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29th Convention in Washington, DC

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Overall Chair, NCPACA Convention 2015
FAIA Chapter President

"The Journey."

During the New York convention in August 2014, FAIA formally launched its hosting of the 29th NCPACA Professional Development Convention by inviting everyone to Washington, DC and encouraging everyone to share their ideas, talents, and resources. Using the convention guide compiled by the RVP's as a road map, FAIA set out on this journey towards another successful convention for everyone. And oh, what a journey... all the meetings, teleconferences, brain storming session, emails, texts, and even spirited discussions. Through it all, I can say, we have grown. We have learned a lot about the process, about each other, and about working together and supporting each other. Without a doubt, FAIA & NCPACA is closer and stronger because of this journey.

"Co-hosting this convention is a labor of love."

As everyone knows preparing for and running a convention is not an easy task, especially, since we are all volunteers and have our own full time jobs. But it is made possible by everyone pitching in with their time, expertise and resources. The gratitude we feel for all this help and support is immeasurable. The tremendous support we have gotten from the other NCPACA Chapters throughout the preparation process is proof that this convention is already a success and it is testament to everyone's commitment to move NCPACA forward every chance we get. Together, with our senior members supporting our young leaders, NCPACA is unstoppable.

"Be the difference: Educate, Accelerate, Lead"

Our theme for this year's convention was conceived during a FAIA brain-storming session one Sunday afternoon. The energy, enthusiasm, and cam-

aderie in that room was simply exciting and inspiring. This theme came to be because it speaks to us directly. It empowers us and jolts us to take action - for ourselves and in support of others. For our personal lives, our profession and for the community we live in. If we take this theme to heart in all that we do, each task, each day will be a success.

"Washington, DC and beyond."

FAIA welcomes each of you to Washington, DC! This convention was made possible by everyone's input and support. Let us continue to stand strong together and seek every opportunity to make NCPACA the best it could be.

***Mabuhay ang NCPACA!
Mabuhay tayong lahat!***

Celebration of Life A Tribute to Mr. Rey Padilla

End of life for a loved one is the most traumatic event in one's life. Losing someone that we care about is heartbreaking, yet celebrating their life doesn't have to be sad and expensive...

Our colleague, leader and mentor Mr. Reynaldo Padilla passed away last July 17, 2015 in Manila, Philippines.

New official NCPACA Logo launched

In 2014, the NCPACA executive launched a logo design contest as a project of RVP Committee. All chapters were encouraged to develop and submit a concept of the logo. After careful consideration, a

new logo with a modern look that captures the organization's future direction was chosen. The new logo was developed by Jimmel Aquino of the Filipino American Accountants of Texas.

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President's Message



Chris Banagan
President
2014 - 2015

Greetings to All:

They say that the secret to team work is to work less as an individual but as a team. This 2nd Edition of our Newsletter my fellow members is the product of contributions from all the Chapter Presidents and Public Relations Officers of all the Chapters.

For this year let us remember and honor our friend and colleague, Rey Padilla. He was one of the pillars of NCPACA. Rey was a mentor to a lot of our younger members working behind the scenes, helping them grow and succeed...his greatest accomplishment was their success!!!!

Your NCPACA Executive Officers were busy all year round. The RVP's as they promised are working on our By-Laws, we have hired a NY lawyer to review our bylaws to make sure we are in compliant with the State of New York, and we also have malpractice insurance in place. The Branding program which is being chaired by our Incoming President Nora Galleros will be implemented soon. All of these could not be accomplished without the help of the Chapter Presidents who were hands on thru the entire process.

Washington DC your host Chapter for this year is up in arms with bells and whistles preparing for your arrival!!

So one more time, a never-ending thank you to the contributors, photographers and especially to the critics that made this newsletter "par excellence".

See you soon and happy reading!!!!

Executive Vice President's Message



Nora Galleros
Executive VP/
President Elect

We welcome you all to the 2015 NCPACA Convention!

Working within the convention theme - "Be the difference: Educate, Accelerate and Lead", the National Convention Committee has carefully selected topics and prepared agenda to stimulate, inspire participants to become driving forces for change and growth opportunities within and outside of NCPACA.

The Convention schedule also has room for social networking activities, talent showcasing, and award ceremonies so that everyone would have fun and to opportunities reconnect with friends and colleagues.

We thank all participants, sponsors and exhibitors who have supported us, and the members of the National Convention Committee who all have worked very hard to ensure the success of the convention.

Leonora "Nora" Galleros
Executive Vice-President

National Council of Philippine American Canadian Accountants

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IMELDA BAUTISTA

From the Editor...

*Be the difference - educate,
accelerate and lead*

Almost everyone dreams of a career advancement, whether in the near or distant future. That's one of the reasons the workplace is so competitive. Everyone wants more money, more fulfillment, and more recognition. We're all fighting for the same things and, unfortunately, we can't ALL win. Some will rise to the top, others will sink to the bottom and quite a lot will stay in the mediocre middle for all of eternity.

NCPACA's mission is to promote the advancement of individuals with Filipino ancestry in the field of accounting, audit, finance, taxes and other related areas. It also endeavors to provide its members with quality and relevant continuing professional education.

Regardless of where you are in your career and regardless of where you want to go, you need to be actively participating in Professional Development & Career Advancement Training to keep abreast with the changes and updates in your chosen field.

