



# Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (PACCA) Monthly Newsletter | 2025 Edition



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## BRIDGING BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES

The Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (PACCA) is dedicated to empowering Filipino-American entrepreneurs, professionals, and community leaders by fostering collaboration, promoting cultural pride, and creating opportunities for growth.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Business Expo 10 AM - 4 PM  
Cocktails & Registration 4-6 PM | Formal Gala 6 PM  
Dress Code: Formal Attire

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Halfhead dinner buffet with toasts

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### Leadership Message

Insights and greetings from our State President and Editor and Chief

### Business Resource Toolbox

PACCA is dedicated to equipping entrepreneurs with tools to succeed — this month's spotlight: the SBA Learning Platform, a free resource for business growth at any stage.

### Community Impact Highlight

PACCA and partner organizations unite in true Bayanihan spirit to bring hope and relief to earthquake-affected families in the Philippines.

### Community Spotlight

Trunk or Treat: A Spooktacular Celebration of Community and Culture – The Trunk or Treat event, presented by Team Lumpia in collaboration with Full Throttle Auto Club, brought the community together for a fun and family-friendly Halloween celebration

### Connection and Impact Events

Community Celebration at the 2025 Moon Festival in Chandler – a celebration that brought together families, professionals, and entrepreneurs from across the city. PACCA was proud to be part of this vibrant event, connecting with the community and celebrating culture, collaboration, and impact.

### Member News & Achievements

PACCA proudly welcomes Julian Gutierrez, Jeanne Madlangbayan and Analou Sprangers — people who are ready to inspire, connect, and make an impact in our community.

### Spotlight Series

Filipino-American Entrepreneurs in Arizona

### PACCA EVENTS & UPDATES

- PACCA Planning Night at Tambayan Restaurant
- PACCA, in partnership with Our Community Foundation USA and AZ Filipinos, is proud to celebrate Filipino Heritage Night at the Phoenix Suns vs San Antonio Spurs game!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- COFACC Launches CONNECT 2025: A National Virtual Networking Night
- FILIPINO HERITAGE NIGHT

**FILIPINO  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE PACCA STATE PRESIDENT

**Mabuhay, PACCA Family, Friends, and Community Partners!**

It is with great joy and pride that I welcome you to this maiden issue of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (PACCA) Newsletter.

PACCA is more than a chamber—it is a driving force for opportunity, growth, and community. Rooted in bayanihan, the spirit of unity and shared purpose, we are here to support every business owner, professional, student, and community advocate who is helping to shape the future of our community and the local economy. Together, we are not just building—we are fueling innovation, strengthening connections, and opening doors to greater possibilities.

This newsletter is one of the many ways we keep that spirit alive. Inside, you'll discover stories of service, resources for professional and business growth, and celebrations of the incredible talents within our community. My hope is that each page inspires you to invest in yourself, your business, and our collective future—because when PACCA grows, our entire Filipino American community and local economy in Arizona thrive.

As we look ahead, PACCA remains committed to education, advocacy, and recognition. We invite you to actively engage—join our events and programs, support our initiatives, collaborate with fellow members, and share what you learn. Every act of participation strengthens the bonds of our community and creates ripples of opportunity for all.

Maraming salamat for reading, for supporting, and for being an essential part of this journey. Together, let us continue to build bridges, uplift one another, and create a stronger economy and brighter future for the generations to come.

With gratitude,  
Edward Henry Lago  
State President  
Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona



# MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**Mabuhay and Warm Greetings,**

As we move into the final months of 2025, I am delighted to share this month's newsletter filled with stories that showcase the heart, creativity, and resilience of our Filipino-American community. From inspiring entrepreneurial journeys to meaningful acts of compassion, each story reminds us of the incredible impact we can make when we come together.

This issue celebrates the ways our community connects—through cultural events, volunteer efforts, and networking opportunities that bring us closer while opening doors for growth and collaboration. It's a testament to the spirit of Bayanihan that guides our work and strengthens the bonds between members, families, and the wider Filipino-American community.

