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Filipinos Play a Major Role in Lanai's Transition

Every community periodically must face the sobering reality of change. Sometimes transition comes subtly, gradually; other times change is dramatic and forces us to quickly reassess our sense of community, identity. For Filipinos living in Lanai, the change in their community is perhaps somewhere closer to subtle than dramatic.

As with all communities in transition, the economy or industry in the area shapes the outcome. When the pineapple plantation closed in Lanai in 1992, it signaled the end of not just the plantation era, but an entire lifestyle. One long-time Lanai resident explained it this way: "In the plantation setting, workers started and ended work at the same time. This made it easier for them to get together after work to pursue shared interests, weaving the social fabric of the community in the process. When the plantation closed, tourism offered work schedules that were all over the place. It became more challenging to do things together."

Similar to the pattern of other island communities in the state, Lanai's plantation economy is being replaced by a common-sense alternative -- a tourism-based economy. But the scale and magnitude of establishing a grand, flourishing tourism industry in Lanai is limited due to land base, population, and most importantly, the owner of the island, billionaire Larry Ellison, who purchased 98 percent of the island in 2012. Ellison's vision of Lanai is nothing close to having a bustling Waikiki, or even the smaller tourism hub of Lanai's closest neighbor, Maui. Ellison wants Lanai to be the "first economically viable, 100 percent green city." He wants to "create a sustainable community through plans to diversify the economy, establish a college and address environmental issues." The impression is that he wants Lanai to remain largely underdeveloped and tranquil. As long as Ellison remains the owner of Lanai, it's safe to assume that the island will undergo smart development. In other words, a few resorts will be allowed to be developed; not chains of hotels and motels; infrastructure will be kept to a minimum; not massive roads or strip malls.

But there is no certainty how long Ellison will keep the island, or how much of it he decides to retain or sell off that could change the current character of the island and its very small-town charm. Remember, at one point, James Dole purchased most of the island in 1922 to use it to build up Dole Food company. Corporations and CEOs' goals also change.

What is certain is whatever lies ahead for Lanai, its Filipino community that comprises close to 70 percent of the population, will be a big part of any transition. Their roots in that community run very deep and it bodes well for the state and Ellison that not only should Filipinos be appreciated, but given a stake in shaping Lanai's future. That would entail among other possibilities, holding important positions in governing bodies that decide on matters relating to Lanai, opening up rights to home and land ownership, and bestowing opportunities to create small businesses, at minimum. These three basic components -- access to governing, property ownership, and financial opportunity through entrepreneurship -- are the building blocks to any community. The reality is without these features present in a community -- that community is not truly empowered. We hope Lanai's Filipino community will assert themselves and work towards achieving more of these basic rights.

Introducing the Fourth Power in Our Democracy -- The Media

Like it or not, the U.S. media has ascended as the fourth power of checks and balances in U.S. democracy. There is the presidency, Congress, the Judiciary, and lastly, and arguably the most influential, is the awesome power of news media outlets. The media

FROM THE PUBLISHER

When most people think about Lanai, immediately we think about the beautiful Four Seasons Resort in Manele Bay, miles of open natural space, pineapple plantations, and the

owner of the island, billionaire Larry Ellison, founder and chairman of Oracle. What many of us don't know is that Filipinos make up about 70 percent of the island's population. Metaphorically, Filipinos have been called the major threads that make up the social fabric of Lanai.

For our cover story this issue, HFC contributor Carolyn W. Hildebrand writes about the Filipino community in Lanai -- from their contributions as workers on the once largest pineapple plantation in the world, up to contemporary times as the largest group of isle-residents in Lanai transitioning into an eco-conscious tourism economy. She interviewed a few residents there who talked what it's like living there, the past and current changes. One significant aspect of Lanai to Filipinos is how the historic Filipino Clubhouse played a major role in bringing the community together. Originally, it was a gathering place for plantation workers; today, it has been renovated and is a place for birthdays, baptisms, graduations, weddings, and other events. It's a reasonable comparison to make that the Filipino Clubhouse in Lanai is much like what the Filipino Community Center is to Filipinos on Oahu.

One of our goals at HFC is to cover Filipino communities around the globe; from small ones as we have done in Guam to large clusters in the U.S. mainland. The tiny island of Lanai has no more than a few thousands of Filipinos; but their story and unique contribution to Lanai is worth telling.

Also in this issue, we have a Q&A with Atty. Michelle Acosta who received the prestigious Rhoda Lewis Award from the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation. Acosta is executive director of the Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii that helps people who are struggling financially to be able to access legal assistance. The organization has been the leading pro bono program for Hawaii attorneys for over 36 years. In the interview, Acosta talks about the importance of doing public interest work and how we all can pitch in to improve our own communities. She shares two moving personal stories: one of a client who was a victim of domestic abuse; the other of her lola (grandmother) who Acosta says is the wisest and most inspiring woman she has known. When you read the article, you will know why. Congratulations Michelle for being honored with the Rhoda Lewis Award and for your invaluable work in the community.

While Michelle is an obvious role model of today, Dr. Serafin Colmenares writes about one of the greatest role models that ever lived, the Philippines' national hero Dr. Jose Rizal. In his article, Colmenares highlights some of the leadership qualities that made Rizal great, or what Colmenares called "Rizalian ideals" that can help us to lead better lives.

Also, be sure to read our news and other regular columns. One notable news that we've been tracking is Trump's Travel Ban. The first version has been tied up in the courts. This latest, second Travel Ban, suffered the same fate with the recent 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling. The court voted to block the ban from enforcement due to its religious intolerance and discrimination.

Until next time, warmest *aloha* and *mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

may not have the ability to create policy, law, or interpret law, thus creating law by precedence, as the other constitutionally endowed branches of government, but this fourth power influences the psyche of the masses on what policy and the law ought to be.

The caveat is obvious. While each branch of government, at least in theory, is vested authority to place a check over the other; who places a check on the media? Professional ethics are the only guiding principles from which the media places a "check" onto themselves. The threat of lawsuit could be a deterrent to publish

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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

When “Colonel McCray” Was “Colonel Macaraeg”--My Diversity Moment at the Army National Guard

Two weeks ago, I was in Arlington, Va. giving an Asian Pacific American Heritage Month speech at the national headquarters of the Army National Guard.

Who else is mandated by law to celebrate diversity at the workplace like those within the federal government?

But at the Army National Guard, it's more than lip service because over there people seem to know diversity is an essential part of its core mission. And, on top of that, they know it really works.

When they introduced me to the man in charge of the event, I expected a typical military guy, especially when they said his name was Col. McCray.

Turns out the name was not as it sounded, and wasn't a typical European American name of Scots-Irish descent.

Rather the name was Macaraeg, as Filipino a name as it gets.

And it belonged to Col. Roy Macaraeg, the Army National Guard comptroller, the money manager of the National Guard who oversees a \$16 billion dollar budget.

Getting to that coveted spot is Macaraeg's Filipino immigrant story. His family

immigrated from the Philippines to Honolulu in the 1980s. He went to Farrington High School in Kalihi, one of the toughest school's on Oahu.

But Macaraeg wanted to do something with his life upon graduation. He looked around for opportunities to pay for school. And then he discovered the Army National Guard, specifically with the Hawaii Army National Guard.

Macaraeg didn't see it as his chance that allowed him to serve and fight for his country. He turned to it as a way a person of limited means could find a way to pay for his college and reach his dreams.

It worked.

Macaraeg got a lot of education—first at Honolulu Community College and then to the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he earned his bachelors degree.

But it didn't stop there.

He earned two masters degrees—and paid for it all by being in the military.

At age 44, Macaraeg been able to rise to the head financial job in the Guard, and as he told me before I went on to speak, it has been his opportunity of a lifetime.

“Personally, it provided all the things I wanted to do,” Macaraeg told me. And when it comes to diversity, there was no question. The Army National Guard was a good place for Asian Americans and all

people of color to thrive and advance career-wise.

“I can't complain,” Macaraeg said to me in conversation before my speech. “When I first started this journey, it was all about trying to figure how I was going to pay for my college. The army national guard had provided that. Now I'm standing here I got two masters, one bachelors and I have no complaints.”

