

Message from the Steering Committee

June 3, 2005

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the organizing committee, we welcome you all to FAWN2005---a conference and also a crossroads of our many paths. Combinations of hard work, passion, concern, social awareness, radical thinking, and personal visions of hope and fulfillment, bring each of us together here today.

In 2000, the FAWN conference, brought about by Mona Lisa Yuchengco, the staff of Filipinas Magazine and the Filipino Women's Network of San Francisco, the title was *Owning our Future: The Role of the Filipino Women in the 21st Century*. Then, as we will now, they brought up issues of inequality, injustice and inhumanity. Then, as we will now, they brought up how women today are making strides against these challenges---for themselves, for their families and for others who need their help and guidance. It turned out to be a pretty powerful experience of sharing, energizing and inspiration.

We carry on the tradition of the last FAWN conference and those that came before it since the 1980s with a new title: *Coming Into Our Own: Spirit, Leadership and Success*. This time, we begin with the question, "If we Filipinas are to own our future anywhere in the world, how first do we come into our own?" FAWN2005 begins with our rich heritage... it begins with our mothers' knowledge and their mothers', and theirs before--- it begins with ancient wisdom that Spirit is key alongside Leadership and Success. And to help us in this approach, we explore the *babaylan* spirit and the power roles of Warrior, Teacher, Healer and Visionary in furthering our understanding of leadership and success.

And now, let us come together, despite our differences, our different backgrounds, occupations, income levels, ages, religions, philosophies and political tendencies. Let our highest intentions, hopes and dreams open up FAWN2005 to be where and when Filipino women come together in unity for solutions and advancement.

May the FAWN2005 weekend and all who are here play a part in your life's enrichment and fulfillment.

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