Thank you for being part of PACCA's journey. Your energy, generosity, and engagement ensure that we continue to build a vibrant, supportive, and empowered community—one where each of us can thrive and make a difference.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Kristine Bartolome  
Editor-in-Chief  
Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona



**CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT, RESILIENCE, AND GENEROSITY OF OUR FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY—READ ON FOR  
INSPIRING STORIES, CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT THIS NOVEMBER!**





## YOUR GO-TO GUIDE FOR BUILDING AND GROWING YOUR BUSINESS: THE SBA BUSINESS GUIDE

Building a business in Arizona takes more than just hard work — it takes the right tools, reliable information, and a supportive community. Whether you're opening your first venture or scaling up, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers one of the most valuable (and free!) resources for entrepreneurs: the SBA Business Guide.

This easy-to-navigate online guide walks you through every stage of the business journey — from planning and launching to managing and growing — all in one convenient place.

## WHY THE SBA BUSINESS GUIDE MATTERS FOR ARIZONA ENTREPRENEURS

Arizona's business scene is thriving with innovation, diversity, and community spirit. But navigating the process — from licensing and funding to compliance — can be overwhelming. That's where the SBA's Business Guide comes in. It provides the structure, clarity, and connections entrepreneurs need to confidently run and grow their businesses.

## HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE SBA BUSINESS GUIDE

### Starting fresh?

Visit the "Start Your Business in 10 Steps" section — a complete checklist that helps you get your business up and running in Arizona.

### Already running your business?

Check out "Manage Your Business" and "Grow Your Business" for expert advice on marketing, hiring, operations, and scaling.

### Looking for funding?

Learn about SBA-backed loans, microloans, and grants that make it easier to access fair and flexible capital.

### Need local guidance?

Use the SBA's "Find Local Assistance" feature to connect with nearby mentors and business resource partners who know Arizona's market.

## PACCA TIP

- Pair the SBA Business Guide with PACCA's local network of entrepreneurs, professionals, and mentors. Through collaboration and shared experience, we can build stronger, smarter businesses that uplift our entire Arizona community.
- PACCA continues to serve as a bridge — connecting business owners to trusted partners, education, and opportunities that foster growth and long-term success.

Bookmark it as part of your Business Resource Toolbox — your playbook for sustainable growth and lasting success.



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## HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE:

- Step-by-step guidance — From choosing your business structure to registering with the Arizona Corporation Commission.
- Free templates and tools — Business plan builders, funding worksheets, and compliance checklists.
- Programs for minority, women, and veteran entrepreneurs — Designed to support Arizona's diverse business community.
- Local support links — Direct access to Arizona SBA offices, SCORE mentors, and Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) offering free coaching and workshops.



## READY TO GET STARTED? VISIT THE SBA BUSINESS GUIDE AND EXPLORE:

- Plan Your Business
- Launch Your Business
- Manage Your Business
- Grow Your Business
- Explore the platform today:  
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**AT PACCA, WE'RE HERE TO KEEP OUR ARIZONA BUSINESS COMMUNITY INFORMED,  
CONNECTED, AND EMPOWERED.**

**LET'S CONTINUE BUILDING A STRONGER ECONOMY — ONE BUSINESS AT A TIME.**





# ARIZONA'S FILIPINO COMMUNITY EXTENDS HELP TO EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN NORTHERN CEBU

In response to this urgent need, the **Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (PACCA)**—together with the **CFO Foundation** and the **Council of Filipino Organizations of Arizona (CFOAZ)**—joined forces to mobilize relief efforts that would bring help and hope to those affected. What started as a simple appeal for support quickly grew into a community-wide movement of compassion. Members of Arizona's Filipino American community, local organizations, and generous individuals came together to donate funds, supplies, and resources to aid the families in Cebu.

## A Testament to Unity and Hope

PACCA's partnership with CFO Foundation and CFOAZ underscores what can be achieved when organizations and individuals work hand in hand for a common cause. Together, they not only raised resources but also awareness—reminding everyone that we are part of a global Filipino community that cares deeply for one another.