Unfortunately, most people wait and only participate in training opportunities when there's a specific need or requirement, when they have already fallen behind and are trying to play catch up. But being proactive in this regard makes for a huge advantage. When the opportunity of climbing up the ladder comes, you are ready, fully equipped, and confident to take on the challenge.

In today's world it is expensive to do almost everything. Being successful in today's world is essential to a lot of people including myself. But I believe that being successful comes with a great responsibility to provide for others and I also believe that when you are blessed with a financially successful job, you must give back some to the community. That is one of the most important things a person must do.

Joining the NCPACA convention is a means to educate, accelerate and getting us better equipped with our careers. It also paves the way to leading our chapter in making a difference to the fulfillment of its mission and values.



DIVINA TAMAYO
FAIA Washington DC



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AFCA Toronto

Regional Vice President's Corner



Ted H. Dayno
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REFLECTIONS OF MY TERM AS AN NCPACA RVP

Time flies. Yes, amazingly time flies so fast that Christmas is just around the corner and our terms as Regional Vice Presidents of the National Council of Philippine American Canadian Accountants (NCPACA) are nearing to a conclusion without us feeling it.

Last year the NCPACA created Seven (7) Regional Vice President Offices Chaired by Robert Tamayo of Region 5. These are: **Region 1** - Emelita Barber, **Region 2** - Selena Franco, **Region 3** - Rina Buenaventura, **Region 4** - Jaena Valles, **Region 5**, Robert Tamayo **Region 6** - Vance Noriega and; **Region 7** - Ted Dayno.

I was then tasked to write about the relevance and accomplishments of the RVPs for publication in the RVP Corner of our Newsletter which I did, and again, this time, another piece on the accomplishments of the RVPs during the two-year mandate that ends December 31, 2015; to wit:

1. Throughout the two (2) year term, we conducted a series of teleconferences to discuss issues and problems and in the process improved the communication line from President Chris Banagan to the Chapter memberships.
2. To effectively right the policies and procedures of accepting new members, we scrutinized the existing bylaws and proceeded hiring capable NY lawyers, through President Chris Banagan and our legal counsel Leo Canseco to review the bylaws for compliance and consistency with the standards for bylaws as a Not for Profit organization in New York where our organization was incorporated.
3. We are planning to finish the draft for Policies and Procedures based on the revised bylaws to be ratified by the General Membership during the business meeting in the upcoming convention. Our term expires on Dec 31, 2015.
4. On the table, as well, during our conferences, we discussed the enhancements to the NCPACA website, which we view as a good marketing tool to attract new members. As such, we appreciate the help of our PRO and AFCA External VP Imelda Bautista for her utmost dedication and support that led to the production of a very functional website, which you can view at: ncpacafoundation.org.
5. We started Branding - uniform size of Banners, Slogan, NCPACA Logo;
6. Changed the Channel of communication - gave the Chapter Presidents the voice to be heard and the importance of their role as Board of Director, and;
7. Solidify and Implement Total Transparency within the Association

I would like to thank all the professional accounting organizations all over North America for committing themselves to serving the interests of our fellow accounting professionals by providing the chapters and members with the impetus to turn vision into reality. In this regard, I salute the NCPACA chapters, as follows: PCPA- Chicago Chapter, PASCPA - Los Angeles Chapter, FAATx, Houston Chapter, AFAA - New York Chapter, AFAA- New Jersey Chapter, PICPA, San Francisco Chapter, FAACPA, Seattle Chapter, AFCA - Toronto Chapter, FAIA - Washington DC Chapter, and AFCA British Columbia Chapter.

Thank you very much for your confidence. Be rest assured that we at AFCA continue to support the NCPACA. I would like to thank our President Chris V. Banagan for her strong leadership and support of our chair, Robert Tamayo. I salute the dedication of my fellow RVPs. I learned a lot from them.. *Maraming Salamat Po, at Mabuhay Tayong Lahat!*

Updates from the Chapters



FAIA - Washington DC

2015 NCPACA Convention Host



FAIA Family

*“What we can, we do
what we have, we share.
Together we try to make a
difference.”*



A very well attended Community Tax Seminar in March 2015 held in Alexandria, VA



In honor of those who gave their life to serve their country, FAIA volunteered at the Wreath Across America in Arlington



A day of fun for the FAIA family in preparation of give-aways for the 2015 NCPACA Convention

AFAA—New Jersey



The AFAA-New Jersey Chapter co-hosted last year's 28th NCPACA Convention held at the Marriott in New York City.



In June 2015, the new set of officers headed by Maria Pilar B. Monje as President, were elected.

Under the new leadership, AFAA-New Jersey nominated one scholar in compliance with the NCPACA Scholarship Program. AFAA-New Jersey and PICPA-East Coast had a joint dinner-dance for a member's birthday.

The Chapter's planned activities for the rest of the year include:
Sponsorship for Handang Tumulong Foundation Inc.

- 1) Lakad Tulong Loves 2 Help to be held at the North Cove Field of Liberty State Park in Jersey City, New Jersey on September 13, 2015, and,
- 2) Juan Luna's Spoliarium, to be staged in New York on October 3 & 5, 2015.

Quarterly CPE Seminars. The last CPE was held in cooperation with PICPA East Coast. The topic was Investing for Retirement by Ms. Carol Tanjutco.

Fellowships and Fundraising activities for the rest of the year.





