



PAANC Newsletter

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A Message From Ansell Neri

2022 BOARD CHAIR

I am pleased to say that I will be joining as PAANC Board Chair for the fourth time. After a tough couple of years due to the pandemic, our goal is to renew the fun and lively social environment that makes PAANC so special. We are pleased to announce we will be renewing our cornerstone events such as the welcome luncheon, picnic, badminton and golf tournaments, and the PAANC Gala to name a few. We have missed seeing you and hope that you will be as excited as we are to come back to PAANC and join in what's to come in 2022.

A Message From Susan Serina

MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIR

Greetings!

Spring is just around the corner! Just like most of you, my favorite seasons are Spring and Fall, although Summer is when my garden is showing off their blooms.

It's been two years since the pandemic and did not get to celebrate the Welcome Luncheon.

It's unfortunate that we missed so many of our friends, members, families, and others and even lost loved ones.

But right now, we praise and thank God, our Heavenly Father for giving us an opportunity to get together again. I hope you'll be able to join us to learn more about our organization. This is an opportunity for those who want to be involved and be a part of us. Come and join us by signing up as a member. God bless us all!

"Life is no longer meaningless when you serve others." - anonymous



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Charity Golf Tournament

- When: Saturday, May 14th
- Where: The Valley Golf Course, 1005 Indian Valley Dr. Burlington, NC

Annual "Kalayaan" Picnic

- When: June 11th, 11am-2:30pm
- Where: Brier Creek Community Center Picnic Shelter, 10810 Globe Rd. Raleigh, NC

Charity Badminton Tournament

- When: Saturday, August 27th
- Where: Location To Be Announced

Barrio Fiesta

- When: October or November TBD
- Where: Location To Be Announced

Annual Benefit Gala

- When: Saturday, December 10th
- Where: Living Waters Christian Community, 1104 Lynn Rd. Durham, NC

An Update From The Carolina Medical Mission

EMMA DEMPSEY, CAROLINA MEDICAL MISSION CHAIR

CMM is one of the humanitarian projects of PAANC. Launched in 1993, it has thrived and flourished not only because of the support and partnership of its donors, sponsors, benefactors and patrons, but also due to the collaboration and partnership of the PAANC Board of trustees and its membership.

Since 1993, CMM has served and provided medical services and medicine to more than 250,000 indigent Filipinos in rural Philippines



from as far north as Ilocos Norte and as south as Basilan province.

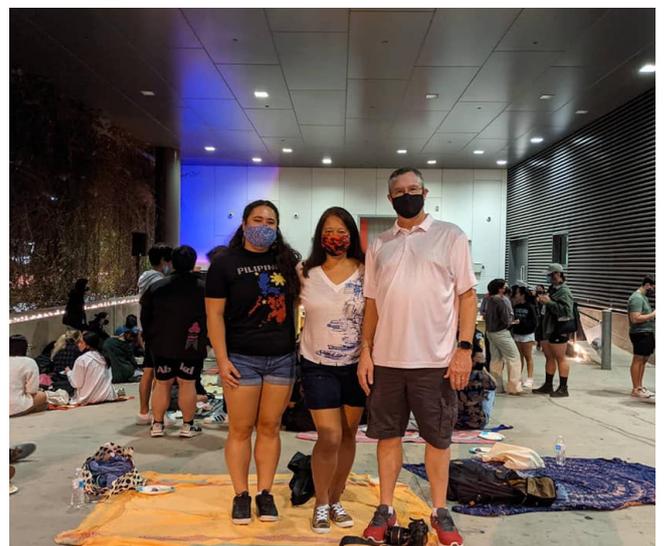
In 2020, the last time CMM completed a medical mission, we provided medical services and medicine to the “underserved” Filipinos in Culion, Palawan and Bongabong & Pinamalayan, Mindoro including the “Mangyan tribe” in Pinamalayan, Mindoro.

In 2023, CMM plans to serve the “indigents” of Tanauan , Batangas and Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu. Our very own Board of Trustees members, Ed Panganiban and Tess-Ferrer Turner, will lead and coordinate these missions respectively. For more information, please check the PAANC website or the CMM website (www.carolinamedicalmission.com).

Engaging With The Collegiate Community

KAYLA AVES, YOUTH/STUDENT LIAISON CHAIR

Although we haven't been able to hold any in person events recently, we have been able to foster closer relationships with our local college Filipino organizations. We have relationships with NC State, UNC, UNC Greensboro, and ECU Filipino organizations, and even had the opportunity to participate in



some of their events last year.