The success of these relief efforts also reflects the heart of PACCA's mission: to connect, empower, and uplift Filipino Americans while maintaining a strong bond with our homeland. By extending help beyond Arizona, PACCA continues to embody its core values of service, leadership, and community collaboration.

*PACCA and partner organizations unite in true Bayanihan spirit to bring hope and relief to earthquake-affected families in the Philippines.*

## Turning Compassion Into Action

- Through collective generosity, essential goods such as rice, canned food, bottled water, hygiene kits, and other necessities were distributed to residents in the hardest-hit areas. Volunteers on the ground in Cebu worked tirelessly to ensure that donations reached the people who needed them most.
- These relief efforts were not just about providing physical assistance—they were about sending a message of solidarity and love from Arizona to the Philippines. The collaboration demonstrated how powerful the spirit of Bayanihan truly is—our shared value of helping one another in times of adversity.
- "Even from across the ocean, our community continues to show that the Filipino spirit of unity and compassion knows no boundaries," shared a PACCA representative. "We are proud to stand together and make a difference where it truly matters."



## Gratitude and Moving Forward

PACCA extends its deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed—whether through financial donations, volunteer work, or spreading the word. Your kindness and generosity brought hope and comfort to families who were facing unimaginable hardship.

As we reflect on this effort, let us continue to carry forward the Bayanihan spirit in all that we do. Whether in times of disaster or in everyday life, the power of community and compassion reminds us that together, we can make a lasting difference.

## Because When the Community Rises — We All Rise

PACCA proudly supports initiatives that strengthen families, elevate skills, and build bridges of opportunity. Let's continue standing side by side, serving side by side, and growing side by side.





# TRUNK OR TREAT: A SPOOKTACULAR CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE



Presented by Team Lumpia x Full Throttle Auto Club

Creative Collective Media of Arizona



On Friday, October 24th, families and friends gathered at Jollibee Chandler for a night filled with creativity, laughter, and Filipino pride. The Trunk or Treat event, presented by Team Lumpia in collaboration with Full Throttle Auto Club, brought the community together for a fun and family-friendly Halloween celebration where attendees showcased their costumes, decorated car trunks, and enjoyed delicious Filipino street food favorites.

## A PARTNERSHIP DRIVEN BY PASSION AND PURPOSE

The collaboration between Team Lumpia and Full Throttle came naturally — both groups share a deep love for Filipino culture and an enthusiasm for cars. Their joint vision of uniting the community through shared interests and cultural pride turned this idea into a vibrant, well-loved event.



Creative Collective Media of Arizona

## ABOUT TEAM LUMPIA



Team Lumpia is a community-driven organization dedicated to celebrating Filipino culture through a shared love of cars and motorcycles. Their mission is to build an inclusive and supportive environment where culture and community intersect. Throughout the year, Team Lumpia remains active in local outreach efforts and events that uplift and unite the Filipino-American community. Looking ahead, the group is excited to host a One Day Basketball Tournament on Saturday, April 11, 2026, promising another opportunity to connect, compete, and celebrate community spirit.

**"The community's energy and support made the event so fun and full of Filipino pride and togetherness." — Romeo J. Carbonell Jr.**



Creative Collective Media of Arizona

Guests were treated to an evening of creatively decorated car trunks, costume contests, and mouthwatering Filipino dishes, including crowd favorites from Jollibee. The celebration welcomed special guests such as Philippine Honorary Consul of Arizona Jenny Ho-Vijungco, along with several local Filipino organizations and generous sponsors whose support made the night possible. The community's energy was undeniable — families came together, children filled their bags with treats, and laughter echoed throughout the venue. The joy and togetherness perfectly captured the spirit of Filipino bayanihan (community unity).

## STRENGTHENING BONDS AND CULTURAL PRIDE

More than just a festive gathering, Trunk or Treat served as a bridge connecting families, youth, and local businesses while celebrating Filipino heritage. The event strengthened community ties and highlighted the growing Filipino presence and pride in Arizona. It was a night that reminded everyone of the beauty of collaboration and the warmth of cultural connection.





