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# Tolerance in a Time of Conflict

**IT IS ELECTION SEASON** once again and for many Filipinos, it is a time to pick a side to rally behind, draw a line on the sand, and ball up their fists ready for battle. And if you pay attention to current events and people's behavior on social media, it is compelling that we be reminded of Tolerance.

Even as we come together and stake that we are one nation, we are coming together with very different cultures and backgrounds nurtured from almost 100 different religions, over 120 different languages, and unique realities experienced across 7,641 islands (high tide or low tide). Adding partisan politics in an already diverse organization is a volatile mix that is like dropping Mentos in a bottle of Coke.

To be clear, this is not to say that our cultural diversity is a historical travesty. On the contrary, it is a Gift.

We should consider ourselves lucky for our diversity as it enhances creativity. It encourages the search for fresh information and perspectives leading to better decision-making and problem-solving. Diversity gives rise to unfettered discoveries and breakthrough innovations.

Nonetheless, we must be aware that different viewpoints will inevitably arise when we exchange ideas. And for this reason, it is important that we remain Respectful and Open-Minded.

Political colors must not stain the Blue and Gold.

We are brothers and sisters after all.



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**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,**

Greetings on our 72nd year of leadership, friendship and service.

We have come a long way. Despite the many challenges, most especially the negative perception of fraternities, we have prevailed as an institution. We now have 360 recognized fraternity collegiate chapters, 161 sorority chapters and 404 alumni associations. Indeed, Alpha Phi Omega continues to promote its core values through its members. To be more effective, however, we still see the need to increase our membership.

During the past two years of the pandemic, and the typhoons, earthquakes and the eruption of taal volcano that came with it, our fraternity was one of a few organizations that continued rendering services. Even as many of our very own fell victim to the disasters we managed to help others. We donated PPEs, tents, food, medicines and hygiene kits. We institutionalized the APO Telemed, an online consultation service for APO members and family. And conducted several relief operations.

As our country struggles to rise from the dire effects of the pandemic, let us aim to rise even higher. Let us now endeavour to build our dream home. A home that befits this great fraternity. A home for our brothers and sisters and for the generations to come. Let us heed the call for donations so we can have our home in time for our golden jubilee and our centennial.

Our strength lies in our numbers, geographical locations and the golden heart in each and every APO. If properly harnessed and if we focus on our goals, there is nothing we cannot do.



*Norma Singson-De Leon*  
Sis Atty. Norma Singson-De Leon  
National President, DY 2021-2023

*message*  
FROM THE PRESIDENT



# message

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The path, the cause, and the achievements we have accomplished together in empowering Alpha Phi Omega are nothing short of monumental.

This is a moment of inspiring reality check. In the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, the APO Telemedicine project has touched the lives of more than a thousand brothers and sisters, and their families.

Through the dedication and generosity of brothers and sisters we have conducted virtual medical consultations, distributed COVID-19 care packages, and deployed oxygen tanks in a time when both private and public hospitals were filled to their maximum capacity.

We did not only saved lives, we also gave our brothers and sisters, as well as their loved ones hope – that they are not alone in their time of need. The APO is here for them. Anumang mangyari, walang iwanan.

I am very proud and in awe of every one of you.

This is only the beginning. Being your humble Chairman, I am convinced that by following the strategic guidance of our leaders and pooling the efforts of our members that we are bound to reach ever more new heights.

Happy anniversary my beloved brothers and sisters.

May we always be.

**Bro Archie Bugarin**  
**Chairman, DY 2021-2023**

**ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION** of the 72nd anniversary of Alpha Phi Omega in the Philippines, I extend the most sincere greetings to all Filipino brothers and sisters studying, working, and living across the country and wherever you may be around the globe.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to all brothers and sisters who have long supported and contributed to the strength and growth of our beloved fraternity and sorority.

This is a moment of proud retrospect. For generation after generation over the past 72 years, brothers and sisters have rallied behind our principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service, blazing the trail of charity, philanthropy, and humanitarian work which has shaped the identity of the Alpha Phi Omega.

Our strength has grown exponentially. Anonymity and notoriety are things of the past.

With many brothers and sisters who have attained great success in their businesses and professions, our great institution is now marching in more confident strides towards even greater goals such as constructing our very own APO Building and the establishment of educational and welfare services that benefit not only our members, but our communities as well.

# COVID and LFS: No Way Home Yet?

ARA sought to strive to serve, and now looks forward to the new normal

*ARA Regional Secretary/TNT ARA Correspondent Dr. Al R. Dizon appraises how the Administrative Region of Asia managed to go through the pandemic and is perhaps now on the way home.*



**I CHOSE THIS TITLE** not just because it is the title of the latest Spider-Man movie, which is in my opinion one of the best superhero movies ever but also because, in many ways, Peter Parker's journey mirrors the trials and tribulations of all APO brethren across the Administrative Region of Asia (ARA).

Peter is trying to return to some sense of normalcy after his identity is discovered. He longs to return 'home' to a reality that no longer exists. And when he finally finds a way to do so, it comes with great sacrifices.

We too are striving (I refuse to use the word "struggle") to return to some sense of normalcy, longing to return to our usual dose of leadership, friendship and service that we inject into our respective communities and as our usual way of life.

## **NOT EASY BUT NOTEWORTHY**

"The process of going home is not easy," says Bro RD Paolo Ugale. "But we are striving." Indeed, the far-flung BOUs of ARA are trying to carry on being true-blooded APO brethren in a region on strict pandemic protocols of varying degrees of severity, especially with the onset of the Delta variant in summer and the Omicron variant

during the holiday season. Jobs and livelihoods of Apo brethren, and the future of their families back home, are at stake.

There were tragedies. Some of our members lost their parents and close relatives to Covid. Unable to pay their final respects due to travel restrictions, they grieved valiantly while all we could offer were our sympathies, prayers and condolences.

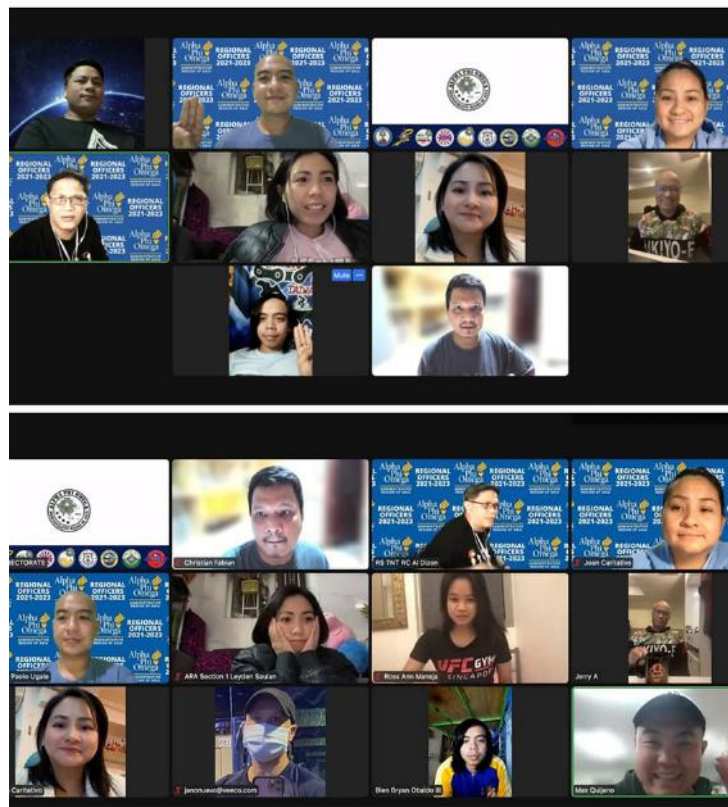
But through the pain we still managed to deliver noteworthy performances across many fronts from October to December 2021 in the name of our fraternity.

Membership data has always been dependent on the arrival of APO brethren in the respective host countries. With pandemic restrictions in place, we expected membership growth to be stunted. But we grew by 1.4%, thanks largely to growth in Thailand, Hongkong and Singapore.

In fact the most difficult challenge for BOUs is maintaining its membership roll. This means the already thin membership roll will become even thinner if there are departures from the host country. And departures could be due to better job offers elsewhere (which



was the case of several brothers who left for Canada, New Zealand and the US), retrenchments, or non-renewal of contracts. It is the membership roll that generates income for the BOUs.



## ACTIVITIES

We mustered a total of 12 regional activities, including the ceremonial induction of a new set of officers for four BOUs (Taiwan AA, Singapore AA, Nihon-Nagoya AA, and Brunei Darussalam AA).

Organized as a region but working individually as BOUs, we mustered our resources, time and energy to extend help to the victims of Typhoons Maring and Odette; some BOUs were resourceful enough to link directly with affected communities to complement their relief operations.

Then there was the fitness challenge which was held to celebrate APO International's 96th anniversary; it required participants to cycle, walk or run.

Still striving to be better members, ARA also conducted webinars on leadership, communication skills, Robert's Rules of Order, cybersecurity awareness, APO Internet Code of Conduct and APO Brand Guide. These were in addition to webinars conducted by individual BOUs; an example is the cybersecurity webinar conducted by Singapore AA.

Including bloodletting campaigns, coastal clean-up campaigns, helping at soup kitchens and attending to the needs of various sections of Pinoy communities in their host countries, the BOUs carried out 78 certifiable activities between October and December 2021 alone.

This could only be interpreted as a testament to the resilience, commitment and desire of every member to fulfill our LFS aspirations. After all, we're entering almost the third year living with this pandemic, and we are all yearning for a return to our 'normal'.



...longing to return to our usual dose of leadership, friendship and service...



APOAAS, currently led by Bro Pres. Malvin Jariel (whose mum was claimed by the pandemic), found a way to satisfy the service appetite of members. It partnered with Singapore-based NGOs that allowed more members to participate so long as the wearing of masks, social distancing and no intermingling are strictly observed. Examples are soup kitchen Willing Hearts (up to 25 volunteers), sustainability NGO Litter Club (up to 20 volunteers), and blood bank Health and Science Authority.

## SACRIFICES

Like Peter Parker, the way home lies before us but it will take sacrifices: -- of being an APO in thought, word and deed in whatever we do and in whatever circumstance, not when it is convenient for us; the sacrifice of not having sleep-overs and beer parties at brothers' flats; the sacrifice of getting rostered for service while observing very strict protocols that could get our brothers deported back to the Philippines; the sacrifice of minimum contact; the sacrifice of answering any call for help or query from ARA or BOU officers as a matter of fraternal courtesy and respect, of squeezing that last dollar for pass the hat incidents, and long zoom meetings within the BOUs and committees.

Section 2 Chair Sis Joan Paula Cuya attests to this. "Planning activities or service is always for a limited number of brothers/sisters," she says. "The restrictions could cause resentment among members which we must manage."

"Through these 3 NGOs, we were able to increase the number of Brothers and Sisters joining the services," adds Sis Joan.

As an alumni group, APOAAS managed to carve a niche as a member of the sizable Filipino community in Singapore by participating in the BNG Healthy Run. The activity allowed the rest of the community to know more about APOAAS, its activities and members, thus giving it more latitude.

However, fellowships in APO during a pandemic is still a work in progress across ARA, pending host country protocols. Sis Joan says: "Singapore is still planning fellowship and fundraising activities like virtual poker games and bingo." She adds that Section 2 is also planning a physical Amazing Race across Singapore. "It will be broadcast via Zoom or Facebook Live."





