



# TANGLAW

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## PNAGKC “spring”-ing into action!

top: Members gather at the future site of Yolanda Village in the Philippines

bottom left: Irma Labre-Wright, Joy Doolin, Beth Rosas, Elvie Leone, Leila Busch, Luz Conde, Amie Valera, Moppette Florentino, Mary Aragon & Sonia Tumanut pose for a picture after a general meeting at North Kansas City Hospital.

bottom right: Cambodia Surgical Mission Team

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# Spring Into Action!



Tanglaw has evolved so much in the past year. First, it was the new layout. Now we are going digital! It has been quite a transition! Lots of hard work and hours have been put in making this a newsletter that you will enjoy reading. I'm always looking for contributions for our issues, whether it be pictures, articles or kind suggestions. I would love to hear

what you would like to see in our newsletter and what I can do to make the newsletter more worthwhile.

The thought that spring is just around the corner, brings feelings of anticipation! In April, PNAGKC will be hosting the North Central Regional Conference at the Westin Crown Center. During that time, our association will also be celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a great way to celebrate than by inviting our friends from other chapters to beautiful Kansas City! I highly encourage you to find time to enjoy the many activities we have planned for the conference (April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>). During our gala, the 2014-2016 PNAGKC Executive Board will be inducted. Please come celebrate in our achievements and be a witness to the next chapter in our association's history!

Hoping to see you all around at the NCR conference April 25-27, 2014 at the Westin Crown Center!

Jessamine Endaya  
RN, BSN, CCRN

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As the first order of business for my final Tanglaw message as President of the PNAGKC, I want to express personally my sincere thanks to everyone who supported me as the president in the organization in its entirety over the past two years. It was an honor to serve, and I had the opportunity to witness many people setting excellent examples of service and professionalism that provided a source of both pride and inspiration.

Together, we've broken new ground with initiatives such as our support of a weekly health clinic for the homeless at Hope Faith Ministries, programs to aid Battered Women and Children served by Safehaven, a retreat for professional and spiritual development at Redemptorist Retreat Center, special fundraisers and nursing support for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda, sponsorship of volleyball team DaRNa for fitness, fellowship and heightened visibility of the PNAGKC, and others. At the same time, we've continued our historical support of our nursing scholarship program to deserving Filipino nursing students at home and abroad, to the annual Medical Missions to the Philippines that assist thousands of people with limited or no access to proper healthcare, the annual free health fairs for the less fortunate in the greater Kansas City area, the high quality educational and professional development programs to our membership, the support of the PNAA and its chapters, culminating this year in our hosting of the 2014 PNAA 14<sup>th</sup> NCR Conference. We set new records for attendance and fundraising at our annual Gala, Auction and Bowling events. Our organization made impact to the goals, supporting the fundraising of other organizations such as the Philippine Medical Society of Greater Kansas City, World Outreach Foundation, KC World Outreach Lions Club, Filipino Cultural Center Foundation and the Filipino Association of Greater Kansas City. Some of our members have gone beyond their individual community service initiatives by volunteering in assisting the home bound through meals-on-wheels, medical packing for Sisters of St. Francis, traveling to Cambodia on separate medical missions, serving in leadership roles in other community organizations, and other efforts. At times, we've combined business and pleasure with our annual camping, Christmas and other celebrations. And, as always, when any of us have suffered personal losses, our members have been there with their presence and prayers. The spirit reflected by this combination of service and mutual support is our essence, and I hope and believe we always will strive to do more.

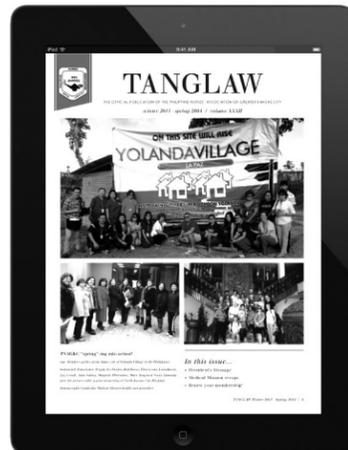
I extend my very best wishes to the incoming leadership of the PNAGKC with Jessamine as President & to her Executive Board Officers, as they set the course for the future of our organization. Thank you again for the opportunity to work closely with so many of you as your President.

Elvie Leone  
RN, BSN, CGRN

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# TANGLAW IS GOING DIGITAL!