# TRUNK OR TREAT BRINGS COMMUNITY SPIRIT TO GILBERT

Gilbert, Arizona, came alive with Halloween excitement as AZ Moto and AZ Tambay hosted a spectacular Trunk or Treat at the home of Rolan Sagmit. Families, friends, and community members gathered for an evening filled with creativity, fun, and celebration, creating lasting memories for children and adults alike.

## CREATIVE TRUNKS AND FESTIVE FUN

Cars were transformed into amazing Halloween displays, ranging from spooky haunted setups to playful pumpkin themes. Children eagerly explored each trunk, collected candy, and posed for photos. Adults also joined in, marveling at the creativity and effort behind every setup.

"The energy and creativity in every trunk were incredible!" shared a local participant.

The festive atmosphere brought the neighborhood together, making the event a true celebration of community engagement and Halloween spirit.

## PACCA LEADERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE

Members and leaders of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (PACCA) also attended, demonstrating their commitment to supporting Filipino-American culture and fostering community connections. Their participation reinforced PACCA's role in bridging families, businesses, and local organizations through meaningful initiatives.

"PACCA is proud to be part of events that unite the community while celebrating our culture," said one member.



## HONORARY GUESTS HIGHLIGHT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The evening was honored by Honorary Consul Jenny Ho-Vijungco, who emphasized the importance of community involvement and cultural celebration. Her presence highlighted how local events can strengthen connections and promote pride within the community.

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

The Trunk or Treat offered a safe and lively environment for kids to showcase their creative costumes and participate in fun games and interactive activities. Local businesses contributed to a vibrant atmosphere, adding music, decorations, and treats to make the night extra special.

The combination of fun, creativity, and community spirit made this event unforgettable for everyone in attendance.

## A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Thanks to the efforts of Rolan Sagmit, AZ Moto, AZ Tambay, and all volunteers, the event was a resounding success, leaving lasting memories for families and neighbors alike.

The Trunk or Treat also highlighted the importance of cultural engagement and community collaboration. Events like this demonstrate how creativity, teamwork, and community pride come together to foster connections and strengthen bonds within the neighborhood.

**PACCA looks forward to continuing its mission of celebrating culture, fostering community, and bringing people together through events that inspire and unite.**





# FILAM FIESTA 2025: CELEBRATING CULTURE, COMMUNITY, AND CONNECTION AT THE ARIZONA CENTER



# FILAM FIESTA

This October, downtown Phoenix was filled with vibrant energy as Arizona Filipinos hosted FilAm Fiesta 2025 at the Arizona Center to celebrate Filipino American History Month. The event brought together families, friends, and community members from across Arizona for a day dedicated to culture, community, and pride.

The celebration wouldn't have been complete without cultural performances and live music, which kept the crowd engaged throughout the day. Guests enjoyed traditional dances that honored Filipino heritage, as well as contemporary performances that showcased the modern talent of the local community. Adding to the excitement were costume contests and raffle prizes, creating memorable experiences for families and individuals of all ages. Local vendor Roselyn 'Linda' Jones, who sells handmade Filipino-inspired crafts, shared, "Being part of FilAm Fiesta is so meaningful. It's a chance to showcase our work, connect with the community, and celebrate our culture with so many people who truly care."

The festival embodied the spirit of bayanihan — the Filipino tradition of working together for the common good — with a full day of food, music, and celebration. Attendees were welcomed by the sights, sounds, and flavors of the Filipino-American community. The event featured local Filipino and Island fusion food vendors, alongside vendors offering traditional and modern Filipino-inspired apparel, authentic Filipino cuisine, and handmade crafts. These booths highlighted the entrepreneurial spirit, creativity, and dedication of Arizona's Filipino-American businesses.

"The energy at FilAm Fiesta is just amazing," said one attendee. "It's not just about the food or performances — it's about feeling part of a community and celebrating our heritage together."



A special highlight was the presence of Honorary Consul Jenny Ho-Vijungco, whose support and leadership continue to strengthen the Filipino-American community in Arizona. Her participation reflected the growing recognition of the contributions of Filipino-Americans and the importance of representation at every level of civic engagement.