PASCPA - Los Angeles

CHAPTER NEWS from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Meet and Greet Event was a Success



Kathleen Reyes, VP for Youth Membership, and the Membership Committee organized the Meet and Greet Event, which was held on September 27, 2014 at The Larchmont in Melrose. The well-attended free event brought together the experienced members, young professionals, and the students. It was an event to know more about PASCPA, meet its members, network with the successful accounting practitioners, get job search advice, and enjoy the appetizers and cocktails.



Tess Miguel
2013-2015
President

Scholarship Awards

Three scholars received \$500 each during the Meet and Greet Event. PASCPA also approved a \$1,000 scholarship sponsor award that was presented to a deserving student during the Annual Awards Banquet of the Cal State University, Northridge. PASCPA thanks all the sponsors for supporting the Scholarship Program.



Scholarship awards were presented to deserving students.

CPE Committee Report

Committee Chair: Vee Cristobal, VP of CPE 2015 and Dean Wong, VP of CPE 2014; Co-Chair: Nanie Enriquez, EVP

- * 3 CPE Seminars; 75 Attendees
- * 18 Speakers; 24 CPE Credits
- * \$1,100 from 4 Sponsors; \$1,200 Net Revenue



Ways and Means Committee Report

Committee Chair: Monette Rivera, Director Installation Event Co-Chair: Marilyn Bello, VP of Membership Fundraising Event Co-Chair: Gloria Cajanap, VP of Community Service \$2,300 Membership dues; 25 New Members

- * \$1,500 Scholarship donations in cash and in kind
- * 85 Installation Event Guests; 8 Major Sponsors for \$2,000
- * 26 Souvenir Program Ads for \$2500
- * 10 Sponsored Youth Members at Installation for \$550
- * \$2000 Installation Net Revenue

- * \$14,700 Cash Balance 6-30-15
- * 2 Fundraising Events; 45 Fundraising Guests
- * \$1,500 Fundraising Events Net Revenue

PASCPA Brought Smiles to Ascencia

PASCPA members led by Glo Cajanap, VP of Community Service, were Guest Chefs who prepared food for the residents at Ascencia, an emergency shelter that provides temporary place for families and individuals who have lost everything. The volunteer group and their families served food to about 40 residents. The simple dinner and our presence at Ascencia brought smiles to the residents during that evening a few days

before Christmas. Food served was donated by Glo Cajanap, Marilyn Bello, Sonia Laureano, and Tess Miguel.

NCPACA Corner

Kathleen Reyes of Keller University and Sabrina Partridge of UCLA were 1st and 2nd place winners, respectively, of the 2014 NCPACA Scholarship. Kathleen received \$5,000 and Sabrina \$3,000 scholarship awards during the 2014 Convention Gala night in New York City. Both winners were 2 of the 5 candidates endorsed by PASCPA-LA. Thank you, NCPACA and AICPA.

AFCA - Toronto



Mercy Gonzales
President

AFCA is Bridging for a Brighter Tomorrow!

In September 2014, AFCA delegates were so excited joining NCPACA Convention in the vicinity of the city that never sleeps, New York. Amidst the so many activities lined up in our chapter, we still manage to go to another interesting convention trip to US Capital, Washington DC. On another hand, it is a pleasure to share with the entire NCPACA Convention dele-

gation what have transpired and will be transpiring in AFCA up to and until end of this year. As our mandates include the promotion of professional development among our members and community awareness as well, these are considered the highlights within the period.

September 2014

AFCA had fun on its Karaoke Fundraiser from which the proceeds went to our scholarship fund.

We are Professional Accountants but we don't simply bury ourselves on our desk working on our deadlines but we can be sports

minded too. A tennis tournament was held with the participation of the pros and the newbies. Net proceed of this tournament went to our scholarship too.

October 2014

New members were welcomed and inducted. The then Philippine Consul General of Toronto graced the occasion and gave us a very friendly and encouraging speech.



November 2014

AFCA held its Annual General Assembly. Representative from CPA Ontario attended and gave us few words in regards to the newly merged three Canadian Accounting designations to one Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA)

In an effort to obtain affiliation with Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), our group of delegates attended the 2015 Three Day



Convention held in Cebu City. In our group were the AFCA President Mercy Gonzales, Executive Vice President Ramon Guanzon and Past President Ted Dayno. There was what seemed to be a panel interview with the

entire Executive Officers and Board of Directors of PICPA asking us questions on our affiliation interest. After almost three hours of questions and answers, our application was approved by principle of which paperwork will follow.

December 2014

Christmas party never became obsolete. It is a universal tradition that gave us time to get together and be closer to our friends both personal and in profession.

January 2015

AFCA conducted double workshop on Team Building and Parliamentary Procedures. It was indeed a productive and interactive way of keeping good working relationship among officers and non-officers.

Plenty of helpful insights and useful techniques on how to behave and speak in a meeting and how to work effectively as a team were the common goals achieved.

February 2015

Annual tax seminar was conducted and very well attended.



It was a one whole day of lectures and hands on navigation of tax software that AFCA uses in its tax outreach program. The seminar was actually the most popular professional development training being conducted by the association. Our speakers are from our own, well-versed and in their expertise.



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Ready to file 2014 taxes?

"AFCA 2015 Tax Seminar Update"

February 07, 2015
Saturday, 8:30 AM
Seneca College Residence & Conference Center
1760 Finch Ave East
North York, Ontario M2J 5G3
Nearby Intersection
"Finch Ave & Seneca Hill Drive"
Fee: \$20.00



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Seats are limited so hurry up...REGISTER NOW!!!

