

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

Filipino doctors volunteer at Las Vegas free health screenings

BARELY a week after taking their oath, new officers of the Philippine Medical Association of Nevada (PMA-NV) went straight to work during a free immunization program last August 8 in Las Vegas.

The PMA volunteered in the first of a series of free health screening and immunization programs offered by the Southern Nevada Immunization Coalition and Wal-mart.

"We volunteered to join this program for immunization for kids, and for our *kababayan*," Dr. Teresita Melocoton PMA-NV treasurer said. She is also a pediatrician at Valley Pediatrics Specialty Center.

The Coalition organizes the annual event where they get volunteers, partners and donors, executive director Pam

Beal said. This year's donor is Wal-mart, while Filipino physicians who are PMA-NV members are among the volunteers.

"Every year we bring together different services that would help kids like immunizations and health screenings at no cost to the community," she said during the event held at Wal-Mart on Charleston and Decatur Blvd.

PMA-NV offers volunteer medical services to various



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communities in Las Vegas. Its core mission is to promote excellence in medicine towards the betterment of public health of the Filipino community in Nevada.



The Filipiniana Dance Company of Las Vegas was awarded "Outstanding Community Support" by the World Financial Group, World Group Securities last July 22. Established in 2001, the group is dedicated to preserve, promote and educate the Filipino heritage through dance, music and arts. The group's president Jacque De Joya can be reached at (702) 348-9745 or jacque@dejoyagriffith.com

Fil-Ams urged to vote for NaFFAA officers in November

Must pay \$40-membership by August 31

THE National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) Region 11 Chair Martin Celemin and NaFFAA Nevada Chair Jing Espiritu jointly announce that in order for any Filipino American to run for office and/or vote in the Regional Leadership Conference and Elections of officers on November 7, 2009, he/she must pay the NaFFAA membership dues of \$40 on or before August 31, 2009 in accordance with the NaFFAA Region 11 and NaFFAA Nevada decision.



Members of PMA-NV aim to be an integral part in helping Filipino doctors for the betterment of public health of Filipinos in Nevada. At the induction program were (top, L-R) Dr. Rico Fontillas, Dr. Manny Taguba, Dr. Robert Martinez, Dr. Noel Fajardo, Dr. Sotero Fabella, Dr. Paterno Jurani; (bottom L-R) Dr. Thomas Lim, Dr. Benito Calderon, Dr. Rica Gaerlan, Dr. Rosalita Jurani, Dr. Teresita Melocoton, Dr. Carmina Arrastia, Dr. Mary Jeanette Odtohan, Dr. Rey Sandoval, Dr. Fred Tanenggee, and Dr. Oscar Batugal.



Incoming PMA-Nevada president Dr. Benito Calderon (left) with vice president Dr. Robert Martinez presents certificate of appreciation to outgoing president Dr. Emmanuel Taguba during the induction program at Salo-Salo Restaurant.

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Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge Cedric Kearns administers the oath of office to the 2009-2012 officers of the Philippine Medical Association (PMA)-Nevada. (L-R) Dr. Benito Calderon (President), Dr. Robert Martinez (Vice-President), Dr. Rosalita Jurani (Treasurer), Dr. Teresita Melocoton (Treasurer) Dr. Mary Jeanette Odtohan (Secretary), Dr. Carmina Arrastia (Public Relations Officer), Dr. Noel Fajardo (Public Relations Officer).



Las Vegas Family Court Judge Frank Sullivan administers the oath of office to the 2009-2010 officers of the Las Vegas Philippine American Lions Club.

Las Vegas invited to a monthly event

WARD 5 City Councilman Ricki Y. Barlow would like to invite residents to join him for coffee, tea and conversation about the community from 9am to 10am on the first Thursday of every month. It will give residents the opportunity to speak directly with the councilman on issues of concern to them.

Councilman Barlow has been working diligently to attract new business within Ward 5 and to get neighborhoods organized and involved. He is strongly advocating an historic, proud, progressive Ward 5 movement.

The location for the Ward 5 gatherings will alternate monthly between the Starbucks at 751 N. Rancho Drive and the Starbucks in the Best of the West Shopping Center located at 2192 N. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 100.

The first Ward 5 gathering was last Aug. 6, at the Starbucks at Best of the West Shopping Center located at 2192 N. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 100. The next gathering will take place on Sept. 3.

For more information, citizens can call Councilman Barlow's office at (702) 229-5443 or visit the city's Web site at www.las-vegasnevada.gov/ward5 to learn more about what's happening in Ward 5 and the city of Las Vegas.

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