In my speech, I touched on the policies that have stood in the way of Asian Americans having the kind of life they deserved in this country. From the racist immigration laws starting with the Chinese Exclusion Act to the Tydings-McDuffie Act which limited Filipino immigration to the U.S. And I explained how the evolution to more open immigration policies has resulted in an explosion of more than 21 million Asian American Pacific Islanders in the U.S.

Many of the people in the audience were hearing about the historical policies I pointed out for the first time.

But some like Macaraeg figured out how to get where they wanted to be on

their own, with an immigrant's passion to find a solution that works.

For him, it was the Army National Guard.

Normally I'm a pacifist, and when it comes to the military, I'm a “less is more” type person.

But the military has always been an option for the practical.

After World War II, when Filipino Americans came back from the war, it was the G.I. Bill that enabled a large number of them to buy homes and join the American middle class.

Decades later, Col. Macaraeg, Army National Guard comptroller, is proof that for some, the military can still be a viable option.

It may not be for everyone. And I know the military isn't perfect.

But as I met and talked to many of the young men and women at the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month event this month in Arlington—many of the AAPI were from the Hawaii National Guard.

To a person, starting with Col. Macaraeg, they all had nothing but positive things to say about their life and career choice.

For them, the Army National guard appeared to be true to its word when it comes to the promise of opportunity and diversity.

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outright lies, or what President Donald Trump likes to call “fake news,” but slander is hard to win in court. It goes without saying how important Freedom of Speech is, that empowers the press to do what they do as constitutionally protected. But in this digital age when information flows faster than the speed of light and reaches every corner of Earth, it's even more imperative that the media practices responsible journalism and use its mighty power with great purpose and caution.

There are towering examples of the media's shortcomings. It has become a corporate conglomerate which limits real criticism and dialogue on the built-in failures

of the country's economic system. Pressure from other conglomerate corporations who advertise in media outlets is a real factor in determining the extent of news content, more than people realize. Even if the media were to suddenly begin having serious discussions on our failing systems, economic and political, how believable would they be as a source? The media giants have also become elitist and out of touch with large sectors of Americans. The best example of this is their miscalculation of the recent presidential election. For all the thousands of hours spinning news, giving their hand-picked

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Lānaʻi: Sensing Filipinos as the Social Fabric of the Community

By Carolyn W. Hildebrand

Lānaʻi is a uniquely enriching place for sensing history, heritage, culture, and the future.

It is the 6th largest island of Hawaiʻi. With a total area of 140.5 square miles, it is most comparable in size to the Philippines' Siquijor Island. Siquijor though is densely populated at 95,000 while Lānaʻi's 2010 population was at 3,135.

Filipinos settled in Lānaʻi because of the pineapple plantation, the largest in the world at one time. When the plantation closed in 1992, displaced workers transitioned to meet the needs of the island's growing resort tourism. Filipinos continue to be in the middle of economic change. In 2012, Larry Ellison, self-made tech tycoon and the fifth richest person on earth in Business Insider's list, bought approximately ninety-eight percent of the island. He also formed a management company, Pūlama Lānaʻi (translated as "Cherish Lānaʻi"). It is said that

Ellison imagines the island to be the "first economically viable, 100 percent green city." The government-approved Lānaʻi Community Plan reports that Pūlama Lānaʻi seeks to "create a sustainable community through plans to diversify the economy, establish a college and address environmental issues."

Social Fabric of the Community

Filipinos are metaphorically the major threads that make up the social fabric of Lānaʻi.

About 60% to 70% of



Lānaʻi residents today are Filipinos. That Lānaʻi is very much a Filipino community is noticeable from simple things like the sights and aroma of Filipino dishes at the island's Dole Park Saturday Farmers' Market.

As one online Q&A source explains, social fabric is metaphor for how well the community members interact amongst themselves. One can think of all individual members as threads and the social fabric as made by having those members interact, thus weaving the threads together. Enhancing the social fabric means to provide more and better interactions between members of the community so that they can make more friends, be more involved, be happy, be more willing to help someone when there is a need, and be inspired to keep their neighborhood a positive, pleasant place to live. The tighter the weave, the stronger the social fabric is.

Renovating Filipino Community Clubhouse

When plantation companies imported laborers from various parts of the world, ethnic community clubhouses or

social halls became gathering places that validated and accepted culture and traditions that were important to the workers and their families.

Most of the Filipino Clubhouses are gone, torn down along with other plantation houses and community structures. They have given way to other neighborhood developments. The Lānaʻi Filipino Community Clubhouse is an exception. Pūlama Lānaʻi renovated it so that the place can preserve history and remain a vibrant gathering place.

"I remember learning Filipino dance here," Kurt Matsumoto said in a January 17 speech. He knew that the Filipino Clubhouse was welcoming to Filipinos and non-Filipinos alike. Because he is a native of Lānaʻi (LHS class '75) and grew up during the pineapple plantation era, he grasps the value of community gathering places like the Filipino Clubhouse. As Chief Operating Officer of Pūlama Lānaʻi, Matsumoto led the \$200,000 renovation of the Clubhouse. He explained that, in the plantation setting, workers started and ended work at the same time. This made it easier for them to get together

after work to pursue shared interests, weaving the social fabric of the community in the process. When the plantation closed, tourism offered work schedules that were all over the place. It became more challenging to do things together. Plantation era structures were also left to deteriorate.

"We have gathered here for birthdays, baptisms, graduations, weddings, welcomes, goodbyes, and wakes," Jean Sumagit said about the Clubhouse. She mobilized the community to raise funds to buy new chairs, tables, and other furnishings for the newly renovated Clubhouse. Sumagit, who arrived on the island in 1971, is one of the enduring pillars of community organization. She received a lifetime achievement award from United Filipino Community Council of Hawaiʻi in 2015.

Marking Sakada and Lānaʻi Legacy

Last January 17, guests from far and near were invited to come to the historic Lānaʻi Filipino Community Clubhouse to celebrate its renovation

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tion and to honor Lānaʻi's living sakadas or Hawaiianos (terms that have become synonymous with the early group of Filipinos who came to Hawaiʻi to work in sugar or pineapple plantations).

The day's event showcased how the Clubhouse gathers residents and invigorates community spirit. The program took place both outside and inside the building. It included prayers and blessings; singing of anthems; hula and Filipino folk dances; door prizes with donations from local businesses and residents; speeches including one from Herman Andaya who represented Maui Mayor Arakawa. The professionals offered their skills and resources – from sound systems to video documentation. The officers of the Lānaʻi Filipino Community Council led by action – even in driving and clean-up duties. Lunch featured Filipino cooking, from authentic pansit to mungo dishes.

The community honored three 1946 sakadas living amidst them and also all surviving wives of sakadas in



their midst. Altogether, twenty-nine elderly members of the community were called by their names, honored with leis, and photographed together for posterity.

Fred Camero, 89 years old, was one of the three sakada honorees. He was in a very jolly mood and serenaded the lady honorees with the song, "You Are My Sunshine!"

"I feel good, feel happy, so happy that I do not know what to do! Work hard, continue working hard to keep Lānaʻi nice!" he summed up his appreciation and wishes for his island home.

The renovated Clubhouse has a digital TV set and Mari-

bel Apuya's Sakada Series of three short films could be shown. One of the films featured Apolonia Agonoy Stice who grew up in Lānaʻi. In fact, the Agonoy ancestral home is located across the Clubhouse. Among others, Stice stressed family peace and her mother's advice not to be fighting.

In for the long haul, the Lānaʻi Culture and Heritage Center played clips of oral history that have been collected to date from Lānaʻi's sakada families. Using the walls of the Clubhouse, the Center also presented an exhibit of historic photos. Many of the photos were from family collections. The

old photos were displayed without names of people listed, and this proved to be very effective in engaging the residents to identify the people they know and remember details of the events. The historical photos were in chronological order, allowing anyone to connect the dots between familiar and unfamiliar events in history (e.g. from the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1883 to Jose Rizal's death in 1896, from the annexation in 1898 and opening of pineapple plantation in 1922, from the arrival of the first Filipino workers in Lanai in 1924 to the recent developments).