## THE WAY HOME

So far signs are pointing towards the end of the pandemic, to the relief of AA presidents and BOU section chairs across ARA. But I can assure you that the relief felt by everyone is not the result of any one factor, but because of many elements, including vigilance, fear, luck and vaccines – and in addition to APO brothers' conscientious and conscious compliance – which came together to subdue a terrifying pandemic.

But Bro RD Paolo, who is a trained nurse, advises caution. "The coming end of the emergency doesn't mean we are 100% free. We are sending a clear message to all our BOUs that we can only relax gradually," the ARA RD says.

"The pandemic taught us that we do not need to live in fear," Sis Joan says. "We need to be resilient and more adaptable. We adjust to the NEW NORMAL. If there's another pandemic, we will also be ready."

Plans are afoot for regionally-unified bloodletting, coastal clean up and other service activities, including some ambitious webinars and other innovative programmes.

Perhaps Bro RD Paolo and the entire collective leadership of ARA are right. Perhaps it is not about waiting for things to go back to a previous reality. It is about making the best out of the one we've got.

See you in LFS. We're on the way home.

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The pandemic  
taught us that  
we do not need  
to live in fear.”

# APO FAMILIES

THEIR WORDS AS TOLD TO SIS DORIS IRENE S. PIGON



*Meet the Bustamante Father and Sons*

Bro John Dee Bustamante is batch 1993 of Alpha Delta chapter, a business owner/contractor and father to Bro Ikee, batch 2016 of Gamma Epsilon chapter, a resort manager, eldest son; and to Bro Jeth, also from batch 2016 of Beta Sigma chapter, a project manager/contractor, youngest son.

According to Bro John Dee, the reason he entered APO was because fraternities were a hit back in 1987. In his 5th grade, APO was the famous fraternity according to small talks. He even joined SRB in 1990 when he was still in high school because it was known as the junior of APO. Three years later, he enrolled in college and joined APO.

Bro John Dee encouraged his sons to join APO when they enrolled in college. He searched and got in touch with the active members of the respective chapters where his sons went to. Bro Ikee was accepted ahead of Bro Jeth but of the same year, 2016. Bro Jeth looked up to his brother, hence, the determination to also finish the rigors of becoming an APO.

In the words of Bro John Dee, "APO has made a big difference in our lives. Since I am on a service related business, and my two sons are also beginning to establish their own businesses, APO affected my family by being loyal to our clients and friends, and doing good deeds to the community. We made sure that we adopt all the jewels that we're taught and always guided by the principles of APO."

Truly, the relationship among these father and sons as APO, is absolutely amazing. They applied what adopted what they learned in APO during their college years and applied it to their profession/business. Shouldn't we encourage other families to recruit their kids to APO?! What do you think?

APO magnets not just one but

Who will not be influenced or i  
discover the different opinions

Don't you think you should  
sibling/s or cousin/s to join  
numbers, start with our own f  
continue APO until the coming  
families who are loyal to APO.

Hence the eldest member was active in her high school days, she sought for organization wherein she will continuously dedicate to render service to her fellow and would help others to further cultivate the existence of man being humane, it was her dream to join an org which has its high standards when it comes to academic excellence, high morale, virtues, and carries the importance of brotherhood and sisterhood with such high regards to God, family and the community. Amazingly, that was her aspiration since high school to join Alpha Phi Omega when she became a college student. It was from her father that she heard it from.

The younger sibling was enthused by what she had seen in their elder sister's exultant engrossment in every activity of Alpha Phi Omega.

As for our family, we never have to induce them to believe in our advocacies being with Alpha Phi Omega, si  
doing, reaching out for others without pretense. The leg  
services were those that make us proud wherever, where

The long journey was a never-ending story, APO by hea  
good fruits.

The elder, Sis Rosemarie "Mayie" E. Danseco - Osuna - 00  
school, GSP Field adviser, a coach, Level III National Vo  
Palarong Pambansa. Received appreciation certificate du  
the National Council and the Ad-Hoc Council of Elders as t  
of Fairview AA # 238.

The younger sibling, Sis Marites "Matty" E. Danseco - C  
service awardee, APO Sampaloc AA #318 Charter membe  
The youngest, Brod Cicero "Ching" E. Danseco - 0219-19  
Center of the Philippines, being an alumnus of the Bayani  
President , APO Sampaloc AA #318 Charter member, APO  
on Election for DY 2021-2023. Currently, he is into produc  
National Commission of Culture and the Arts.

*Written by Bro Ching Danseco*

the members of their families!

Inspired by these families?! Let's  
of why APO?!

also encourage your child/ren,  
APO?! Let's help increase our  
families, make a difference, and  
generations. Let's all meet these



since they could see in us and could see what APOs are  
legacy of APO's 3 guiding principles and the fourfold of  
ever we are.

start and in deeds; we still are in our ways bearing the

18-1975-03608 is a public servant, a teacher in a public  
volleyball referee, and NCR Secretariat member of the  
during the 16th National Biennial Convention, Hosted by  
the Head of Registration Committee. An active member

009-1979-04127, was NCAR Sec.1 Chair also an APO  
er, and now a loving grandmother.

87-13840 Life, is a former resident artist of The Cultural  
Dance Co., Former Beta Tau International AA #164  
O NCAR Adviser and APO NEC member of Committee  
ing, supervision, and assistant/floor director of various



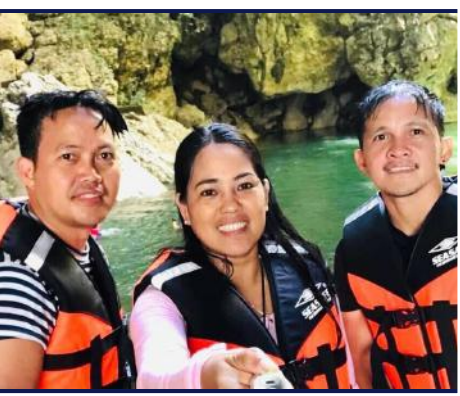
Out of 6 members in their family, four of them are members  
of Alpha Phi Omega. Bro Angelito Tupas Jimenez, batch 1980  
of Beta Sigma Chapter is the father and a retired professor.  
His kids are: Bro Vincent Patrick batch 2006 also of Beta  
Sigma Chapter is a Safety and Health Manager; Sis Maria  
Regina is batch 2015 of Eta chapter is a Virtual Executive  
Assistant; and Sis Maria Angelica is batch 2021 from Alpha  
Phi chapter is still a Medical Student.

From the words of bro Patrick, his father told him he was  
influenced by his friends and neighbors to become one of  
the pioneer members of Scout Royale Brotherhood at San  
Sebastian College. Bro Matthew Docena (his ninong) and  
Bro Cary Lazo (his mother's 1st cousin) who are members  
of Alpha Phi Omega from Alpha Delta also played a big  
role on his father's membership to APO. Thus, when it was  
his turn to study in college, he was told that if he was to  
enter a fraternity, it should only be APO or else he should  
forget becoming a frat man at all. To his father, "one had to  
experience 1st hand the determination and devotion of each  
and every neophyte (old term) that he guided along their  
APO journey. He saw them how to be a friend and to serve  
fellowmen."

Bro Patrick's younger sibling was inspired by him. He  
exposed her to sisters from Eta Chapter, helping her get  
dressed and made-up for her High School Balls/Proms and  
telling her stories about his college days as a member of our  
fraternity. After weeks of being enrolled at University of the  
Philippines, Diliman he received a call from her saying: "Lord,  
my name is Maria Angelica L.M. Jimenez asking permission  
to join Alpha Phi Omega-Eta Chapter". He was surprised and  
happily supported her until she became the PLC.

Bro Patrick ends this saying his family, and as members  
of one of the prestige fraternity/sorority, they became  
even closer and bonded more because of one common  
denominator, that is APO. "Sharing stories on what we  
experienced before, during and after our pledge-ship until  
we became a full pledge brother/sisters of our respective  
chapters. We apply our jewels to our not so perfect family to  
see eye to eye and to understand each other better."

# APO FAMILIES



Bro Michael spoke and shared their APO Sibling stories.

Sis Michelle D Aban is batch 90-B, from Alpha Omicron chapter, and a teacher by profession. Bro Michael D Aban is batch 96-A, from Theta alpha chapter, and an Asean Engineer and Professional Electrical Engineer. Bro Melvin D Abanis batch 99-A, from Epsilon Omega chapter, and the Criminologist Head of MDRR Hinabangan.

My elder sister Michelle is the eldest APO among us siblings. She used to bring along brothers and sisters to our house. I entered APO because I witnessed the unity and camaraderie of each member.

Honestly, my brother Melvin voluntarily entered APO when he knew that I was already a member of APO. Most likely, he was challenged by our stories of how we survived the initiation, on top of that, he noticed how we treated all the members of this popular organization.

I think the effect of APO to us as siblings, is we became united, disciplined and living with principles as a whole family.

Who would ever think that simply witnessing how members act when together, unitedly doing services while applying the cardinal principles of APO would actually encourage witnesses to be part of APO?! You think we can still achieve this – inspiring our family members to join APO?! Let's see...



Sis Mona shared to us that the most known fraternity in their area is APO. The participation and involvement of APO in their community plays a vital role on how they encourage others to join the organization.

The youngest was inspired to join APO because of the positive impact of the organization in their area. APO is visible in all aspects of services, camaraderie and developing of great leaders. The youngest witnessed how APO molds the family into a better and active citizen, hence, there was no doubt, that APO was the right organization for her.

APO affects the family as a whole in a good sense of the word. It builds a closer tie among members whenever they attend gatherings together. The table is always full of laughter and fun whenever they share common stories of becoming APO members. The struggles, hardships and sacrifices are common menu on the plate.