March 2015

Information session was held in CPA Ontario office that made us understand better how to get the CPA designation after the merger of three accounting designations in Canada into one.

March 2015 to April 2015

As AFCA tax volunteers were made ready after the seminar, it was a mix of excitement and wanting to help that brought them to participate in our seven (7) community tax centres where we serviced over 200 taxpayers on a pro-bono basis. AFCA calls it Tax Clinic, our community outreach program to help individuals and family to get their tax returns done and



filed. AFCA's partners in this program are Canadian Revenue Agency through its Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) whom we reported the numbers of returns filed, the developer of tax software we used (Intuit) who provided us the software for free and the community centers.

May 2015 to June 2015

AFCA tabulation team was always more than willing to help for a good cause. Two huge Filipino associations such as Philippine Independence Day Council (PIDC) and Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF) held its annual Beauty Pageant Fundraising Event. AFCA was the official tabulator of this contest.



June 2015

We studied, volunteered, helped and therefore we partied. Appreciation lunch was provided to our tax volunteers where we shared our learning and networking experience in our two months of Tax Clinic. Tokens of appreciation were distributed. It was our way of professional and tax knowledge bonding.

In cooperation with our corporate sponsor, CPA Ontario, AFCA conducted a soft skill presentation on "Believing is Achieving". Achieving starts with believing in yourself and to believe in yourself, you must have

a healthy self-esteem. This was a blurb provided by a very articulate speaker from CPA Ontario. It was a very healthy and interactive day. Attendees were a combination of old members, new members who had just arrived in Canada and officers as well.

July 2015

It was a month of community awareness. Despite of the pouring rain, AFCA had the courage to man an open and outdoor booth in Fiesta ng Kalayaan held in Mississauga, Ontario which was hosted by Kalayaan Community Centre. On the same

day, we manned another booth in Pinoy Fiesta event held in Metro Toronto Convention Centre organized by Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation. This was our way of promoting the association within the community and to encourage newly emigrated Filipino accountants to join AFCA.



August 2015

AFCA held its very first picnic overnight camping. It was filled with acts of friendship and rapport among the members and their families.

It was indeed a month of sports mindedness. In honor of our late Past President Carlos Padilla, AFCA had a Memorial Golf Tournament on his name. His relatives were present who spoke a tribute for him.

As well, another tournament was held in the same month, Badminton. It was one of the greatest ways to exercise and burn the extra calories. Players include members and friends who had good and fun filled game.



Another community awareness was attending a Toronto downtown parade put together by Philippine Independence Council. Carrying our AFCA banner and uniform, it felt good not to be just with our Fellow Kababayans but to be seen by and exposed to the mainstream outside of the community.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

September 2015

As the year is not over yet, AFCA will be conducting its Fourth Professional Development Convention September 26 and 27. We are able to confirm with our competent speakers on a two day technical sessions. Overall chair of this event is our EVP Ramon Guanzon. We will be inducting our new members and awarding our scholars on a Gala Night on Day one. AFCA's 2015 Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors for years 2016 and 2017.

October 2015

Bowling Tournament

December 2015

Annual Christmas party and Lottery Fundraising for our Scholar

"July is community awareness month for AFCA to promote and encourage the community to join"

AFAA - New York



Warmest greetings from the big apple. Thank you to the FAIA chapter of Washington D.C for hosting the 2015 annual convention (the 29th and counting). It certainly is a gargantuan task after the success of the last convention hosted jointly by the NY and NJ chapters. Speaking for myself, my assignment as the convention treasurer did not stop at the end of the event and I feel that it did not end at all. As far as the AFAA NY chapter news, as most

of you know, one of our very own recently passed away - Mr. Rey Padilla. I think of him, and his achievements, as a role model for all of us. May he rest in peace and I thank God for sharing him with us.

The 2015-2016 officers for of AFAA NY were elected last December 2014 during our annual Christmas Party. We wish them success and best wishes. From the beginning of the year to now AFAA NY has been actively engaged in numerous activities, as follows: .

- Continuing professional education programs sponsored by AICPA on topics, i.e.: "How will the FASB Not-for-profit Financial Statement project affect you?"- held on June 30, 2015 via a webinar.
- Participated in Joined the popular yearly Philippine independence day parade held once again this year on June 7, 2015 carrying the banner of AFAA NY followed by a throng of members together with their family and friends.
- Continuing professional educations sponsored by NYGOSR (NY Governor's office of storm recovery) on the topic of "how to use the elation systems" held on August 5, 2015 via a webinar.
- AFAA NY with approximately 20 delegates together with their family and friends is scheduled to participate in the 29th NCPACA convention which will be held in Washington D.C
- AFAA NY has volunteered to support this year's convention by organizing a tour inside the White House, and assisting with the press releases (preparation of materials, coordinating with the press) on of this event for to the Filipino television networks and Filipino community newspapers and other tasks that the convention committee may need help on.
- In the coming months, as started by our predecessors, we plan to raise funds for the chapter to support its professional and community development activities.

This, for now, is the news from the AFAA NY chapter. Thank you and God bless.





