Graduate School of Management, DeVry University.
- With Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics "Cum Laude" from the University of Santo Tomas.
- Currently, works full time as a fully licensed (Securities) Registered Representative of Western & Southern Life Insurance Co., a Fortune 500 Financial Services firm dealing with life insurance, retirement solutions and financial investments.
- Prior to moving to the US in 2008, Gerry came from a successful General Management career leading various major fastfood chains in the Philippines for 26 years.
- ⇒ A recipient of the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) in 2021.
 MDRT is recognized internationally as the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business.
- Belonging to the Top 10 Financial Representatives of Western & Southern Life Ins. Co. in 2021 and a member of the company's prestigious President's Council and Premiere Group.
- His great passion, work ethics, and lifestyle are centered around bringing back to the community whatever he has achieved in life capitalizing from his wealth of experience in the corporate business world.



FREDERICK DOCDOCIL COMMISSIONER FOR CITY PLANNING, CITY OF CARSON

Rederick Docdocil is an active member of multiple Filipino American organizations, including the Filipino Community of Carson (FCC), the UCI FilAm Alumni Chapter, and the National Federation of FilAm Associations (NaFFAA), in addition to having been a Public Relations Commissioner for the City of Carson, CA. A passionate community leader, Fred is the President of the Philippine Independence Day Foundation, Inc. (PIDF); a Founding Board Member and President Emeritus of the FilAm Chamber of Commerce of SouthBay LA Area (FACC-SLAA); the Vice President of Kagay-anons of SoCal (KSC); the Treasurer of the Filipino Young Leaders Program (FYLPRO); a Household Head & Speaker for Couples for Christ (CfC), and an Executive Board Member for the Coalition of FilAm Chambers of Commerce, Inc, (COFACC).

Professionally, Fred is the Mabuhay Branch and Business Development Coordinator for Mabuhay Credit Union, which is among the very first fullservice Financial Institutions to specifically serve the FilAm and greater Community in Southern California and beyond with their financial services needs.

In addition to having been a proud recipient of the Top Outstanding Pilipino (TOP) award for Community Leadership, Fred has also been among the awardees for Outstanding Filipino Americans in the USA.

ROGER & CORA ORIEL PUBLISHER AND CEO | PRESIDENT ASIAN JOURNAL PUBLICATION

oger Oriel is a businessman, investor and leader. His breadth of knowledge and experience is tied to scaling and leading companies in numerous industries. Since 1991, he has served as the Publisher and CEO of Asian Journal Publications Inc., one of the largest Asian multimedia companies in the United States with a focus on the Filipino-American community. He is the Chairman of the Board of Premier Asia Pacific Real Estate and Development, the developer of Lombard by the Bay in Montemaria, Batangas City, Philippines. Roger is the Chairman of the Board of Napa Valley Distribution, Inc., a distribution company for Montemaria Cellars and House of Pacquiao, a private label wine brand. Most recently, Roger became a Board of Director for BayaniPay, a Los Angeles-based fintech innovator providing cross border financial services to millions of Filipinos to bridge the gap for Filipinos in the US and the Philippines. He's also the Chairman of the Board of Trending Entertainment, Inc., a Hybrid immersive and digitally interactive Streaming and Entertainment Company that offers platforms for all things trending to appeal to a wider variety



of audiences. Roger sits on the Advisory Board of Starfleet Innotech, Inc. [OTC:SFIO], an asset management company focused on innovation through disruptive collaborations across Food and Beverage, Real Estate, and Technology.

ora Oriel is the Publisher and President of Asian Journal. This national publication mirrors the phenomenal growth of the Filipino American (FilAm) community in the United States. From a small staff and humble beginnings, it has grown into one of the biggest FilAm publishing firms in America. Presently, top caliber writers, artists and creative people come together to give FilAms well-balanced, relevant and informative editions weekly. The Asian Journal commits to excellence, maximizing every opportunity to improve its products and services and making them responsive to the ever-changing demands of the FilAm community. See more at: www.AsianJournal.com





FACCGLA 2022-23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS







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ENTREPRENEURSHIP DRIVES INNOVATION.

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The activity of setting up a business or businesses, taking on financial risks in the hope of profit.

New business opportunities have encouraged entrepreneurship on a grand scale.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINEES



BELINA CALDERON NERNBERG

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Nominated for persevering to grow to 12 franchises, even during the pandemic, while running her other company, LA Jobs. Her determination to succeed and jumping on opportunities is admirable and inspiring

Belina Calderon-Nernberg is an accomplished self-starter with over 25 years of business experience in HR Recruitment and Senior Homecare Services combined. As the founder and CEO of a number of successful companies, one of which is 1Heart Caregiver Services, she provides the vision, leadership, and direction that her companies need to achieve their

goals.