On February 25, 2021 several of our PAANC Board members were invited to join UNC Kasama's virtual Filipinx-American Professional Panel. Rob Turner, Tess Ferrer-Turner, and I joined this panel to discuss our experiences as Filipino-Americans working in different career fields.

On October 7th, 2021 we were invited to attend an event hosted by NC State's Filipino-

Partners in Health, Disaster Relief, Film Series, Anti-Sex Trafficking

TIM MCGLOIN, OUTREACH/DISASTER RELIEF CHAIR

Partners In Health (PIH)

Partners in Health (PIH) sent \$6,178 as previously designated to the Community Health and Development Clinic “CHDC”) sponsored by St Paul University Dumaguete Paulinian Outreach Foundation Inc. The funds are set-aside for operational purposes once the construction of the clinic is complete. The clinic is serving the community of Amlan, Barangay Bio-os. Amlan is a community of approximately 30,000 people, the majority of whom are under 21.

This project was selected by PIH Project Committee after researching several existing and planned clinics since it met the criteria we had required as a model that could be replicated in other parts of the Philippines. It has an adjoining organic farm that produces

American Student Association (FASA). Former PAANC Board Chairs Keith and Laura Lawton joined me for Lola’s Coffee House, an open mic event created to provide a safe space for performance artists to present their work. There, we watched students and alumni perform music and poetry, including award-winning poet and NC State alumni Ina Cariño.

We hope to continue to participate in events with our college community and include them as a part of our PAANC community.



vegetables, two fish ponds, a piggery, and a mushroom project (based on campus). An herbal medicine garden is planned for the coming year (“Pharma Garden”), to provide processed herbal medicines using the list of 10 Medicinal Herbs certified by Philippine Dept. of Health as a guide. The clinic is basically completed, but repairs have to be made as a result of the damage caused by Typhoon Odette, including the maintenance worker’s house that was totally destroyed and the roof of the clinic which was torn off.

The St Paul University of Dumaguete’s Department of Nursing has conducted studies documenting the basic demographics and health needs of the community being served. They have recently partnered with the Rural Clinic in Amlan to conduct health education programs which were attended by over 200

residents. Staffing has been provided by the SPUD nursing students and faculty, and volunteer physicians.

There have been some changes in the membership of the PIH Project, the Coordinator has moved on to work on other philanthropic projects. But PIH will remain as a project of PAANC and invites new members to help set up a plan of action for the coming year to help fulfill the commitment we made to support the CHDC until it is operational and self-sustaining.

Disaster Relief

PAANC set a goal of raising \$5000 by the end of January to support relief efforts from the damage done by Typhoon Odette. The campaign included outreach and appeals to PAANC Membership and PAANC's website and social media. By Feb. 1, 2022 PAANC had raised over \$3,000 with direct contributions, but another \$3,000 was raised by anonymous sources which saw the PAANC campaign flyer but sent the contribution directly to their own disaster relief project. We are very thankful to all who supported this project.

Anti-Sex Trafficking: Saving Children From the Sex Industry

PAANC sent \$1,000 to the Preda Foundations in the Philippines to support their "Saving Children from the Sex Trade" project. Preda has been doing this work for over 30 years, under the leadership of Fr. Shay Cullen (OFC). Preda website has this description of the project:

"These can be children trapped in sex slavery in brothels or in the power of pimps or their

pedophile abusers whether strangers, neighbors or relatives or a parent.

The Preda legal and social worker team answers every call immediately and taps into a network of NGOs and police contacts to verify any report of abuse and take the appropriate action to intervene and rescue the child, and bring that child into a safe protected home environment.

The Residential care home for girls is complete with a therapeutic recovery programme with emotional expression therapy and family therapy counseling. It builds up the child's self-esteem, confidence and personal dignity. It empowers them to stand for their rights and seek justice. There is also formal and non-formal education provided, as well as values formation, based on affirmation and mutual respect. (<https://www.preda.org/projects-2/saving-children-from-sex-industry/>). This was a one-time contribution from PAANC, but future support will be decided by the Board.

Film Series

After 5 successful film showings over the past 4 years The series was suspended for the past 2 years due to the pandemic. However it is hoped that this year another Philippine film featuring young writers, directors, and actors will once again be shown most likely this coming Fall. PAANC members are invited to submit suggestions.

*We hope to see you soon
at one of our upcoming
events!*