

Dear friends,

Through the generous support of donors and volunteers —including our full time volunteers and co-founders, Drs. Dorothy & Fred Cordova, FANHS Executive Director and Archivist — the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) has gathered and promoted Filipino American history through publications, public programs, films, and artistic expressions for more than 25 years. During this holiday season, we hope that you will include FANHS in your charitable giving so that FANHS might continue promote Filipino American history for “the next generations.”

When communities throughout the nation celebrate Filipino American History Month each October, it is because FANHS launched the very first Filipino American History Month events in 1988, with a resolution that’s been officially adopted in the state of Virginia and elsewhere. Just this past season, events held by some of the 28 FANHS Chapters included a documentary film premiere in Sonoma (CA), book launches with jazz in Berkeley (CA), a film festival in Vallejo (CA), a collaborative museum exhibit in New Mexico, a symposium in Portland (OR), and a nationally recognized speaker’s banquet in Philadelphia (PA). FANHS Hampton Roads (VA) published two oral history collections through a unique intergenerational collaboration between high school student groups, professional organizations, community elders, professors, local leaders.

Filmmakers, writers, scholars, artists, students, elders have used the thousands of artifacts —print materials, oral histories, photographs, and other memorabilia —housed in the FANHS National Archives in Seattle, Washington. You’ve seen FANHS photos and documents on book covers, in multimedia curricula, in films, in museums, and in the Smithsonian’s current traveling exhibit, “Singgalot: The Ties that Bind.”

Generations have also been inspired by the 12 biennial national FANHS conferences that draw from 300 - 600 plus participants to memorable panels, films, authors’ receptions, awards banquets, and historic tours. At our 2008 conference, the Governor of Alaska proclaimed, “Thelma Buchholdt Day” in honor of three-term FANHS President and state legislator from Anchorage, Alaska. <http://www.thelmabuchholdt.com> FANHS is one of the few national conferences that subsidizes the registration of youth participants.

Many “former FANHS youth” are now in leadership positions where they’re making a positive impact in academic institutions, in their own businesses and communities, and as young political leaders.

Now, more than ever before, FANHS — that’s always run on a slim budget managed by volunteer staff — needs your support to continue its work. **We are asking you to preserve and promote Filipino American history by making a financial contribution to FANHS. Today.** We would appreciate a gift of any size. We know that these are challenging financial times. Yet gifts of membership to FANHS are always welcome as meaningful (and “green” :-)) gifts for the holidays, as well as for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations. Donations to FANHS also express a special way of honoring the memory of loved ones.

Your donations to FANHS will support:

\*The FANHS National Archives in Seattle, perhaps the most extensive collection of oral histories, photographs, and historical documents on Filipino Americans in the United States, needs to preserve its growing archival collection (where the need for an additional room has increased rent). We hope to eventually digitize materials to include collections in the “satellite archives” of its 28 FANHS Chapters.

\*Youth interns and researchers are needed to work with the FANHS National Office.

\*The proposed FANHS Filipino American National Museum, a Filipino American cultural and youth center in the historic “Little Manila” neighborhood of Stockton (CA), is a collaborative project of Stockton’s Little Manila Foundation and FANHS.

We hope you will give generously to FANHS this season.

With appreciation and hope,

Dr. Joan May T. Cordova  
FANHS National President

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*Founded in 1982 and now comprised of 28 chapters throughout the USA, the Filipino American National History Society's (FANHS) mission is to: "...preserve, document, and present Filipino American history and to support scholarly research and artistic works..." FANHS will hold its 13<sup>h</sup> biennial national conference on July 8-10, 2010 in Seattle, WA. Please save the date!*

FANHS is a non-profit, 501c-3 organization.

*Yes! I want to support FANHS for the next generation.*

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