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE: *A Call For Volunteers*

Written by: *Babette Orlich RN, BSN | Community Service Chair*



Our chapter president, Elvie Leone, sent a message to all the members of PNAGKC last year regarding this new initiative – “New Adventure” for our organization (approved by the General Assembly) – a chance to serve the less fortunate. If we are helping those outside of the country, why not serve those in our own backyard and in our own city?

This new initiative is spearheaded by The World Outreach Foundation of Kansas City which a lot of our members are familiar with and have been volunteers to all parts of the world. The goal is to have a Health Clinic for the homeless once a week in coordination with Hope Faith Ministries. Below is the information regarding the clinic.

Location: 705 Virginia Ave Kansas city, Missouri 64106  
Every Saturday Clinic Time: 8am-11am

Services offered at this time includes assessments like weight, height, vital signs, random blood sugar checks, doctor consultations, education and referrals.

*Clinical Manager* – Leila Busch, Cora Zamora

*Staffing Schedules* – Elvie Leone, Babette Orlich

*Supplies and Medicines* – Amor Valera

*Information Technology* – Marilyn Moyo, John Frye

*Scheduling Lay Volunteers Staff* – Terry Abuella, Henna Fuller

*Physician Recruitment and Staffing* – Medical Directors Dr. Dixon, Dr. Gatapia, Dr. Manimtim, Drs. Racela

*Executive Director* – Jerry Smith

Volunteers are always welcome. Come spend some time with us. The rewards are PRICELESS. ■



above: *Elvie Leone educating a patient*



above: *Leila Busch, Elvie Leone, Amie Valera & Marilyn Moyo*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE: *Safe Haven*

Written by: *Elvie Leone RN, BSN, CGRN | President*

On the evening of Saturday November 16 from 5-6 p.m., PNAGKC shared their evening with the Battered Women & Children at Safehaven, serving, feeding and distributing clothes, toys, shoes & beddings. Everyone was very grateful and was glad to have presence. The following members volunteered by sharing the joy of Thanksgiving and warmth:

- 1) Vicky Herrera
- 2) Elena Sabido
- 3) Aida Lopez
- 4) Moppette Florentino
- 5) Lourdes Batocabe
- 6) Luz Conde
- 7) Mary Monaghan-Siebert
- 8) Theresa Monaghan
- 9) Elvie Leone

Thank you to those that could not make it but donated to the Project Warmth with toys & clothing: Lina Sequerra, Joy Doolin, Jessamine Endaya, Tess Laoruangroch, Candy Realina and many others. It was a very rewarding time. Many thanks from the grateful hearts of the people we served. ■



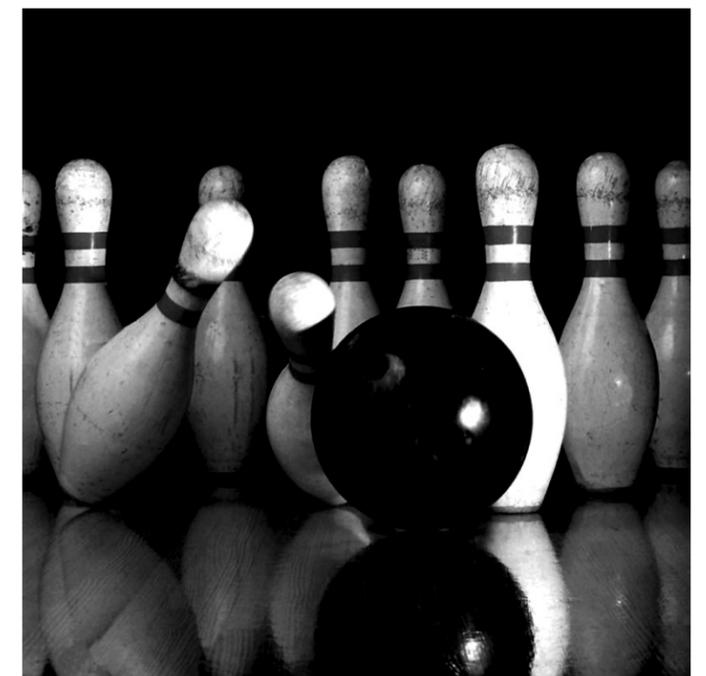
above: *Elena Sabido, Vicky Herrera, Moppette Florentino, Elvie Leone*  
below: *Aida Lopez, Irma Labre-Wright, Luz Conde, Lourdes Batocabe, Vicky Herrera*



## PNAGKC GOES BOWLING!: OCTOBER 20, 2013

Congratulations to John Orlich Jr., winning first place in the Men’s category and Emy Yabut as the first place winner for the Women’s. Team 10 won first place and the members included: Paul de Los Santos, Maritess Shields, Jimmy Hipona and Randy Heisenberg.