"Two school groups have

toured there since you visited," reported Kepā Maly over the phone last week and referring to the photo exhibit in the Clubhouse. Their visits marked the increasing need to pass on knowledge to future generations of island residents. Kepā, as he is known to many, is the Executive Director of the Lānaʻi Culture and Heritage Center. The signage for the Clubhouse is not yet up, but it is on the corner of Jacaranda and 5th Streets.

Visiting Lānaʻi

One can travel to Lānaʻi for a day and be a visitor, not a tourist. A Saturday trip will allow one to experience the island's Dole Park Farmers' Market. One can also visit on days when the community celebrates Rizal Day, Sinulog or other celebrations that the local paper, Lānaʻi Today, cover as community events. Visitors say that it is a "must" to visit the "Lānaʻi Culture and Heritage Center." The Center's website, lanaichc.org, offer guides to visitors. The webpage on "Filipino Heritage" lists the names the January 17, 2017 honorees.

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Maui Community Celebrates Their 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta

WA I L U K U , HAWAII--Maui residents celebrated the 48th Annual Barrio Fiesta on May 25 and 26 at the Binhi at Ani Filipino Community Center. This annual event is the longest running Filipino Fiesta in the United States, organizers say.

Fiesta-goers enjoyed favorite Filipino dishes put together by Alcanians, Binhi at Ani, Central Maui Catholic Club, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Kings Cathedral, Ilocos Surian, Lahaina Filipino Catholic Club, Magsinagal Association, and Maui High School ELL. Crowd favorites included adobo, bangus, cascaron, empanada, lumpia, pancit, pinakbet and halo halo. In addition to food booths, there was a farmers market.

"The Barrio Fiesta started on Friday at 5:00 pm with the Opening Ceremonies, followed by a procession with the queens, a Flores de Mayo presentation, opening remarks by Guest Speaker, Lt. Governor Shan Tsutsui, and Mayor Alan Arakawa."

Friday night's entertainment featured Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Filipino Folk Dance troupe, an International Fashion Show presented by Madelyne Pascua, the International Housekeeping Awards, entertainment by hotel employees, the introduction of the Little Miss Barrio Fiesta participants, an Amateur Karaoke contest with \$300.00 awarded to the first place winner, and Zumba.

"On Saturday, the Barrio Fiesta opened at 10:00 am with entertainment beginning

with Tekniqlingz from Oahu, followed by a Barrio Fiesta costume contest (with \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place for both males and females). The Veterans Memorial Service was held at 12:00 noon with the Grease Pole contest at 1:00 pm. The Grease Pole contest winner received \$300, with other qualifying participants sharing in the \$200.00+ pot. The Little Miss Barrio Fiesta started at 3:00 pm. The evening's entertainment featured Dance International Foundation, Escrima, the crowning of the 2017 Miss Barrio Fiesta, the presentation of the 2017 Binhi at Ani scholarship awards, Tekniqlingz, and Keoni Gonzales.

The Barrio Fiesta basketball tournament featured twelve teams from Maui, and teams from Oahu, Big Island,

Kauai, and Lanai with games at both the Wailuku gym and the War Memorial gym, said Donnie Dadiz, the director of the basketball tournament.

This year organizers launched "the Barrio Fiesta Experience" that featured a replica of a Bahay Kubo, built by the Bahay Kubo Heritage Foundation. There were also seven cultural villages that represented regions in the Philippines.

The Cebu village was coordinated by the Sto. Nino Association, under the presidency of Leizl Oandasán.

The Cordillera (Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, and Mountain Province) village was coordinated by Zaldy and Nita Ugalino.

The Ilocos Norte village was coordinated by Melen Agcolicol.

The Ilocos Sur village was coordinated by the Ilocos Surians, under the presidency of Romeo Guzman.

The Metro Manila/Quezon village was coordinated by the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation, under the presidency of Sharon Zalsos.

The Mindanao region was coordinated by La Galeria, under the leadership of Lawrence Pascua.

The Pangasinan village was coordinated by Telly Urban and Teresita Noble.

The Barrio Fiesta Experience was sponsored by HMSA, Monsanto, McDonalds (who will be hosting a Job Fair as part of 'The Barrio Fiesta Experience'), Alexander & Baldwin Foundation, and Philippine Airlines.

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Filipino Women Against Modern Day Slavery

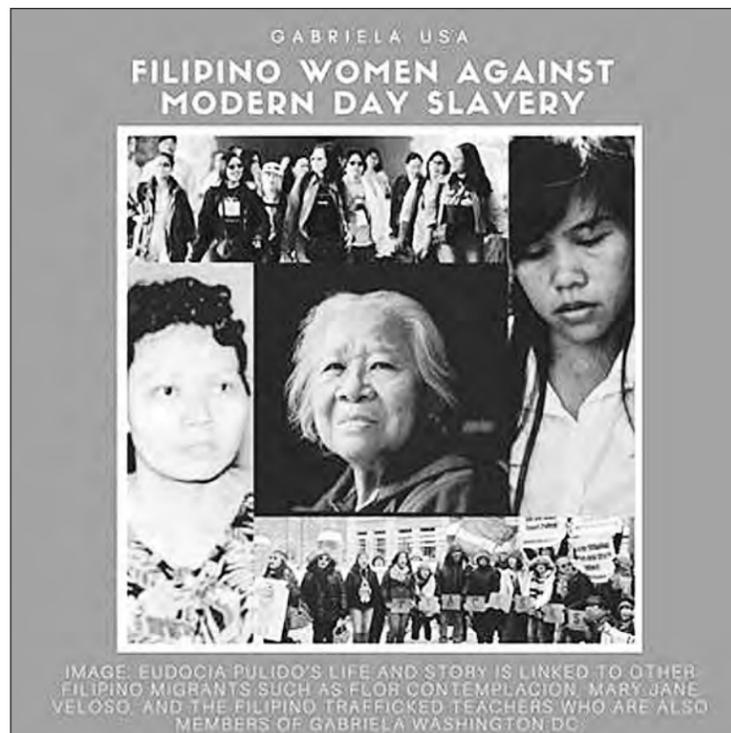
by Irma Shauf-Bajar

The Philippines is one of the largest labor exporters in the world with 6,000 Filipinos—60% women—leaving the country every single day to work, because of rampant poverty, joblessness, and landlessness. Lured to apply for positions that do not exist, promised legal status and wages, and instead becoming undocumented, drowning in debt, and isolated in a foreign country -- thousands of OFWs end up working in virtual slavery. Recruiters and employment agencies take advantage of their workers, by charging exorbitant fees and loans and threatening their workers with deportation or physical violence to the workers and their families. Living in fear and with no place to go, many OFWs endure the discrimination, abuse, and exploitation in

order to survive.

The article written by Alex Tizon regarding the story of Eudocia Pulido and her forced migration and exploitation as a modern day slave in the United States highlights the current conditions of Filipino women. Eudocia Pulido story cannot be understood outside of the context of the Philippine society and history rooted in U.S. imperialism and neoliberal economic policies that have caused the systemic suffering of many underpaid domestic helpers like Lola.

It is important that we do not whitewash the writer's parents' and family's crimes of slavery, imprisonment, and trafficking. Alex Tizon's account of Eudocia Pulido's story does not exonerate him from his family's complicity in the abuse and exploitation of another human being. And we also must recognize this particular experience is not an



isolated one, and stems from the Philippines' feudal patriarchal and imperialist structure. The commodification and exploitation of generations of Filipina women continues to be an inherent effect of the ever worsening conditions--conditions which will persist and generate many more Eu-

docia's until comprehensive and fundamental socio-economic and political changes are made to address the root causes of the country's poverty.

