COMMITMENT RENEWAL

MISSION OF THE GUAM SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC. is to promote the culture and traditions of Guam, the native language of the indigenous people of Guam (Chamorro), and the welfare of Guam and its people.

Your GSA Leadership is committed to supporting the organization as it continues to thrive. Over 65 years ago a group of Guamanians established the Guam Territorial Society of Washington, D.C. which later became our beloved Guam Society of America, Inc. Together we can sustain the integrity and prestige of the oldest Guam club in the United States. **WE NEED YOUR HELP ~ AYUDA POT FABOT**

FEBRUARY 15 - 1st QUARTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING
12:00 PM @ Woodlawn Community Center 5375 Dairy Court, Fort Belvoir, VA ***

**Promote Culture & Tradition** - Offer your help & expertise to one of our Committees:
- Cherry Blossom Coronation Ball - March 14
- Fiesta on You - May 23
- Liberation Picnic - July 11
- Golf Tournament - September 4
- Chamorro Night - October 10
- Santa Marian Kamalen Novena - November 30 thru December 8
- Christmas/Holiday Party - December 12

**Promote the Chamorro Language**
- Share your knowledge
- Learn more beyond simple phrases
- Use Chamorro everyday
- Contact HÅLE’ PARA AGUPA’ for tuition free classes
  - Chamorro Language
  - Chamorro Culture & History
  - Chamorro Dance

**Promote the Welfare of Guam and Its People**
- Support the GSA Scholarship Program and fundraising activities
- Connect Guamanians in the area with GSA
- Contribute your time, talent, and resources to help HÅLE’ PARA AGUPA’ sustain its tuition free programs

**March 14 - Cherry Blossom Coronation Ball**
6:00 -11:00 PM @ Fort Belvoir Officer’s Club **
Tickets on sale now for this semi-formal event highlighting the coronation of our GSA Cherry Blossom Princess Sara Leon Guerrero and Junior Princess Angelina Bradley. These young women will represent Guam and GSA at all National Cherry Blossom Events in Washington D.C.

**May 23 - Fiesta on You**
12:00 - 7:00 PM @ Burba Park, Fort Meade, MD
Experience multiple Village Fiestas all in one location - a day of education & awareness, fun, dancing, and authentic Guahan cuisine. Contact Terri Smith fuunaguam@gmail.com & Judy Spears jurtdalo61@gmail.com for more information.

Village entry deadline February 3rd.

**Time to Renew**
2020 Membership
Valid Jan 1 - Dec 31

Membership payments accepted online or at any GSA event. Contact GSA Membership Committee Chair Crystal Cruz to update your contact information or for inquiries about your membership.
gsamembershipcommittee@gmail.com

**GSA Upcoming Events**

**Membership Meetings**
- February 15
- May
- August
- November

**Cherry Blossom Coronation Ball**
Fort Belvoir Officers Club
March 14

**Fiesta on You**
Burba Park, Fort Meade
May 23

**Liberation Day Picnic**
July 11

**Roberto LG Lizama Golf Tournament**
Andrews AFB
September 4

**Chamorro Night**
October 10

**Santa Marian Kamalen Nobena**
Nov 30 - Dec 8

**Christmas Party**
December 12
In celebration of our island’s patroness Santa Marian Kamalen, GSA Members hosted nine days of Novenas throughout Maryland and Virginia. On the final day, December 8th, Novena and Mass were held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. with lunch immediately following.

UN DANGKULO NA SI YU’US MA’ASE to Rosanne & Frank Mantanoña for sharing this tradition with their GSA Familia Sincere thanks to our members & their families who hosted Novenas in their homes.

Wayne & Debbie Lizama
Maria, Howard & Loujie Pangelinan
Mike & Juyi Blas
Teresita & Danny Smith
Charlie & Cathy Gulac
Rosanne & Frank Mantanoña
Char & Mel Harris & Annie Rosario
Sy & Lola Sanchez

GSA Familia celebrated Christmas by the Beach December 14th at the Beach House in Patuxent River MD. Children received gifts from “Santos Claus”, dropped letters in Santa’s Mailbox and were entertained with Christmas crafts and goodies at the kids corner. Bellies were filled with member specialties and warmed with coffee, cocoa and cider. Pictures by the beach & fireplace made the perfect Christmas card photo op. Gift exchanges, games, raffles and balutan ensured no one went home empty handed.

Si Yu’us Ma’ase for making this Christmas party such an enjoyable event with all your contributions and holiday spirit! Special thanks to Annie & Larry Quichocho, Linda & Bruce Goodman, Al Yanger, Crystal Cruz, Raymond Jimenez, GSA Officers and their families.