Special thanks to Joy Doolin, Lourdes Batocabe and Elvie Leone for their diligence and coordinating the event. Thank you to Paul de Los Santos who accepted the job of taking care of the scores; to Lita Hipona for the wonderful hopias, Rowena and Al Horine for the birthday cake and to Tess Laoruangroch who donated the give-aways. Thank you also to our T-shirt sponsors: Drs Manuel & Lilian Pardo, Steve & Henna Fuller, Drs. Tony & Luz Racela, World Outreach Foundation, Chuck Oehler/ Elvie Leone, Joy Doolin, Manny & Lourdes Batocabe, Go Big Skills. (Luz Conde), Emma Florentino/Mary Aragon, Leila Busch/ Irma Labre-Wright, Matthew & Anne Rivera, Marilyn Carino, Eloisa & Cindy Kulphongpatana, Dr. Ric Labayen, Dr. Luisa Lotuaco/ George Shephard, & Cora Zamora. It was indeed a very fun & successful event. Thank you for spending your Sunday afternoon with PNAGKC. ■



## PNAGKC CHRISTMAS PARTY: DECEMBER 14, 2013

Picture submission by various members

The annual PNAGKC Christmas party was held at the Filipino Cultural Center on December 14, 2013. The event was well attended by our members and their families. The night was filled with warming wishes, good food, fun games and conversations reminiscing about the past year. The children and grandchildren of our members performed the Nativity Story that reminded us of all what the season is really about. After all the games and performances were completed, we had one last surprise: a visit from Santa Claus! All the good boys and girls, even some of those who are children at heart, got their pictures taken with the jolly man dressed in red and then spent the rest of the evening dancing the night away. ■



## COMMUNITY SERVICE: *Typhoon Relief Efforts*

Written by: Elvie Leone RN, BSN, CGRN | President



On Saturday November 16, 2013, our Filipino community had a fundraiser during the Pinoy breakfast at The Filipino Cultural Center. FAGKC promised to donate the proceeds from the fundraiser to the typhoon Yolanda victims. The money raised was over \$5,000. There were also 23 boxes full of donations that included clothing, shoes, food, and toiletries. Many of our members joined in the effort to help those in need back home. Some of the volunteers included:

- 1) Luz Conde
- 2) Elvie Leone
- 3) Beth Rosas
- 4) Ernie Rosas
- 5) Lita Doronio
- 6) Venir Rivera
- 7) Jun Rivera
- 8) Sonia Tumanut

On December 8, 2013, despite the bad winter condition, a benefit concert was held at Rockhurst High School. There were a variety of talents that were showcased

during the concert from various age groups. Numerous instrumentalists showcased their musical talent. There were kids from the CODE dance studio who performed a touching interpretation of the flood. For all who were there, it was an unforgettable performance.

PNAGKC ran the concession stand before the show, during intermission and for a little bit after the show. Our association was able to help make a generous contribution that was used for the typhoon relief efforts. ■



# The First Global Summit of Filipino Nurses 2014 & 9<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Conference

*Written by: Beth Rosas RN, BSN | NCR Regional Vice-President*

On January 16 & 17, 2014, 4 members of the PNAGKC, namely Elvie Leone, our chapter President, Beth & Ernie Rosas - past PNAGKC Presidents - represented the PNAA North Central Region and PNAA Foundation, respectively, in addition Leila Busch - another past PNAGKC president - attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Summit of Filipino Nurses (GS) and the 9<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Conference (INC). It was held in the historic Manila Hotel in Manila, Philippines.

The two-day events were collaboratively planned and hosted by the Philippine Nurses Association of America, Philippine Nurses Association Inc., Association of Nursing Service Administrators of the Philippines, Inc., Association of Deans of Philippine Colleges of Nursing and the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO). These associations were vital to the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Summit. All of these convenors contributed by bringing together the best of the best in the healthcare industry, especially experts and advocates in the affairs of the Filipino nurses all over the world.



