



CECILIA C. BAMBA
BUSINESSWOMAN

Cecilia Cruz Bamba was born on November 14, 1934, the daughter of Jose Leon Guerrero and Rosa Rosario Cruz (both now deceased). A resident of Agana Heights, she is the widow of the late Senator George M. Bamba, a veteran legislator who served nine consecutive terms in the Guam Legislature. Chilang, as she is lovingly called, is the mother of ten children and the grandmother of 15.

After graduating from George Washington High School, Chilang continued her education at the Territorial College of Guam; Small Business Administration Business Management Institutes, University of Guam; Hospital Planning, Financing, and Design Institute, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; and Governing Boards Management Institutes, Grossinger, New York.

Mrs. Bamba has been a businesswoman since 1952. She is the owner and President of the Bamba Corporation, Cecilia Bamba Insurance, Chamorrta Enterprises, and Oceania Consultants.

A very active civic and community leader for over 25 years, Mrs. Bamba is certainly a woman of action, integrity, and sincerity, and is dedicated to the service of humanity.

She was the first woman to be elected Chairperson on a government board; first Chamorro woman to testify in the U. S. Senate, in support of a major bill, P.L. 95-134; and the first spouse of a Senator to be elected herself to the Guam Legislature.

Mrs. Bamba has actively held the role of official in the following organizations:

Agana Heights Women's Group -- Founder and Special Advisor, 1966.
Organized the first "Miss Independence Day" and was the Chairperson for Independence Day Carnival Festivities and the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Vietnam veterans of the community.

Guam Girl Scout Council -- 1966-1972, President. Reorganized and established the Piper Project, increased membership to over 2000 and obtained eligibility for the Guam Girl Scouts to join in International Events.

Agana Heights Thanksgiving Association -- Charter Member, past Vice President and Secretary. Raised \$50,000 for repair and construction of the Church and Social Center, called Fatima Hall.

Guam Women's Club -- Served as President, chaired committees on Juvenile Home, Mardi Gras, Civic Improvement First Islandwide Clean-up and Beautification Campaign and Chamorro Culture. Served as Secretary and Treasurer. In 1963, served as Chairperson on the Steering Committee and Civic Auditorium Project.

Guam Business and Professional Women's Club -- Past Vice President and Special Projects Chairperson. Organized first "Little Miss BPW" to raise funds for Scholarship Project.

Guam Beauty Association -- Co-Founder, President 1969 to present. Organized "Celebration Y Mariposa" most outstanding young woman of Guam delegates award.

Miss Guam Beauty Pageant -- Producer/Director, 1966 to present. Select for international beauty competitions, i.e., Universe International, Youth International, and Inter-Continental Asia Quest, as Guam's promotion for tourism.

Federation of Asian Women's Association (FAWA) -- Charter Member and member of Board of Trustees, Past Treasurer, Co-Chairperson of 3rd FAWA Convention in Guam, 1964; Guam Delegate to first, second, and third FAWA Conventions and Board Meetings in Hong Kong in 1963.

General Federation of Women's Club -- Member since 1955.

General Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club -- Member, 1955-1975.

Guam Beautification Association -- Organizer, first Islandwide Clean-Up and Beautification Campaign, judging villages, homes, stores every quarter, awarding plaques and plants to winners. Instrumental in clearing City of Agana of Talantagan and served on the Canine Control Committee, Guam Legislature to appropriate \$20,000 for Dog Pound Kennel.

Guam Liberation Day Celebration -- 1961, 1963 through 1966. Queen's Committee Chairperson and member of Liberation Day Executive Planning Committee.

Since they established it in January, 1952, George and Cecilia Bamba have owned the General Insurance Agency, specializing in all lines of insurance, i.e., life, health, property, casualty, travel, etc.

Mrs. Bamba served as business manager from 1952 until she began her term as Senator in the 15th Guam Legislature. She also served as Executive Director for the Commission on Self-Determination. Since the death of her husband in 1978, she has served as President of Bamba's Insurance. Mrs. Bamba has also served as President of the Bamba Corporation, which handles real estate, insurance and general consultant services in Guam and Micronesia.

In 1976, Mrs. Bamba founded the Guam Land Owners Association, a non-profit corporation, consisting of a membership of over fifteen hundred families whose land had been taken by the Federal Government. She served as President from its inception until 1983. She directed and supervised work on the research, compiling and organizing of facts and information to help in the ultimate enactment of the enabling legislation passed by the U. S. Congress giving former landowners the right to redress from the Federal Government.

Mrs. Bamba established Oceania Consultants, her own consulting firm to work on preparing legislation to be introduced in the U. S. Congress, to address the plight of the People of Guam in their quest for reparations from the U. S. Government for various atrocities suffered under the hands of the occupying forces during World War II. She directed and supervised research work, compilation of information and documentation of claimants' statements, and provided language for said legislation which has now been introduced and is pending in Congress. This project will not only bring millions of dollars to Guam through reparations paid to claimants, but their work is self-sustaining and self-supporting in its financing through private funding.

In the area of philanthropic and humanitarian causes, for over 25 years Mrs. Bamba has served as Chairperson for various non-profit corporations which provide services to the community requiring business acumen. A noted humanitarian, she is well-known for her contributions and dedication to the service of the people of Guam.