

PH Congen, SMC Supervisor to lead free elder care event



Board of Supervisors President David Canepa

DALY CITY, Calif. - Philippine Consul General in San Francisco Neil Frank Ferrer and San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President David Canepa will headline a virtual event aimed at educating on elder care and elder abuse prevention.

ALLICE Alliance for Community Empowerment is staging its "13th Annual Our Family, Our Future: 9 Acts of Kindness to Empower Older Adults" 5:30 - 7 pm, Tuesday, June 29, 2021. Free and open to the public via registration, the virtual event is in collaboration with the Philippine Consulate, Asian American Recovery Services - Healthright 360 and County of Marin Behavioral Health & Recovery Services.

Ferrer and Canepa will deliver the keynote address from the Philippine/FilAm and US/local perspectives. Some 20 community-based family resource providers will be available to chat with attendees on their programs and services.

WAY TO GIVE BACK

"The Consulate General is pleased to partner with ALLICE Kumares & Kumpares for Community Empowerment in the 13th Annual Our Family Our Future," said Consul General Ferrer. "The older members of our community are mostly responsible for what we are enjoying today -- a healthy and comfortable life, stability, and success in various fields."

Ferrer urges the community to attend the virtual event to learn more about healthy interaction with elders and where to access resources for them as a form of reciprocation.

"It is time to give back to them and care for them as they live longer," he said. "Let us help them and one another in protecting our elders who are among the most vulnerable members of our community."

PROTECTING ELDERS

"The county continues to do an excellent job in protecting our elderly residents in long-term care facilities including nursing homes, board and care, and for the physically and mentally disabled through advocacy, intervention and education," said San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President David J. Canepa, reinforcing the need for opportunities to understand a crucial subject.

"Elder abuse in any form is intolerable and we must continue to raise awareness around an issue that is often very difficult to discuss," said the former Mayor of Daly City, who is the Board of Supervisors liaison to the County Commission on Aging and prime mover the county age-friendly movement.

Community leader Tessie Madrinan, coordinator of Peninsula Family Service's Filipino Senior Peer Counseling Program, will discuss the 9 Acts of Kindness to Empower Older Adults. To culminate the event, 9 individuals will be recognized for modeling longevity with engagement. The ALLICE Pledge to be an Ally to Older Adults will be recited.

June is a big month for commemorating freedom, identity and autonomy. This is Pride Month in the United States, recalling the struggle for equality of the LGBT+ community. In 2014, I Am An Immigrant Foundation launched Immigrant Heritage Month to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of immigrants to our shared American history.

On June 12, Filipinos all over the world memorialize independence from Spain (related story on Upside). June 15s commemorate World Elder Abuse Day, raising awareness and denounce all forms of abuse against the older population. Juneteenth, short for June 19th,



Consul Gen. Neil Frank Ferrer

honors the emancipation of the enslaved people in the United States.

ALLICE has chosen this time to share strategies to promote independence, freedom from isolation and abuse, and empowerment of people lucky to live longer.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Information on the following public and private agencies and organizations will be shared: Adult Protective Services – San Francisco, Aging and Disability Resource Centers of San Francisco, Always Best Care – Peninsula, AARS-Healthright 360, Catholic Charities Adult Day Services, Chajinel Home Care Services, Colma City Police Dept., CORA, FALEO, Grace United Methodist Church, Healthy Aging Response Team, HICAP of San Mateo, Holy Child and St. Martin Episcopal Church, Ombudsman Services of San Mateo, PCRC, Peninsula Family Service – Senior Peer Counseling/Got Wheels!, Filipino Senior Resource Center San Francisco, San Mateo County Aging and Adult Services, SMC Commission on Aging, SMC Pride Center, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, Self-Help for the Elderly, South San Francisco Fire Dept., SSF Parks and Recreation Dept., and SSF Police Dept.

A diverse host of community sponsors are supporting the endeavor: Philippine News Today, Inquirer.net, Positively Filipino, Philippine Consulate General,

AARS Healthright 360, Marin County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services, Our Lady of Mercy Legion of Mary, Ed and Lydia Pomposo, and Filipino American Association of Kaiser Permanente.

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Obituary

Engr. Antonio G. Santos, 91



Engr. Antonio G. Santos died recently in Bulacan. He was 91.

Santos was the 4th son, among 8 siblings from the marital union of Maria Belen Galang and Vicente T. Santos. Growing up in their ancestral house in Ipil st., Tayabas, a district of Manila, Tony, as he was fondly called, graduated from Jose Abad Santos High School, then took B.S. Mechanical Engineering at the Mapua Institute of Technology but because he was working as a mechanic and studying college at the same time, he finally graduated with the same major at the Far Eastern University in the early 60's.

He became president of Lions Club and also president of the Rotary Club of Metro San Francisco Del Monte. In 1967, he joined the Shell Car Rally of the Philippines and in 1969, he became one of the first Cursillistas in the Philippines having finished the 3-day Cursillo Weekend at the Cursillo House, Lipa, Batangas. He was a successful businessman and was always compassionate and generous to his relatives who would always approach him in times of need.

He became operations manager of Valiant Motors Corporation, distributors of Peugeot and Mazda cars in the Philippines and in the early

70's became the general manager of Rock Integrated Corporation. One of his clients, Architect Noli Bernardo convinced him to become a finishing contractor and in 1974, Astex Trading was born and specialized in textured spray painting, marble, parquet waterproofing, fireproofing, etc. In the mid-90's, Engr. Santos filed for a design and utility patent for his Vacuumated Concrete Planer, which won the bronze prize award at the Invention and New Product Exposition (INPEX), America's largest invention trade show in Monroeville, PA.

Engr. Antonio G. Santos died in Bulacan, last May 13, 2021, the Feast Day of our Lady of Fatima. He is survived by his wife Anacoreta "Coring" Casas Santos, 83, his daughters Louh Santos-Chiefe from Atlanta GA & Architect Tina Santos-Franco from Valenzuela, Bulacan and his sons Joe from San Francisco CA and Dr. Ramon "Gerry" Santos from Sydney, Australia; his grandchildren : Martina, Joel, Joseph Santos; Francis Chiefe; Florence Faye, Frances Louie and Felicia Ysabel Franco.

His funeral mass was held last May 16, 2021 at St. Peter's Memorial Chapel, La Loma, Quezon City, Philippines and his remains lie at the Eternal Gardens Memorial Park, Caloocan City, Philippines.