The Global Summit's theme, "Filipino Nurses Unite: For Global Health and Nation Building" was resonated by the speakers in stressing the impact of Filipino nurses in the socioeconomic resources, our impact to the global change in the healthcare industry and our commitment to working together for the improvement of the welfare and interest of Filipino nurses all over the world.

It was indeed very inspiring to have witnessed and heard the Keynote address of Dr. Enrique Ona, Secretary Department of Health of the Philippines, who presented his topic: The Philippine Road Map for Workforce Planning for Healthcare Professionals and Workers. This was followed by a panel discussion and detailed presentation to encourage host countries to be part of the 2005-2030 HRHMP {Reformulated} Human Resource for Health Master Plan to "ensure that the Philippine Health Services have an effective and well-motivated workforce and are appropriately managed."

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day, the theme of the 9<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Conference was "Promoting Solidarity for Global Health and Sustainable Social Action." This theme emphasized the need for all nursing leaders and Filipino nurses to unite and collaborate to meet our common goals no matter where we are located. This was a call for unity for nurses worldwide to provide quality health care and maintain excellent professional nursing practice in our work and volunteer programs.

These were very significant, meaningful and memorable events. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to partake in these successful historical conferences. The conferences offered great learning opportunities with several podium presentation abstracts, poster presentations, professional and social networking, and sharing of knowledge and experiences.

I was honored to meet nurses living and working from other countries such as Canada, Haiti, Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Bangladesh, Sudan and UAE and reuniting with nursing colleagues from all over the Philippines and the US. During the two-day event, the presentations were available to nurses all over the world via video streaming. This modern technology of a live feed was provided through the generosity of the Commission on Filipino Overseas. ■



## CAMBODIA : Medial Mission *January 26 - February 2, 2014*

*Written by: Corazon Zamora RN, BSN, CCRN | Membership Chair*

Cambodia, officially known as the Kingdom of Cambodia, is located in the southern portion of the IndoChina Peninsula in Southeast Asia. The official religion is Theravada Buddhism, which is practiced by approximately 95% of the population. The Cambodian language is Khmer. The largest city, which happens to be the capital, is Phnom Penh. The main tourist attraction is Angkor Wat, located in the province of Siem Reap. Our medical mission site was Battambang Province; a 6 hour bus drive from Phnom Penh.

Cambodia's medical system is slowly recovering from the massive genocide of the 1970s and 1980s that eliminated much of the professionals including the medical community. They are currently in the process of developing medical professions.

The surgical mission was sponsored by the World Outreach Foundation and headed by the Cambodian Health Association of America. This surgical mission was held at a trauma hospital in Battambang, Cambodia from Jan. 26 to Feb. 2 2014. The team consisted of the following: 3 general surgeons, 2 gynecology surgeons, a triple board certified surgeon in ENT, plastic, and dermatology, pathologist, 3 anesthesiologists, and 2 CRNAs. We had an experienced group of 6 pre-op and post-op nurses plus 2 OR nurses who were flexible enough to change their role to complete the surgical crew. PNAGKC members Leila Busch, Marilyn Dizon, Arvin Figueroa, Amie Valera and myself provided our services for this mission. Leila scrubbed in the OR while Amie and myself acted as circulators in the OR. All of us did housekeeping, pre and post op care and teachings as well as supply management.

We provided surgical services to 70 patients. Cases ranging from minor surgeries, such as removal of lipomas and keloid scar revision, to major surgeries like hernia repairs, facial clefts, excision of head and neck masses, thyroidectomies, gynecological prolapse, cases of pelvic mass and separation of fused fingers from burns.

The other services of the mission were provided by the Cambodian Health Professional Association of America. These services included dental services, primary care and eye-care including distribution of eye glasses.

Our greatest challenge was the communication and language barrier. Even though we had a young group

of medical students from Pnom Penh to function as interpreters for the patients and staff, things were not done as planned. Surgery patients scheduled for surgery that week did not show up for the final screening and scheduling on Sunday afternoon, which happen to be our first day of the mission. Instead, they came on Monday in spurts. Some of them had already eaten or had something to drink. A little chaotic the first day but the schedule smoothed out as the week progressed. Another challenge was the post-op nursing care, like vital signs, doctors orders, medications and IV fluid administration were missed all night even with assistance from the local interpreters and encouragement from our doctors. The family members of the patients provided the personalized care for the patients throughout the day.