	NAME	BATCH YEAR/CHAPTER	RELATIONSHIP	PROFESSION/BUSINESS
1	SHUAIB S. ABDUL, SR.	1984 BETA RHO	Father-in-Law	Civil Engineer
2	BAI SORAYA S. ABDUL	1983 BETA RHO	Mother-in-Law	Teacher / Government Employee
3	DATU SHUAIB ASH-SHAHEED S. ABDUL	2005 BETA RHO	Husband	Election Casual / Government Employee
4	MONALIZA LIDASAN-ABDUL	1995 BETA RHO	Wife/Daughter-in-Law	Election Officer 3 / Government Employee
5	BAI SCHENARIZADH SORAYA A. PENDALIDAY	2005 BETA RHO	Sister-in-Law	Midwife / Government Employee
6	SHAKKIR NAZIF S. ABDUL	2011 BETA RHO	Bother-in-Law	Civil Engineer
7	FAHAM P. PENDALIDAY	2005 BETA RHO	Bother-in-Law	Government Employee
8	BAI SCHENARIZAH S. ABDUL	2015 BETA RHO	Sister-in-Law	Government Employee



	NAME	BATCH YEAR/CHAPTER		RELATIONSHIP	PROFESSION/BUSINESS
1	ARISTON "RESTIE" L. MADDELA (deceased)	1971	BETA MU		Teacher
2	ANNIE VILLA V. ALONZO	1972	BETA MU	Mother-in-Law of Bro Karl	Teacher (Retired)
3	RENE LYRIO L. MADDELA	1974	SIGMA	Brother of Bro Ariston	Retired US Postman
4	PRESCILLA ESPERANZA A. MADDELA	1995	BETA MU	Wife of Bro Ariston	President (Aldersgte College)
5	MICHAEL V. ALONZO	1999	BETA MU	Son of Sis Annie	Telecom Engineer
6	KARL STEVEN A. MADDELA	2001	BETA MU	Son of Bro Ariston & Sis Prescilla; Son-in-Law of Sis Annie	Teacher
7	KORINA MARIE A. MADDELA	2005	BETA MU	Daughter of Bro Ariston & Sis Prescilla	Nurse
8	MARVIN V. ALONZO	2005	BETA MU	Son of Sis Annie Alonzo	Government Employee (HR)
9	KEVIN JOHN A. MADDELA	2010	ALPHA OMEGA	Son of Bro Ariston & Sis Prescilla	Teacher
10	ARIES KHRISTIAN MADDELA BUSTOS	2014	BETA MU	Grandson of Bro Ariston & Sis. Prescilla	Self-employed
11	RANDY G. BLANCO	1991	BETA MU	Brother-in-Law of Bro Ariston & Sis Prescilla	Red Cross Administrator (Nueva Vizcaya Chapter)
12	HERSON G. ALONZO	2000	BETA MU	Nephew of Sis Annie	Postman
13	HOMER G. ALONZO	2001	BETA MU	Brother of Bro Herson	Pharmacist
14	JONATHAN IAN V. DEE	2001	BETA MU	Nephew of Sis Annie	Nurse in Canada
15	RICHELLE PAULINE A. BLANCO	2010	BETA MU	Daughter of Bro Randy	Call center agent

Meet the Maddela-Alonzo Family. Another family who can boast of being loyal APO members that several members of the family were encouraged to join APO.

Before joining APO, the eldest member had instilled in his mind the value of camaraderie, service, and brotherhood. When he was oriented on what APO was about, he undoubtedly joined and readily gave his services.

APO servitude and camaraderie have become part of the family culture. Somehow, the youngest member had looked up to elder family members and had naturally adapted to APO activities. He sees APO as a legacy to behold.

APO has enhanced the leadership, collaboration, and social skills of the family members. APO community services have highlighted family activities and brought the potential of every individual in the family.

	NAME	BATCH YEAR/CHAPTER		RELATIONSHIP	PROFESSION/BUSINESS
1	ALEXANDER IRENEO "ALEX" M. CASTILLO	1985	MU DELTA		Government Employee
2	ALEJANDRO "ANDY" S. CASTILLO	1952	DELTA	Father of Bro Alex	Government Employee (Retired)
3	ADRIANO "ADING" S. CASTILLO (deceased)	1952	DELTA	Uncle of Bro Alex	Government Employee (Retired)

*Bro Alex shares their APO family story.*

Both my uncle Ading and father Andy, were Ilonggo-born and former Eagle Scout troop leaders from Roxas City, Capiz. They were invited to be part of the first pledge Class of Mapua Institute of Technology (Delta Chapter).



Growing up with my father and uncle, I witnessed and experienced the skills, the traits, decision-makings, the attitudes, and trouble-shootings which I believe, were acquired from scouting. That made me idolize them both. I joined scouting in my elementary days. Not knowledgeable that the Guiding Principles and the Scout Laws was behind my discovery of my Father and Uncle's well-being, Alpha Phi Omega has the same visions of Scouting. I was influenced and invited, to be a part of the First Pledge Class at Technological Institute of the Philippines, Quezon City (Mu Delta Chapter).

I have personally witnessed and experienced Alpha Phi Omega countless times. Regardless of nationality, race, religion, color, beliefs, cultures, provinces, dialects, cities, districts, just like what scouting and Frank Reed Horton had envisioned it to be. What more if it was present in the smallest unit like a family?! My relationship with my father and uncle was elevated to a stronger and deeper relationship. Because of Alpha Phi Omega, differences are quickly resolved... Communication are at ease.

With the fundamentals of scouting, the experiences and venues offered by Alpha Phi Omega, I would say this will be the Ultimate Package to be with. After all, "This is the Standard of manhood that HAVE... STILL HAVE... and WILL ALWAYS... Withstand the Test of Time."

# APO FAMILIES

## APO - MACALANGCOM

APO HAUZ GENSAN



**Sanny P. Alonto**  
1965 - Beta



**Maharlany M. Alonto**  
1991 - Beta Upsilon



**Saleh M. Alonto**  
1999 - Eta Chi



**Samih M. Alonto**  
1997 - Mu Theta



**Maharnisa M. Alonto**  
2006 - Beta Omega



**Amerhussien C. Macalangcom**  
1977 - Eta Chi



**Janifa L. Macalangcom**  
2001 - Eta Chi



**Amera Asiyah L. Macalangcom**  
2000 - Eta Chi



**Amera Aisah L. Macalangcom**  
2005 - Eta Chi



**Amera Aliyah L. Macalangcom**  
2005 - Eta Chi



**Adnan C. Macalangcom**  
1978 - Alpha Theta



**Alkeen Roie Nareef L. Macalangcom**  
2005 - Eta Chi



**Amrauzi C. Macalangcom**  
1984 - Eta Chi



**Joan A. Macalangcom**  
1986 - Eta Chi



**Jachelle Amrielle A. Macalangcom**  
2006 - Eta Chi



**Arpha Abul Kyr S. Macalangcom**  
1991 - Eta Chi



**Joylica A. Macalangcom**  
1991 - Beta Upsilon



**Marjohn M. Harid**  
1997 - Eta Chi



**Muamar M. Harrid**  
2003 - Eta Chi



**Aguinaldo M. Capal**  
1968 - Tau



**Danilo I. Carrasco**  
1977 - Beta Rho



**Jonathan V. Calzado**  
2002 - Theta Pi



**Abdur Rashid A. Macarambon**  
2019 - Eta Chi



**Indanan M. Madali**  
2005 - Beta Upsilon

The MACALANGCOM of General Santos in Mindanao is one big APO family. You can see here that there are more than 20 members listed and they are all true blue members of Alpha Phi Omega (APO). According to bro Amrauzi, the eldest member in their family is bro Sanny P. Alonto of Beta Chapter and from batch 1965. He mentioned that bro Sanny "was influenced by his cousins and friends from Marawi City who were studying at the National University in Manila, the Beta Chapter. He saw a group of students and his friends who were members of Alpha Phi Omega, he was then encouraged to join the group. That was the start of his APO life, where he saw the good camaraderie among the group. He was also active and participated in all the activities of APO particularly serving the student body and the community.

The youngest APO member in the family was inspired by his mother, grandfathers, grandmothers, aunts and uncles. He promised to himself that if ever he joined a group/organization/fraternity, it will be APO. When he was young, he witnessed the activities of APO be it an initiation, services or fellowship. He saw the goodness of the fraternity particularly serving the people and the community."

APO indeed was a big part of this family, they become closer to each other. Since APO is service-oriented, they share one goal, and together they share in the glory of every achievement. They believe in this one famous cliché that says: "One for All, All for One". They enjoy a harmonious relationship among them because the respect and love for one another is innate among them

Whose family of APO will not be inspired with these number of members present in one family?

*Submitted by Amrauzi C. Macalangcom 0722-1984-13434 LIFE*

	NAME	BATCH YEAR/CHAPTER	RELATIONSHIP	PROFESSION/BUSINESS
1	SANNY P. ALONTO	1965 BETA	Brother-in-Law	Retired
2	MAHARLANNY M. ALONTO	1991 BETA UPSILON	Niece	Government Employee
3	SALEH M. ALONTO	1999 ETA CHI	Nephew	Government Employee
4	SAMIH M. ALONTO	1997 MU THETA	Nephew	Government Employee
5	MAHARNISA M. ALONTO	2006 BETA OMEGA	Niece	Government Employee
6	AMERHUSSIEN C. MACALANGCOM	1977 ETA CHI	Brother	Government Employee
7	JANIFA L. MACALANGCOM	2001 ETA CHI	Sister-in-Law	Government Employee
8	AMERA ASLIYAH L. MACALANGCOM	2000 ETA CHI	Niece	Government Employee
9	AMERA AISAH L. MACALANGCOM	2005 ETA CHI	Niece	Government Employee
10	AMERA ALIYAH L. MACALANGCOM	2005 ETA CHI	Niece	Government Employee
11	ADNAN C. MACALANGCOM	1978 ALPHA THETA	Brother	Government Employee
12	ALKEEN ROIE NAREEF L. MACALANGCOM	2005 ETA CHI	Nephew	Self-Employed
13	AMRAUZI C. MACALANGCOM	1984 ETA CHI		Farmer
14	JOAN A. MACALANGCOM	1986 ETA CHI	Wife	Government Employee
15	JACHELLE AMRIELLE A. MACALANGCOM	2006 ETA CHI	Daughter	Civil Engineer
16	ARPHA ABUL KYR S. MACALANGCOM	1991 ETA CHI	Nephew	PNP Officer
17	JOYLICA A. MACALANGCOM	1991 BETA UPSILON	Niece	Businessman
18	MARJOHN M. HARID	1997 ETA CHI	Nephew	Businessman
19	MUAMAR M. HARRID	2003 ETA CHI	Nephew	Businessman
20	AGUINALDO M. CAPAL	1968 TAU	Uncle	
21	ABDUR RASHID A. MACARAMBON	2019 ETA CHI	Grandson/Son of Maharlanny M. Alonto	Student
22	DANILO I. CARRASCO	1977 BETA RHO	1 <sup>st</sup> Cousin	Self-Employed
23	ADAP M. MADALI	2005 BETA UPSILON	Nephew	Businessman





	NAME	BATCH YEAR/CHAPTER	RELATIONSHIP	PROFESSION/BUSINESS
1	MACAKILING "KELLY" RAMALAN	1980 ALPHA IOTA	Father	Government Employee (Retired)
2	MONAURAY "MONA" LANTO RAMALAN	1976 GAMMA CHI	Mother	Government Employee (Retired)
3	MALIKHA JANISAH RAMALAN-CAMAMA	2003 BETA UPSILON	Daughter	Entrepreneur (The Lifestyle Outlet)
4	MOHAMMAD JASSER CAMAMA	2001 MU THETA	Spouse	Agrarian Reform Program Officer
5	MUSLIMA RASHIDA BATO RAMALAN	2005 BETA UPSILON	Sister	PNP-NUP, Chef, Entrepreneur
6	MAIMONA BINT HASSAN RAMALAN	2006 BETA UPSILON	Sister	Law Student at MSU-IIT

Sis Malikha shared these story about their family. Brod Kelly, the eldest member of the family, already witnessed in his fourth year high school how members underwent initiation for pledgship according to the 3 Cardinal Principles of APO: Leadership, Friendship & Service. Hence, when he entered college at St Peter's College, the home of Alpha Iota chapter, he approached one member who sponsored him for his baptismal as neophyte. This happened during the pre-martial law era. Back then, you had to pass a thorough and rigid process that the pledgship lasted for a whole semester. Because of this, brod Kelly got to concentrate in his studies, he always stayed in the classroom, just so he could avoid hazing. Out of the 28 neophytes, only 5 of them survived the whole process of becoming an APO. The highlights of his active membership was his organizing the two alumni associations: Zamboanga City APO Alumni Association in 1981 and Big Water Royale APO Alumni Association at Balindong, LSD in 2005.