FAATx - Houston

30th YEAR ANNIVERSARY & INDUCTION

The Filipino American Accountants of Texas (FAATx) formerly known as Texas Society of Philippine American Certified Public Accountants reached a milestone... 30th year anniversary! The anniversary celebration and Induction of 2015-2016 Officers and New Members were held at Kim-Son Restaurant on January 23, 2015. It was a successful event which was attended by FAATx members and officers and

representatives of various Filipino and community organizations in Houston. Inducted into office are: Dorothy Sweet (President), Jimmel Aquino (Vice President-Internal), Ameer Abad (Vice President-External), Nene Aanderud (Secretary), Susan Serrano (Treasurer), Jona Elegado (Business Manager), Khenny Bocala (Auditor) and Randy Datu (Public Relations Officer).



We welcome FAATx new members Khenny Bocala, Leya Tacas, Ari Domingo, Mara Tabar and Evelyn Paige. Dorothy Sweet, FAATx president along with all the officers are committed to increase and strengthen the organization's membership program for 2015-2016.

"Spring family picnic does not only bring joy, but also build s closer and stronger relationship among members and family."

SPRING FAMILY PICNIC

On April 25, 2015, FAATx held a spring family picnic at Lake Conroe RV Camping Resort. Thanks to Jeff & Dorothy Sweet for utilizing their membership to accommodate the picnic at the resort! It was indeed a day of fun! In addition to the resort amenities, FAATx members along with their families enjoyed group activities such as line dancing taught by our very own dance instructor, Bert Bernabe and the great bingo game organized by Nene Aanderud. Of course, everyone shared all the delicious food brought by each member. Thank you



planning committee for making it happen!

An event like this does not only bring joy, but also builds closer and stronger relationship among the members as well as their families.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

To enhance our visibility and involvement in the community, some officers and members had attended various festivals, banner parade and fund-raising events such as Santa Cruzan, TX4GK/Gawad Kalinga Pasayaw, People Caring for the Community, Inc. (PCCI) Project for Cure and Kalayaan Ball. These events were for excellent causes, such as helping children go to school and donating medical equipment to a hospital in the Philippines. FAATx also made a donation to the Nepal Association of Houston through Filipino-American Council of South Texas (FACOST) to help the earthquake victims in Nepal.

CPE CLASSES

Our 1st CPE class, "Microsoft Excel: Introduction" was held on March 27, 2015 through a video presentation with about 20 attendees. The 2nd CPE class, "Microsoft Excel: Intermediate to Advance" is scheduled in July 2015. These classes are intended not only as an informative session for new and younger members, but also as a refresher course for more advanced practitioners.

PICPA USA - San Francisco



PICPA-USA 2015 Summer Luau Picnic

A picnic was held on July 18, 2015 at Baker Beach in San Francisco which was well attended by PICPA members and guests. The beach was near the Golden Gate Bridge. Sumptuous food and refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed the balmy weather and camaraderie of members. Also at this gathering, the chapter elected the following officers of the chapter, namely: Arnold Bermudez – **President**
Chris Neri – **Executive Vice President**
Jose “Pepe” San Gabriel – **VP External**
Linda Tenefrancia – **VP Internal**
Selenna Franco-Cefre – **Secretary**
Sonette Padama – **Treasurer**



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PICPA-USA (San Francisco) won first place for their performance of the award winning Broadway smash hit “The Producers” during NCPACA’s traditional Talent Competition last August 2014 in New York.



NCPACA Regional Vice President Selenna Franco-Cefre, a Carmelite at heart, conducted a Historic Treasure Hunt Walking Tour of Carmel-by-the-Sea for Fil-Am Accountants and guests last April 2015. Congratulations to Selenna who recently opened her own CPA accounting office in Carmel by the Sea!



Incoming President Arnold Bermudez is inviting all Fil-Am accountant golfers and friends for a golf tournament in Pebble Beach Resort in California. For more information, please email Selenna Cefre at sfrancocfre@gmail.com.

A CPE class on Foreign Bank Account Reporting (FBAR) was held on January 10, 2015 in San Jose presented by Atty Stephen Moskowitz who lectured the group about the nuts and bolts and the ramifications of not complying with the law that affects U.S. residents and citizens with foreign bank accounts outside the U.S. The seminar was hosted by PICPA-USA President Debbie Abad and was made possible by Al Maglan who arranged the team of lawyers to make the presentation. The seminar was attended by members and guests who were also given a presentation on retirement planning, courtesy of Essie Claveria who invited a retirement planning specialist as a bonus.



Congratulations to Incoming President Arnold Bermudez and Executive VP Chris Neri who recently opened their own company called Data Matrix International. We wish you all the best !

PICPA-USA (San Francisco) won first place for their performance of the award winning Broadway smash hit “The Producers” during NCPACA’s traditional Talent Competition last August 2014 in New York. NCPACA Regional Vice President of the Pacific Western Region, Selenna Franco-Cefre, who produced and directed the play said, “this NCPACA convention in New York will be a special memory for all of us...we celebrated our victory in Times Square until 2 am and we can proudly say that we



have achieved our dream of performing in the land of Broadway! “ I also think we won because our play touched on the life of accountants, we had very creative props like the adding machines made of roller paint trays and funny hand gears hand carried all the

way from San Francisco and of course the superb performance of the entire cast !



PCPA - Chicago

Happy 42nd Anniversary PCPA Chicago

In 1980, PCPA received the “Most Outstanding Organization” recognition award from the Filipino American Council of Chicago, the umbrella organization of various Filipino associations at that time in Chicago.