Belina's principle-centered leadership and ability to utilize corporate talents paved the way for the company to successfully achieve revenue, profit, and business growth objectives over the years.

This accomplishment has equipped 1Heart Caregiver Services with the expertise and proven systems to expand its business operations on a national level. Commencing in 2015, within a short period of time, 1Heart has rapidly expanded from a single ofice in Los Angeles to multiple locations in California and neighboring states.

Belina says "It's an amazing feeling to see my success being replicated by our franchisees despite the challenges of brought by Covid-19. Thank you FACC-GLA. To be nominated for an award that recognizes all the efforts I put in doing something that I am passionate about is truly an honor."



ROY ESCOSAR

WWW.ESCOCHECKS.COM

Tominated for expanding his business to the Escosar Group of Companies, soon establishing the first Filipino-owned school for bookeeping and online accounting

Roy Escosar is the founder, CEO and President of Escochecks, Inc., the mother company of Escochecks Academy which offers payroll, accounting, bookkeeping, HR and tax services to small and medium enterprises (SME) in the US. He is also a DiSC® Dimensions of Behavior Accredited Trainer with OTI Consulting in Singapore and

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Mr. Escosar has years of experience in training and helping people expand their career opportunities in accounting. Due to changes in the professional development field brought about by the pandemic, he launched Escochecks Academy to offer a platform that will bridge CPD trainers with accountants. Escochecks Academy currently offers its courses with a blend of asynchronous and synchronous learning for CPAs in the Philippines but in the long-run, Escochecks Academy aims to offer a platform for self-paced learning for not only CPAs in the Philippines but also in the US.

Mr. Escosar holds a Master's degree in Accounting and Financial Management from the Keller Graduate School of Management in California, USA and graduated with distinction. He earned his Bachelor in Science degree in Business Administration (Major in Accounting) from the University of the Philippines Visayas, Iloilo City.



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the Cultural Center of the Philippines. In the USA, her work ranges from musical theater such as playing Lady Thiang in "The King and I" to featured vocalist of the Filipino-American Symphony Orchestra. Annie is a Katha and Awit Award winner (the Philippine Grammy) for her vocal arrangements.

Though born in Iowa, Annie built her musical career in the Philippines before her foray into the Filipino-American community of Los Angeles. She started teaching piano and singing to her Quezon City neighborhood at the age of 16 while she was a member of the U.P. Cherubim and Seraphim. She transitioned to the U.P. Madrigal Singers as a soprano soloist and official arranger. During this time, Annie was a popular session singer for commercials and live concerts, touring as a back-up vocalist.

By her early twenties, she became an in-demand vocal coach, managing recording sessions for multi-artist TV Specials and a faculty member at the Music School of Ryan Cayabyab. In her experience of 4 decades in the music profession, she has taught young children to professional superstars. To this day, she is sought by Filipino Artists as a session vocalist when they tour the US, due to the reputation she has established as a reliable and able harmony singer.

In between teaching music privately and performing, Annie is passionate about presenting high-caliber Filipino-American Artists and Filipino music. She has interfaced extensively with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, The Ford Foundation, the Valley Performing Arts Center, and the Japan America Community Cultural Center. She has brought National Artist Ryan Cayabyab, one of her mentors, on three US Tours in 2016, 2017 and 2019.

Aside from her albums with her vocal trio Three of a Kind, she has released "Thankful This Christmas" and "Love Of My Lifetime" on iTunes, Spotify, Amazon and other music platforms. During the Covid lockdown She collaborated with AJ Rafael and other young artists on her composition "Sa Puso At Diwa" which will be released soon. She also wrote the lyrics for Island Pacific's "Busog Ang Puso Ko" with music by Ryan Cayabyab.

Among her other duties are as Emcee for Philippine Consulate events, such as Philippine President Benigno S. Aquino's Los Angeles visit in 2016; as Asian Journal Correspondent on the TV Show on LA18 "Kababayan Today" with Giselle Tongi-Walters; as long-time board member of Philippine Patrons of the Arts USA, and CEO of Music Arts Events, Inc.

Annie Earned With Distinction, a Certificate in Music Business from the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) Extension Program. Annie also holds a degree in Musicology and Composition from the University of the Philippines College of Music.

Annie also serves as the Vice Chairperson of the United Chambers of Commerce of San Fernando Valley (UCC), President Emeritus of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Los Angeles, and a former Board Director of the University of the Philippines Alumni of Greater Los Angeles. She has been given a UCC Small Business Awards and recognized as the Valley's 200 Most Influential by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal.



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osephine is twenty-five years old and was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley in Southern 2 California. She is a graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York. Her most recent work is being a parade performer in Mickey's Soundsational Parade at the Disneyland Resort. She is a singer, dancer, and actress and is always excited to learn more and share a story!



