



# THE FILIPINO NURSE CONNECTIONS

Spring 2013

Dear Members,

Welcome to the First Issue of "The Filipino Nurse Connections." This newsletter will be published biannually and will provide useful updates about our subchapter events and activities.

In this issue, a central component provides update on subchapter membership and a call for membership engagement from our Executive Board. Subsequently, this issue has a roundup of community events our subchapter has participated in the first half of this year. A relevant section highlights our subchapter's effort to support lifelong learning through continuing education programs and fundraising activities to boost our educational fund.

I am looking forward to continuing this channel of information interchange among Filipino nurses as well as our American associate members. The future success of this newsletter depends on your comments, contributions and ideas! I do encourage all of you to try your best to enrich the forthcoming newsletters!

I hope you enjoy this first issue of The Filipino Nurse Connections.

**Melanie Quilla-Deza MSN, RN**  
Subchapter Secretary

## Membership Engagement, A Key to Success...

Our subchapter has been very busy during the first half of this year. Indeed we have worked, played, and celebrated as a team. Membership engagement is a key to our midyear successes!

### Our membership campaign.

Based on recruitment and retention committee report, we now have a total number of 34 active members and the numbers are continuously growing. This truly reflects everybody's effort on our recruitment campaign, "Filipino Nurse Pride", seen in social networking sites, posters and face-to-face interactions.



Our 2013 Campaign Poster



Jonathan Ramos  
Dean's Award Recipient

### Celebrating our members.

We have recognized the success of our member – Jonathan Ramos as the recipient of The Dean's Award from University of Cincinnati College of Nursing Board of Advisors. He received this prestigious award during the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Florence Nightingale Awards for Excellence in Nursing. Our subchapter presented a plaque of recognition to Jonathan along with a gift card, lots of hugs & well wishes.



Ruby & Baby Joseph

On Mother's day, we honored and celebrated a very special mom and subchapter member – Ruby Bungabong and their new baby.

### A call for sustained engagement.

We believe that membership engagement will continue to bring success to this organization as it did in the past! We understand the challenges that each of us have. We constantly struggle to find balance between family, work and professional development. PNAO CinCKy is here to help you. We want to know how we can assist you in achieving your personal and professional goals. On the same note, we need your enthusiasm to keep the momentum going!!!

**- Executive Board Members**

### Dates to Remember:

- June 8 – FASO Lecture in collaboration w/ our Subchapter
- June 22 – CEU Program on Human Trafficking
- June 29 – "Barrio Fiesta sa Cincinnati"
- July 13 – Chicago Phil. Consulate Outreach in Cincinnati
- July 24 – 28 – PNAO 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Cleveland, OH

### New Members, WELCOME!

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| Barb L.      | Aaron A.   | Monette P.  |
| Gigi C.      | Jeffrey B. | Brittany D. |
| Cynthia B.   | Raymund Y. | Emma B.     |
| Mary Lynn S. |            |             |

We welcome articles, comments & suggestions. Please forward them to [Melanie Quilla-Deza, melanie\\_quilla@yahoo.com](mailto:Melanie_Quilla-Deza, melanie_quilla@yahoo.com) by November 15 for the Fall 2013 Issue.



## Community Engagement

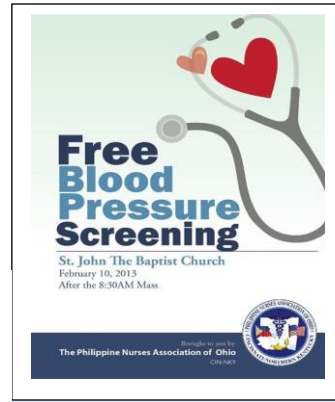
To support the national movement to create a healthier America and to fulfill our mission to contribute to significant outcomes in our society, our subchapter has completed two noteworthy activities:

### Arthritis Walk.

Several members of our subchapter, together with their friends and family joined the Good Sam Articulators Team in a 5K walk during the 2013 Arthritis Walk in Cincinnati. This is the signature fundraising event for the Arthritis Foundation held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Sawyer Point. Over \$2,000 was raised which TriHealth is expected to match!

### BP Screening.

Our energetic team of nurses conducted a BP screening service at St. John the Baptist Church in Dry Ridge Road, Cincinnati, OH on February 10, 2013. It was well received and appreciated by the community!



### Collaboration at its Best!

The PNAA 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention is going to be in Ohio! And guess what? We're the host chapter!!!

We have been working closely with our mother chapter in Cleveland in lining things up for this big event. We took a couple of road trips for face-to-face meetings on top of conference calls and constant email communications. We are proud to share that our subchapter was able to solicit Gold Sponsorship from The University Hospital thru the effort of our Vice President – Rowena David!!! Please join us in Cleveland and enjoy a week full of education, camaraderie, and just plain old fun in the city of Rock and Roll! Visit the convention website or contact us for any questions.



## Our Commitment to Lifelong Learning.



Nurses' engagement toward lifelong learning is a key for positive outcomes. It is part of our promise to our profession and the public we serve. To demonstrate our commitment to lifelong learning, our subchapter puts together Continuing Education (CE) programs that are relevant and affordable to our members throughout the year. Thanks to the leadership of our Education Committee Chairperson – Camlaria Felismino!

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, as part of our three year anniversary, we offered a CE program which featured our very own – Suzy Hussey and Jonathan Ramos as presenters! The topics were focused on our education theme for this year which is, "Empowering Community through Self-care Engagement." What a great way to celebrate our anniversary – Filipino food and new knowledge!

The program evaluations from our audience are positive. There's a definite demand for more program offerings! And the answer to that is – YES, we can

supply this demand! We have a wealth of experts in our organization, strong connections at our work places and established processes that would allow us to do this! However, just like in any other operations – financial resource is vital, and we fall short on this.

In an effort to raise money for our educational fund, we will be hosting our very first Summer Fair event on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Yes, it will be a lot of work! But we are hopeful that this will not only boost our funds but at the same time showcase who we are and what we do. It will provide a cultural experience to our friends and constituents. We will need ALL of you to make this fundraising event a success! Together we can make this happen.



We've gotten approval to issue our own membership card! You should have received it in the mail. A big thank you to Cats Zablan for donating money for printing and mailing. Please contact us if you need any other documentation in support of your professional advancement!