



AND OTHER SUPPORTED PROGRAMS



Fourth Quarter Events for the House of Chamorros *Jan 2026*

December Nights

By Timothy Lu

December Nights (December 5–6) is one of Balboa Park's largest annual events, filled with music, cultural performances, and dozens of food and retail booths. Each year, the festival welcomes approximately a quarter of a million visitors. It is also one of our most important fundraising opportunities, and this year was a tremendous success. The House of Chamorros welcomed guests into our cottage, served tropical cocktails in the Spirit Garden and food by Tief's Pacific Island Grill which raised over \$4,000 to support our programs.





Queen's Committee

Dec. 6, 2025

by Kalani Cruz



At December Nights, we started the evening at the House of Chamorros before heading to the food booth to work our shift. After helping serve and support the booth, I had the honor of singing the national anthem for the event. To close out the day, the two other princesses and I performed traditional cultural dances, celebrating our heritage and sharing it with the community.

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Students Visit HOC

by Timothy Lu

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, the International Cottages have the option to open their doors to host school groups visiting Balboa Park. Over the past year, the House of Chamorros welcomed students from elementary through high school on five occasions to share the rich culture and history of the Mariana Islands. Schools attending included La Costa Canyon High School (pictured), Soaring Minds Charter School, Dimensions Collaborative, and Coastal Academy

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Guma After Hours Gathering

by Janice Bouffiou

The House of Chamorros opened the Guma after hours to host a mini AOLG 1974 & FDMS 1973 reunion. It was an unforgettable night filled with laughter and reminiscing, as old friends reconnected under the dim lights.

The vibrant island vibes set the perfect tone with music by San Diego Beamers and karaoke. Conversations drifted from nostalgic memories to new adventures, creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere that made everyone feel like no time had passed. The classmates expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to see the cottage and hope to visit again.





The Coronation and Knighting Ceremony by Kalani Cruz

This quarter's highlight event brought together excitement, tradition, and pride as the girls of the House of Chamorros took part in their long-awaited coronation.

The evening started with the formal dubbing of the knights moment of deep respect and ceremony. Each knight knelt to receive the symbolic tap on the shoulder, marking their commitment to leadership and service.

Then it began the Coronation of all of the young women. Before the House of Chamorros it was the House of USA. When it was our turn it started with Kriscilla Santos our Jr. Princess, then Madison Cruz Mills, one of our princesses, then Karmen Santos our other princess, and then Kalani Weber Cruz our queen. After we all walked they recognized in alphabetical order by country, the rest of the houses. Dressed in elegant attire, they represented their nations with grace and confidence as they stepped forward to be crowned.

It was a beautiful celebration of unity, achievement, and the spirit of the House of Chamorros a night to remember for all.



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