Members of GABRIELA USA continue to take action and call for an end to the exploitative system in the Philip-

pines and denounce the Philippine government for its neglect of its own people within the country and lack of protection of OFWs abroad. In addition, we uplift the voices of Filipino migrant women to tell their own stories. GABRIELA USA seeks to empower migrant women to know and understand their rights, to fight back against oppression and exploitation, and to participate in the movement for national democracy in the Philippines. If you are moved by Lola's story we encourage you to join a chapter of GABRIELA USA and join the fight against feudal-patriarchy and the systems of power that allow women like Lola to be forced into exploitation.

GABRIELA USA is a grassroots-based alliance of progressive Filipino women's organizations in the United States seeking to wage a struggle for the liberation of all oppressed Filipino women and the rest of our people.

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Hawaii Moves to Defend Stable Funding In Affordable Healthcare Act

Hawaii joined other states to take legal action to protect health care access for Hawaii residents by opposing the House v. Price lawsuit that seeks to eliminate the stable funding created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Obamacare that protects millions of working families from high healthcare cost.

Attorney General Chin moved to intervene in a lawsuit that undercuts the affordability

of health insurance plans. The motion was led by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and joined by Hawaii, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington state and the District of Columbia.

Experts predict that just the threat to end this funding could

destabilize the healthcare market and increase premiums by as much as 21%. While the U.S. government under President Obama opposed the lawsuit, the new administration and Congressional Republicans who filed the lawsuit have made clear their number one priority is to repeal the ACA and take away affordable healthcare from millions of Americans.

Attorney General Chin said, "Recent congressional ef-

orts to repeal Obamacare would result in stripping healthcare from more than 20 million people, eliminating protections for pre-existing conditions, and increasing costs for the poorest Americans, including those who live in Hawaii. The House v. Price lawsuit is the judicial equivalent of these congressional efforts and that is why I oppose it." In President Trump's own words, the House v. Price lawsuit could "explode" the ACA and leave millions of Americans without affordable healthcare coverage, leaving states to pick up the pieces. The intervention by the states seeks to protect health care coverage secured for residents in their states under the ACA.

Background on House v. Price: The cost-sharing subsidies help working families to access more affordable healthcare coverage by helping individuals with incomes between \$11,880 and \$29,700 to pay out-of-pocket expenses such as deductibles and co-payments.

The Kaiser Family Foundation projects premiums will increase by 19% on average across the country to compensate if there is a loss of the cost-sharing subsidy payments, finding that the premium increases would be higher in states that have not expanded Medicaid (premium increases of 21%). House Republicans sued the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) during the Obama Administration, challenging the legality of making the cost-sharing subsidies.

A district court judge ruled in favor of the House, but the ruling was appealed in order to protect access to healthcare, and the subsidies were permitted to continue pending appeal. After the election, the House asked the court to hold the case in suspension while the newly-elected President Trump had time to make decisions regarding the case. If the court allows the 15 states and the District of Columbia to intervene, the state attorneys general may continue to pursue a judicial resolution of this issue.

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Hawaii Atty General Chin Calls On DOJ to Rescind New Sentencing Guidelines

Hawaii Attorney General Doug Chin joined attorney generals from 13 other states in calling for the new Department of Justice harsh sentencing practices to be rescinded. In a joint letter to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Chin said the new sentencing are neither smart on crime nor good for public safety. The state attorneys general also asked to meet with Sessions to discuss smarter, data-driven

approaches to criminal justice policy that are better for public safety and more fiscally sound.

In a letter sent to Sessions, the attorneys general wrote that “there is a strong and bipartisan national consensus that the harsh sentencing practices reflected in the DOJ policy announced last week do not increase public safety, and that consensus is supported by strong data.” Additionally, they say that “the new DOJ

policy runs contrary not only to this consensus, but to basic principles of equal justice and sound fiscal policy.” Attorney General Chin said, “Jeff Sessions wants to turn back the clock to a generation when sentencing policies impacted minorities unfairly and led to overcrowded prisons. Much research conducted and data analyzed since the time I started as a Honolulu deputy prosecutor in 1998 has taught law enforcement what works

better and what is more fair. At a time when crime statewide is relatively low, this new DOJ policy hurts our community.”

The letter elaborated: “A broad, bipartisan consensus exists that tough-on-crime approaches like mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent, low-level offenses have not made our nation or our cities safer. Simultaneously, there is strong evidence that contact with the justice system exacerbates the

likelihood that a low-level offender will go on to commit more serious crimes. One-size-fits all sentencing has, at best, a questionable deterrent effect. Moreover, there is ample data demonstrating that “zero-tolerance” charging policies have led to mass incarceration and bloated government budgets.

Joining Attorneys General Chin and Racine are attorneys general from California, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Vermont and Washington state.

Trump’s Travel Ban 2 Blocked By Federal Court Ruling

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that President Donald Trump’s second Travel Ban be kept on hold, in effect, blocking the ban from being enforced.

The judges ruled 10-3 to affirm a lower court’s earlier

decision to keep the ban from going into effect. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wrote that the travel ban “drips with religious intolerance, animus, and discrimination.”

Attorney General Jeff Session disagreed with the ruling, saying the EO was well within

the president’s lawful authority to keep the nation safe. Sessions said he would ask the Supreme Court to review the ruling.

Hawaii Attorney General Doug Chin said about the ruling: “Terrorism must be stopped, but not by sacrificing our constitutional principles or

denigrating entire classes of people. Not even the President of the United States is above the U.S. Constitution.”

On May 15, 2017, the State of Hawaii argued in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in support of Hawaii federal district court Judge Derrick K.

Watson’s order enjoining President Trump’s Executive Order nationwide on grounds that the Executive Order violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The Ninth Circuit’s decision in that case, Hawaii v. Trump, is still pending.

Child Care Assistance Available for Low to Moderate-Income Families

The Hawaii Department of Human Services (DHS) has extended the deadline for applying for the Preschool Open Doors (POD) Program to Wednesday, May 31, 2017. DHS urges low- and moderate-income families to apply. Applications received during this period will be considered for preschool participation during July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

Applications should be dropped off, mailed, faxed, or emailed to the following: PATCH – POD, 560 N. Nimitz



Hwy, Suite 218, Honolulu, HI 96817; fax: (808) 694-3066; or email: PODAdmin@patch-hi.org.

This program, which currently serves more than 1,700 children statewide, provides child care subsidies to eligible low- and moderate-income families to pay preschool tu-

ition. POD aims to provide children whose families might otherwise not be able to afford preschool the opportunity to gain essential skills to be successful in school and in life.

To qualify for the program, children must be eligible to enter kindergarten in the 2018-2019 school year (born between August 1, 2012 and July 31, 2013). Families are reminded that a child must be five years old on or before July 31 to enter kindergarten. Families may choose any one of the 434 State-licensed preschools. Underserved or at-

risk children receive priority consideration for the POD program, and funds are limited.

Interested families may request an application from the Department’s POD contractor, PATCH, by visiting <http://patchhawaii.org/> or calling 791-2130 or toll free 1-

800-746-5620. PATCH can also help families locate a preschool convenient for them.

Eligibility and priorities for POD program selection are detailed online in HAR §17-799, which is available online at humanservices.hawaii.gov/admin-rules-2/admin-rules-for-programs. For more information about other DHS programs and services, visit humanservices.hawaii.gov.

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expert guests a platform, and utilizing high-tech, sophisticated polling, they still got the result wrong.

In the face of all the U.S. media’s shortcomings, Americans can be assured that it still is one of the most free, bold, balanced, and reliable sources of information compared to other media around the globe. Of late, the U.S. media should be commended for their report-

ing on the possible Trump-Russia collusion in the presidential election. The U.S. media has been relentlessly reporting on the probe with such intensity that perhaps no other media in the world would dare do against its own sitting president, something not possible in the other superpower countries like China or Russia. The U.S. media also has been vigorously challenging the president every

step of the way since assuming office, highlighting his policies discrimination such as the travel ban or his policies that impact on our elderly and poor such as Trumpcare. The U.S. media has truly become an imposing force -- a fourth power in U.S. democracy. While this reality may be beneficial as an added checks and balance in society at this juncture, abuse of power in the media can lead to harmful consequences in the long run.



