



Philippine Center Update

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2014 has been a hectic and successful year for the Philippine Center. The Center has been the venue for happy occasions like the 85th birthday anniversary of the PCCCF Honorary Trustee Norma C Clemente, retirement party for Zen Edralin, FMC Nursing Director, and the PNAWI Spooktacular Fest and memorials celebrating the 40th day death anniversary of Dr. Ramon Agor, a valued and loved physician volunteer at the Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic (FMC) and the death of Grady de La Cruz.

UPAAW highlighted their 40th Anniversary at the Philippine Center with a cultural exhibit and a symposium on Jose Rizal presented by Philippine Deputy Consul General Romulo Victor Israel Jr. Dignitaries UP President Alfredo Pascual and wife Carmen visited the Philippine Center and received the additional PCCCF donation for the UP Tacloban students affected by Typhoon Haiyan.



The most memorable and historical event for the Philippine Center happened on September 27, 2014 when the Philippine Flag was officially raised with the American Flag with full military honors by the American Legion Post 416, in front of the Philippine Center, signifying the partnership between the Philippine Cultural and Civic Center

Foundation (PCCCF) and the Milwaukee County Parks Department (MCPD). (Visit our website at www.philippinecenter.com for videos and pictures of this historical event.)



Representatives from the PCCCF and the MCPD prepare to raise the flags

Special thanks go to the Officers and Board Members of the PCCCF, the Munting Tinig Choir and members of our Filipino Community and supporters who participated in this memorable and historic celebration. Let us all be proud.



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.

The presence of Philippine Vice Consul Ricarte Abejuela III, City of Greenfield Mayor Mike Neitzke, County Supervisor John Weishan Jr., Milwaukee County Parks Director John Dargle, Executive Director Kaye Garcia of the Forest Co., Potawatomi Foundation, Former Vice President Jim Marks of Greater Milwaukee Foundation and presently United Way Consultant and Linda McFerrin, Vice President of United Way validated the positive impact that the Filipinos have contributed to Milwaukee County.

Our special guests commented that our **Philippine Center is a Place of Giving.** Milwaukee County Executive Director Chris Abele honored the PCCCF thru Parks Director John Dargle, with a **Certificate of Appreciation**, highlighting our partnership and programs such as the Free Medical Clinic, Health Fair, Children's Workshop and Literacy.



Director John Dargle reads Certificate of Appreciation

Consulate on Wheels at the Philippine Center

The Philippine Consulate in Chicago led by Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge came last November 15, 2014 and provided consular services. Applicants saved the trip to Chicago and had their applications for dual citizenship, passport and visa, birth and marriage registration, and voters registration for the May 2016 Philippine Presidential election processed. They were also able to have their documents officially notarized.



Philippine Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge with Gerry and Jojo Ramos and the Six family who availed of the Consulate on Wheels services

Typhoon Haiyan Victims Relief and Rehabilitation

The PCCCF continues to thank the community for its support to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Donations are still welcome.

Total Funds Raised To Date: \$ 78,262.49

Recipients of Donations:	
ABS/CBN Sagip Kapamilya	\$ 33,000.00
Don Bosco Salesian Fathers	\$ 20,500.00
Dept. of Education for Tacloban Teachers	\$ 7,000.00
RMMF Medical Shipment	\$ 6,000.00
Tacloban Immaculate Conception Church	\$ 5,100.00
UP for Tacloban Students	\$ 2,500.00
Asilo de Milagrosa	\$ 2,500.00
Daughters of Charity	\$ 1,000.00
Disbursements made to date:	\$ 77,600.00
Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$ 662.49
Total Amount :	\$ 78,262.49

Our sincere gratitude go to Renee and Don Mondano (Cebu Coordination & Medical Mission) and to Belinda Tenorio and her children (Tacloban Church Fund Raising & Coordination).

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: Mareta 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 12,159 times. Free medical services by volunteer physicians headed by Dr. Violeta Singson, have to date amounted to \$2,352,666 including medication and laboratory services calculated from 2010.

2nd Philippine Center Health Fair

The 2nd Philippine Center Health Fair was held last August 23, 2014 at the Philippine Center and the Zablocki Park, in partnership with the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation, Milwaukee County Parks, the City of Greenfield Health, Police and Fire Departments, Trilogy Homegrown Health Care, United Health Care and Children's Community Health Plan.



Free Family Screening were given for Asthma, BMI, Breast Cancer, Dental, Diabetes, Skin Cancer, Cholesterol and School, Sports & Camp Physicals. **Free T-shirts** were given to volunteers and the first 200 attendees.



Free books and Clothing were distributed at the Children's Literacy and Clothing Distribution tents.

Education

on Health, Healthy Lifestyle, Safety, Smoke Cessation and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) were provided.

Entertainment: fun activities such as Games for Kids, reading to kids, Clowns, Balloon Making, Face Painting, Zumba, TaiChi, Karaoke, Martial Arts Exhibition and Pom Pom Routines kept everyone entertained.



The Health Fair was successful

due to the efforts and time of **dedicated volunteers** and the following **organizations**: Philippine Medical Association of WI, Philippine Nurses Association of WI, Columbia/St. Mary's Outreach, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Pulmedix, Henry Schein, ProCare, Allergy, Asthma and Sinus Center and the **Performers**: Four Winds Martial Arts; Pom Pom Squads c/o Mareta Prill: Wauwatosa Esprit Seniors and Juniors, and Germantown Sparks and Power Poms and



Instructors: Tom Sipin, Martial Arts;

Pom Pom Squads



Alicia Ide, Zumba;

Carlisse Ramos, TaiChi

Philippine Center Activities

by Jojo Ramos, 2014 PCCCF Activity Director



PCCCF MUNTING TINIG CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Founder/Manager: Dr. Violeta Singson; Choir Director Jojo Agoncillo Ramos
New and returning members are welcome.

The Philippine Center Munting Tinig Children's Choir is composed of 37 children with ages ranging from 3 to 12 years. In 2014, they were invited to several functions, highlight of which was the Douglas MacArthur Memorial Celebration at the Milwaukee War Memorial. An Award of Appreciation was given to the choir by the Allied Veterans - Veterans Community Relations Team (VCRT). On April 25, 2015, the Munting Tinig Choir will perform at the Society of Women Educators' State Convention.



Manika Clemente, Calvin and Elena Sommer with Commander Tim Baranzky showing trophy from the VCRT

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 larger part of the society. This became possible through a Literacy grant from the Forest Co. Potawatomi Foundation and from The New Threads of Hope. This year's projects are:

Literacy Program/Children's Workshop Coordinators: Jojo Agoncillo Ramos; 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

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

Cooking Classes handled by Dr. Henry Ravelo and Dr. Letty Cueto in 2014 will be continued by Dr. Letty Cueto in 2015. **Filipino Movie Night** coordinated by Jake and Zen Edralin.

2015 Tagalog Classes taught by Jojo Agoncillo Ramos Starting on February 21, through March 21, at the Center from 1:00P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Register via email at diwa@wi.rr.com

And as we go forward, I relinquished the position of PCCCF Activities Director to concentrate on directing Special Projects and to herald in the next generation of leaders!

2015 PCCCF Activities Director will be Joyce Coury and Public Relations Officer will be Cream Pepito. Visit www.philippinecenter.com for the full schedule of activities.