Parents are truly inspirations to their children. The youngest, Sis Maimoma, got exposed at an early age to the world of APO thru medical missions, clean-up drives, and get-togethers, hence her joining.

As an APO family, they enjoy a harmonious relationship. Whenever misunderstandings occurred, bro Horton does the job of fixing the conflict, and they don't allow other Greek letters to be displayed in their house. They definitely exercise the 3 Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service.

*"The family grows stronger by bond."*

Bro Joven B. Marfori - Alpha Zeta '81 (deceased) and Sis Analiza Marfori (head of 1925 Travel & Tours) is from Alpha Sigma of batch '82, were blessed with a son, Bro Limuel Marfori from Eta Theta, batch 2007, and a businessman. Sis Carmencita Morales (self-employed) also of Alpha Sigma, batch '83 is blood sister of sis Analiza and is partner to Bro Danny Lee C. Maglalang from Alpha Zeta, batch '87 and a government employee.

Sis Analiza is now the eldest in this bunch and has this to say when asked who influenced her to join APO: "I was initially drawn to APO when I saw the genuine camaraderie among the members. Witnessing their energy & enthusiasm to serve other people, the mutual understanding & respect for each other rubbed off on me, thus prompted me to make the best decision in my life, that is to join the greatest fraternity in the world, Alpha Phi Omega."

To Bro Limuel, he opines: "Being an APO baby, I literally grew up watching my parents hone their leadership skills & dedicate their lives practicing the 3 cardinal principles by participating in various commendable service projects. I was inspired by the magnanimity of APO by giving back to the community and the nation as well through unselfish services which led to my decision to become a member too."

Collectively, this family believes that APO has definitely changed their lives for the best and the impact is huge. It helped them develop magnetic personalities which eventually attract other people to also join the fraternal organization. The sense of belongingness especially in times of crisis is unparalleled and the true essence of brotherhood is the one to last from the cradle to the grave. That is Alpha Phi Omega.

Who wouldn't be inspired to join our organization if you've heard them talk gratefully about APO?! Think it over...



# APO ARTISTS

THEIR WORDS AS TOLD TO SIS DORIS IRENE S. PIGON

There are different kinds of artists, it can just be about anything. It may be visual arts, creative arts, practical arts, performing arts, etc... There are countless kinds of artists. As long as one finds beauty in what one does...

APO is a pool of talented and skilled members. Our members practice or perform whatever kind of crafts they're interested in, and they do their staff with excellence. Versatility is even evident, they have multiple talents and skills in their chosen crafts. At the end of the day, these brothers, though from different genres, stand united because of one thing, APO sila.

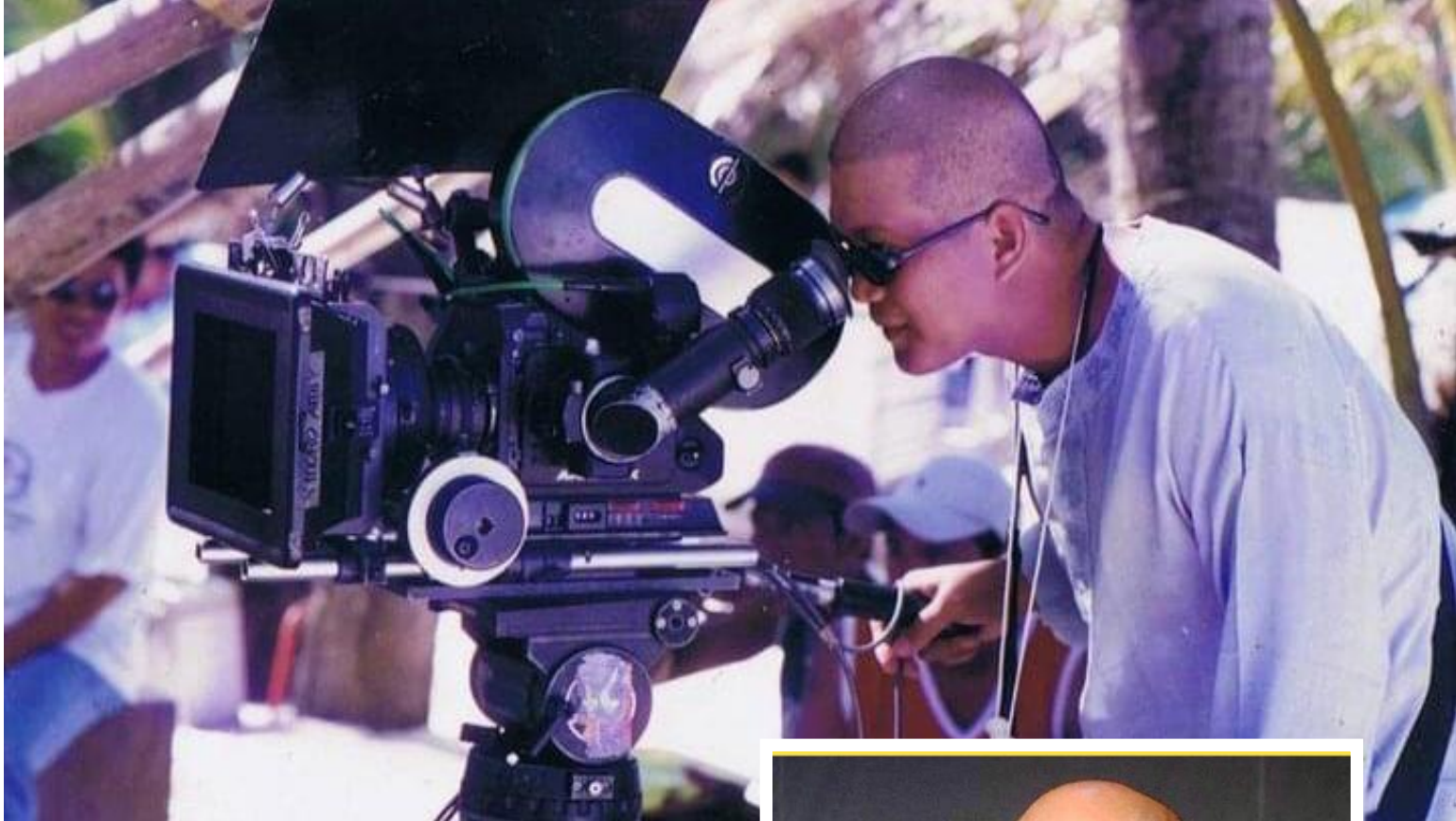
This e-issue wants to showcase our diversity through our member artists. Few of our brothers are masters in their own right when it comes to performing their craft. Let us know a little something about them, you'll definitely be amazed how talents and skills are innate from these guys, it seemed like they're simply born with it...



**Name: Cicero E. Danseco "CHING"**  
**Chapter & Batch Year: Beta Tau, 1987 LIFE**  
**Industry: Dance, Theatre & Film**

Brother Cicero "Ching" E. Danseco of Beta Tau Chapter, an APO since 1987. His first stint as an artist was as a folk dancer. He was a resident artist of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) since he was an alumnus of the well-known Bayanihan Philippine National Folk Dance Company for almost a decade. He was not just a dancer, he also gave talks, lectures in Malaysia and mentored street children as part of an outreach program of Museo Pambata. He then shifted to film making. He has various capacities when it comes to film making and television projects. He returned back to CCP as a production and stage manager of various events and projects like APEC, ASEAN, Cinemalaya, Virgin Labfest to name a few.

When asked what he loves most about his craft, he said: "One can't do superb tasks without passion in the field of what we termed motion- art. The presence behind the scene and seeing its outcome is like turning pieces into masterpieces with everyone's collaborative effort impeccably done. It is stupendous!"



APO has been an integral part of his being and his words: "Film making, because of its technical complexity involves different art allies. It is an innate characteristic of mine to positively and be proactive in worthwhile undertakings. Life's opportunities, experience gained, honing the field where I am now serving as contributing factors in rendering my humble services that affect my APO life in LFS ways."

The youth of today should heed his words... "Hearten them to curve their destiny, yet, be a motivating factor by setting a good example, thus, providing them with opportunities that will expose their skills and talent in their chosen field. Sharing my life experience from my humble beginning as member of Bayanihan Dance Company, a decade resident artist of Cultural Center of the Philippines, and becomes a part of film industry that can be tracked in IMDB as "Ching Danseco" in different films project where I am in, with hope to inspired others. Be an ACE because Alpha Phi Omega has the quality and not by the mere quantity of members in different walks of life, passion, and career endeavors. Being an APO will not hamper self-growth yet will develop them into a much better person. APO has it all!"

To date, he now produces and assists directing various National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) projects. Isn't brod Ching one versatile artist?!

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**Name:** Brian Arda

**Chapter & Batch Year:** Iota Eta, 2002C

**Industry:** Theater, Film and TV

Brother Brian Arda of Iota Eta chapter is from batch 2002. He is well known for being an actor in Theater, Film and Television. He has worked in several productions and starred in Tanabata's Wife (2018), Respeto (2017), and Lihis (2013) to name a few.

In his words: "Theater allows me to gain perspective from lives of other people set in different worlds and periods of time. Kahit na sa maliit na bahagi lamang ay nakakabahagi ako sa saya, lungkot, danas at tagumpay ng mga karakter na binibigyan ko ng pagganap. Natututo ako mula sa karanasan nila, and in return, I also share their stories to the audience para hopefully maunawaan din ng mga manonood ang sarili nilang mga dinaranas sa buhay at makakuha ng sagot. Kung walang sagot, OK na rin ang makalimot man lang ang audience sa mga pinagdaraanang nila sa buhay. At siguro, sumaya, tumawa, at humalakhak kahit sandali lang."



His other way of serving the people is through sharing his talent. His answer when asked how APO affected his type of ART, "To be honest, my passion for acting started even before I joined APO. I guess the most important thing that I learned in life, which was also instilled in me by my beloved chapter, Iota Eta, is the pursuit of honor and excellence in everything you do. Excellence may not always come as a result but make sure that you always give it your best, and do it as honorably as you can every time. And, most importantly, always SERVE THE PEOPLE!"

His opinion on how to encourage the youth of today to be an APO and still master one's passion goes this way. "APO is a group of diverse people with diverse perspectives and passion. For sure, despite the fast-paced lifestyle we have today, and the convenience brought about by technology, the youth are still looking for real people to look up to, genuine interactions, and meaningful endeavors. APO caters to that. In fact, those are the cardinal principles of our organization — Leadership, Friendship, and Service!"



**Name: Eboy Edaurte**

**Chapter & Batch Year: Nu Chi, 1998B**

**Industry: Music**

Brother Eboy Eduarte is from Nu Chi chapter and has been an APO since 1998. He is very talented and you can ask him with just about anything when it comes to music. He is a Songwriter, a Music Director, a Music Video Director, a Music Producer, and a Music Arranger. When asked what he loves most about his craft? He happily answered: "One thing about music for me is that it's a Universal Language which gives me the privilege to work or get connected with anyone in the world, no matter what race or culture they have, what age they are, gender or social status.

Sa music walang ganun. I personally don't discriminate people with the taste of music they have. I actually listen to all types of music, I study them and I try to incorporate new sound to songs I'm working on."

From bro Eboy's words, "Even before APO, I was with music naman na. I played sessions, professionally, for an all-female punk band during my High School days where I earned at least PhP500.00 per gig, malaking amount na yan during the early 90's, additional baon ko kasi sa school yan.