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FILIPINOS ARE THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF LANAI'S COMMUNITY

by Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

Whether it be a celebration to honor Lanai's sakadas who came to work in the sugar or pineapple plantation or to celebrate Filipino folk dances and culture, the Lanai Filipino Community Clubhouse has always been the place that the community comes together in unity. The Clubhouse is on the corner of Jacaranda and 5th Streets. It has been renovated in part by a \$200,000 donation from Pulama Lanai, a management company of Larry Ellison, owner of the island.

Three of the original 1946 sakadas are paid tribute for their pioneering contributions to Lanai's community: Rizalino Mamaclay, Alejandro Haban, Fred Camero. Also, surviving sakadas' wives proudly join in the festivities. Altogether, 29 elderly members of the community were called by their names, honored with leis, and photographed together for posterity.



Three of the original 1946 Sakadas who are still living in Lanai: Rizalino Mamaclay, Alejandro Haban, Fred Camero



Q & A

ATTORNEY ACOSTA RECEIVES RHODA LEWIS AWARD

by HFC Staff

Attorney Michelle D. Acosta was selected to receive the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation's 2017 Rhoda Lewis Award. The Foundation has been bestowing this prestigious award on women lawyers who have dedicated their legal career to public service. The award is named after the first female Hawaii State Supreme Court Justice, Rhoda V. Lewis.

Acosta has been active in public service for decades from her young adulthood as a member of the Honolulu Filipino Junior Chamber of Commerce up to today as executive director of the Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii. She also serves as commissioner on the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission. The following is a Q&A Interview with Acosta. It has been edited for space and clarity.

HFC: What does it mean to be named the 2017 Rhoda Lewis Award recipient?

ACOSTA: To join the list of women awardees who have accomplished and contributed much to the practice of law as well as to the public good came as a great surprise and an honor. To be selected to receive an award in Justice Lewis' name and to be included in the fine company of previous awardees is truly inspiring. While I took home the award and got to take the pictures and received the accolades, I think of this as an opportunity to again celebrate the many accomplishments of women in the legal field, the women who balance family and career.

Justice Lewis paved the way for many women in the legal field when she became only the second woman in the U.S. to be appointed to a State Supreme Court.

These types of awards go to show the diverse contributions women have in our com-

munity and society, that we are active and equal contributors.

I am very lucky to have been surrounded by men and women who have encouraged me to never let the world roll over me. From family members to teachers and mentors who have all given me a step stool to look above and beyond the fences and given me the tools to build my own ladders. I am thankful to the Women's Legal Foundation for giving an opportunity to take a quick break and reflect on the great support that we as women in the public sector have.

HFC: What are some of the public interest work you do that helped to garner this prestigious award?

ACOSTA: While I've been involved in public service for quite a while, I believe that the Foundation had really focused in on Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii's mission of serving the Hawaii residents who struggle financially and socially to access legal assistance. The organization has been the leading formal pro bono program for Hawaii attorneys for over 36 years, but like many non-profits it has undergone struggles to maintain the levels of services needed by the community due to funding limitations. These challenges are a constant reality, yet despite that, Volunteer Legal has never wavered from its vision of equal access to justice.

When I came on board as executive director, the organization was in the process of rebuilding after the recession. The last few years have really been focused on restoring services and strengthening the organization. Volunteer Legal has been an important resource for our community for many years and thousands of people rely on its services each year. In my current work at Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii, we mobilize attorneys to perform volunteer work by providing free legal services to those who



would otherwise be unable to afford it.

Many of the issues that surround poverty have law based solutions. For example, a single parent struggling to pay rent may find relief by enforcing a child support order, or a homeless veteran who needs assistance appealing a disability claim to access federal benefits for health and housing. Legal solutions may also alleviate costly state resources. For example, a child whose parents are either incarcerated or homeless may be placed with a family member. By helping that family member obtain legal guardianship, the child will be either taken out of or avoid the foster care system.

I am proud to be part of a team at Volunteer Legal that is dedicated to making sure that these services are available to those who are need of them. Our work and commitment to serving our community is what I believe is really being honored by the Foundation, and we are most thankful that our work is being recognized as valuable and worthwhile.

HFC: Give one moving example how you've made a difference in someone's life whom you've helped in your legal work.

ACOSTA: When I worked as a staff attorney with the Do-

mestic Violence Action Center, I had the privilege of representing domestic violence survivors. Some of my clients were married Filipino women who were first generation immigrants; petitioned by their spouses from the Philippines. My job was to help them obtain restraining orders, and represent them in divorces and child custody cases.

I remember a particular client, who I will call "Anita" and who had been physically abused by her spouse on multiple occasions. During one incident, her husband nearly killed her. She was saved by her adult child who intervened. This incident went unreported and no arrest ever made. In fact, Anita never called the police nor reported any of the abuses.

Anita, was 60 years old and had been married to her husband for over 30 years. She immigrated to Hawaii from the Philippines some 20 years ago to join her husband. They had 3 children together. Anita had

been a housewife for most of the marriage, but in the last few years had started working as a cashier at a convenience store. Her husband forced her to buy her own food and clothes. She had no access to the household income or as she would refer to it as her "husband's money." Anita was simply being "allowed" to live in their own home.

As I sat with Anita at our very first consultation, it was clear that she was not meeting with me because she wanted to. She was there because her husband had been arrested and convicted of assaulting her during a party at their house. Subsequently, he kicked Anita out and filed for a divorce.

As I explained the divorce process and her rights under the law, Anita was shocked that she had equitable rights to a portion of what she referred to as "her husband's" assets. Anita shared with me that she was indebted to her husband for bringing her to America. "Utang na loob," as she would say. As for the abuse, Anita stated that she probably deserved it for not being a good enough wife.

Anita's divorce was headed for trial despite attempts to settle the case with her husband. I knew that the process was painful and brought Anita a sense of shame. Each time we encountered her husband in court, I could see her crumpling up like a piece of paper ready to be thrown away. I would often have to remind her that the laws are intended to ensure equity between the parties. I would also remind her that she helped build their marital assets

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by raising their children, maintaining the household, supporting her husband so he could work and advance in his career. Their marriage was very much like a business partnership, with each partner having important and valuable roles.

It wasn't until our last hearing and prior to trial that Anita suddenly exhibited for lack of a better word, moxie. The judge had made a limited ruling in Anita's favor. When the judge asked if there was anything further from the attorneys, Anita stood and addressed the judge. Tears filled her eyes but her voice was strong. She felt that she was being seen, she felt heard, she felt vindicated. While it wasn't the proper moment for Anita to address the court in that way, it was a moment she needed. We settled the case soon after that.

Anita moved to another island to join her daughter. We had settled for a share of the marital property that would be enough to start a new chapter in her life. Prior to moving, I met Anita one last time. She still had signs of a difficult life, but she was smiling and looked at ease. Unlike our first meeting, she wanted to see and speak with me.

Educating our clients about the legal system and the law may sometimes be at odds with cultural norms or personal beliefs. As counselors, we have to be able to appreciate and re-

spect all those things in order to advise and guide our clients effectively. Anita and my clients taught me a great deal about this delicate balance.

HFC: Why do you think public service is important work?

ACOSTA: Public service doesn't necessarily mean that you have to be a public servant. I'd like to think of it as being civic minded. You can dedicate your career to public service or be involved in the betterment of your community through civic activity – like volunteering. I think this type of work is important because it goes to the very heart of who we are as a community, as members of a society.

We all have a vested interest in seeing that the community we live in is a good place, and that those who live in our community have a sense of belonging, are healthy and self-sufficient. After all, if our neighbors are doing well, then that makes our neighborhood a better place to live. We should expand this thinking beyond just our own streets and zip codes, but to our towns, our state, and our country. When we leave a segment of our community left behind, to struggle and feel disconnected, then we all lose out one way or another.

HFC: What was your childhood like? Where did you grow up?

ACOSTA: I was born in Manila, Philippines but spent my young childhood in Baguio City with my grandparents where I was surrounded by aunties, uncles and cousins who instilled in me the sense of belonging, community and responsibility for self and one another.

