

Newsletter Fil-Am Sun

Summer 2023



Special Sports Fest Edition



The heat was on as the Fil-Am Sports Festival continued a 41 years tradition of friendly competition among regional teams. Turnout was exceptional for the basketball, bowling, golf, and scrabble events. The action took place on July 1st and 2nd culminating with an awards dinner at the Fil-Am Cultural Center. The E.S. Cobb Center was the basketball venue for the 16 teams participating. 10 teams from Pensacola, 3 from

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the Ft. Walton Beach area, and 3 more teams that traveled from Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. Ramon Rogado coordinated the tournament which ran smoothly and was highlighted by quality of play and good sportsmanship.



Champions: Bagoong Ballers



2nd Place: Hurlburt-Eglin-Maxwell

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6 Scrabble players, 32 Golfers, and 25 Bowlers completed the Sports Fest roster. Betchu Serwit is with scrabble champion Tess Villafuerte. Eli Cabreros was the golf tournament 1st place winner and there were several awards. Manny Yapana was the bowling champion. Other bowling award winners are also depicted above with Elvie Battles, Sports Fest chair Divine Herrera and Danny Contreras, the bowling coordinator.

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Sports Fest 2023 is over but there is a lot more to see!
Visit our Facebook: facebook.com/filampcola to see many more photos and videos, Like and share them to help build our social media presence! Special thanks to everyone who helped make this event so much fun!

Filipino – American Association of Pensacola, Inc. will have a general membership meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM. Agenda: Nominations for the 2024 – 2025 Executive Officers and Board of Directors.

2023 FIL-AM SPORTS FESTIVAL
Divine R. Herrera, Chairperson
CONGRATULATIONS to ALL the WINNERS!!!! You are all fantastic!!

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, I would like to personally extend my gratitude to the **Sports Coordinators** of different games, **Betchu Serwit** (Scrabble), **Danny Contreras** (Bowling), **Sal Linezo** (Golf) and **Ramon Rogado** (Basketball); **Sponsors**, Capt. Dr. Rio Rita Maano, TDL Screen Printing & Embroidery, Elite Lawnscares, Kabayan Enterprises, Inc., The Maids and Julieanne's Catering; **Registration Coordinator**, Marie Linebaugh; **the Kitchen Crew** led by Elvie Delacruz, Nenita & Arlin Rodriguez, Danny & Rose Contreras, Emma Yapana, Marita Higdon, Sally Salomone, Elvie Battles, Willie & Helen Galace and Lyn Sweetman; **Emergency Aides Crew**, Susan Hargreaves, Delia Stierwalt and Vangie Carrier, our **Emcee**, Randy Stone, David Craig, **Fil Am PRO**, who was so enthusiastic to capture each and every game with all the beautiful pictures featured in this newsletter and at <http://facebook.com/filampcola>, and **all the players** who participated and showed their sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the whole event. To our loving fans, family and friends who donated their financial support and emotional involvement with kindness and gusto which inspired our players to compete in a harmonious and friendly environment. Last but not the least, to our **Officials, Referees, Scorers** who rendered their unwavering support for a fair and superb job and to the Staff of E.S. Cobb Resource Center for our venue.

The Fil Am Sports Festival started in 1982 with different Fil Am organizations from New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Texas, Milton, and Pensacola spearheaded by then Fil-Am President Mrs. Vicky Leyva, from 1991 to 1994. It was a success and became a tradition with alternating hosts between New Orleans and Pensacola, then Baton Rouge joined later. As the success of the event spread, players from Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and other neighboring Pensacola counties joined the tournament. There was a big Trophy that went to **the host organization** with the highest winning games and Fil-Am Pensacola retained it through the years. Unfortunately, this tradition stopped when Louisiana was hit by Katrina which devastated New Orleans. However, Fil Am Pensacola tried to continue the tradition, though it's not done yearly, and the last one was held in 2018 until the Pandemic hit the world and hindered our activities.