When I joined APO in '98, kahit unrit pa ako, a lot of brothers supported my gigs, it goes to show na wala talagang boundaries, if ang common thing nyo is music, that goes to all forms of arts, I guess. Yung mga full-pledged bros and sis pa yung nagpapakilala sa akin sa mga ibang ka-chapters nila, buti hindi ako nauutusan haha. They were all nice." APO indeed played an integral part in honing his craft.

For him to encourage the youth of today to be an APO and still master one's passion, his reply: "my perspective in terms of encouragement, siguro, It's not that much na. Everyone know's how prestigious Alpha Phi Omega is in our country. I guess, a subconscious encouragement to the younger generation who wants to join the organization would be, me being an example of how a member of APO is in our society. Being professional in all aspects.

And once you are already part of the institution, continue to nurture, never stop discovering new stuff and continue studying your craft, and, of course, share your passion to Alpha Phi Omega, you'll never know who you'll bump into... baka that bro or sis will be the one who will give you that big break in your music career."

# APO ARTISTS

# ORA ET LABORA: A Life of Service with Prayer and Work

BY SIS NADIA ESPAÑOL AND  
BRO GERARDO ARBIS (VICE CHAIRMAN, ICAPO)

**THIS IS THE STORY** of an Aphio servant of almost four decades, my fellow Ormocanon, SPC's Editor-In-Chief (St. Peter's College of Ormoc), former Public Relations at the House of Representatives, former President of APO General Santos City Alumni Association (GAAM), former Regional Director of Southern Mindanao Administrative Region (SMAR), founder of APO Chefs AA, CEO of Gerardo's School of Culinary Arts (GSCA), former Chairman of the Board of Trustees, incumbent Vice Chair of the International Council of APO, Benedictine Awardee, servant, and one of my mentors in Alpha Phi Omega – Bro Gerardo “Gerry” Evangelista Arbis.

In the year 1991, one of the deadliest typhoons, Uring, struck Ormoc City. Brod Gerry was one of the Ormoc flash flood survivors, already serving APO for 5 years. I was a little 5-year-old kid who almost lost her life from the flashes of water.

GENERAL SANTOS CITY – In December 2021, as an aborigine of the frequently struck Eastern Visayas, knowing that the 15th storm to hit the country was extremely strong, Brod Gerry's memories of the 1991 Uring and 2013 Yolanda prompted him to anticipate and prepare as early as the eve of December 16, APO's Founding Anniversary. Before Odette hit Surigao, together with his wife Sis Faith Arbis, APO Chefs AA, and the GSCA students, he raised funds, without any identification of which region it would go.

When word came that Typhoon Odette violently and drastically hit Surigao City and the whole CARAGA Region, hastily, he called up RD Tatay Amor for assessment and details. In a



*“Accidents happen all the time, that crash was the worst one in my life but it was not enough to stop me from doing what I’ve been doing the past several years- **to serve APO and our people.** That’s where I enjoy my life, not from the top but to commune with everyone at the bottom.” – Bro Gerry Arbis*

snap of time, NVPA Sis Nancy Go assisted on the communications wherein APO Singapore AA, thru President Malvin Jariel, was the first responder in terms of finances. Funds penetrated APO Chefs' Urgent Relief Operations. Among those who primed and interceded was the Committee on National Service for Health headed by Dr. Edna Corpuz-Navallo and NTA Dr. Edward Flores; APO ng DABAW AA; APO SCAA (Surigao City Alumni Association); Eta Chi AA; APO TIKAAS AA; APO PSI; APO Beta Rho; APO POLAAS AA; APO Trekkers; and individual donors. Day and night, APO Chefs AA and GSCA students labored for the purchasing and repacking of goods.

On Christmas Day at 6 pm, the first operations took place. Priority goods were food and water. The team, led by Bro Gerry, braved the roads off from General Santos City to Surigao for 12 to 15 hours and successfully



handed the truck of goods to RD Tatay Amor and Sis Dorizza. Recipients were APO brods and sis in the region, as well as those situated in the severely damaged Siargao Island. The first wave was productive; however, there was a necessity to provide more, and kind-hearted individuals kept flooding their love through donations for the victims. Thus, another wave of operations was imperative.

Come wave 2 operations with the same solidarity and routine. It was January 6, a day after his birthday when the team left again at 6 in the evening for another 12 to 14-hour trip. This time, there was a convoy of two pick-up vehicles and one large truck that carried goods and water. On their entry

to Butuan City, Brgy. De Oro, its first barangay, on a scheme of hump with boulders in the surroundings, at dusk before the sun rose, with only too little light at 70 kilometers per hour (kph), with a curve downward asphalted area that was unpleasant, turned the pick-up upside down on a major collision. It was an extreme rollover vehicular accident. It was only a few 15 minutes to Butuan City and the border of the Municipality of Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur, but history happened. The team found themselves on the side of the boulders, with severe intrusion, on their severely dilapidated vehicle. Sis Faith and the other chefs were unrestrained. Despite the severity, Brod Gerry came to realize that everyone was safe and unhurt. Two vehicles that arrived were good Samaritans who checked on them. Sis Mary Ann Otome then received a call from Bro Gerry that they needed to go back on the road to help. APO Butuan rapidly responded and sent a rescue team. Despite the incident, the five of them were able to extricate themselves, without any bruise, without any laceration, and without any scars, only the scar of faith and service.





The team continued their journey and mission of delivering the relief goods. The provisions did not only mean food and water to the brods and sis in the CARAGA region, it also meant unconditional brotherly love and unbounded service.

The Odette Relief Ops incident was the fifth vehicular accident that Bro Gerry had encountered in his whole APO life. The previous ones were less harmful. The most recent, given the 70mph high collision rollover, was in fact, a miracle leaving him with no scar. He attributed it to the beautiful wooden rosary hanging on his vehicle given by NP Sis Norma Singson de Leon, and to the doctrines that our alma mater instilled in us, Ora Et Labora (pray and work). My eyes had seen Bro Gerry's works from the farthest mountain slopes in Mindanao, to the nearest inlands of our hometown Ormoc, and to wherever APO may need service, in him, my forefather, my mentor, and APO's legend, is a fount of selfless love and service to humanity.



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# APO Synchronized Nationwide Tree Planting, Huge Success to Protect the Environment and the Community

BY SIS MYLINE R. VALENCIA



National President Sis Atty. Norma Singson-de Leon, congratulates everyone. According to her, this Synchronized Nationwide Tree Planting proves Alpha Phi Omega's commitment to protect the environment and when APO acts as one, good things happen.

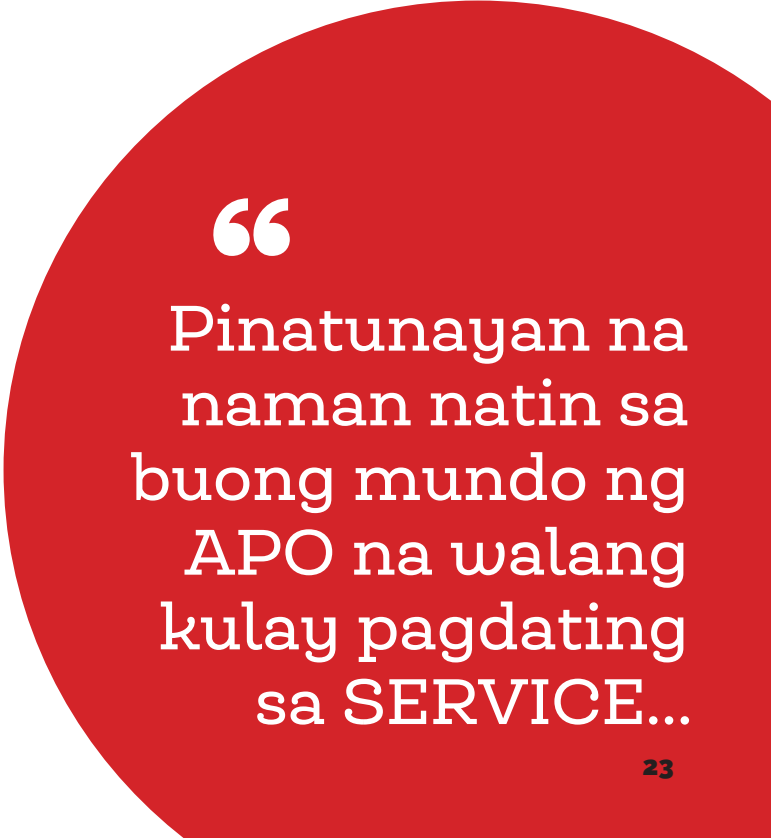
Thousands of different trees were planted on November 21, 2021 in upland mountainous areas, lowland, sea sides, forest, parks, community, dam, water reservoir, urban and in rural areas.

It's raining in Metro Manila but APO NCAR Alumni and Collegiate, with NP Sis Atty. Norma, ENVICOM Chairman Bro Joel Alivia, Trustee in Charge of Environment Committee Sis Nancy, APO National Officers with other volunteers proceeded in planting trees in La Mesa Dam Quirino Highway, Quezon City. 680 Narra trees were planted. Coordination was made between APO and DENR through Sis Jackie Caanacan the DENR Regional Director for the seedlings and implementation of the project.

**ALPHA PHI OMEGA** from Luzon, Visayas to Mindanao successfully participated and raised awareness to the society in the importance of planting and saving trees, showing concern to the environment and fighting climate change.

Through this Synchronized 1,925 tree planting activity with NAO EnviCom (Environmental Committee) under the supervision of National Vice President for Alumni Sis Nancy Go, we made a huge success Service to the Nation as a Fully Participating Citizen focusing on nature.

"Pinatunayan na naman natin sa buong mundo ng APO na walang kulay pagdating sa SERVICE, napaka successful po ng ating Synchronize National 1,925 tree planting," Sis Nancy said.



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"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is NOW," as Alpha Phi Omega Guiuan Alumni Association with Alpha Phi Omega - PC501 held their Tree Planting Activity at Barangay Pagnamitan, Guiuan, Eastern Samar in close coordination with the PNP Guiuan and Barangay Pagnamitan Council. 100 seedlings planted.

APO-CaMIAA participated and conducted the activity in the Tree Planting Site, Ilagan Sanctuary, Sta. Victoria, Ilagan City, Isabela with the joint effort of APO City of Ilagan Alumni Association, Xi Tau Collegiate Chapter and Gamma Mu Collegiate Chapter. APO Kappa Pi Collegiate Chapter also participated. They were able to plant 120 Narra seedlings and 50 Mahogany seedlings.

APO CARAGA Administrative Region 13, Metro Butuan Alumni Association planted seedlings at Barangay Bon-Bon Butuan City, they tagged it "mission accomplished."