Representatives from the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (PACCA) were also in attendance, celebrating alongside the community and connecting with local businesses and community leaders. PACCA's presence underscored its ongoing commitment to supporting Filipino-American entrepreneurs, fostering cultural pride, and building strong community partnerships throughout the state.

**Beyond entertainment and fun, FilAm Fiesta served as a platform to uplift local FilAm businesses, highlight cultural talent, and bridge connections within Arizona's broader community.**

**The success of the event was made possible by the collective efforts of organizers, volunteers, performers, and vendors — a true embodiment of bayanihan in action. It was a day where the community came together to support one another, celebrate shared culture, and build connections that strengthen the Filipino-American presence in Arizona.**

**TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED, PERFORMED, OR VOLUNTEERED — MARAMING SALAMAT! YOUR ENERGY, ENTHUSIASM, AND SPIRIT MADE FILAM FIESTA 2025 A TRULY UNFORGETTABLE CELEBRATION.**





**The Filipino American Families Support Team of Arizona (FAST of AZ) recently hosted a fun-filled Fall Picnic at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. Families, friends, and community members came together for a day full of fun, fitness, culture, and community celebration, making it a truly memorable event.**



### ACTIVITIES AND FUN FOR EVERYONE

The picnic offered a wide variety of outdoor activities designed to engage participants of all ages. Families enjoyed the park, games, and amenities, while teens and adults participated in friendly competitions and team challenges. One of the highlights of the day was The Island Girls: Tahitian Fitness for a Cause, which gave attendees the chance to dance, move, and get active while supporting FAST of AZ's humanitarian mission. Proceeds from the activity went directly to programs that assist Filipino-American families and community members in need.

*"It's amazing to see families enjoying the park together while supporting a meaningful cause," said a volunteer.*

The mix of activities ensured that everyone could participate, creating a lively and inclusive atmosphere where laughter and camaraderie were abundant.

### CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

The Fall Picnic highlighted FAST of AZ's dedication to bringing the Filipino-American community together. Beyond games and fitness, the event was a chance to celebrate heritage, connect with neighbors, and foster a sense of belonging.

*"Events like this remind us of the joy of community and the importance of coming together," said an organizer.*

By including activities like Tahitian Fitness, FAST of AZ showcased how fun, culture, and philanthropy can combine to create a meaningful and engaging experience for all.



## FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND CONNECTION

No picnic is complete without food! Attendees enjoyed a variety of picnic meals, snacks, and refreshments, providing an opportunity to relax, socialize, and connect. The welcoming environment encouraged conversation, networking, and community bonding, helping strengthen relationships within the Filipino-American community.



## A MEMORABLE DAY FOR ALL

The Filipino American Families Support Team of Arizona's Fall Picnic at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park was a resounding success, filled with activities, laughter, and community spirit. From enjoying the park and its amenities to participating in the Tahitian Fitness session, attendees left with smiles, stories, and lasting memories.

**FAST of AZ continues to demonstrate how community, culture, and togetherness can enrich lives, create meaningful connections, and strengthen the bonds that hold the Filipino-American community together.**





# COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AT THE 2025 MOON FESTIVAL IN CHANDLER



On October 4, 2025, the streets of Chandler came alive with color, music, and lanterns during the Moon Festival — a celebration that brought together families, professionals, and entrepreneurs from across the city. PACCA was proud to be part of this vibrant event, connecting with the community and celebrating culture, collaboration, and impact.

The festival was a feast for the senses. Visitors enjoyed traditional performances, live music, dance, and lantern displays, all while exploring the creativity and innovation of local businesses. PACCA members and guests had the chance to meet new people, exchange ideas, and share experiences with fellow entrepreneurs and community leaders.



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DAY

Cultural performances and entertainment that reflected the rich diversity of Arizona's community.

Opportunities for networking and learning, as attendees engaged with business professionals and mentors to explore growth strategies and resources. Celebrating local businesses through showcases and demonstrations, highlighting the creativity and innovation thriving across the region.

