



Community members getting ready to celebrate Filipino American History Month. (Photo by Lambert Parong)

JERSEY CITY — The Knights of Rizal NJ-Chapter Inc., Ladies for Rizal NJ-Chapter, Pan-American Concerned Citizens Action League, Inc. (PACCAL), JCI Philippine American New Jersey, Catholic Action of Mary (CAM), The Filipino School of New York & New Jersey and FAHNS NJ celebrate Filipino American History Month.

Filipino American History Month is celebrated in the United States during the month of October, since the earliest documented proof of Filipino presence in the Continental United States falls in October 1587.

This means that Filipinos came to the U.S. approximately 65 years after Magellan discovered the Philippines.

In 2009, Congress passed the resolution (H. RES. 80), officially recognizing October as Filipino American History Month.

On Oct. 1, 2018, the opening reception to commemorate the start of Filipino American History Month was held at the Five Corners Branch Library.

Sir Joey Mayo, Chapter Commander of Knights of Rizal NJ-Chapter Inc, led the opening ceremony.

Sir Ed Toloza, Tax Assessor, presented a resolution on behalf of the city officially recognizing October as Filipino American History Month in the City of Jersey City.

The program continued with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the “Filipino American History Exhibit” which will be displayed at the 2nd floor of the library for the entire month.

The series of month-long activities are co-chaired by Lady Allah Archangel, Ladies for Rizal NJ-Chapter & Sir Joey Mayo, Chapter Commander of Knights of Rizal NJ-Chapter Inc.

Below is the calendar of events:

FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY EXHIBIT

OCT. 1-26, 2018, 2nd Floor

(The Five Corners Branch Library, 678 Newark Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306)

We are proud to showcase a special educational exhibit of Filipino-American history, past to present.

The highlight of the gallery is a rare collection of historical Philippine flags: Evolution of Philippine Flags.

FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY FILM SERIES

Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at the Library Auditorium

(The Five Corners Branch Library, 678 Newark Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07306)

OCT. 8: Filipino Americans: Discovering their Past for the Future

OCT. 15: Jose Rizal: Ang Buhay Ng Isang Bayani

OCT. 22: The Philippines: Pearls of the Pacific

FILIPINO MASS

OCT. 7: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Chapel in Marian Hall
(St. Mary's Church, 254., Jersey City, NJ 07302)

Join us in the experience of celebrating a traditional Filipino mass.

After the mass in the Chapel, there will be a fellowship gathering in Marian Hall.

The Catholic Action of Mary (CAM) hosts the Tagalog mass every 1st Sunday of the month.

SIP & PAINT

OCT. 13: 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

(PACCAL Neighbor Center, 380 Monmouth St., Jersey City, NJ 07302)

Everyone is invited to join this painting workshop.

We will have three categories of painting samples — Abstract, Realism & Impressionism with Filipino subject matter.

\$40 pre-registration per person — all supplies and materials provided.

(Limited seating, reserve your seats early.)

A light lunch and wine will be served.

All paintings will be displayed at the closing ceremonies and the “People’s Choice Awards” will be presented at City Hall.

RIZAL DECLAMATION CONTEST

OCT. 20: 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

(Hank Gallo Community Center — Lincoln Park., Jersey City, NJ 07304)

Students of all ages are invited to join the contest.

They will be able to select from one of five of Rizal's poems to memorize and recite.

Winners will be announced at the end of the event and awards to be presented at the closing ceremonies at City Hall.

CLOSING CEREMONY

OCT. 27: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

(City Hall Council Chambers & Rotunda — 280 Grove St. Jersey City, NJ 07302)

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.: Closing reception showcasing of the “Fil-Am History Month Exhibit.”

Light food and drink will be served.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.: Philippine History Documentary Viewing

Filipino Americans: Discovering their Past for the Future

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Cultural Program & Awarding Ceremony

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