When I was 8 years old, I immigrated to the U.S. with my mother. I grew up in Olympia, Washington. Back then, Olympia was a rather small town even though it is the capitol of Washington State. I lived in a district that was not very diverse. In fact, during elementary school, there were only about 4 students of color. When I reached high school, the student body was diversified by students whose families were part of a refugee resettlement from Vietnam and Cambodia. Other students of "color" were few. In fact so few, that there were only two other Filipino American students in our school. We were grouped or categorized as "Asian" with all the stereotypes that came with that characteristic. I remember that my only conversations about the Philippines were with my Vietnamese and Cambodian classmates who had spent time in the Bataan refugee camp. It wasn't uncommon for students and teachers to treat me as the exchange student from Japan up until I graduated from high school.

When my family had the opportunity to vacation in Hawaii, I instantly felt compelled to move here for college. I was so surprised that Hawaii was filled with people who looked like me. I was instantly reminded of the Philippines and felt at home. Needless to say, I moved to Hawaii immediately after high school, completed my undergraduate studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, met my husband and made Hawaii my home.

HFC: Tell me one very memorable story as a youth.

ACOSTA: I tell a story about my Lola (grandmother) often when I am asked about

who inspires me or who has helped shape who I am today. When I was around 6 years old, my cousins and I watched a small neighborhood of nipa huts burn to the ground. My grandparents' home was situated along a hillside which overlooked a valley and a neighboring hill. Atop the neighboring hill were a cluster of nipa huts. Below them was a waterfall that flowed into a river which cut through the hillside and into the valley. The view was peaceful and it was often coupled with a gentle breeze that carried the combined smells of pine trees and pigs. As a child, this place was perfect.

The day of the fire, my cousins, neighborhood kids and I were sitting in a guava tree chewing on its green fruit and teasing one another about how bitter it tasted. Our view was of the nipa huts across the way. That day, the breeze brought a different smell, one of smoke and ash. It wasn't long before we saw the yellow and red flickers of flames quickly work their way through each of the huts until all you could see atop the hill were billows of dark clouds.

Our attention was broken by my Lola's heightened voice, telling us to get off the tree and help her gather items from the house. She was grabbing pots, plates, blankets and clothes from every room and shoving them into bags. I stood there unsure of what was happening - those were our things, my blanket, and my clothes all being taken away. My Lola was barking orders to fix our own dinner that night because she would be busy helping the victims of the fire. It was then when she must have caught my gaze and read from my face that I had intentions to grab my blanket out of her pile.

My Lola stood before me, looking straight into my eyes. "Did you see the fire? Do you know that people lost their homes? They have nothing left." I don't remember saying anything, but she continued on with the words that would stick with me to this day, "When people need your help,

you give. You give what you can, when you can." With that, she packed up and headed out to help the families and children who no longer had homes.

My grandmother had an elementary level education, but she remains to me, the wisest and most inspiring woman I have ever known. She had 14 children, worked the farms, maintained the house, and made time to give back to her community whenever she could and with whatever she had. Whenever I have a tough day, I think about what she went through and how she managed to get through her day. She wasn't about being cute and cuddly in her ways. Her life lessons were very matter of fact, either you do or you don't. She would probably scold me for even thinking about complaining about a bad day.

HFC: What message can you give to inspire our youth?

ACOSTA: I would first say that for us "older folks," we need to support our young people by creating an environment that allows them to explore the many ways they can reach their full potential. If you yourself are successful today, it is because someone helped you, encouraged you along your path to happiness and success. That is who we should be for our youth.

Today, our society tends to be either pessimistic or indifferent, disengaged. We need to remind our contemporaries and especially our youth of the importance of civil engagement. We are responsible for making our community a place we want to live in. No one else will do that for us.

HFC: What is your hope for the Filipino community?

ACOSTA: That we continue as stakeholders and active participants in the community at large. Filipinos as individuals and as a community have much to offer. We should be proud of that we can be and are leaders and contributors not only to our own community's well-being, but to Hawaii and the nation.

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NEWS FEATURE

Filipino Captures Hawaii Republican Party Chairmanship

by Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

A Filipino, Shirlene De La Cruz Ostrov, who recently retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, captured the chairmanship of the Hawaii Republican Party (Grand Old Party or GOP) at a tumultuous convention on the island of Kauai on May 13.

Ostrov's election is significant in a number of ways. She is the first Filipino to lead a state organization of one of the major political parties in the United States.

She was fighting the entrenched establishment of the Republican Party in Hawaii who had put up an incumbent state legislator, Andria Tupola, as their candidate. Ostrov won 265 to 111 because of good strategists, like Miriam Hellreich, Republican National Committeewoman for Hawaii. They conducted a grass roots operation among the delegates. The majority of the GOP in Hawaii also wanted a person with proven leadership qualities and a vision for the party. More significantly, the GOP sought a leader who could attract non-Caucasians to join, especially Filipinos who are one of the biggest non-white voting blocs in Hawaii.

Ostrov's only political experience was as a U.S. congressional candidate for the first district of Hawaii. She said that she ran against overwhelming odds because she did not want the election to be uncontested. As it turned out, she could not prevail against a well-known, well-funded, and union backed Democrat who had previously served in the House of Representatives – Colleen Hanabusa.

Ostrov's Goal for GOP

The Hawaii Republican Party is the minority party in Hawaii. Ostrov said that she sought the chairmanship "because I want to help build our



Shirlene Ostrov with the author, Atty. Tipon.

Party to become the true opposition party in this state. Now we've obviously got a steep hill to climb. With only five Republicans in the State House of Representatives and none in the Senate, we struggle to get our voices heard. And we aren't represented in our Congressional Delegation, a daily tragedy for Hawaii with Republicans in control of the U.S. House and Senate, and the White House."

In an op-ed in the Honolulu Star Advertiser on May 4, Shirlene was quoted as saying: "The Hawaii Republican Party is not just the party of no, nor are we simply the party of tax cuts. I believe we're the party of aloha and ohana. . . We are the party that wants to see every resident thrive so they can build their business, family and community without excessive government interference. That's the future we see for Hawaii."

Ostrov, who, since her retirement, has become a business executive, and a co-founder of a non-profit Hawaiian Cultural School in the National Capitol Region said: "I think Hawaii's Republicans have an excellent opportunity to rebuild and offer voters a real choice. My intent is pure and simple. I don't have a private agenda. I am

not seeking fame or fortune. I am not pursuing other positions at this time. I simply want to serve the party in a full-time manner to help Republicans take their rightful place in Hawaii."

Ostrov pointed out that "the most critical aspect of building a solid foundation is to get the party on a firm financial footing. We are supposed to be a sharp contrast to the Democrats, offering viable, workable alternatives that energize the state's residents to want our solutions and not continue with what we already know doesn't work. Our financial underpinning helps us speak our message broadly, and I know we are at a critical financial crossroads today. In fact, I believe that this is one of the main reasons why the Hawaii Republican Party has been in decline for the last few years and it will be a primary area of focus for me as chairman."

Immediately after her election as chairman, Ostrov went to Washington, D.C. to meet with Republican Party leaders and communicated with them her plans for the party in Hawaii. She said that they expressed their optimism and committed to providing support and resources to rebuild the local party.

worry too little about service to the electorate." The editorial went on to state that "Ostrov, born and raised in Hawaii, is a retired Air Force colonel; leadership experience is a plus, even given her lack of elected office."

Attracting Filipinos to the Republican Party

Ostrov stressed that "Education and outreach in the community is key to our success as a party. Not only will we increase transparency and accountability within party leadership, but sharing our points of view will attract more members from the growing ranks of disillusioned or disengaged Independents and Democrats looking for a conservative home.

"We need those numbers in our party and their votes in the next election, votes that will come from the conservative cultures and people the Democrats have taken for granted. Two districts out of 51 are Districts 28 and 29, the Kalihi and Palama areas. Those areas are 78 percent Filipino, and not only are they the largest voting bloc in Hawaii, they are also very, very conservative. They are Democrats now, but they are starting to understand that their voting habits are clashing with their

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Rizalian Ideals: A Framework in Youth Leadership Development

by Serafin Colmenares Jr., Ph.D.