Beyond the festivities, the Moon Festival was a reminder of the power of connection and collaboration. PACCA's participation emphasized how community events like this foster meaningful relationships, encourage shared learning, and inspire new opportunities for professional and business growth.



The energy of the day reflected PACCA's mission: to connect, empower, and uplift Arizona's business and professional community. Events like the Moon Festival show that when people come together with purpose and passion, communities — and businesses — thrive.

**PACCA looks forward to more opportunities to connect, collaborate, and make a positive impact across Arizona.**

Stay updated at: [www.paccaz.org](http://www.paccaz.org)  
Interested in volunteering, donating, or even leading a give -back initiative under PACCA?  
We'd love to hear from you!





# PACCA PLANNING NIGHT AT TAMBAYAN RESTAURANT



What an inspiring evening for PACCA! Our team gathered at Tambayan Restaurant, one of our proud PACCA member establishments, for a fun and productive planning night filled with collaboration, laughter, and community spirit.

The room buzzed with energy as board members, committee leads, and volunteers came together to share updates, brainstorm ideas, and finalize details for our much-anticipated event — “Celebrating Luminaries in the Business Community.” This upcoming gala will recognize and honor exceptional individuals and organizations whose leadership, achievements, and dedication continue to uplift and inspire the Filipino-American community in Arizona.



As always, Tambayan’s warm atmosphere and delicious food created the perfect setting for connection and creativity. Between planning sessions and shared meals, the group reflected on PACCA’s mission — to bring people together, support one another’s goals, and celebrate the success stories that remind us why our community is so special.

As we look ahead to the Luminaries Gala, we invite everyone to join us for a memorable evening of recognition, inspiration, and celebration. Together, let’s honor the leaders and trailblazers who continue to light the way for others in business and beyond. “It was a night of good food, great company, and meaningful conversations as PACCA came together to plan and celebrate what’s next for our community.”

Moments like these remind us that PACCA is more than just an organization — it’s a family of professionals and entrepreneurs who genuinely care about one another’s growth. Whether it’s through events, mentorship, or meaningful collaborations, PACCA continues to be a platform where passion meets purpose.

**We extend our heartfelt thanks to Tambayan Restaurant for their gracious hospitality and unwavering support. Their generosity and community spirit reflect exactly what PACCA stands for — collaboration, connection, and shared success.**





# WELCOME TO PACCA!

## **Welcome to PACCA: Julian Gutierrez**

*Civil Engineer | Photographer | Storyteller through the Lens*

PACCA is excited to welcome Julian Gutierrez, a talented civil engineer with a creative side that shines through his passion for photography and videography.

When he's not working on engineering projects, Julian channels his creativity through his lens, capturing moments that tell meaningful stories. Photography and videography have helped him grow out of his shell and connect more deeply with the people around him. He describes his work as a kind of documentary of life, preserving memories of family, friends, and experiences that inspire him.

Julian is also an active member of the Creative Collective Media of Arizona, where he collaborates with fellow creatives and contributes to projects that celebrate art, culture, and storytelling in the community.

Through his photography, videography, and creative collaborations, Julian continues to grow both personally and professionally. We are thrilled to have him as part of the PACCA community, where his talents and passion can inspire and connect with others.

**Welcome to PACCA, Julian!** We're thrilled to have you with us and can't wait to see the positive impact you'll bring to our community.



## **Welcome to PACCA: Jeanne Madlangbayan**

*MarketPoint Career Agent | Medicare Specialist | Community Advocate*

Please join us in welcoming Jeanne Madlangbayan, the newest member of the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (PACCA)!

Jeanne is a MarketPoint Career Agent at Humana, where she specializes in Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplements, and Prescription Drug Plans. With her expertise and dedication, she helps individuals and families navigate their healthcare options with clarity, confidence, and peace of mind.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Jeanne's commitment to service and community aligns perfectly with PACCA's mission of supporting Filipino-American business excellence. Her knowledge, professionalism, and passion for helping others make her a valued addition to our growing network of professionals and entrepreneurs. We're thrilled to have Jeanne join the PACCA family and look forward to seeing her contributions and engagement in our events, initiatives, and community efforts.