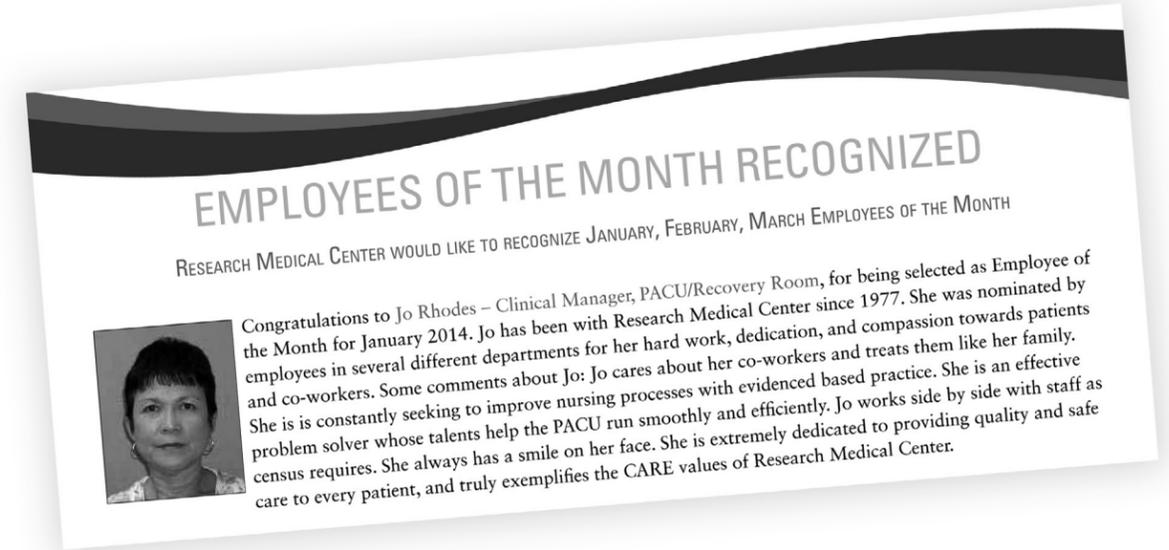
According to our interpreters, local staff nurses and doctors work 24 hours a day, at least 3 times a week. The local surgeon who scrubbed in with us would be the one providing the follow up care for the patients. All the patients went home without complications.

Overall, the mission was very successful. Patients were not able to express what they wanted to say, but I could see the gestures of appreciation and gratitude to our medical mission team. Many lives were affected in a country with a significant need of medical support.

Medical missions are very fulfilling and rewarding to me. I think it is a privilege to work with a such a compassionate, multidisciplinary group that gives globally. It is also rewarding to join a group of volunteers that share a common goal of making a difference to those less fortunate, especially in underdeveloped countries. ■



## SPOTLIGHT ON A MEMBER: JO RHODES



*excerpt from: Research Medical Center CARE, a publication for staff, physicians and customers*

Our very own Jo Rhodes, RN was selected as the January 2014 Employee of the Month at Research Medical Center. Great Job Jo! We're so proud to call you one of us!

If you know of any PNAGKC members who has recently received an award, recognition or special acknowledgement, send in the information! We would love to feature them in the next issue!

## EDITORIAL: *The Importance of Giving Back*

*Written by: Yollie P. Endaya RN, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM | PNAGKC Member*



I was prompted to write this editorial after seeing all the wonderful pictures of my colleagues giving their time and donating their service and knowledge to those most in need. When you volunteer as a nurse, you're providing health care and comfort to people who are in the state of physical weakness and though there are many reasons why individuals decide to volunteer, the top benefit is definitely helping someone feel better. It is truly an amazing feeling to be able to volunteer while doing something you are passionate about. Another tie we have the privilege of holding to our volunteerism is to be able to directly give back to where we find our roots.

Seeing the familiar surroundings of the Philippines and how our association takes the time to give back, is

something we should be very proud of. Thinking back to when we all immigrated to America, it is rewarding to know how far we have all come and how we choose to give back to our roots. For decades, the Philippines was the number one source of foreign-trained nurses in the U.S., and the trend was continued into the 21st century. In 2005, out of the 21,500 foreign-trained registered nurses who sat for the board exam, 55% were educated in the Philippines. We are a powerful group who have made a difference not only in America but also back home in the Philippines. Today, as we get closer to retirement, a new generation of our Filipino nurses take the stage and we pass the torch to them, with optimistic hopes of carrying on our service tradition.