The Philippines today is no longer shackled by a colonial power, but it continues to be faced with various social afflictions – poverty, crime, corruption – the roots of which have remained the same since colonial times. As former KOR Supreme Commander Reghis Romero II said: “Today’s challenge is no longer to defeat the pride of a colonizer. Our challenge in this generation is to overcome the ills of our society that has for so long been subject to indifference, to mediocrity and to self-centeredness.”

Many attribute this dire situation to a failure in or lack of leadership on the part of Filipinos. Former KOR Supreme Commander Pablo Trillana III, in his article on Rizal and Leadership, talked about how our past and present leaders have somewhat fallen short of what was expected of them. He said that the very First Republic that Filipinos established was untimely ended by American imperialism as much as it was by the Filipino leaders’ naivete or gullibility, and that EDSA’s promise of political rebirth was aborted by the weaknesses or failures of succeeding governments. Perhaps, our leaders were not tenacious enough, perhaps they were seduced and blinded by power, or perhaps they lacked the necessary moral grounding. Filipinos seem to have yet to

find the right recipe or ingredients for leadership that they sorely need.

With the shortcomings of our past and current leaders, much hope is pinned on the upcoming generation. Just as Jose Rizal and others like him exclaimed, the task of cultivating the motherland is burdened upon the youth; after all, as Steven Raga, a Filipino-American youth leader, puts it, “the youth is forever the next chapter in our story as a Filipino people.”

But we need to remember, he goes on to say, that the youth could inspire both hope and fear in society: fear in the form of apathy, criminality, and immorality; and hope in the form of participation, concern, and volunteerism. The youth’s attitudes, values, mind-set, and priorities will determine the future course of the country. With the crucial role society has placed upon the youth, it is imperative to instill a positive outlook upon them that will orient them towards development. The challenge is for the youth to bring hope rather than fear into our society. As Raga puts it, “the next generation cannot simply write our next chapter – they have to make the chapter worth reading.”

How can the youth do this? From whom can they learn?

Trillana believes that the youth doesn’t have to look far. Rizal’s entire life, to him, is a study on the principles of leadership and, perhaps, our future

leaders can learn from it. As Romero puts it, “Rizal is our national hero, not only because he was instrumental in our deliverance from Spanish colonization but more so because, in many ways, he showed us how to make use of our full potential, how to become a person dedicated for the good of others, how to turn one’s excellence into service, and how to work for the common good.”

What leadership traits can be learned from Rizal? Trillana cites several.

One is vision, or what he calls the principle of clear ideas. A leader should have a clear idea of where he or she is going, what his or her goal is. Without a clear goal, all planned moves will fail. Rizal’s goal was the achievement of Filipino nationhood, something he had nurtured from childhood and pursued passionately in his adult years until his death. His works, *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*, expressed his patriotic sentiments, and the five points of his *La Liga Filipina* spelled out what he wanted to see in the Philippines.

Second is what Trillana calls the principle of personal worth. People follow when they believe in a leader, when they trust him or her. Leading by example is necessary to show the leader’s worth. Rizal has proven his worth, he made his life a building block, a useful stone, and people believed and followed him. He was even made honorary president of the Katipunan, even if he did

not adhere to its revolutionary aims. And he showed that an “ideal” community can be built by building one in Dapitan himself.

Third is the principle of wholeness, or the big picture. A leader is not self-centered and does not work for selfish aims or for the benefit of a few. His or her goal is always the good of the greater number; for Rizal, it was the good of the Filipino people and the country as a whole. In 1896, he said: “In my heart I have suppressed all loves, except that of my native land; in my mind I have erased all ideas which do not signify her progress; and my lips have forgotten the names of the native races in the Philippines in order not to say more than Filipinos.”

Fourth is open-mindedness or the principle of many rivers. A leader should not have a one-track mind; he or she should be able to explore and be open to alternative solutions to problems. A leader should be flexible; a leader listens to other points of view. Rizal mapped out not one but several roads toward national redemption. He was a pacifist and favored reforms, but did not completely dismiss armed revolution.

Fifth is sacrifice, or the principle of the extra mile. A leader must be willing to suffer and sacrifice. In the *Fili*, Simoun asked Padre Florentino what must be done while the country is still under the shackles of a colonial power. Padre Florentino answered: “Sufrir y trabajar.” Endure and work. To build the Filipino nation, Rizal emphasized the need to sacrifice, to go the extra mile so that the cherished goal may be achieved. He said: “victory is the child of struggle, joy blossoms from suffering, and redemption is the product of sacrifice.”

Sixth is virtue, or the principle of the moral force. A leader must be ethical and morally upright. For Rizal, the building of a nation requires good men who must be virtuous. What is virtue? To Rizal, true virtue is modest and simple: “to do good to

one’s fellowmen, to make a sacrifice for the happiness of others, to tell the truth even to one’s detriment, to look upon all as brothers...”

Having a clear vision, leading by example, concern for the greater good, open-mindedness, willingness to sacrifice, and being virtuous – all these traits provide a solid grounding or foundation for our youth as leaders of tomorrow. But having these character traits alone are not enough.

In the closing chapter of *Noli Me Tangere*, the dying Elias (representing Rizal), told Basilio (representing the Filipino youth): “Mag-aral ka.” Study; acquire knowledge; be enlightened. The education of the youth is a major plank in Rizal’s writings; in fact, Camilo Osias, a foremost Filipino educator, wrote that Rizal’s “entire life, in a sense, may be considered as being devoted to one long campaign for education.”

For Rizal, an uneducated populace would forever remain slaves, and it is only through education that a people become free.

Yet, traits and the acquisition of knowledge are still not enough; a leader must use them. And to use them, to put them into action, requires courage. Rizal made himself the exemplar not only of how a person can develop himself fully, but also of what an educated person can do to put into action what one has learned.

Rizal’s views on leadership are as applicable today as they were during his time.

It has been 120 years since Rizal’s premature death, and we as a people are still waiting for the kind of leadership that we need. Scores have offered but have proven short. Do we have to wait some more, or does the next generation of Filipino youth already have the correct combination, the right recipe of traits, knowledge, and the courage necessary to be the leaders that we have been waiting for?

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LEGAL NOTES



By Atty. Reuben S. Seguritan

Republicans Introduce Bills to Facilitate Mass Deportations

The Republicans in the House have introduced bills to make it easier to deport undocumented immigrants. This is in support of President Trump's agenda of mass deportation of undocumented immigrants.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Representative Bob Goodlatte from Virginia has proposed two bills. The first is called the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Authorization Act or H.R. 2406. The bill orders the hiring of 12,500 additional immigration enforcement officers. All officers would also be in high-quality body armor and issued M-4 rifles, handguns and taser guns. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will also be granted the power to arrest without a warrant. The bill calls for the creation of the ICE Advisory Council that will insure

that state and local authorities are cooperating with the immigration enforcement objectives. The ICE Advisory Council will be composed of members appointed by the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, ICE's prosecutors' union, ICE's union and the President himself.

Lastly, the bill codifies the Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement Office (VOICE). VOICE will provide information to the victims of crimes committed by undocumented immigrants as well as to the family of victims regarding their attackers and available resources.

The second bill known as the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Reauthorization Act or H.R. 2407, aims to strengthen the powers of the USCIS. The bill codifies ICE's Homeland Security Investigations' (HSI) power to investigate anything related to national security, worksite enforcement of immigration

laws, human trafficking, racketeering (RICO) offenses, weapons smuggling, document fraud, and immigration benefits and violations.

This bill also establishes by statute the ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) division. The ERO is responsible for identifying, apprehending, detaining and removing aliens unlawfully present or removable on criminal or other grounds, including aliens who are members of criminal gangs. The bill also establishes the Office of Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), which currently does not appear in the laws. The Principal Legal Advisor will provide legal and policy advice to the USCIS and represents the Department in immigration court litigation.