In 1987, PCPA was accepted as a member of the National Council of Philippine American Canadian Accountants (NCPACA), the umbrella organization of Filipino CPA chapters in North America.

In 1990, PCPA obtained the license to provide Continuing Professional Education (CPE) by the State of Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.

In order to formally segregate scholarship funds from the PCPA general funds, the PCPA Foundation of Illinois, a Section 501 (c)(3) organization, was incorporated in 1992 exclusively for awarding scholarships to deserving students.

In 1987, PCPA hosted the Fall Conference of NCPACA / In 1989, PCPA hosted the Summer Convention & election of NCPACA / In 1997, PCPA hosted the Labor Day Weekend Convention Election of NCPACA. / In 1998, PCPA celebrated its Silver Anniversary at Arlington Hilton.

With Sincere Appreciation to PCPA Chicago Officers & Families



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 August 22, 2015

Tribute to Reynaldo Padilla

By: Patrick Ferraren

From the little that I knew of him, which was enough, he impressed me as a fierce fighter -- but he also knew when and how to set his ego aside for the greater good. He would let his voice be heard when it was needed -- and it was always for a good cause, that of the better-



ment of the Filipino.

His platform, going into the NCPACA presidency, more than a decade ago, was "To elevate and expand the National Council of Philippine American and Canadian Accountants as a recognized mainstream professional organization." He became NCPACA president in 2004-2005. Today, ten years later, we have earned a seat at the table of AICPA, in their diversity and inclusion initiatives (see: <http://www.aicpa.org/Career/DiversityInitiatives/DownloadableDocuments/NCDIRosterwebsite.pdf>).

He understood organizations and what makes them run - objectives, mission, vision, values. He was eager for the Filipino accountant to achieve greater visibility in various institutions, including ASCEND (<http://www.ascendleadership.org/?page=whoware>), formerly NAASA.

Ever patriotic and ethical, he was a supporter of Gawad-Kalinga, believing we should "help the poorest of the Philippines" (<https://www.facebook.com/PadillaCPA/posts/141561135891825>).

He was ambitious for our organization, for he had high standards. He pursued

what he believed to be the right direction for NCPACA -- whether or not it was popular. In fact, it is to him that we owe the 501(c)(3) status of our organization -- when he established the NCPACA Foundation, Inc. on September 16, 2004 in New York. This was his greatest gift to us, for he created a viable entity that could receive tax-deductible donations, and a legitimate vehicle to drive our programs, with a pristine record. Starting with his term, NCPACA filed the 990.

Manong Rey was a visionary. He believed that NCPACA had a unique purpose. On August 5, 2010 he wrote: "Let us build an organization that can be recognized for its contribution to the profession both in the USA and the Philippines, the community, and helping the Philippines in good governance and the elimination of poverty and corruption."

He supported the 2010 merger of the old Council into the new Foundation, so today we are one. His firm, Padilla & Company

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LLP, obtained the dba name *NCPACA*, so today we have seamlessly moved the essence of the old into the new entity. His firm has consistently offered to file, and indeed filed *pro bono*, our annual report in NY. For that we are forever thankful.

He believed in letting NCPACA grow, and removing all barriers to its ascent. On September 21, 2010 he wrote: "NCPACA should also eliminate the territorial provision in the Bylaws as this is one of the obstacles to the growth of the organization. There can be as many chapters in LA, New York, Chicago, New Jersey, etc. In addition members-at-large should be allowed as well as the admission of finance professionals. The aim is to grow and not to regress."

Rey knew his purpose, and he lived it. We are lucky at NCPACA to have benefited from his contributions. Not only has he built a big firm in NY, he also

mentored the young ones that followed, and inspired many NCPACAns all over. It is hard to compete with his chapter though, during Paligsahan, for our New York friends have inherited his fighting spirit, so they always win first prize.

Such fighting spirit showed through, even during last year's NY convention, his last with us. I remember he asked the panel, which included AICPA, why majority of accounting firms are owned by whites and why was it hard for non-whites to compete -- highlighting the diversity question in this profession in America. Though his body was frail, Manong Rey's mind was quite alert, and his heart was always in the right place -- with the Filipino. I consider myself lucky to have sat down with him for a short conversation in August 2014.

I am sure those of you who knew him, especially during his prime, must have memories of how clear-minded he was as to NCPACA's direction. He was a leader, indeed one of the pillars that built this organization to what it is today. He took ownership of NCPACA. It will do us good to remember him, what he stood for, and what he has done to the legacy of the Filipino accountant in America.

He always did his best, and challenged everyone to do his best, every time. An exemplary accountant indeed for our time.

Our deepest sympathies on the passing of a man who really cared for NCPACA -- which, in a way, became his extended family. Rest in peace, Manong Rey. Thank you for all that you have done for us and for humanity.



2014 NCPACA Convention in New York

Board of Councilors



**From the Governor's Desk
Mr. Art Dilay**

“The Board of Councillor does not supplant the governance of the Council but contribute to make the Council grow better and stronger.”.

I would like to welcome and congratulate the 2015 new members of the NCPACA Board of Councilors. The Induction of the five new members in this elite group of professional accountants, is another milestone for NCPACA. I would like to dedicate the



induction of these new members to the memory of the late Rey Padilla, a fellow councilor and former NCPACA President. Mr. Padilla is an outstanding councilor that everyone among us should emulate. His philanthropic contributions to his community in New York and to the less fortunate in the Philippines will serve as a monument of what

a councilor should be. He will be remembered not only for what he had achieved professionally but also, for all he had given back to his community and fellow men.

