



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! MANIGONG BAGONG TAON!!

Happy New Year to all my fellow Kababayans and Phil-Am members. Let's welcome the new year with wishes for good health, peace, love and friendship for this year and years to come.

I am humbled to be elected as your Phil-Am president and thank each of you for giving me the opportunity to serve. I would also like to congratulate and commend outgoing president, Clarissa Gana and Gem Van Leeuwen, treasurer and officers Rozen, Raquel and Sonia, who also have been reelected, for a job well done. Their dedication and hard work is outstanding and very much appreciated.

First and foremost, I'd like to welcome everyone in our community and neighboring areas to join us. We're an all-inclusive organization built on our community's willingness to join together to share each other's experiences to represent our cultures with the city of Rochester.

My goal is to continue our mission as was done in the past to actively promote our inherent Filipino cultural values, our heritage and traditions through participation in civic, educational and socia-cultural activities in the Rochester community. It is also my goal to serve Filipino community in a way that cherish and sustains our cultural heritage for our members today and for future generations. The success and future of our organization rest in each of us and I'm excited to be joined by the new officers to help organize and lead this endeavor on behalf of the Phil-Am association. Together, all of us can work to promote our mission within the Rochester area community.

Together, we can sustain and commemorate our Filipino cultural heritage.

Salamat po,

Mabuhay,

Biverlin (Bivs) Malibago

BOARD OF ADVISORS:

*Esther Connelly
Aida Filoteo
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Janet Lawler
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ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014

PRESIDENT

Bivs Malibago

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING 2012

PHIL-AM members joined together to sing traditional Christmas songs while enjoying outmost fun! Noel Fallarme shared his musical talents, and the accompaniment he provided helped us to sing better. Thanks to our carolers who gave of their time in this busy season!

MARAMING SALAMAT to the following families that hosted our carolers:

Maria Lapid and Simon Kung	Jude and Teng Pido
Ryan and Yvette Hoyme	Romeo and Aida Filoteo
Rob and Raquel Gossman	Myriam and Nelpha Malibago
Ross and Gloria Baumann	Farley and Nimpha Abcejo
Keith and Gemma Rasmussen	

Thanks again for welcoming us into your homes and helping us to continue our special Filipino tradition!

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2012 FLASH BACK

The Christmas hall was packed with people, new and old friends visiting, tables overflowing with food, singing and dancing, fun and laughter throughout.

Sister Generose came and we are always honored by her presence. Santa Claus came and gave gifts to approximately 65 kids.

This successful party would not have been possible without all of those who helped.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- ❖ Our members who helped set up the Christmas hall ,setting up heavy tables and chairs
- ❖ Cora Gana for cooking caldereta and Zenaida Musa for the pansit.
- ❖ Officers and members who helped organize the food table for everybody to enjoy
- ❖ Noel Fallarme who provided us with fun music throughout the night
- ❖ Esther Connelly who provided us flowers for Sister Generose , for the officers and advisers and the new banner for PHIL-AM
- ❖ Rob Gossman for being the emcee of the event
- ❖ Our donors for silent auction and also for those who submitted bids or purchased raffle tickets.
Your contribution helped our PHIL AM fund
- ❖ Our dancers and singers for providing us lively entertainment

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!! OUR MUCH APPRECIATION TO YOU ALL!!

**We would like to extend our condolences to the Fallarme Family following the death of Alfonso Fallarme-
husband of Josie Fallarme and father of Noel Fallarme**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MARDIGRAS AT THE RESSURECTION CHURCH- FEBRUARY 10th- This is a fundraising event for Resurrection Church. Phil-AM supports this annual celebration. Please come and enjoy this fun filled day of games, music and food.

WORLD FESTIVAL- APRIL 12-13- Phil-AM members will showcase traditional dance, wear Philippine costumes, plus we will have a table display and sell Filipino food.

SUMMER PICNIC IN JUNE AT ESSEX PARK exact date to be announced soon.

WHY WE COLLECT MEMBERSHIP FEES?

Our association, as any regular association, needs funding to finance ordinary and routine operating expenses. We collect annual dues of \$20.00 per family and \$15.00 per single member. We have about 175 members listed in our directory to which we send information thru our newsletter at least 3x a year plus rare occasional necessary information. Most of the membership fee collected at this time (we currently collect from less than 50% of our members) goes to support the expense of printing and mailing.

Importantly, we use some of these fees to help finance our two (2) annual events, the summer picnic and the Christmas party. These events are very important to all of us. These are the events we hold dear to maintain our connection to each other as a community of expatriates who found home in this faraway, beloved land of the USA. We value it not only from what us adult members derive from it but a way for our children, grandchildren to have a window of who Filipinos are, our culture, our heritage thru the time we spend with each other, thru how we make our favorite native food to share and enjoy, and many positive interactions that can only happen when we spend time together. The World Festival which we had participated in for many, many years also reinforces this sense of community thru our dances, food and cultural display. As of now most of the funding for the above events are donations(cash and in kind) from generous donors solicited by our zealous officers, from caroling donations from members who have opened their homes to Phil-Am carolers at Christmas time, and from fund-raising efforts thru raffles and silent auctions during our events.

We need you and your membership fees to bind us, to maintain our Association that had been founded by our Kababayans some 30 years ago Our Kababayans who have the vision of promoting our culture thru an organized association to create a place away from home. Our past and present leaders share that vision with a passion and that is why our Association is still here.

Aida Filoteo
Adviser



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Our special thanks to Dep, owner of Asian Pacific Market for donating the lechon we served during the Christmas party. Dep has been donating lechon to our summer picnic and Christmas party for many years. Asian Pacific Market sells Philippines products. Come check it out.

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