

LAFACE

Filipino Association's New Board

Filipino employees association hosts induction ball.

Story and photos courtesy LAFACE

On Sept. 11, the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) installed its new leadership team, and then had a party in celebration.

The dinner dance was held at the Kyoto Hotel and Gardens.

June Lagmay, City Clerk, administered the oath of office. The new term of the new officers is from July 1, 2009, thru June 30, 2011. The board members are:

- Cora Aragon Soriano, President
- Ruby de Vera, Immediate Past President
- Linda Granados, First Vice President
- Amelia Marucut, Second Vice President
- Fred Rivera, Third Vice President
- Nell Dizon, Recording Secretary
- Harriett Voloso, Corresponding Secretary
- Mildred Jacla, Treasurer
- Susie Feliciano, Assistant Treasurer
- Yolanda Huang, Auditor
- Noemi Cuevas, Assistant Auditor
- Alex Banares, Public Relations Officer
- Jose de Jesus, Webmaster
- Susana Reyes, Affirmative Action Liaison
- Eduardo Angeles, Legal and Legislative Affairs, and
- Caroline Lorenzo, Dely Villanueva and Edna Brown, Advisers.



June Lagmay, City Clerk, administers the oath of office to LAFACE board members (from left) Cora Aragon Soriano, Ed Angeles, Linda Granados, Amelia Marucut, Fred Rivera, Harriett Voloso, Mildred Jacla, Susie Feliciano, Yolly Huang, Nell Dizon, Susana Reyes and Alex Banares.

Ruby de Vera, Outgoing President, gave the welcome address and introduced Fred Rivera, who read the invocation and introduced Philippine Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon. Consul General Aragon delivered a very powerful message about the importance of Filipino unity and congratulated LAFACE members for its service in the City of Los Angeles.

Filipino singer Gelo Francisco impressed the audience with his performance during dinner. Yolly Huang, Controller's Office Chief Accountant and LAFACE auditor, surprised the audience when she joined Gelo for a duet.

In her acceptance speech, Cora Aragon Soriano, President, thanked the board members, special guests, representatives of other ethnic groups, LAFACE members, prospective mem-

bers, and guests for their support, which led to the huge success of the event. Cora appealed to everyone to be involved, even in a very small way, to make a difference in our community.

As the only Filipino-American organization in the City of Los Angeles government, LAFACE, founded in 1982, empowers one of the largest ethnic groups of City employees to strive for greater success in their work. The board members will work hand in hand in achieving the LAFACE goals.

Proceeds from the dinner dance will support LAFACE's scholarships and various activities and outreach programs.

Information about LAFACE: www.tambuli.org
The Club thanks Cora Aragon Soriano for her assistance in producing this article.



Mother/daughter line dancing features Cora Soriano; her daughter, Ramona; and guests.



Gelo Francisco and Yolly Huang sing a duet.



Philippine Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon.



Fred Rivera, Third Vice President, delivers the invocation.



June Lagmay, Chief Clerk, gives the introductions.



Cora Soriano, LAFACE President, delivers the acceptance speech.



Ruby de Vera, outgoing president, delivers the welcome address.



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On Friday, July 13, 2007, I was diagnosed with cancer. I'm single with no children, and alone. I was in a state of shock, to say the least, and concerned about my future.

I live in San Pedro and take three buses to downtown Los Angeles. A very wonderful friend met me at my job (City Attorney's Office) and went with me to your office the following Wednesday.

All the way to Los Angeles, I kept thinking – no worries, you are insured. Every pay stub shows my deduction to LACEA. I insured myself adequately, thanks to my immediate supervisor, Eva Farlow Malbough, who asked LACEA to come speak to me and two other new employees at the office.

I purchased cancer, long-term, short-term and accidental care insurance. [Later] I increased my coverage to the maximum benefit.

The Standard Insurance offered by the City ceased paying me (they pay up to two years, 50 percent of my salary). I wasn't worried – why? Because LACEA long-term insurance policy continued to pay me!

My recovery, complications and surgeries (seven surgeries within a 22-month span) haven't been a picnic. I'm getting healthier in physical therapy and gaining strength in a worry-free financial situation due to the fact that I had direct payment via a payroll deduction for a very wise independent decision back in November 2001.

You and the staff had always told me, 'Don't worry, Miss Jake – you've got lots of insurance if you get ill.'

I wish special thanks to the late Mr. [Howard] Pompel and to you for handling my questions and my tears. You, my dear, are an angel, and I'm giving you a hug!

Regards,
Miss Jake

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