As I complete my two years of service as Governor, I would like to convey my heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Gloria Cajanap, Secretary General and all the members of the Board of Councilors selection committee, for their service in the selection of the members of the Board of Councilors for 2014 and 2015. Likewise, to all the councilors, may you all generously provide your support to our group so we can continue to achieve the lofty goals for which this group was organized. Again, I would like to congratulate the following new members of the Board of Councilors

- * Leonardo Canseco – Washington D. C.
- * Viola Binua – New York
- * Teresita Miguel – L A
- * Neva Fajardo – New York
- * Imelda Bautista – Toronto

Again, congratulations to all for job well done.

Congratulations!

***“Do not go where the path may LEAD
instead go where there is no path
and leave a TRAIL”.***

NCPACA Achievers

I graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Boston in 2013, with a concentration in Accounting and a minor in Economics. During the summer after graduation, I applied for the 2013 NCPACA scholarship with the help of Tito Ed Ortiz, coordinator of the grant. Through his guidance, I had the pleasure of attending the NCPACA convention in Los Angeles for the first time in August of 2013. It was there at this conference that I networked with other youth delegates in the field of accounting. I was delighted by the rich community of experienced professionals who come together annually to celebrate being a Filipino accountant. At the conference, I

was able to learn about the numerous opportunities in accounting through the networking events and speaker series. I also enjoyed the vibrant musical and theatrical performances, showcasing the artistic talents of my colleagues! The favorite part of my experience was making strong relationships within the Filipino community. The 2013 youth delegates instantly became my close friends, with whom I still stay in contact. It is comforting to know that I have this community to support me in my professional and academic endeavors. Since I had such a positive experience at my first NCPACA conference, I decided to attend the convention last year in New York. I reconnected with

the Filipino community and I shared my story with the newest delegates. I was pleased to see growth in the youth program, as the conference was in full attendance. Since receiving the scholarship in 2013, I have graduated from Boston College with a Master's Degree in Accounting (MSA). During this time, I had received the Dean's Scholarship for academic merit as well as the legacy scholarship granted by the AICPA. I was also elected as the graduate student representative for the MSA class, and I organized social events to foster community among students. Concurrent with my full-time classes, I studied for the CPA exam and passed my last section in Aug 2014.

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Alyssa Trinidad

My name is Kathleen Reyes, and I am the Vice President of Youth Membership for PASCAPA. As part of the PASCAPA Board since 2014, my primary goal is to bridge the gap between experienced CPAs and young professionals to build a cohesive unit. Beyond that, I want to promote the importance of membership in a professional accounting society to the young accountants. Since joining PASCAPA, I've linked with successful CPAs and role models I would have otherwise

not known. The guidance and support I've received from this group has been tremendous. Since last year, we have increased membership significantly and encouraged a lot of positive changes. I'm excited and look forward to witnessing the future accomplishments of my chapter.

Last year, I was given the tremendous opportunity to represent PASCAPA at the NCPACA Convention. The recognition I received as an NCPACA Scholar gave me the motivation to con-

continue my education and pass the CPA exam. Since last year's convention, I completed 3 of 4 CPA exams, with high hopes to complete my last exam before NCPACA 2015. In the past, I worked in public accounting and assisted in tax preparation and business bookkeeping. Most recently, I worked at Red Bull North America in the Accounting Department, but my future plans are to pursue Auditing in a Big Four firm.



Kathleen Reyes

Alex Banez, is currently an Experienced Assurance Manager in the Entertainment, Media, Communications and Technology group in PwC Los Angeles, with a specialty in Filmed Entertainment. He is a past recipient of the NCPACA Youth Scholarship, which he received at the 2006 NCPACA Conference in San Francisco as a member of AFCA (Toronto). His current clientele at PwC include, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Activision/Blizzard and Dune Entertainment. Prior to joining PwC,

he worked at both Ernst & Young Toronto as a Senior Staff Accountant, specializing in Auto Parts Manufacturing and Ernst & Young Los Angeles Media & Entertainment group as an Assurance Manager, where his former clients include Warner Bros. and DreamWorks Holdings.

Some of his notable accomplishments include serving as one of the Divisional (Motion Pictures Group) Assurance Managers at Sony Pictures Entertainment during their recent IT systems breach in November 2014

Working alongside other assurance team members and from a cross-line of services (i.e. Forensic Accounting, IT Risk Assurance and Tax), he was directly involved in helping the overall audit team plan and execute a revised audit strategy to address the impacts of the IT Hack on the Company's IT systems and working with management to navigate through the negative publicity as a result of the attack. In addition, Alex was Co-Chair of the First Annual NCPACA Student Conference,



Alex Banez

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Photos

2014 Convention in New York



2014-2015 Executive Officers during the parade of color



FAIA delegates to the 2014 Convention



2014 Talent night show champion - PICPA San Francisco



PASCPA Los Angeles



Vic Ching leading the dance floor



AFCA delegates dancing the night away



2014 NCPACA Family Group Picture





2014 NCPACA Scholarship recipient



Awarding of scholarship



2014 Convention Chair Ms Gilberg with the Auxiliary



Past Presidents with the AICPA representative



2014 Convention Chair Ms Gillberg with the Auxiliary Officers



FAATx Delegates



The Broadway dancers with their rendition



President Banagan with NCPACA Youth delegate



Taken during the business meeting



2014 New Members of the Board of Councilor



New Members of the Board of Councilor with the selection committee



Walk for a cause at Brooklyn bridge in New York



Walk-a-ton headed by Jaena Valles of NY chapter

The Achiever

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Alex...

which took place at the NCPACA Los Angeles Convention in September 2013. This included over 50 college students in attendance.