**Welcome to PACCA, Jeanne!** We're thrilled to have you with us and can't wait to see the positive impact you'll bring to our community.



## **Welcome to PACCA: Analou Sprangers**

*Owner of Lady Boss Broom | Entrepreneur | Artist*

We're excited to welcome Analou Sprangers, owner of Lady Boss Broom, as the newest member of PACCA! Analou brings her entrepreneurial spirit and creativity to Arizona's Filipino business community, adding her energy and passion to our growing network of professionals.

Originally from the Philippines, Analou is also a talented artist, skilled in drawing and painting—a passion she inherited from her father, who has been a lifelong mentor. Her creativity shines not only in art but also in the way she approaches her business and daily life.

At Lady Boss Broom, Analou finds joy in helping her customers and creating a positive experience for them. Her decision to start the business was motivated by a desire for financial stability, and she has shown resilience and dedication, even overcoming challenges such as recovering from a car accident. Analou's connection to her Filipino roots is evident in her generosity and commitment to community. She values collaboration, support, and helping others, and she hopes to inspire future generations of Filipino-Americans to continue these traditions.

Joining PACCA, Analou looks forward to attending events, volunteering, and collaborating with fellow members on meaningful projects, particularly initiatives that support the homeless community. **Welcome to PACCA, Analou!** We're thrilled to have you with us and can't wait to see the positive impact you'll bring to our community.



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# FROM ONE LEAP TO MANY: MY JOURNEY AS A FILIPINO-AMERICAN ENTREPRENEUR IN ARIZONA

"My entrepreneurial journey didn't begin with a grand plan. **It started with one decision, that one leap that changed everything**"

## THE FIRST LEAP: OWNING MY KUMON CENTER

My first business venture was the Kumon Math and Reading Center of Gilbert-Lindsay & Warner. Taking over a learning center was both exciting and intimidating. I didn't have a formal business background, but I've always believed in the power of education and structure to change lives.

Running the center taught me everything about leadership, perseverance, and systems. Every student's progress felt personal to me, and every family's trust reminded me why I chose this path. Over time, I built a strong team and created a program where discipline, independence, and confidence thrive side by side. That experience became my foundation, not just for business, but for everything I've built since.



"When I first came to Arizona, I never imagined I'd one day be running multiple businesses across three states. I just knew I wanted more freedom — the kind that lets you build something meaningful, creative, and lasting."

## THE PIVOT: FROM EDUCATION TO CREATIVITY

When the pandemic disrupted life as we knew it, I found myself rediscovering creativity. What began as a hobby eventually grew into something much bigger and more purposeful.

That's when I founded Furry Creative Designs LLC, the parent company behind several lifestyle brands: AllyxCally Shop, The Filipina, Shinykeepsakes, and MyPetKitty. Each brand reflects a different part of who I am: educator, creative, and proud Filipina.



The Filipina by AllyxCally, located inside Painted Tree Boutique in Chandler, AZ (Booth F9), showcases Philippine-made apparel, handpainted ponchos, boleros, panuelo, and ethnic jewelry. It celebrates Filipino artistry and helps share our culture with a wider audience.

**THESE BRANDS REMIND ME THAT ENTREPRENEURSHIP DOESN'T HAVE TO FIT INTO ONE BOX. IT CAN BE CREATIVE, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY-DRIVEN ALL AT ONCE.**



MyPetKitty, featured at Painted Tree Boutiques in Northglenn, CO; Frisco, TX; and Gilbert, AZ, celebrates the joy of pet companionship through curated home and lifestyle items for cat lovers.

## BUILDING STREAMS WITH STRUCTURE AND SOUL

Managing multiple ventures has taught me one key truth: structure creates freedom. Every business I run is built on systems that keep things sustainable and values that keep things aligned.

I've learned to diversify not for the sake of doing more, but to build better with purpose and direction. Over time, I also found joy in mentoring and consulting with other small business owners and professionals who want to do the same: turn their skills or passions into something meaningful.