Amidst the parties, meetings and e-mail chains, we will always hold close to our hearts our humble beginnings. I am proud to see that our organization not only knows how to have fun, but how to give back and to remember that the reason we stepped into our profession was to make the world a better, more healthier place. ■

# VERALLO DISTRICT HOSPITAL | BOGO, CEBU

Medical Mission *January 25 - January 28*



# MISSION STATISTICS

*Compiled by: Irma Labre-Wright RN, BSN | PNAGKC Member*



• Angono, Rizal

**1700**  
Outpatient Clinic  
& served lunch

**121**  
OB-GYN clinic

**401**  
Eye clinic  
with glasses

**120**  
Bukol clinic &  
minor surgery

**22**  
General Surgery

**7**  
GYN surgery

**8**  
Plastic surgery

**1**  
C-section

**3300**  
Prescriptions

• Bogo, Cebu

**300**  
Outpatient Clinic

**20**  
Minor Surgery

**500**  
Prescriptions

**140**  
Glasses

# ANGONO DISTRICT HOSPITAL | ANGONO, RIZAL

## Medical Mission *January 20 - January 24*

*Written by: Irma Labre-Wright RN, BSN | PNAGKC Member*

Philippine Nurses Association of Greater Kansas City (PNAGKC) teamed with the Philippine Medical Society of Greater Kansas City (PMSGKC) for the 2014 Philippine Medical Mission in Angono District Hospital, Angono, Rizal, January 20-24, and in Verallo District Hospital, Bogo, Cebu, January 25-28. With the help of Sister Andrea from Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist in Independence, a forty-foot cargo container full of donated hospital equipment and supplies was shipped to Angono a few weeks prior to the mission. This was in response to the needs-request of the hospital which included hospital beds with mattresses, dialysis machines, baby cribs, stretchers, wheelchairs, walkers, IV poles, canes, and even more. There was of total of 19,000 lbs. of goods.

The PNAGKC missionaries included Elvie Leone, Beth Rosas, Del Iloreta, Mary Aragon, Moppette Florentino, Luz Conde, Leila Busch, Tess Laoruangroch, Irma Wright, Amy Valera, Vicky Herrera, Elena Sabido, and Cory Sorio. In addition to the usual medical and surgical services, the group provided several community outreach projects and a couple of educational program to the local nurses.

In Angono, a feeding program was provided to eighty-five students of Arinda Day Care Center in conjunction

with the KC World Outreach Lions Club. Donated school supplies for the students, and some old catalogs/magazines for “Dyaryo” Bag Making livelihood project for the parents of these students. Basic Life Support training and certification was provided to ten RNs of the hospital. A defibrillator/EKG interpretation class was also held in the hospital and was attended by various medical and nursing hospital staff.

In Bogo, as a PNAGKC project, a feeding program was held for 191 school children who were displaced by Haiyan/Yolanda. Two hundred fifty boxed meals were served to the children, parents and teachers, and 200 “tsinelas” (flip-flops) were distributed to the children. As part of the mission, two houses were donated to the Yolanda Village, a city rehabilitation project for those displaced families from the typhoon.

These missions will not be possible without the help of our missionaries, friends, families, and supporters. They share their resources, gifts, talents, and time.... as their way of saying, “we care for you“ ... “this is our way of giving back”.

Our mission continues...we hope to see you again next year. ■



## Basic Life Support Class

Written by: Leila Busch RN, MSN | PNAGKC Member

Have you ever wondered how you can practice bedside nursing in the United States if you don't have a BLS certification? For many of us, it is a work requirement. When the 2014 medical mission was being planned, PNAGKC president Elvie Leone together with Irma Labre-Wright and Leila Busch met with Dr. Ibe, Angono Provincial Hospital Annex for an ocular visit and to see what the community needs. Aside from the medical supplies and equipment, Dr. Ibe requested BLS training for the nursing staff. Permission was obtained from the American Heart International and a Philippine Training Center (University of Santo Tomas-Department of Medicine) were contacted. It was agreed that a class can be held and strict adherence to the AHA standards should be followed. Ten very eager nursing staff from various department participated. Instructors included Beth Rosas and Leila Busch. ■



Above: Leila Busch overseeing the staff during Basic Life Support class

## PNAA Updates Written by: Beth Rosas RN, BSN | NCR Regional Vice-President



I. The PNAA donated to ABS CBN for the Cebu/Bohol Earthquake victims funds from the Kababayan Emergency Preparedness Fund (KEPF) Through the Migrant Heritage Commission (MHC), donations were also sent to relatives of 28 PNAA members who were affected by the Haiyan Typhoon after completion of forms per KEPF requirements for support. Atty. A. Valera, Founder of MHC was instrumental in making sure funds were received by intended recipients in the Philippines.

