



My prayerful wish for everyone in our PNAA and PNAAF family and community, a blessed and joy-filled Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Let us celebrate the Christmas season, the birth of our Incarnate Word, with peace and love, happiness and generosity, in sharing our blessings to one another.

I feel blessed, honored and proud, to work with colleagues who share the values of belonging to our prestigious ethnic nursing organizations, the PNAA and PNAAF.

With grateful heart, I will treasure your trust and support, you bestowed on me.

The PNAAF BOTs have numerous accomplishments within 6 months, since our PNAAF induction of officers for 2015-2017, during the 36th PNAA National Convention in Hawaii last July 2015.

It is with pride to acknowledge the following productive endeavors in defining and strengthening the Who, What and Why must PNAAF co-exist in partnership with PNAA in support to our Filipino-American nurses across the nation and beyond.

- ✿ Foremost, is the drafting of Resolution to the existing PNAAF Bylaws and creating new Policies and Procedures in addition to the current ones. This was done by the Bylaws and P& P Committee chaired by PNAAF VP Amor Castro and her members. It is their goal for the Bylaws and P&Ps to adopt and align to current time and needs of the Organization.
- ✿ The PNAAF Website Committee chaired by Dr. Lorna Seidel in consult with Dr. Rose Estrada have revived, re-designed and updated content and "visual look" of our PNAAF website.

We invite PNAA Community to visit www.mypnaafoundation.org website.

- ✿ Public Relations and Publicity Committee, chaired by Ferdie Luyun produced the informative 2016 PNAAF brochure in collaboration and coordination with Dr. Annie Vista, Executive Director and Nancy Hoff, Secretary. Ferdie accommodated suggestions to finalize and create the beautiful and informative PNAAF brochure. He also manages the PNAAF Facebook.
- ✿ CE Provider Chairperson, irreplaceable Pete Calixto simplified and facilitated CE approval to Chapter's request, in timely manner and has also posted application in PNAAF website.
- ✿ Financial Investments with Stanley & JPMorgan, and UBS financial advisors, are conducted and overseen by immediate past President Ernesto Rosas. The investments are in good financial state.

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- ❖ Research and Grants Committee chaired by Dr. Rebecca Graboso was successfully granted \$14,820 from Philippine Humanitarian Coalition (PHC) to conduct a project in typhoon devastated municipalities of Samar, Leyte with a goal to reduce maternal and infant mortality. A poster presentation will be done in Manila during the International Nursing Conference (INC). Additional funding will be solicited to continue this project.
 - ❖ Business and Asset Development - chaired by Alice Andam, Auditor, in consult/advise with ED Annie Vista, are pursuing expanding solicitations, sponsorship and funding strategies to procure the Legacy HQ for all Fil-American RNs and future generations on a projected timeline.
 - ❖ 5K Committee chaired by Michelle Cendana (also PNAAP 5K Chair) will conduct 3K "Health and Wellness," non-competitive "walk" event during the 37th PNAAP National Convention in Washington, DC. Her team is composed of the four RVPs and COPRRs, and PNAAP BOTs.
 - ❖ Finally, PNAAP 4th Collaborative Conference in 2017 co-sponsored with Bicol University of Nursing (BUCN) has drafted the MOU with the help of our Philippine collaborator Dr. Chris Sorongon, RN, MD. The "save the date" is posted in our website, date January 27-29, 2017, Legazpi City, Albay. The PNAAP team is composed of Luz Newell, PhDc, Araceli Antonio, Adviser and TedRay Llasos, past BOT.

All of these successful accomplishments are the products of teamwork, commitment and passion of all PNAAP BOTs, the guidance of the three advisers (PNAAP past presidents) Phoebe Andes, Araceli Antonio and Ernesto Rosas, and including our Legal Advisor Atty. Reverend Arnedo Valera.

I want to acknowledge our Executive Director, Dr. Annie Vista for all her wisdom and valuable advice, commitment in her time and treasure, and support for me and our PNAAP organization. I am glad to announce that Dr. Vista will stay as our Executive Director until the end of my term in 2017.

Feliz Navidad, Maligayang Pasko sa ating lahat.



Merlita Velasquez
PNAAP President, 2015-2017

