



Winter Quarter Newsletter Filipino Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest



2019 CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

54 golfers enjoyed a day of “Fun In the Sun” at the Chamber’s Seventh Annual golf tournament at Auburn’s Washington National Golf Club on August 23rd. Despite potential rain, the day remained dry with players from more than a dozen teams competing for numerous cash awards. All stayed for a delicious lunch and the new post-game raffle for a score of great prizes adding levity and laughter. The Chamber voted to reserve the next three tournaments at this venue due to this Auburn golf course.



FCCPNW TO HOST 2021 FPACC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Federation of Philippine Chambers of Commerce (FPACC) has selected Seattle-based Filipino Chamber to host its International Trade and Business Development Conference. FCCPNW submitted its bid with a theme entitled “Convergence—The Integration of the Global Economy Through Technology.” Featured at the event will be technology innovations in the USA, Philippines and other countries transforming business around the world. It is scheduled for November 2021.



SUCCESSFUL FILAM BUSINESS OWNERS SHARE THEIR STORIES

Five owners of local and very successful FilAm businesses, most with additional offices in other cities and states; discussed how they began their businesses, the challenges they faced (including near-bankruptcy and closure) and how they overcame them at FCCPNW’s June 22nd “Pathways to Success Workshop” at the Mercer Island Community Event Center. The presenters were Alex Rolluda of Rolluda Architects, Manny Bautista of Trident Construction, Jan Mason of Mackenzie, Dr. Fernando Vega of Seattle Healing Arts, and Jerilyn Gonzales of Gonzales Gonzalez Gonzales law firm. Nearly 30 attended.



CHAMBER TO PROMOTE CENSUS 2020 “COUNT ME IN” AWARENESS

FCCPNW received a \$4200 grant from WA State via the Filipino American National Historical Society community-wide initiative to encourage community residents to participate in Census 2020. The Chamber will be participating in or hosting public presentations for FilAm businesses and professional associations with materials and speakers from the State’s Census 2020 Community Engagement Team. From October-January.



CHAMBER STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2020 FORMULATED FCCPNW

Board members met on September 14th to review the year and spent time discussing and prioritizing the Chamber’s major focus areas for next year. They include: Increase financial resources through a major fund-raising event; increased membership; Improved Chamber communications; to securement of major grants; a Digital Director of FilAm businesses; and, Int’l trade promotion between local companies and the Philippines.

A full copy of the Strategic Plan can be found at www.fccpnw.com