As the world recovered from the Pandemic, our Fil Am Association started planning for different activities involving our Fil Am communities, especially the younger and older generations, thus Sports Festival was revived. This event is part of our initiative to promote our culture, heritage and tradition through Sports and other related activities. It also develops and encourages everyone to broaden their field of interest in self-development, and physical fitness instilling fellowship and the opportunity for lasting relationships and friendships among our members and participating communities.

The Fil -Am Association of Pensacola, Inc. is a 501c3 organization and advocates the unification, safety, and undertaking of projects and educational programs to improve the literacy, economic, social, and cultural well-being of our community elders and youth.

The recent Sports Festival was a big success and would not have been possible without each of you who gave your precious time, resources, and an outpouring of support to us. It is our hope that each of you, with contributions small and large, and commitment to this endeavor, feel pride in our joint success. We apologize to those whom we may have overlooked. You all have our utmost **respect**.

Our congratulations to Pensacola Bagoong Ballers, Champion, Basketball Varsity!

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Income Statement

For the Six Months Ending June 30, 2023

	Fundraising Receipts	Fundraising Expenses	Gross Income
Sources of Income:			
Misc. Fund donations	\$ 5,382.20	-----	5,382.20
Building Rental	10,654.25	900.00	9,754.25
Other Fundraising proceeds	22,895.55	16,269.36	6,626.19
Valentine's Party	1,420.00	359.45	1,060.55
Mother's Day	1,070.00	-----	1,070.00
Sport's Festival (partial)	3,566.00	3,011.63	554.37
Bar Sales	698.00	155.81	542.19
Membership/Assessment Dues	815.00	-----	815.00
Merchandise sold	20.00	-----	20.00
Saving's Account Dividend	148.64	-----	148.64
Total Gross Income	\$ 46,669.64	20,696.25	25,973.39
Less Program and Operating Expenses			
Program Expenses:			
Miscellaneous	946.31		
Members' Benefit	500.00		
Newsletter	220.87		
Mrs. Philippines 2024	381.50		
Total Program Expenses		2,048.68	
Operating Expenses:			
Bldg./Kitchen Pantry supplies	1,321.07		
Bldg. Maintenance /Repairs	5,358.50		
Utilities	8,491.19		
Alarm System	661.62		
Office Supplies	423.90		
Postage/P.O. Box Rental	515.20		
Rental Tax	551.25		
Annual Licenses Renewal	536.88		
Accounting (Tax Prep)	450.00		
Entertainment (DJ)	425.00		
Total Operating Expenses.....		18,734.61	
Total Program & Operating Expenses			\$ 20,783.29
NET INCOME for the period			\$ 5,190.10

Gross Income ending June 30,2023	\$ 46,669.64	Deposit in Transit	10,680.75
Less: Fundraising Expenses	20,696.25	Change Fund	200.00
Total Income	\$ 25,973.39	Less Outstanding checks	2,076.81
Less: Program & Operating Expenses	20,783.29	Checking Acct. Balance	9,629.26
Net Income for this Period	\$ 5,190.10	Available Cash	\$ 18,433.20
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Prepared by: **Divine R. Herrera**
Treasurer

Mrs. Philippines of NW Florida

Presentation of
Candidates
and

Reunion

of former

Mrs. Philippines
of NW Florida

Pageant Winners

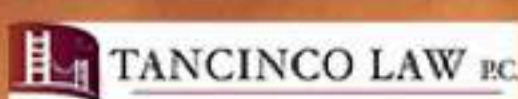
September 9th

Call Elvie Battles for information
850 368-0764

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September 29th 2023 @ 7:30PM

VIP 1 \$150 Front Row Seat
VIP 2 \$100 Second Row Seat
GA \$50

Special Guest: Allan Salamat
Door Open: 6:30pm

Tickets Info:

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Divina Herrera (850) 292-6009
Marie Linebaugh (850) 206-1083

hosted by: EM~C



Proceeds go to Fil Am Basketball Court