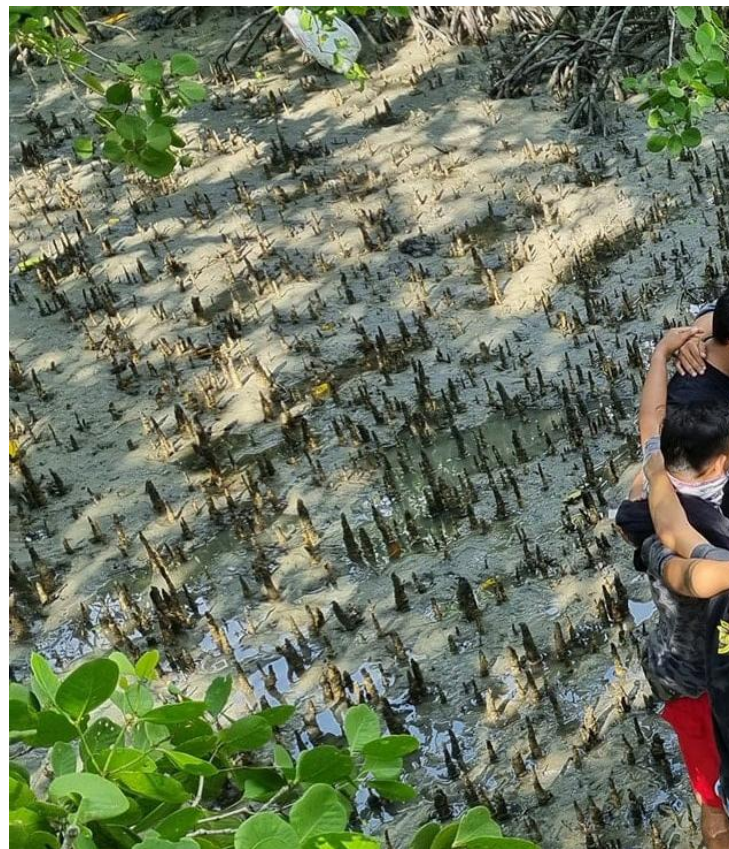
Region 4A (CALABARZON) through the leadership of Regional Director Bro Tsack Canada planted a total of 3,945 assorted trees like Guyabano, Narra, Kalamansi, Mahogany, Balite, Mulawin and Mangroves.

APhiOs for Region 1, Ilocos Region and the Province of Pangasinan, R1 Section4 planted trees in the mountainside of Tiblong, San Fabian, Pangasinan.

APO COAS MMAROPA, COOPERATION FOR THE OCEANS and SEAS, and TERRITORIES and Protection & Restoration of Environment & Natural Resources estimated planted 2,675 fruits and mangrove seedlings/propagules in Marinduque, Occidental and Oriental Mindoro, Palawan and Romblon.

APO Davao Administrative Regional Director Bro Gil Golea spearheaded the Tree Planting with ANDAA President Sis Mimi Mellejor, Bro Marvin Parilla of DENR XI and the rest of ANDAA Officers and members.

Policemen from 112 Special Action Company, PNP-SAF and other volunteers took part in planting trees a total of 2,530 Narra, Mangrove, Dwarf Balite, Mahogany, Palcata & Lauan. Areas are Barangay Taguibo Mati Davao Oriental, Davao Del Sur, Davao Occidental and Barangay Balengaeng, Tugbok District, Davao City.





You may not plant millions of trees but if you can take care of one single tree with love and care, that will make you great.



Delta Phi Chapter actively participated in this simultaneous tree planting. According to them, planting trees not only contributes to preserving the ecosystem on a global scale but also brings people closer. They can act as a landmark within a community or neighborhood and encourage pride amongst people within that society.



Alpha Phi Omega Philippines Incorporated will continue to save our Mother Earth and educate the community to take care of the environment.



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# An Anniversary Service Project Like No Other

BY SIS CHARY DIÑO

**LAST DECEMBER 16, 2021** as the Alpha Phi Omega Philippines marks its 96th anniversary, an early morning Coastal Clean-up at the Las Pinas-Paranaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) also known to the conservation world as the Las Pinas-Paranaque Critical Habitat becomes the unusual but very important service project to start off this meaningful event.

As early as 6 am on this cold and windy December morning, APO brothers and sisters from various chapters of the NCAR, led by the APO National President Sis Norma Singson-De Leon, converge to help clean-up part of the coastline of this 175



hectare protected area, whose mudflats have become a source of food for 5,000 birds every day. These include migratory birds that come to escape the harsh Siberian Winter at this time of the year until around February. Some of these migratory birds include the Whiskered Tern, Common Sandpiper, Whimbrel, Black-Winged Stilt and the Great-Tailed Tattler among many, many others.

A MOA signing between the National President and DENR NCR Executive Director Sis Jacqueline Caancan (Theta Chapter) on the care of the trees planted at the La Mesa Dam last November 21, 2021 took place at the open-air function area of the LPPWP, where social distancing was observed, after the coastal clean-up activity. Lectures from DENR field officers also caught the interest of the APO volunteers who eagerly listened and learned so much new information on the season of migration and the migratory birds. The event ended beautifully with the singing of the APO Toast Song.



# 50th Year of Being in Service: Beta Rho

BY SIS NORMINA DACAMPONG

On December 12th, 2021 at Roadside Beach Resort, Brgy. Badak, D.O.S Maguindanao, the Alpha Phi Omega Beta Rho Chapter celebrated its 50th Golden Anniversary with the theme 50 Years of Service Through Leadership and Friendship. The event was open for all the members of the said chapter and approximately 200 brothers and sisters were in attendance. Prior to the big event, some of the participants had an opportunity to donate a bag of blood and being vaccinated at RCDG, Arescom, PC Hill, Cotabato City. The Blood Letting and Free Flu Vaccine Activity was in partnership with Cotabato City Health Office.

A message from the National President of Alpha Phi Omega, Atty. Norma Singson- De Leon was also delivered. It was very heart warming knowing that she, and her team appreciated all the efforts of the organizers and was amazed to the big event of the Beta Rho Chapter. The following activities were conducted to make the event even more surprising, the awarding of prizes, giving of certificates and tokens, and of course photo opportunity. The event will not be possible without the generosity of some of our brothers and sisters with a big heart, aside from that there were also different business establishments who sponsored the big event of the Beta Rho Chapter. The celebration was a success, though the efforts of the organizers of the event. Indeed the spirit of leadership, friendship and service was the key to make the event a success. Everyone went home with a smile in their faces.



# APO TELEMEDICINE: HEALTHCARE INSTITUTION WITHSTANDING VARIANTS OF COVID-19 IN ITS EXCELLENT VIRTUAL HOMECARE MANAGERMENTS AND MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS

BY SIS NADIA ESPAÑOL

## COLLABORATIVE PROCESSES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Our fraternity's provision of accessible and more convenient healthcare at this time of the pandemic saved many not only by cost and time but also from the risk of acquiring diseases or more complicated ones. APO TeleMedicine's birth and the brilliant invention of processes are attributed to the leadership of our National President (NP) Sis Norma Singson-De Leon, Board of Directors, Operations, and all of the volunteers. From the healthcare professionals of APO to the business sectors, to the technical experts, to any professional brother or sister who volunteered, its operations became as huge as a healthcare institution that was virtual but effective and significant in combating the earliest COVID-19, to the Delta variant, and now on the deadly Omicron. Tools and care management interventions were created and executed through a collaborative process and communication by the medical and non-medical teams, and these were highly maintained. The positive impacts of TeleMed as improving patient management had expanded and served more brothers and sisters, as well as their families. For almost a year now, the board of directors, doctors, nurses, admin-ITs, finance team, supplies team, the COVID monitoring team, and all volunteers had served the project that made homecare management possible.



Dear APO Telemed,

Thank you very much for sending my prescription. I would also sincerely like to thank APO Telemed for all that you do for the APO brothers, sisters and their families! This is truly a wonderful gift of service especially at this precarious time of Covid.

Salamat po APO Telemedicince sa genuine time and energy na binibigay ninyo sa bawat patient.

Hi brother/sister, hope all is well. Thanks again for the help and assistance during this hard time that we are facing.

## STATISTICS

In January 2022, the highly transmissible Omicron variant surged and has peaked in Metro Manila. The alarming new infections in NCAR and its neighboring regions had reached the highest number of cases in APO TeleMed. On its January 31, 2022 statistics, a total of 1,235 patients were served. A bulk of 144 cases of virtual consultations hiked up from January 10th to January 16th, the highest in TeleMed history. It was assumed that the new and sudden spike in cases was being driven by the fast-spreading variant, something that was confirmed by health officials on January 15th. TeleMed cases started to decrease in late January.

## TELEMED IN COMBATING OMICRON

The surge greatly affected the turn-around-time of the project's operations but service at its best was still evident. Indeed, it was the climax of the "other-fishes-needed-to-be-fried" roles of volunteers. TeleMed operations' team meddled and snoopied on the toxic schedules of doctors. They had to gatecrash at any available time there was. Daily consults of Dr. Mon and Dr. Gerald were approximately up to 15 patients. Dr. Dodee and Dr. Roselle's in between clinic and hospital hours, as well as the rest of the volunteer doctors, were at times, interfered. Some of them did consults on their break time and even after clinic/hospital hours, up to as late as 9 pm, just to accommodate patients.

Multitasking evolved among the different teams. NVPA Sis Nancy Go from the Nurses' Team had to learn new tasks and exerted beyond expertise to host zoom consults due to the intensity of cases that

needed to be processed. Admin team Sis Gina Gimenez, Sis Jojo Espino, and Sis Maryam Khadem had also over-timed excessively during Omicron's peak. Google forms reflect on the system even during wee hours and nurses had to process these as soon as whoever was available. Sis Jojo, doing both admin task on hosting, processing forms, and calling patients, was struck by flu; however, managed to multi-task and still help with the operations. Sis Maryam, despite her diverse time zone, adapted to the Philippines' surge and need. EVAR RD Sis Gina's family was hit by COVID-19 during the peak days but still gave her best hands to uphold operations. Alpha Phi Omega's virtual clinic hours took history as early as 8 am to as late as 9 pm, admins and nurses were behind these cases 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



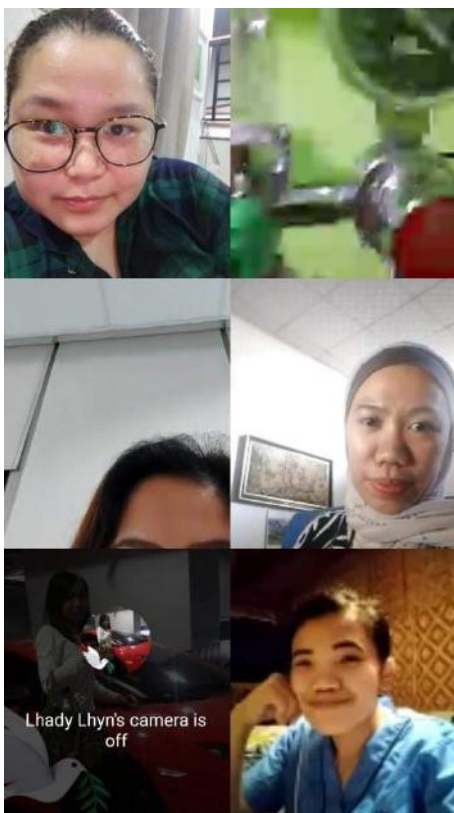
## COVID KITS , SUPPLIES, DONORS

According to APO TeleMed Treasurer, Sis Joy, the last time prior to Omicron that the financial report was posted on Nov. 16, 2021, no transactions were done as COVID cases went down; however, during the surge, TeleMed spent more than a hundred thousand pesos to purchase supplies and spent more on delivery fees. The team behind the most essential and valuable COVID kit were Sis Chelle Baldonado, Sis Geraldyn Usog, Sis Margarete Remolin, Sis Gina Gimenez, Sis Nancy Go, and Sis Nica Velasco. Sis Nica, after being monitored and managed well as one of the patients, saw the need to urgently help on the deliveries. She promptly volunteered the time she was discharged from care. The demand for kits increased which included surgical masks, paracetamol, vitamin C with Zinc, azithromycin/levofloxacin, dexamethasone, oximeters, and thermometers. Supplies were depleting and the demands required the team to exert extra miles, even go under the heat of Divisoria for purchases. NP Sis Norma and Dr. Edna had to acquire sources of other medicines due to their scarcity, particularly, paracetamol and azithromycin. There was non-stop sending of kits to different locations.

