



Philippine Center Update

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As the Philippine flag wave proudly beside the American Flag, the Philippine Center hosted an event showing the long standing friendship and relationship between the USA and the Philippines. **A MacArthur Symposium was held on April 28, 2015 by the PCCCF in partnership with UPAAW and the VCRT MacArthur Forum Inc.** The event featured fasci-

inating facts and tidbits about the generations of MacArthur's relationship with the Filipino people and the sacrifices of the Filipinos during World War II.



Con. Gen. Generoso D.G. Calonge

Calonge shared his deep knowledge of the subject. While **MacArthur Memorial Museum Archivist James Zobel** from Norfolk, Virginia, an internationally renowned scholar and speaker who recently returned from a 19-day speaking tour in the Philippines, shared his expertise and profound knowledge of the MacArthurs.



The famous "I Shall Return" landing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the American Forces in Leyte Gulf.

Philippine Consul General Generoso D.G.



James Zobel

Meeting with President Benigno Aquino III

Prior to the symposium, Consul General Calonge held a briefing and gave updates to the Filipino-American leaders. He requested that Filipino American Organizations apply for accreditation. **The Philippine Consulate of Chicago then invited representatives of the PCCCF, FAWIS, UPAAW, PNAWI, FCM and FANHS to attend the Filipino community meeting with Philippine President Benigno Aquino III at the JW Marriott Hotel on May 6, 2015.**



President Benigno Aquino III speaking while his cabinet members look on

The PCCCF was represented by Executive Director Gerry Ramos, Executive Secretary Jojo Ramos, Corresponding Secretary Linda Ramos and Board Member Marena Prill.

PCCCF Board Members Ma. Fe Visaya and Cream Pepito represented the UPAAW. While Ex-Officio Members led their organization's delegations: Tom Hey, FAWIS; Gem Cubos, PNAWI; Angeli Camara, FMC and FANHS.



Jojo Ramos, Con. Gen. Generoso Calonge and Marena Prill



Linda Ramos, RP Ambassador to the USA Jose L. Cuisia and Jojo Ramos

Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic (FMC) (414) 342-1400

Medical Director: Violeta A. Singson, MD ■ Clinic Administrator: Linda Ramos
Nursing Director: Zen Edralin, RN ■ Volunteer Coordinator: Marena Prill

The Free Clinic is normally open 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Since 2000, the number of FMC patients have grown to **3,256** who had been **seen 12,243 times**. **Free medical services by volunteer physicians headed by Dr. Violeta Singson, have to date**



Dr. Violeta Singson, Jojo Ramos, Marena Prill, Amy Schemenauer, Belinda, Anbel and Kevin Tenorio manning the Registration Desk



Dr. Bob Musni, Dr. Ed Chang & Sehar Dadani PNAWI nurses triaging the patients

amounted to \$2,399,422 including medication and laboratory services calculated from 2010.

"PABASA", Chanting of the Passion of Christ

Holy Week at the Philippine Center with the traditional "Pabasa", the continuous chanting of the Passion of Christ from Holy Thursday to the morning of Good Friday, followed by the Stations of the Cross led by Fr. Jojo Orosa.

Our thanks go to Belinda Tenorio, Pabasa Chair & the participants.



Philippine Center MUNTING TINIG CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Founder/Manager: Dr. Violeta Singson;
Choir Director/Conductor: Jojo Agoncillo Ramos

The Philippine Center Munting Tinig Children's Choir now has an active membership of 41 children with ages ranging from 3 to 13 years.

The Munting Tinig choir was the major participant of the **PCCCF Literacy Program**. They joined other children read, learn and meet farm animals on a field trip to Roden Farms. They attended the PCCCF Children's Literacy Workshop at the Zablocki Park where new books were read and given away for free. Children from toddlers to teens took part in games such as forming words using giant scrabble pieces, tumbler games, learned and sang songs, scrambled thru castles and tunnels. For crafts, they had easter eggs and bunnies to paint.



On April 25, 2015 the Munting Tinig Choir performed and were honored with a standing ovation by the convention attendees of The Delta Kappa Gamma Sigma (WI) State Convention. Delta Kappa Gamma is an International Society of Women Educators . The event was held at the Radisson Hotel by Mayfair Mall.



Munting Tinig Choir waiting for their performance call

On May 30, 2015, the Munting Tinig Children's Choir will hold a " Friendship Picnic Day" to foster stronger relations among the choir members. This will be held at the Philippine Center/Zablocki Park area.

Community Outreach Programs

As the Philippine Center has earned its place and name in the community, so has our responsibility to be more responsive towards the impoverished population. The Philippine Center Community Outreach Programs became possible through grants from the Forest Co. Potawatomi Foundation and from The New Threads of Hope. This year's projects are

Clothing Distribution Coordinators: Jojo Agoncillo Ramos; Dr. Letty Cueto; Mareta & Bob Prill - New clothing from The New Threads of Hope distributed at the PCCCF Free Clinic, Health Fair, Pediatric /Medical Clinic, All Nations Bible Church, Center for Working Families, the American Legion Greendale Post 416 and with the Feed the Hungry Programs.

Philippine Center Activities

by Jojo Agoncillo Ramos, Special Projects Director



PCCCF Clothes Distribution with the UPAAW Feed the Hungry Program at St. John's Cathedral

Gerry and Jojo Ramos coordinated with the UPAAW Volunteers and the St. John's Cathedral Food Program Staff to enable the distribution of clothes donated by New Threads of Hope to the homeless .



Literacy Program/Children's Workshop Coordinators: Jojo Agoncillo Ramos; Mareta & Bob Prill

Encouragements for children to develop reading and learnings skills are done by utilizing visual and auditory aids, learning songs, improvement of motor skills by writing and engaging in kinetic activities doing arts and crafts. **New books are distributed and continuously given away for free** at the PCCCF library, at Children's workshops, Literacy Outreach programs at FAWIS picnic -Wirth Park, PCCCF Health Fair, Pediatric/Medical Clinics, Gwen Jackson Elementary School, All Nations Bible Church and Greendale K5 class

Cooking Classes taught by Dr. Letty Cueto. Next cooking class will be on Saturday, **June 6, 2015 at 10:30 AM. \$5.00 Fee per person** to cover for ingredients. Dishes to learn are *Chicken Apritada* and *Menudo*. Students eat what was prepared.



Filipino Movie Night coordinated by Jake and Zen Edralin: **6 PM, June 19, 2015, 6 PM, Lower Level**

Yoga taught by Cream Pepito: **6:30 PM, Tuesday, June 23, 2015, Upper Level, Bring sticky mats**

Dance Class taught by Marivic Gilbert : **Cupid Shuffle, 6 PM Thursday, June 25, 2015, Upper Level**

Tagalog Classes taught by Jojo Agoncillo Ramos: Spring classes are over. **Next schedule is to be announced.** Contact Jojo via email at diwa@wi.rr.com

Contact **PCCCF Activities Director Joyce Coury** and visit www.philippinecenter.com for the full schedule of activities.

Save the Date: The 9th PCCCF Elieser B. Suson Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2015, at the Ironwood Golf Course.