**"Success isn't about doing everything. It's about building what matters with consistency and heart."**

That belief keeps me grounded through every pivot and expansion.






## UPCOMING EVENTS

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# JOIN US FOR A HISTORIC NIGHT – PACCA LUMINARIES GALA & FILIPINO TOWN PROCLAMATION




*Celebrating Luminaries  
in the Business Community*

November 15 2025  
Saturday  
Business Expo 10 AM - 6 PM  
Cocktails & Registration 5-6 PM | Formal Gala 6 PM  
Dress Code: Formal Attire

Marriott Phoenix Chandler  
1600 South Price Rd, Chandler AZ 85286  
\$98/head dinner buffet with lechon

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Join the **Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (PACCA)** for a historic evening of recognition and unity as we celebrate business excellence and witness the **Proclamation of Filipino Town in Chandler** — a proud milestone for our community!

## EVENT DETAILS

**Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**Venue: Marriott Phoenix Chandler 1600 South Price Rd, Chandler, AZ 85286**

- Business Expo: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Cocktails: 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- Gala Dinner & Celebration: 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

### TICKETS:

**\$98 PER PERSON**

**TABLE OF 10: \$900**

Register or reserve your table:  
<https://paccaz.org/events>

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**Souvenir Magazine Ads due: Monday, Nov 10, 2025, by 12 NN**  
Email Roxanne Angeles, PACCA Treasurer, at [info@paccaz.org](mailto:info@paccaz.org)  
or call (602) 475-3299 to reserve your spot.

*Enjoy an inspiring evening of culture, connection, and community —  
complete with a dinner buffet featuring lechon and special guests!*





# FILIPINO HERITAGE NIGHT - SUNS VS SPURS

PACCA, in partnership with Our Community Foundation USA and AZ Filipinos, is proud to celebrate Filipino Heritage Night at the Phoenix Suns vs San Antonio Spurs game! This special event highlights and honors Filipino-American athletes, including NBA stars Jalen Green (Phoenix Suns) and Dylan Harper (San Antonio Spurs), and is a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together for an evening of basketball, culture, and connection. Filipino Heritage Night is more than just a game—it's a celebration of community, pride, and representation. PACCA encourages families, friends, and supporters of all ages to attend and enjoy the excitement of live NBA action while connecting with other members of the Filipino-American community in Arizona. It's a chance to cheer on our stars, experience the energy of the arena, and create lasting memories together. Every ticket purchased through this special package comes with an exclusive jersey designed by Gori Bautista, a unique keepsake commemorating the occasion. Please note that jerseys are not sold separately, and only tickets purchased through the designated link will include this exclusive item. Jersey pick-up will take place on game day at the arena, and ticket holders will receive an email with instructions two days before the game.

**FILIPINO HERITAGE NIGHT**  
LIMITED EDITION JERSEY  
EVERY TICKET COMES WITH AN EXCLUSIVE JERSEY DESIGNED BY GORI BAUTISTA  
Come support and meet our Filipino American NBA stars  
Jalen Green (Phoenix Suns) and Dylan Harper (San Antonio Spurs)  
6:00 PM | 23.11.2025  
MORTGAGE MATCHUP CENTER (FORMERLY PHX ARENA)  
201 E JEFFERSON ST, PHOENIX, AZ 85004  
For ticket inquiries:  
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Cultural Performance Chair: Roxanne Angeles (602) 475-3299  
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Scan to purchase tickets

This event is an opportunity to celebrate our heritage, support Filipino-American athletes, and strengthen our community connections. PACCA encourages everyone to grab their tickets early, bring their friends and family, and join us for an unforgettable night. Together, let's show our pride, enjoy an amazing game, and celebrate the talent and achievements of Filipino-Americans in sports.

## EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Sunday, November 23, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Special package: Exclusive jersey included with ticket  
purchase through the link below.

Tickets & Info: <https://suns.spinzo.com/phoenix-suns-vs-san-antonio-spurs...>

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