



# Philippine Center Update February 2012

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**The dream of having our own Philippine Center Building in Milwaukee is now a reality.**

The **Philippine Center** is located at the Zablocki Park Pavilion, 3717 W Howard Avenue, Greenfield WI.

The **35 year lease agreement** with the Milwaukee County Parks for the use of the Zablocki Park Pavilion to house the Philippine Center was officially signed **last July 29, 2011.**



View of the new Philippine Center at the Zablocki Park Pavilion

With so much pride & enthusiasm, the community had come together in a big way to realize the completion of a Philippine Center. Everyone contributed in every ways and means to raise funds, donate their time, energy, muscle power, hard work & good wishes to keep construction going.

The **"Year End Appeal"** generated some funds to help cover unexpected construction expenses. And to help bring down the cost, the **"Bayanihan Na"** endeavor was started. Volunteers came to help in demolition, hauling, clean up and painting, as well as provide food & drinks to nourish the workers.

Though we are at the final stages of construction, we are not done yet. We continue to request for volunteer work to finish the project. Again, we thank you all for the sacrifices that you have made to realize the completion of the Philippine Center, so that we can continue our goal of being of service to everyone, especially those in need of medical assistance through our Free Clinic.

**"BAYANIHAN NA"** volunteers in action:

Demolition



## Fundraising Events for the Philippine Center and the Free Medical Clinic

A fund raising **Gala Night**, chaired by Dr. Violeta Singson, will be held on **March 3, 2012** at the **Crystal Ballroom** of the **Hilton Milwaukee City Center** to raise funds for the ongoing construction and maintenance of our new Philippine Center and the Free Medical Clinic. Invitations have been sent out to the community, donors and supporters.

A **"Puno ng Buhay"** (*Tree of life*) will be permanently displayed at the Philippine Center. **Be part of this work of art , preserve your memory and support the Philippine Center and the Free Medical Clinic**



by buying a leaf or a candle of life and have your and your loved ones' names inscribed. To date, we only have 4 votive candles (\$250 each) and 144 leaves (\$100 each) available. **Please contact** Becky Toledo (262)860-8024 or Linda Ravelo (262) 695-2438 .

**Naming Rights** have been offered for the Philippine Center rooms and \$39,500 have been paid/pledged for this fund raiser.

## Philippine Center Programs

The following programs will continue at the new Center:

**Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic (FMC)** – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month starting March 2012

**FMC patients now total 2,730** and had been seen **more than 7000 times**. A lot of the patients use the FMC as their main source of health care and medication. The assistance of the **Philippine Medical Association of WI (PMA-W)**, the **Philippine Nurses Association of WI (PNA)**, **UPAAW**, **Medical College of WI**, **UWM** and **Marquette students** and other volunteers have sustained the success of the program. **In 2011, 2,347 patients** were seen and the free medical services, medication, laboratory and imaging expenses amounted to \$304,000.

### Consulate on Wheels at the Philippine Center

**Executive Director Gerry Ramos** is coordinating with **Consul General Leo M. Herrera-Lim** of the **Philippine Consulate** in Chicago on the schedule of consular services at our Philippine Center.

### Philippine Center Computer Classes ( Registration ongoing)

The **Marquette Bayanihan Student Organization** members have provided computer training at the Philippine Center since last year. Classes will resume at the new Philippine Center every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month starting in March 2012.

**Philippine Center Tagalog Language Classes ( Registration Ongoing)** Tagalog Lessons with **Jojo Ramos** as instructor is being held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 12:30 to 1:30 PM at the Philippine Center, 535 N 27th St., Milwaukee, WI. Lessons will continue at the new Center in March 2012. Contact Jojo : (414) 423-0901 or email: diwa@wi.rr.com



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The "Bayanihan Na" endeavor has shown **community spirit at work**. Volunteerism and teamwork in action continue to help bring down the cost of renovating the Zablocki Park Pavilion to house our Philippine Center.

We would like to reiterate our sincere gratitude and give credit to the following volunteers who gave their valuable time, skills and services and to those who provided food and drinks to nourish the volunteers during this "Bayanihan Na" campaign.

**10/29/2011 Masonry Demolition** - Bryan Beaumont, Sam Chea, Dan Almagro, Boyet Manto, Jose Prado, Bill Vilorio, Dan Parsons, Gerry Ramos, Angelito Tenorio Sr.

**Carpentry Demolition** - Bob Prill, Tom Sipin, Joe Eschweller, Marc Cruz, Briann Cruz, Melissa Schwartz, Jake Edralin

**Hauling & Clean up** - Jojo Ramos, Jo Anne Capitan, Nieves Soriano, Maria Yumang, Belinda Tenorio

**Nurse Station** - Nieves Soriano

**Food & Drinks Donors** - Violette Singson, Jojo Ramos, Jo Anne Capitan, Sheila Jackson, Angeli Varona, Belinda Tenorio

**11/02/2011 Masonry Demolition, Hauling and Clean Up** - Angelito Tenorio Sr., Angelito Tenorio Jr., Anbel Tenorio, Charles Tenorio, Segundino Karl Gutierrez, Gerry Ramos

**Nurse Station** - Linda Ramos

**Food & Drinks** - Belinda Tenorio, Jojo Ramos

**11/19/2011 Demolition, Hauling and Clean Up** - Briann Cruz, Matt Shanahan, Antonio Azcueta, Cristina Azcueta, Josephine Saavedra, Chris Azcueta, Anthony Azcueta, Gerry Ramos

**Nurse Station** - Antonio Azcueta

**Food & Drinks** - Jojo Ramos, UPAAW

**11/19/2011 Hauling & Moving Donated Furniture** - Bryan Beaumont, Ed Escall, Nieva Escall, Jojo Ramos, Gerry Ramos, Paul Clemente, Manika Clemente, Ryan Ramos, Raphael Ramos

**01/04/2012 Painting** - Manolo Mallillin, Jojo Ramos

**Food & Drinks** - Jojo Ramos

**01/05/2012 Painting** - Manolo Mallillin, Henry Ravelo, Angelito Tenorio Sr., Belinda Tenorio, Jojo Ramos

**Food & Drinks** - Belinda Tenorio, Jojo Ramos

**02/12/2012-AM Painting** - Manolo Mallillin, Bob Prill, Henry Ravelo

**Food & Drinks** - Jojo Ramos, Henry Ravelo

**02/12/2012-PM - Painting, Clean up** - Pids Yumang, Derrick Yumang, Ed Bustos, Gene Cunanan, Bebot Bustos, Marco Lacap Roel Yumang, Joseph Yumang, Jun Cariaga

**Food & Drinks** - Jojo Ramos

**02/23/2012 - Painting** - Manolo Mallillin, Bob Prill, Henry Ravelo

**Food & Drinks** - Violette Singson, Jojo Ramos, Henry Ravelo

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Metro Manila: \$75

Luzon I: \$80

Luzon II: \$85

Visayas: \$90

Mindanao: \$95

"BAYANIHAN NA" volunteers in action: Demolition



"BAYANIHAN NA" volunteers in action: Nurse Station



"BAYANIHAN NA" volunteers in action: Hauling & Moving



"BAYANIHAN NA" volunteers in action: Painting/Cleaning