The third bill was introduced by House Judiciary Committee Member, Representative Raul Labrador from Idaho. This bill is called the Michael Davis, Jr. and Danny Oliver in Honor of State and Local Law Enforcement Act

or H.R. 2431. This bill will transform civil immigration violations into criminal violations which are punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Furthermore, the previously granted immigration benefits under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA will be removed and hence pave the way for these undocumented immigrants to be deported because they knowingly violated the immigration laws.

This bill further requires states to give information to DHS on all details pertaining to undocumented immigrants apprehended or inadmissible or deportable. The required information includes the person's name, address, photograph, license plate number and all other identifying information. Furthermore, the bill punishes the cities and states which are sanctuary cities (a loose term that refers to communities that shield undocumented immigrants from deportation) by cutting off their Department of Justice

(DOJ) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grants.

Lastly, under this bill, it would take longer and make it more difficult for foreigners to apply for and be approved for visas to the United States because there will be additional layers of scrutiny. These layers of scrutiny include the checking of social media accounts.

Immigration advocates have criticized the proposed bills and stated that they do not address the complex problems in the immigration laws, but rather reinforce the negative perception of undocumented immigrants—that they are criminals and dangerous and hence, should be deported. They also claim that they will tear families apart. Lastly, commentators have compared the bills to the notorious laws of the Nazis in the 1930s and 1940s which alleged that all crimes were committed by Jews and hence should be exterminated.

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NEWS FEATURE (from page 11, **FILIPINO...**)

conservative culture. Education in the community will attract people whose family values and cultural background align more naturally with the Republican Party, if they hear us talk with them regularly as we share our message. With a diverse staff that starts with a broad range of ideas, we will articulate a message that covers the values and issues most people in our state care about and that the opposition isn't even paying attention to."

PERSONAL AND FAMILY BACKGROUND

Ostrov's father is from Batangas and her mother is from Bulacan. Her father joined the U.S. Navy in the Philippines, became a U.S. citizen in 1962 and settled in Hawaii. She was the fifth of 8 children (6 girls and 2 boys). She was born and raised in Mililani, among the pineapple

fields of Central Oahu, Hawaii. She said that her parents raised a "very tight-knit Catholic, conservative and patriotic family" who taught their children "to defend the institutions and the virtues of character that make the pursuit of happiness possible." Shirlene recalled that "the kitchen table discussion revolved around the different ways to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. It was an easy decision for me to serve my country in the United States Air Force."

Ostrov served for 23 years and retired as a Colonel. As a seasoned Logistics Readiness Officer, she held command and staff positions at the U.S. Air Force and Department of Defense. She served as the Commander of an Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and as the Commander of an Air Mobility Squadron unit in the Pacific. She commanded the

376th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, providing air combat power projection throughout the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility, and also served as a hub for strategic airlift operations and as an intermediate staging base for transiting personnel and equipment in support of operations in Afghanistan. She served the U.S. State Department in support of the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan and also served as the Legislative and Interagency Liaison for USTRANSCOM in Washington DC. She also served as the Chief of the Global Combat Support Division at Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces.

Among Ostrov's military awards are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Ostrov earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Florida, an MBA in Management from Troy State University and a Masters of Arts in Organizational Management

from George Washington University.

She married her husband Mark Jacob Ostrov in 1990 and they have twin daughters, Jessica and Julia who are 16 years old.

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Junio 17 Operation Manong iti opisina iti Multicultural Services 45th Anniversary, 10:00-3:00 iti University of Hawaii at Manoa. Awagan ti Operation Manong 808-956-7349.

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PHILIPPINE NEWS

Duterte Hits Carpio for Pushing for Phil Claim in South China Sea

by Patricia Lourdes Viray
Wednesday, May 31, 2017

MANILA, Philippines — President Rodrigo Duterte on Wednesday criticized Supreme Court Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio over his remarks on the South China Sea or West Philippine Sea dispute. "Si Carpio, daladal nang daladal [expletive] wala namang ginagawa noon, so gusto nito punta ako doon sa UN for the enforcement," Duterte said in a speech during the 119th anniversary celebration of the Philippine Navy.

Carpio, one of those who

defended the Philippines against China's extensive claims on the South China Sea, had been urging the president to enforce the ruling of an international arbitral tribunal on the maritime dispute.

The senior associate justice gave lectures in the Philippines and abroad casting doubt on China's vast historic claim over a large part of the South China Sea, which includes a portion that is within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone.

On July 12, 2016, the United Nations-backed tribunal ruled in favor of the Philippines, invalidating China's his-

toric claims over the contested waters.

Duterte said that Carpio and President Benigno Aquino III should have acted upon receiving information that China has been building facilities in the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.

Carpio, a justice, is not part of the executive branch.

"Ang problema nito, when it was being constructed seven years ago, the newspapers in the Philippines, Time magazine, were awash with pictures that there was something abrewing there... Nandyang ating navy bakit hindi

sinabi ni Carpio pati ni Noynoy 'Sige, punta ha ninyo, pigilan ninyo," the president said.

The president has previously also blamed the US for allegedly not acting to stop China from militarizing and conducting reclamation work in the disputed waters. The US is not a claimant state in the South China Sea but is concerned about freedom of navigation through the vital sea lane.

The president also stressed

pushing for the arbitral ruling would lead to a war against China.

The Chinese president earlier warned that they would go to war when Duterte raised the ruling of the international tribunal during their meeting in Beijing a few weeks ago. (www.philstar.com)

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MAINLAND NEWS

Asian Group Condemns Trump's Budget Proposal

The Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO (APALA) condemned President Donald Trump's latest budget proposal saying it makes significant cuts to social welfare programs, tax cuts that benefit the wealthy, and increases border security, immigration deportation funding, and law enforcement. APALA said the budget will

widen the gap between the rich and poor and further enable a corporate, anti-worker, anti-immigrant, and racist agenda.

"We are not surprised by this budget – it confirms everything we have seen and knew would continue to happen," stated Johanna Puno Hester, APALA National President and Assistant Executive Director of the United Domestic Workers, AFSCME Local 3930. "Our broken criminal justice sys-

tem already disproportionately impacts communities of color. With the government's blessing for more agents and more detention beds, the private prison industry will continue to profit on the incarceration of Black and Brown bodies."

APALA Executive Director Gregory A. Cendana added: "Budget cuts to social welfare programs and the repeal and replacement of critical healthcare will be detrimental to millions

of people and working families throughout the country. The budget serves only to line the pockets of the wealthy 1% while taking away essential services for struggling families and communities only trying to make ends meet. We are calling on Congress to put people over profit and resist this xenophobic and white supremacist agenda."

Hester added: "As an immigrant myself, I am disgusted that more taxpayer dollars are

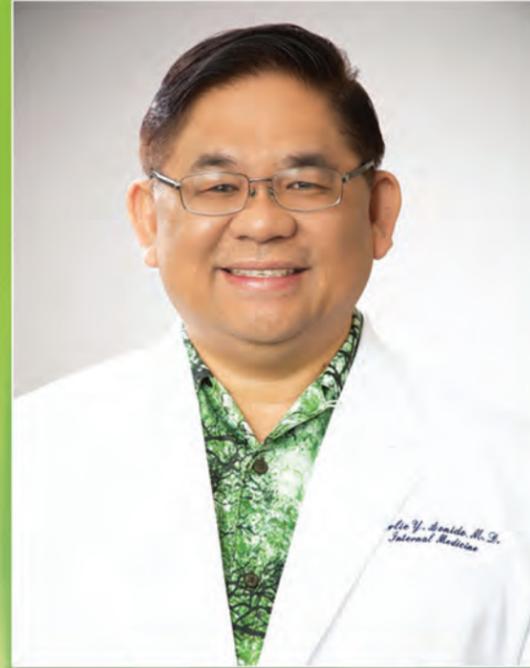
going towards the mass criminalization and deportation of immigrant and refugee communities. Instead of investing directly into workers, students, and putting more people on the path to the middle class, we're seeing moves to a more militarized state. This administration has repeatedly shown its relentlessness to destroy our democracy and the values of freedom and diversity we hold dear. That's why it's important now more than ever to resist, organize, and fight back against these oppressive tactics."

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