PNAA also partnered with PNA Washington DC with Project Hope where PNAA volunteers went to the Philippines and work a minimum of 21 days in the Haiyan affected areas. The PNAA EB approved the partnership of PNAAF/PNAA with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the fund fundraising efforts to support mainly and focus on 2 things namely, orphanages and help protect children from human trafficking and malnutrition; and improve sanitation (latrines and safe drinking water).

II. PNAA created a Coalition of Nursing Student membership to PNAA that will encourage the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation graduates and involve younger nurses as early as possible. Membership to the coalition will fall under the Associate membership.

III. The proposal to grant the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to the Philippines was initiated by MHC with 200 national organizations now, supporting this initiative which include the American Immigration Lawyers Association with 15,000 members that helped endorse this initiative. According to Attorney Valera, this is already a law and it does not need a congressional decision thus encouraging the PNAA to support this as an organization rather than getting individual nurses' signatures to support it. The TPS will benefit all constituents of PNAA; current members, potential members and nurses coming to the US. This will give opportunities to Filipinos who are out of status (including nurses) to better themselves and to continue remitting dollars to the Philippines to aid

in rebuilding the affected and impoverished areas and to benefit the Philippines as a whole. Although MHC is encouraging individual endorsement (signatures) of TPS, Valera urged that PNAA will make a bigger impact and will make a big difference. It is within PNAA's mission to support Filipino nurses and there are many Filipino nurses that will be affected by the TPS if approved by the White House and Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

IV. Planning for the next PNAA National Convention which will held on June 25-28, 2014 is in full swing. The venue will be at the Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. The host chapter is PNA Nevada in the Western Region. Delegates from 46 PNA chapters from all over the US will convene and attend the annual Leadership and Educational offering as well as the Networking and Gala Celebrations. This four-day event includes the annual PNAA/PNAAF 5K Run/Walk, a healthy challenge and a fundraising event and ends with the General Assembly meeting. At the General Assembly meeting, bylaw proposals and other issues affecting Filipino-American nurses and healthcare delivery will be presented, discussed and approved by the general membership.

V. PNAA/PNAAF 2014 5K Walk/Run Healthy Challenge - Since its beginning in 2008, the PNAA/PNAAF 5K Walk/Run has raised more than \$230,000.00 to support the educational, scholarship, research, community outreach and legacy initiatives of the Philippine Nurses Association of America (PNAA) and Philippine Nurses Association of America Foundation (PNAAF). We urge everyone to support this again and join us in Las Vegas, Nevada for the 2014 PNAA/PNAA 5K Walk/Run. We welcome and encourage all donors, sponsors, volunteers and participants. If you haven't registered yet, please type the link below into your browser and register.

<http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1089208>

For any questions or more information about above topics, please contact me at 816-695-1464 or go to [www.mypnaa.org](http://www.mypnaa.org) ■

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: *Thanks to all!*

Written by: Corazon Zamora RN, BSN, CCRN | Membership Chair



The membership committee would like to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support to our mission to uphold the image of the Filipino nurses here and abroad.

Some highlights of the Philippine Nurses Association of Greater Kansas City (PNAGKC) accomplishments:

1. Our community service record shows that since the last issue of the Tanglaw we have rendered over 800 service hours thru medical/surgical missions, dental missions, health fairs, homeless clinic, disaster relief, fundraising events and other activities by volunteering, collaborating and coordinating with multiple charitable organizations here and overseas.

2. Through Education and Research, we have addressed our own and the community's health issues and provided realistic recommendations to enrich a healthier society.

3. We have built the next generation of nurses by providing scholarship to deserving nursing students to help them achieve his or her nursing dreams. PNAGKC members are also members of the Philippine Nurses Association of America (PNAA), the national professional organization of the Filipino-American Nurse. Their mission is to uphold the positive image and welfare of its constituent members; promote professional excellence and contribute to significant outcomes to health care and society.