The call for donations and funds from different regions, AAs, and chapters, as well as the urgent call for more volunteers, were emphasized by NP Sis Norma, Chairman Bro Archie Bugarin, Dr. Edna Navallo, as well as the rest of the TeleMed Family. Many had donated supplies, most especially medicines, others reached out thru funding. Donations are reflected in TeleMed's monthly financial report. The National Office thru Sis NED Evelyn Evangelio acknowledges these thru receipts and transfers the fund to APO TeleMed. The Finance team issues an electronic certificate to each donor as a sign of gratitude.

## LONG-TERM INTERVENTIONS FOR APO

TeleMed in its manpower of healthcare professionals was also able to unite and gather volunteers in the recent tula missions and services among regions which include massive vaccinations. Its doctors, nurses, and other volunteers are with the Committee on National Service for Health who also implemented a few medical services for APO. The collaborative interventions, processes, management tools, resources, and healthcare team behind this virtual APO institution had always been feasible in the homecare management of COVID. APO members and their families were grateful to TeleMed and all its donors. Thus, as one great circle in serving humanity, any Greek variant of any deadly disease could be fought by the unity and genuine "kindness" of every member, kindness thru time, talent, and treasure – the three things that made APO TeleMed operational for almost one year now, and in any test of diseases.





# Home is Where the Heart is: The Unveiling of the APO Building Project

BY SIS CHARY DIÑO

"We all like coming home. As a fraternity, our four folds of service, the way we have been thinking, feeling and serving others has kept us bonded tightly. That has been a source of strength as it is our pride and joy.

*Tonight, we have come together to welcome an idea, a goal and a dream.*

*Many would laugh and say it is an impossible dream but you can never say it is unreachable until you have actually given it your best to pursue. And that is why we are here, to watch the unfolding of a dream- a dream that will allow us to spread our wings more and more in our passion to serve others. " -NP Sis Norma Singson de Leon's Opening Remarks*

And so it happened, first like a whiff of a dream and then it was real- the unveiling of the APO Building Project. On Sunday, the 13th of February 2022, the National Office of the Alpha Phi Omega led by National President Sis Norma Singson de Leon gathered together, in a wide hall of the Bgy. Mariana in New Manila, Quezon City, around 30 brothers and sisters to witness the launch of this very ambitious project. Many more witnessed the event that evening via Zoom. It's goal: to raise 54 million pesos and to complete the project by 2025, APO's 100th year.

The plan for an APO building has been started by many of the past National Presidents. To their credit, fund raising activities have been organized and much has also been done to produce collaterals and plans. The task today grows even bigger and the dream -closer and bolder- to make this building come to life. NP sis Norma said in her speech that she is just "an instrument to help make this happen



and it will become real because of our brothers and sisters whom we will work hand in hand with." The aim is not just to build a big and beautiful APO building fit for the stature of an Alpha Phi Omega member, but to build a home where its members will continue to make APO grow and serve others, the best that they can.

The plan is to ask each APO member from all across the Philippines and those living abroad for P2,000, as a voluntary contribution. As the evening grew, the pledges came pouring in. By the end of the night, a total of P750,000 in pledges was already raised! The call for action and the excitement was heightened by the presentation and speeches of the members of the APO Building Committee, duly appointed by the National President. The committee members are composed of Chairman Brod Ferdie Balcueva, Brod Manny Clariño (Financial Planning and Management), Brod Arturo de Leon (Location Planning and Analysis) and Brod Dindo Berino (Fund Raising Activities). Video speeches of past National Presidents and members, to inspire and welcome the dawn of this project, were also presented.

There are already many plans all over the country for fund raising activities and the excitement has been growing since. At her closing speech, the National President made a plea to help make the APO Building project, the seemingly impossible dream, come true.

# APO Building: Towards APO Centennial Celebration

BY APO BUILDING COMMITTEE

## PROJECT BRIEF

This project aims to construct the APO Building in preparation for our organization's 100th anniversary in 2025. The APO Building Committee will spearhead the said project in light of the approval of our current APO National President, Sis Atty. Norma S. De Leon. Alpha Phi Omega will be creating a common ground for every member of this organization to create a haven where everyone is welcome.

The proposed project shall be self-sustaining, meaning that the inclusion of commercial spaces will be introduced once the building design is finalized. This will serve as an income-generating solution for the organization, and more specifically the building to have its funds. Other than commercial areas, the idea of multi-purpose halls is included to serve different functions for the organization. Lastly, are the transient rooms for the members of APO from different provinces. These are low-cost spaces that would cater to those parts of the organization that are in need of a place, not only are we able to accommodate our brothers and sisters but also, again, generate income for the sustenance of the building.

## THE CONCEPT

As discussed with our national president, Atty. Norma S. De Leon, there are three possible ways where the organization can make the project possible. This was made to see both sides of different situations from which APO can benefit. The capital generated from these solutions will be the foundation of how the finalized form of the building will be done.

First, every alumni member of the organization shall be asked to donate an amount of 2,000 pesos to the organization. In cases where the individual is not

**ALPHA PHI OMEGA**  
Philippines, Incorporated

**APO BUILDING PROJECT**  
*May We All Build*

65,000 Alpha Phi Omega members.

11,000 to 12,000 members actively renewing their ID every development year.

Projected total cost **PHP. 44,000,000.00 to 54,000,000.00**

Voluntary contribution per member of **PHP. 2,000.00**

**AS OF 15 FEBRUARY 2022 (BASED ON THE UPDATED PASSBOOK) PHP. 1,412,259.32**

Current term **Php. 176,000.00**

DY 2017-2021 **Php. 1,236,259.32**

Let us build our home – a home that will be a foundation for generations to come, a home that honors the legacy of our founders, a home that acknowledges the current generation of Alpha Phi Omega.

Let us create a new tomorrow.

Let us invest now for our home and our future.

**MAGTULUNGAN PO** tayong lahat mga kapatid na ipatayo ang sarili nating bahay. Ang bahay ang maging pundasyon ng mga darating na henerasyon. Katibayan ng ating matatag na kapatiran. **PASS THE HAT TAYO. SPREAD THE WORD.**

**DONOR'S AWARD**  
SPECIAL PIN FOR THE FIRST 200 DONORS

Mga kapatid, pag kayo ay nagpadala ng donasyon, magbigay mensahe kay Sister Evelyn Evangelio sa **apophned1925@gmail.com**, at huwag kalimutang ilakip ang kopya ng resibo. Nasa taas ang detalye ng bank account. Magpo-post po tayo ng listahan ng mga donors sa ating APO Philippines, Inc. Official Facebook Group.

Graphics by Bro RD Paolo Ugale



able to do so, alumni associations would be tasked to shoulder that member- this is aside from the donations that would be given by the association alone.

Second, alumni associations that are more capable of donating more than the required monetary assistance will be welcomed to do so as they please. This is to higher the chances of the building having a more appealing outcome as more capital funds it is.

And finally, fundraising projects would be done accordingly also to support the needed capital for the building to make its progress. These proposed projects are made entirely for the building's monetary budget, making collected profits go straight to the dedicated APO Building bank account.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The Alpha Phi Omega organization aims to create a mark in its timeline where it can make its presence known to the public, that it is more than just a fraternity, it is a society that sustains its brother and sisterhood for life- having connections that help strengthen this institution as one. This

building will serve as a unison area for the APO society to come together and create moments that would help improve not only the circle within us but also reach out to those that are in need outside our borders.

### **CONSIDERATIONS AND STRATEGIES**

As per discussion by the Building Committee, along with the APO national president- Atty. Norma S. De Leon, there are two ways in which the department is considering how the project could commence. These are some of the ways the department have planned to create the Alpha Phi Omega building by 2025:

First, the APO Building Committee will seek out foreclosed property from the banks. These are buildings that are existing but have yet to be occupied again. Buildings of this type are usually those that have been already occupied but are still in their best condition. The amount of work needed for this option is very minimal since the building is already present and needs no more construction to be done. What would only be needed are face-lifting and renovations from inside-out, to correct what's been left and improve what is already existing. This is a more economic

way where our organization can somehow spend a little less than the usual ground-up construction.

Second, the APO Building Committee would plan the construction of the APO Building from the ground up. The committee would be in charge from the initial planning up to its last phase for construction. This would take a little more time to revise the design to its final form and plan to be able to maximize the use of the structure to the extent for the designated users. In this idea, the building could be more specific in terms of its interior planning and space allocation. The form of the building could also be shaped into something that is timely and is up to present trends in building design.

### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

The purpose of the construction of the APO Building is to cater to the alumni members and create a space where every brother and sister can be welcomed. APO Building's target occupants would be all the people that comprise Alpha Phi Omega as a whole. This will be a people-centered structure that would be the start of other humanitarian projects that the organization would have in the future.

# APO Philippines' Semi-Ses

BY SIS REINIEL AN

**ON MARCH 2, 2025**, Filipino APOs shall embark on a groundbreaking milestone, celebrating its 75 years of existence in the Philippines. Today, on March 2, 2022, we are currently 3 years ahead in planning such a phenomenal celebration.

The National Board of Trustees of Development Year 2019-2021 has approved and adopted the proposal of Sis Zarah Alunday-Escueta for the Commemoration of the Alpha Phi Omega Philippines, Incorporated's 75th Anniversary Celebration (Diamond Jubilee Celebration). Moreover, approving a resolution creating the technical working group, and appointing her as the chair of the TWG.

This vast project co-chaired by Alpha Chapter themselves, endeavours to organise programs and activities that are in line with APO Philippines' history, grown culture and heritage, nevertheless, to put into the light the life and works of Bro Dr. Librado I. Ureta.

