

Fil-Am Sun

NEWSLETTER * SUMMER 2024



**Say goodbye and hello
to our newsletter in 2025.**

Just as the horse and buggy gave way to the automobile, our beloved newsletter will transition to the digital realm in 2025. Embrace this change with confidence. Though it may be new and different, it brings numerous inherent advantages.

This shift is driven by evolving needs. US postage rates are now seven times higher than they were 50 years ago. While photos in publications are delightful, they often crowd out essential written content. Starting in 2025, the Fil-Am Sun newsletters will be available exclusively on our website, filampcola.org and Facebook, facebook.com/filampcola.

Here are the benefits:

- Unlimited space allows for more extensive written content, videos and photos.
- Eliminates mailing and printing costs.
- Enables linking to additional resources from other sites.
- Expands our potential readership infinitely.
- Online content appeals to a younger audience, vital for the future of the Fil-Am Association of Pensacola and the preservation of our cultural heritage.

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What Happened

**Mrs. Philippines
2024 SportsFest
Elvie's Birthday**

What's Coming



**Celebrate the 50th
Anniversary of Fil-Am
Pensacola with us! A
special invitation is
extended to all prior
Presidents of the
Association.**



Mrs. Philippines Pageant

A pageant for a cause was the result of months of tireless work by the candidates. Maria Abell of Panama City, Josephine Cline of Crestview, and Cheryl Espantaleon of Pensacola are to be commended for their efforts on behalf of the charities they chose. It was a wonderful evening with many highlights. The packed house of attendees was served a delicious meal. Sheriff Chip W. Simmons was the keynote speaker with an inspirational message. Previous Mrs. Philippines recipients were recognized. The candidates displayed their performing talents and fashionable outfits. The audience was treated to the Pearl of the Orient Dancers and other performers. Awarded the crown as Mrs. Philippines 2024 was Maria Abell representing Panama City!



2024 SportsFest

Sports Festival Chair Devina Herrera organized another incredibly successful competition, building upon a cherished tradition that began back in 1982. Competitors were warmly welcomed at the Cultural Center on July 5th, with the scheduled competitions taking place on July 6th and 7th. This year's highlights included basketball, bowling, golf, and scrabble, drawing enthusiastic participation and spirited rivalry.

The festival thrived thanks to the many dedicated Fil-Am volunteers whose tireless efforts contributed to this smoothly run multi-day extravaganza. The Fil-Am board members truly shone, serving up delicious meals at the Cobb Center basketball venue and hosting a spectacular Awards Dinner at the Fil-Am Cultural Center on the final evening.

Ramon Rogado delivered his usual stellar performance as the Basketball Coordinator, expertly managing the games and even stepping in as one of the referees. Chris Herrera also joined us from Orlando to referee the games, adding to the excitement on the court.

Cordova Lanes was the buzzing hub for the SportsFest bowling events, with Willy Galace taking the lead as this year's Coordinator. The golf competitions were masterfully coordinated by Sal Linezo, while Betchu Serwit headed up the intense and brainy Scrabble matches.

A huge thanks goes out to everyone whose hard work and enthusiasm made the 2024 SportsFest a competition to remember! This year's event was not just a display of athleticism but a wonderful celebration of community spirit and camaraderie.

The Fil-Am Pensacola SportsFest 2024 was indeed a successful event with the participation of 14 FIL-AM Basketball teams from Pensacola, Crestview, Eglin, Navarre, Fort Walton, & Georgia, 20 Golfers, 25 Bowlers & 5 Scrabble players.

SportsFest 2024



Divina Herrera, SportsFest Chair





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Fil-Am Luau
September 21st

Philippine Consular Outreach
Oct.18-20

Fil-Am Association
50th Anniversary
October 19th

Youth Basketball
Tournament Oct. 26-27



July 20th Party!

Happy Birthday Elvie!