Some highlights of PNAA accomplishments:

1. Development of ethical guidelines in the recruitment of foreign educated nurses
2. Recipient of Philippine presidential award
3. Development of procedural guidelines and policies in regards to human rights
4. Support the abolishment of CGFNS
5. Establish the Balik-Turo and PNAA Wellness Challenge, Leadership and Mentorship Program

At this time, PNAGKC has 60 registered members. The latest membership drive was the camping event that took place at Watkins Mills State Park. Support PNAGKC and our mission by being a member and joining activities. Let us continue to be a beacon of change for a better world.

## PNAGKC.org . . . reborn.

Necessity sometimes bears action. The Philippine Nurses' Association of Greater Kansas City web presence has once again been marked by the total redesign of its website, [www.PNAGKC.org](http://www.PNAGKC.org). Now you can get up to date information regarding PNAGKC activities, provide others with a background of your organization, and a few other conveniences listed below:

- ★ One-stop registration for conferences, gala nights and seminars
- ★ Up to date Meeting Reminders and notices
- ★ Captive Activity and project gallery
- ★ Easy electronic membership registration and payment
- ★ links to CEU's and other related information
- ★ Interactive bulletin board for timely PNAGKC and healthcare related topics (coming soon!)

Visit [www.pnagkc.org](http://www.pnagkc.org) now on your PC or a specialized mobile version for your smartphone!

Riz Pecana RN, BSN  
PNAGKC Technology Adviser



## PNAGKC: *What is the Philippine Nurses Association of Greater Kansas City?*

The Philippine Nurses Association of Greater Kansas City (PNAGKC) is a chapter in the North-Central Region under the PNAA umbrella. PNAGKC objectives include:

- Providing professional expertise, manpower and resources without compensation to various non-profit agencies and medical missions to impoverished areas
- Provide scholarship to qualified and deserving nursing students in the Philippines and United States of America to assist them in completing their nursing education.
- Network with professional organizations and agencies in developing and implementing programs relevant to nursing practice and education to increase the knowledge, skills and professional competencies of nurses so they can deliver safe and excellent care to the public.
- Provide a forum for exchange of information, exploring issues and problems and to develop educational tools and strategies to solve nursing issues.
- Provide free/low cost education to the public about health maintenance, preventative care and basic life support.
- Develop and implement research programs focusing on the health care needs of the Filipino-Americans in the Greater Kansas City area.
- Promote activities that will unify Filipino nurses in the Greater Kansas City area to achieve the associations major goals.

## JOIN US TODAY!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR E-MAIL GROUP?  YES, PLEASE!  NO

BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER/BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION & SPECIALTY/CERTIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: new / renewal REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEES YOU WOULD WISH TO SERVE (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP                  | <input type="checkbox"/> SCHOLARSHIP           | <input type="checkbox"/> AWARDS       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION                   | <input type="checkbox"/> WAYS / MEANS          | <input type="checkbox"/> HUMAN RIGHTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL / HOSPITALITY RIGHTS | <input type="checkbox"/> NOMINATION / ELECTION | <input type="checkbox"/> BY-LAWS      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY SERVICE           | <input type="checkbox"/> RESEARCH              | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLICATION  |

\* You can also join or renew your membership online at [PNAGKC.org](http://PNAGKC.org)!

*This confers you as a member of the Philippine Nurses Association of America (PNAA)*

*Make Checks Payable to PNAGKC (\$60) and send to: Cora Zamora (Membership Chair) | 6012 N. Clinton Lane | Gladstone, MO 64119*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2014

- April 25-27: 14th PNAA NCR Regional Conference KANSAS CITY  
April 26: PNAGKC 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance, Westin Crown Center KANSAS CITY  
May 10: World Outreach Foundation: Dancing for a Mission Ball KANSAS CITY  
May 22: Bohol Medical Mission  
June 5: General Assembly Meeting RESEARCH MEDICAL CENTER  
June 14: Fiesta Filipina FILIPINO CULTURAL CENTER  
June 24-29: PNAA 35th Annual National Convention LAS VEGAS  
August 7: General Assembly Meeting RESEARCH MEDICAL CENTER  
August 15: Ethnic Festival SWOPE PARK  
September 13: September Affair KANSAS CITY  
October 2: General Assembly Meeting RESEARCH MEDICAL CENTER  
December 4: General Assembly Meeting RESEARCH MEDICAL CENTER  
December 6: FAGKC Christmas Party FILIPINO CULTURAL CENTER  
December: PNAGKC Christmas Party, TBA

## 2015

- TBA: PNAA 36th Annual National Convention HAWAII

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