Alex also serves as the secretary on the Finance Council to Christ the King Roman Catholic Church in Los Angeles, CA. Alex's extracurricular activities include being an ac-

tive beach and indoor court volleyball player, participating in half marathons and mud run obstacle courses, including the 2015 Tough Mudder competition in March 2015.



Alyssa...

Currently I am a licensed, active CPA in Massachusetts. Shortly after my exams, I started working full time in the Audit function at Deloitte & Touche in Boston, serving clients in the financial services industry.

I am proud to be a Filipina, and I am proud to be an accountant. I cannot thank NCPACA enough for being a part of my

accounting family. I am truly grateful to have been the recipient of the grand scholarship in 2013, but even more thankful to have been welcomed into this community. I attribute much of my success to having this support system and gateway for professional connections. I plan to stay involved in NCPACA and grow this organization for others to have this wonderful opportunity.

Best of Washington DC

Washington, DC is a fascinating city with dozens of attractions. The District has a plethora of must-see history filled museums, magnificent monuments, and patriotic political festivities.



The White House is the oldest public building in Washington, DC and has been the home of every president except George Washington. Visitors come from around the world to the nation's capital to get a glimpse of the impressive structure.



The U.S. Capitol Building, the meeting chambers for the Senate and the House of Representatives, is one of the most recognizable historic buildings in Washington, DC, located at the opposite end of the National Mall from the Washington Monument. It is a prominent landmark and an impressive example of 19th-century neoclassical architecture.



The Washington Monument, a memorial to George Washington, our nation's first president, is the most prominent landmark in Washington, DC and stands as the centerpiece of the National Mall. It is the tallest structure in Washington, DC. Washington Monument symbolizing the 50 states of America.



The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, officially named the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, is the city's premier performance venue, providing approximately 3,000 performances per year. The Kennedy Center is the home to the National Symphony Orchestra, Washington Opera, Washington Ballet and American Film Institute.

Labor Day Weekend Events 2015 in the Washington, DC

Here are some suggested events:

Labor Day Concert at the U.S. Capitol

Sunday of Labor Day Weekend
Enjoy a free concert by the National Symphony Orchestra starting at 8:00pm on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. The concert celebrates the beginning of the Washington, DC performing arts season. This will be the most popular event in the city for Washington DC Labor Day. The U.S. Capitol is conveniently located right off trolley stop #5.

27th Annual DC Blues Festival

Saturday of Labor Day Weekend
From 12:00pm to 7:30pm at the Carter Barron Amphitheater, enjoy the best blues music that Washington, DC has to offer. This free festival offers family fun, workshops and tons of live music.

Kennedy Center Page-to-Stage Festival

Sept. 5-7, 2015. The Kennedy Center hosts more than 40 local theater companies in a series of free readings and open rehearsals of plays and musicals. This three-day event gives audiences a look at new works being prepared for Washington premieres in the upcoming theater season

Continued from page 1 NCPACA Logo...

The NCPACA executive is proud to announce the launch of this new logo, which reflects the ongoing evolution of our organization.



NCPACA LOGO CONCEPT

By: Jimmel Aquino

The outer circle represents the all-inclusive environment within which accountants op-

erate, consisting of the financial, economic, governmental, corporate and employment milieu.

The inner circle is emblematic of our unity in spirit and purpose as we interface with the outside environment. It is suggestive of the wholeness and solidarity with which we pursue our organizational mission- professional development, encourage entry into the accountancy profession, charity and relief, and the preservation and promotion of Philippine culture.

Taken together, these circles represent the irises and pupils of the human eyes with which we open ourselves to awareness and knowledge of our profession's responsibilities. They are also suggestive of the lens with which we focus on our objectives as an organization.

Within the circles are the three flags that represent the

countries to which we belong: the Philippines, USA and Canada. The Philippine flag is placed above the American and Canadian flags to represent our common heritage, being either Filipino-American or Filipino-Canadian. The symbolism celebrates our collective origin and its contribution to our identity and success.

The blue background represents depth, stability, wisdom, expertise, confidence, intelligence, authority, integrity and truth. It is also associated with peace and serenity. These are all characteristics and conditions within which our profession must endeavor to exist, and our association to prosper. Blue is the #1 favorite color of all people. It is the preferred color of corporate America. 53% of the flags in the world contain blue. A dark blue suit is considered professional attire while a blue

denim is its exact equivalent in casual wear. Aristocracy is blue-blooded in all European languages. Blue is also the color of the sky and sea which is meaningful in that Filipinos migrated by plane or ship to the USA and Canada.

The star symbolizes our hopes and aspirations, as well as light. Its upper point represents our hopes and aspirations, while its other points represent the light of truth which we impart to others through the practice of our profession. The star reminds us of our accomplishments as well as our continuing drive for excellence in everything that we do. It also means that we shine and make a difference, both individually and collectively.

“The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual”.