



Philippine Center *Update 2009-2010*

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Executive Director



On behalf of the **Philippine Cultural & Civic Center Foundation, Inc., (PCCCF)**, we would like to thank the President of PMAW, Dr. Mario Montalbo, its Board of Directors, Officers and members for their continued commitment to support the Philippine Center and its projects, notably the Free Medical Clinic (FMC).

Free Medical Clinic (FMC)

In addition to the annual Philippine Medical Association of WI (PMAW) grant, **PMAW members continue to provide medical services to the FMC.** FMC patient load reached 94 patients on a half day clinic. The assistance of the PMAW, 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.



Free Clinic Volunteer Physicians

To keep up with the growth of the FMC and maintain quality of care, the Singson Building, which the Philippine Center and the Free Medical Clinic rents, was retrofitted per PMAW recommendation. There are now 7 exam rooms, 1 consultation room and an enlarged FMC pharmacy. An Eclipse Medical Management Software license and blood pressure equipment, otoscopes, etc were purchased.

FMC Director **Dr. Violeta A. Singson, wins again! As First Place Awardee in the 2010 National Stove Top "Spread the Warmth" contest, the Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic will receive \$10,000 as her charity of choice.** The prestigious awards that she garnered in 2007, 2008 and 2009 have kept the Philippine Center Free Medical Clinic in the limelight. As first place winner in the 2009 "Pine-Sol Powerful Difference" contest, Dr. Singson also received \$2,000 for the Free Medical Clinic. **To date, the PCCCF FMC has earned \$14,010 from her awards.**

Consulate on Wheels

Executive Director **Gerry Ramos** coordinated with **Consul General Blesila C. Cabrera** of the Philippine Consulate in Chicago, who sent Deputy Consul General **Orontes Castro** and their staff to the Philippine Center last July 11, 2009 to provide consular services for dual citizenship, passport and visa, overseas voter registration, birth and marriage registration, and authentication of documents. Applicants from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan were served.



Vice-Consul General Castro, staff and applicants

Typhoon Ondoy

In October 2009, the PCCCF Board approved to help in the relief and rehabilitation of **Typhoon Ketsana (Ondoy)** victims in the Philippines. Gerry Ramos worked with the PCCCF ex-officio members representing FFAWIS and the other Filipino American organizations in Milwaukee to conduct a fund drive and collect, box and ship needed items to organizations handling relief operations in the Philippines.

A donation of \$3,721 was given to Fr. Scott Binet of the Camillian Task Force, for use in the devastated areas.



Ely Suson, Gerry Ramos, Fr. Scott Binet, Jaz Parcon-Sandoval (Top), Marie Rebanacos, Sheila Jackson, Oscar Toledo, Enraida Kiram

Computer Classes for Seniors

Gerry Ramos negotiated with Entech Technologies for the acquisition of 15 donated refurbished laptop computers for the Philippine Center computer class project and administrative use. The operating system and softwares were acquired from TechSoup which handles donations from Microsoft, Symantec and other companies for the use of non-profit organizations at minimal administration fees. The Marquette Bayanihan Student Organization members have volunteered to provide the computer training.

Philippine Center Building

With the new Greenfield Public Library operational, negotiations renewed with the City of Greenfield regarding the Philippine Center's long term lease of the old library as a Community Center. On November 16, 2009, Gerry Ramos, Chairman Dr. Ely Suson, and Dr. Ruben Romero presented the PCCCF proposal to the Greenfield Citizen's Committee. As an alternative, Gerry Ramos started discussions with the Milwaukee County Parks Officials for the possible use of one of their Park Buildings, since they have already allowed organizations to use some of their buildings. We are presently checking availability of buildings that will suit Philippine Center needs.



Forest Co. Potawatomi Foundation Director Kaye Garcia awarding the \$19,500 check for the FMC to Dr. Violeta Singson and Gerry Ramos

Fund Raising 2009:

3rd PCCCF Golf Outing	(\$18,665)
Marquette Bayanihan Student Org.	(\$ 4,938)
Flipping Coin Band Concert	(\$ 1,008)
Boston Store Community Day	(\$ 715)

2009 Grants/Donations:

Greater Milwaukee Foundation	(\$25,000)
Catholic Community Foundation	(\$10,000)
Suson Lead Trust	(\$ 8,000)
PMAW	(\$ 3,410)
Pfizer PVP (E. Ramos)	(\$ 2,550)
Kindt Foundation	(\$ 2,500)
Dr. Jose Montenegro	(\$ 500)
Marquette University Students	(\$ 350)
United Methodist Women	(\$ 270)
Aurora HC (for Bustos, Lisinski)	(\$ 239)

2010 Grants/Donations:

Forest Co. Potawatomi Foundation	(\$19,500)
Catholic Community Foundation	(\$ 5,000)
Erlinda Ramos	(\$ 1,250)
Pfizer Matching Gift	(\$ 500)
Aurora Healthcare (for Dr. Alice Bustos And Tracy Lisinski)	(\$ 544)
Alvin & Sheila Jackson	(\$ 250)
Herbert Kohl Charities	(\$ 200)
Dr. Cora Loteyro	(\$ 200)
Drs. Ruben & Jessica Romero	(\$ 200)

Save the date:

The 4th Annual PCCCF Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2010.

Complete list of grants and donors available upon completion of financial report

Balances as of April 19, 2010 :	PCCCF:	\$ 206,892.77
	FMC:	\$ 17,510.68
	Total:	\$ 224,403.45