



Philippine Center Update February 2013

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Executive Director



The Philippine Center and the Milwaukee County Parks Department hosted an informal open house last January 14, 2013 to showcase to the other Milwaukee County Departments, the City of Greenfield and major PCCCF grant providers the Philippine Center and the Free Medical Clinic accomplishments since opening the FMC doors on March 10, 2012.



The entrance canopy highlighting the Philippine Center and the Milwaukee County Zablocki Park signage and logos

The presence of the Philippine Center and the Free Medical Clinic has brought new life and dimension to Zablocki Park.

Interim Milwaukee County Parks Director Jim Keegan said that the cultural center and the free medical clinic are just one step in the revitalization of the large park on Greenfield's north side. He also commented that what we are doing makes it a busier park and it is going to be a safer park. The county has some dollars to invest in this park. He said his department plans to rehabilitate the Zablocki Park tennis courts and basketball courts this summer.

"I remember the first day I met (Ramos) — the energy, the smile — and it's been that way all the way through," Keegan said. "He's so proud of what they accomplished, and they need to be proud. Their community came together and did something that's great. **The investment they poured into the building, the life they brought back into the building.** You take a look back at what was going on before hand. It was a few rentals, but now there's a free medical clinic that's impacting the community and the county as a whole."

Greenfield Mayor Mike Nietzke, County Supervisors John Weishan Jr., and Mark Borkowski voiced their appreciation of the activities and services we offer to the community.

Our major grant providers were represented by **Jim Marks**, retired Vice President of **Greater Milwaukee Foundation** and present consultant of **United Way** and Executive Director **Kaye Garcia** and **Noemi Figueroa** of **Forest Co. Potawatomi Foundation**.



Milwaukee County representatives and the PCCCF officers discussing the contributions and the future of the Philippine Center at Zablocki Park. From left: County Supervisor John Weishan Jr., Interim Milwaukee County Parks Department Jim Keegan, Gerry Ramos, Dr. Letty Cueto, Linda Ramos, Dr. Violeta Singson, Dr. Johnny Singson and Jojo Ramos (facing the group)

Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic (FMC)
Medical Director: Violeta A. Singson, MD ■ Clinic Administrator: Linda Ramos

The free clinic is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Since 2000, **FMC patients now total 2,887** and had been seen **11,480 times**. with **free services amounting to \$1,731,994** including medication and laboratory services recorded only from 2010.

Philippine Center Programs ■ Activity Director: Jojo Ramos

The public is invited to participate in the following activities:

Children's Workshop/ Munting Tinig Choir:

Instructor: Jojo Ramos
March 17, 2013, Sunday
One time 3hr session 2 to 5 PM
Other schedules: TBA



Tagalog Lessons: \$30 Fee
Ages: 14 and above
Instructor: Jojo Ramos
8-Saturday Sessions
1-2:30 PM
Starting: Mar 16, 2013
Ending: May 4, 2013

Cooking Lessons:

\$5 per session
Instructors:
Dr. Henry Ravelo
and Dr. Letty Cueto
TBA



Yoga: Donation Welcome
Instructor: Cream Pepito
Wednesday or Friday Night
7 to 8:30 PM **TBA**

Tai Chi: Donation Welcome
Instructor: Carisse Ramos
TBA



Tagalog Movies: Co-Chairs: Zen & Jake Edralin
Scheduled Filipino movies for the **3rd Friday of the month** for the next 3 months: **6:30 PM**

March 15, 2013 "I'll be there."
April 19, 2013 "Here comes the Bride"
May 17, 2013 "Forever and A Day"

Ballroom Dancing: Chair: Becky Toledo **TBA**
Exercise Activities: Co-Chairs: Maria Salomon-Yumang,
Linda Ramos & Mila Lamerand **TBA**

Jam Sessions/Karaoke: Chair: Belinda Tenorio **TBA**
Stories from the past, Historical Narrations: **TBA**
Philippine Tourist Info: Chair: Ito Conti **TBA**
Youth Activities: Chair: Mimi Ballesteros **TBA**
Socials/Dinner Dances: Co-Chairs: Sheila Jackson **TBA**
Jo Anne Capitan

Consulate on Wheels at the Philippine Center: TBA
For more information, contact Jojo Ramos at diwa@wi.rr.com.

Our Sincere Thanks to our Dear Friend † Lito Tenorio

Our sincere thanks to our dear departed friend **Lito Tenorio**. He was the **epitome of volunteerism** during our "Bayanihan Na" project. **Lito was always there** when we needed help especially during the construction. He even brought his whole family including his wife, PCCCF Board of Trustee Belinda Tenorio, during the demolition and clean up phase. **We will miss a great friend and avid supporter of the Philippine Center.**