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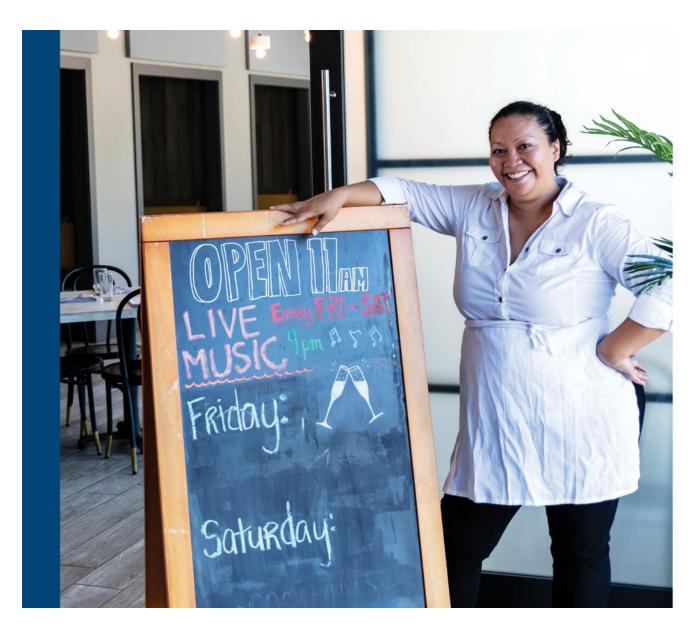




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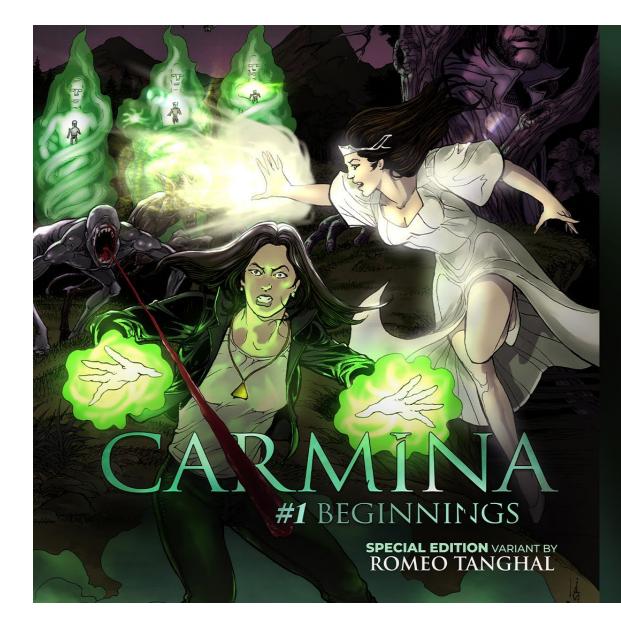


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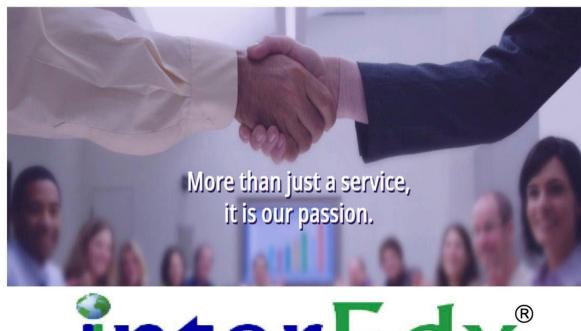


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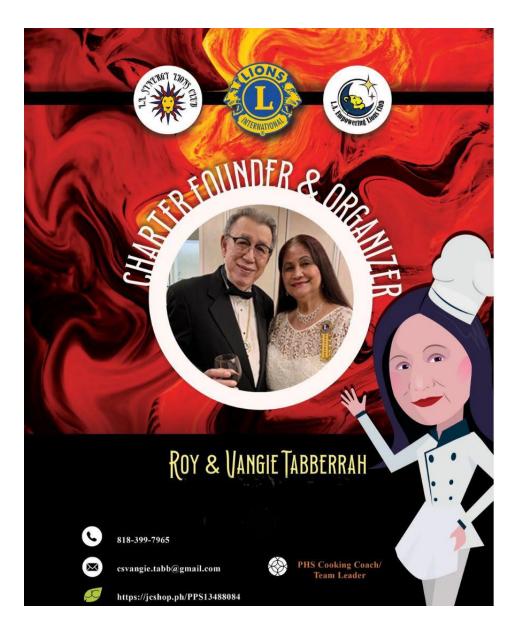


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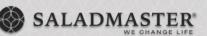
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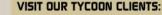
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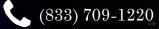


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