The goal is to empower awareness within our members regarding our grassroots and honoured traditions; and also to have this breakthrough be accredited by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

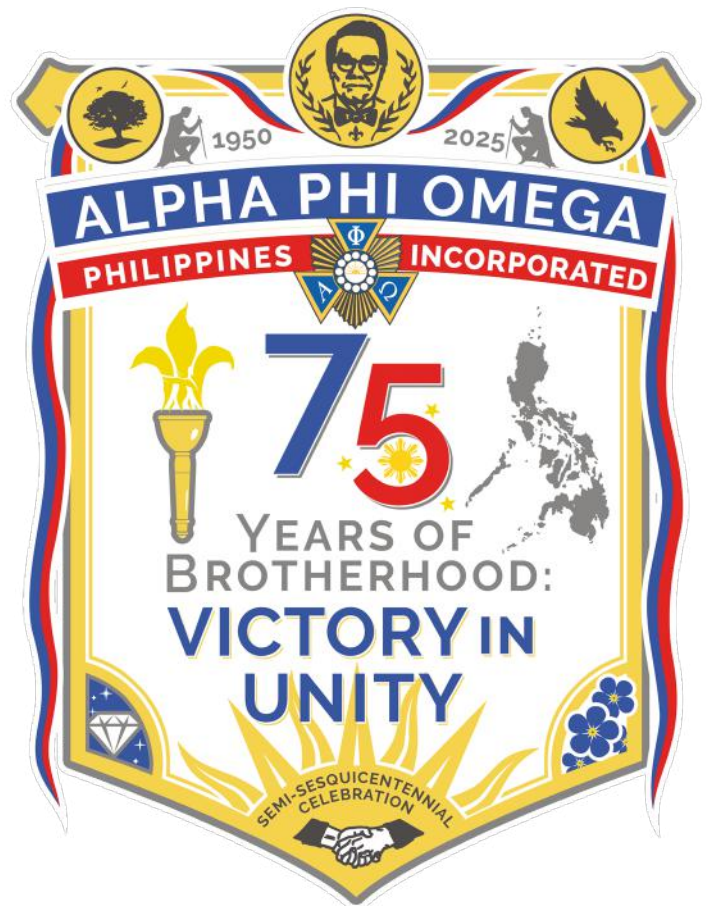
With the crafted working theme: Pitu't Kalahating Dekada ng Kapatiran: Tagumpay sa Pagkakaisa, it is a mission to foster camaraderie and promote services through creative programs and activities, as we glorify the institution we pledge to serve. With this, aside from the set projects by the TWG, all Administrative Regions led by the Regional Directors, as well as basic organisational units under the umbrella of APO Philippines are also encouraged to create programs and activities in line with this historical event.

The challenge is to set up a brand for this project that will feature Filipino APO and APO Philippines as

an established institution from its genesis APO USA. Social media accounts and publishing materials such as infographics and video programs that aim to drum up the event and to pinpoint the significance of Filipino APOs are to be expected.

Thus, the TWG road map may be ready and set to go, but it is still open for volunteers - members who are interested to be part of this prodigious event. On top of that, contributors of photos and historical information are immensely needed. And of course donors and donations to be coursed through the official bank account of APO Philippines.

We aim for nothing but victory in unity. Together, let us celebrate the semi-sesquicentennial of Leadership, Friendship, and Service in 2025!



# Quicentennial Celebration

ANTONETT B. SOLLEZA

## LIST OF PROJECTS & PROGRAMS:

- Exhibitions
- Coffee Table Book
- Childrens' Storybook and Storytelling
- Logo Making Contest
- Song-writing contest and Art Competition
- Konyertong Kasaysayan at Kulturang (KKK) - an APO Concert
- APO Philippines on Philippine Money
- Creation and installation of Bro Dr. Librado I. Ureta Bust to be installed in Far Eastern University Manila, Library ni Bado and Aklan
- Installation of History Marker at Far Eastern University Manila
- Inauguration of the Library ni Bado in Vigan
- Commemoration of the 75 years on 02 March 2025 at Far Eastern University Manila
- Commemoration of the 75 years in Aklan
- APO Mega Medical Mission
- APO Philippines @75 Grand Ball

### THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP:

Chairman – Sis Zarah A. Escueta, Alpha Sigma  
Co-Chairman – APO Alpha Chapter AA  
Vice-Chairmen – Bro Warren Young, Alpha & Bro Jun Domingo, Alpha  
Secretary – Sis Rikki L. Escarcha, Omicron  
Logistics Officer – Bro Paolo Lopez, Alpha Sigma

### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Chair – Alpha Chapter  
Co-Chair – Sis Carmen Cristobal Morales, Alpha Sigma  
Members – Sis Digbay Exconde, Alpha Sigma; Incumbent Treasurer; & Incumbent Auditor

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (INFORMATION, SOCIAL MEDIA, SOUVENIR & MERCHANDIZE, AND MARKETING & PROMOTIONS):

Chair – Sis Reiniel Antonett Solleza, Eta Theta  
Members – Sis Ericka Mae Abello, Alpha Upsilon; & Sis Nikki Plata, Xi Xi  
Official Spokesperson – Bro Kevin Dy, Alpha  
Project Coordinator – Sis Madel Kho, Alpha  
Marketing and Promotions – Sis Evelyn Evangelio, Epsilon Upsilon; & Sis Dolly De Leon, Alpha Sigma  
Social Media Management – Sis Jeazrielle Fernandez, Alpha Gamma  
Documentation and Evaluation – Sis Gretchen Garcia, Alpha Gamma; & Bro Christian Magno, Alpha Gamma

### EXHIBITIONS:

Chair – Sis Jen Velarmino, Alpha Sigma  
Members – Bro Aaron Papins Mendoza, Eta; & Sis Babhes Castillo, Lambda Lambda

### COFFEE TABLE BOOK:

Chair – Sis Geraldine San Juan, Theta  
Co-Chair – Sis Doris Irene Pigon, Theta  
Member – Sis Reiniel Antonette B. Solleza, Eta Theta

### CHILDRENS' STORYBOOK AND STORYTELLING

Chair – Sis Reiniel Antonette B. Solleza, Eta Theta

### LOGO MAKING CONTEST:

Chair – Bro Jay Aniceta, Alpha  
Vice Chair – Sis Rechel Aniceta, Alpha

### SONG-WRITING CONTEST AND ART COMPETITION:

Chair – Bro Leonardo Cairo Jr., Zeta Theta

### KONYERTONG KASAYSAYAN AT KULTURANG – KKK (AN APO CONCERT):

Chair – Bro Eboy Eduarte, Nu Chi

### APO PHILIPPINES ON PHILIPPINE MONEY by Xi Alpha Chapter

### CREATION AND INSTALLATION OF LIU BUST COMMITTEE:

Chair – Sis Brenda Manugan Casiño, Alpha  
Members – Sis Arlene Villanueva, Alpha; & Bro Marc Sylvester Garcia, Eta Xi

### INAUGURATION OF THE LIBRARY NI BADO:

Chair – Sis Leila Manzano–Ayat, Gamma Iota

### HISTORY MARKER COMMITTEE:

Chair – Sis Madel Kho, Alpha  
Co-Chair – Sis Sylvia Pangilinan, Alpha  
Members – Bro Arnelito Garcia, Alpha; Sis Ingrid Lee, Alpha; & Sis Malou Cabasag, Alpha

### APO MEGA MEDICAL MISSION AT BALER AURORA:

Chair – Bro Jun Domingo, Alpha  
Co-Chair – Bro Mac Lichauco, Alpha

### COMMEMORATION OF THE 75 YEARS ON 02 MARCH 2025 at Alpha: Alpha Chapter

### COMMEMORATION OF THE 75 YEARS IN AKLAN & BUILDING OF THE APO DIAMOND PARK OR LIU PARK:

Chair – Bro Kenneth Garcia, Delta Upsilon

### APO PHILIPPINES @75 GRAND BALL:

Chair – Bro Kevin Dy, Alpha  
Co-Chair – Sis Ingrid Lee Rodrigo, Alpha  
Programs and Invitations – Sis Beng del Corro, Alpha Theta; and Sis Dinah Jurado, Pi

### RECOGNITION COMMITTEE:

Chair – Sis Madel Kho, Alpha  
Members – Sis Evelyn C. Evangelio, Epsilon Upsilon; & Sis Rikki L. Escarcha, Omicron

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# APhiO Snippets on the Mindoro Service

"Being able to serve was fulfilling enough, but **touching the lives of our indigenous countrymen was worth tons of services combined.** The Mindoro service taught us that we are fortunate as APO in extending help through medical, dental, surgical, gift-giving, legal, and feeding programs. As a healthcare provider, services like these in the farthest areas, especially to different minority groups, should be recommended, so we could extend more aid in populations where medical services are not readily accessible."

*-Bro Dr. Edward Flores, 2005B-Alpha Phi*



"In my almost two decades of hopping regions during services, Mindoro's NCAR-IVB unity and collaboration had proven the APhiO blood of uncertainties and uncalculated gambles or risks, bravery, hard work, patience, and love. Upon arrival, before any medical intervention started, I checked and it was indeed a red zone. The LGU and units from the AFP took care of us. We were more than 60 bros and sis who traveled from NCR and painted thousands of smiles to the Mangyans. **I should say, my brothers and sisters from NCAR and MIMAROPA made history in putting together great services, crossing regions to risk and give love.**"

*-Sis Nadia Espanol, 2003A-Omicron Alpha*



"Many are underprivileged in our country and have less access to healthcare. In APO, we tried our best to reach those who cannot afford dental treatments and medical care. **It was our little way to change their lives and put smiles on their faces.**"

*-Sis Nica Velasco, Epsilon (2015)*



"Being part of the AFP as a Philippine Navy, the Mindoro medical mission was indeed one of the very challenging medical operations that I had in my APO life. Giving medical attention to territories known as 'Red Zones' is the toughest since I knew that insurgents won't be happy to see me or know me, and that might cost my life. But seeing the smiles on the faces of our Mangyan beneficiaries when we started giving medical services and gifts made me forget about my security, rather **I realized that my life was dedicated to SERVE our people,** no matter how difficult the situation is." *-Bro. Jayson Galimba, 2003-Mu Pi*





"It exposed me to the indigenous people of the island of Mindoro. Albeit my twenty years in APO, it was my first encounter with them. It dawned on me that they had specific tribal practices that needed to be respected. It impacted me, in a way, to think about inclusivity the next time I become part of a service in farther regions, that our country indeed, has a diverse culture that needs to be represented individually. **The Mindoro service shaped me to become more respectful** especially when working with brothers/sisters from different chapters, batch years, and regions." -Sis Sooz Ombid, 2001B-Psi



"We visited this child with hydrocephalus, it touched me the most. We brought diapers and milk. Sis Jeslie and Brod Kyle were in-charge of the medical consultation and I was happy on how we, as APO, gave goods and medicines to the Mangyans. **When I saw their smiles, 'nakakagaan ng loob, nawala lahat ng pagod at puyat.'**"

Sis Amie Dy, Tau (2010A)



"I was assigned to administer flu vaccines to the Mangyan tribe. I saw smiles of appreciation on their faces, wearing 'bahag', no slippers, and it's obvious that their face masks were used several times already. I gave them surgical masks. Brod Mike, son of Brod Mayor Elgin, asked me to administer the flu vaccine to a child with hydrocephalus. We walked almost 1.5 km from the venue. **It was heart-rending to see the child and the family.**"

-Sis Madel Camposano-Kho, 1983B-Alpha



"As a new RD, it was a challenge to cross and combine work with a region we needed to travel to give service. It was at first an invitation, but when preparations came, **I felt more than a native and I felt APO IV-B was home.** I was home with my NCAR family and we were home with the whole IV-B. Brod Mayor Elgin and Brod Mike gave us one of the greatest opportunities to serve not only the people of Mindoro, but the Mangyan tribe."

-Bro RD Kevin Dy, 2008D-Alpha



"What I first thought was an ordinary service turned out to be one Mega Services. With the help and trust of my NCAR family, it became possible. We helped our katutubong Mangyans and **I saw the bright smiles on their faces and their sincerest gratitudes.**"

-Sis Emerizza Caceres, 2005-PC 193



**"When you serve with love, you serve with joy** and you work for a common good."

-Sis Okai Balajonda, Kappa Beta (1994)



# Alpha Phi Omega Connects the World

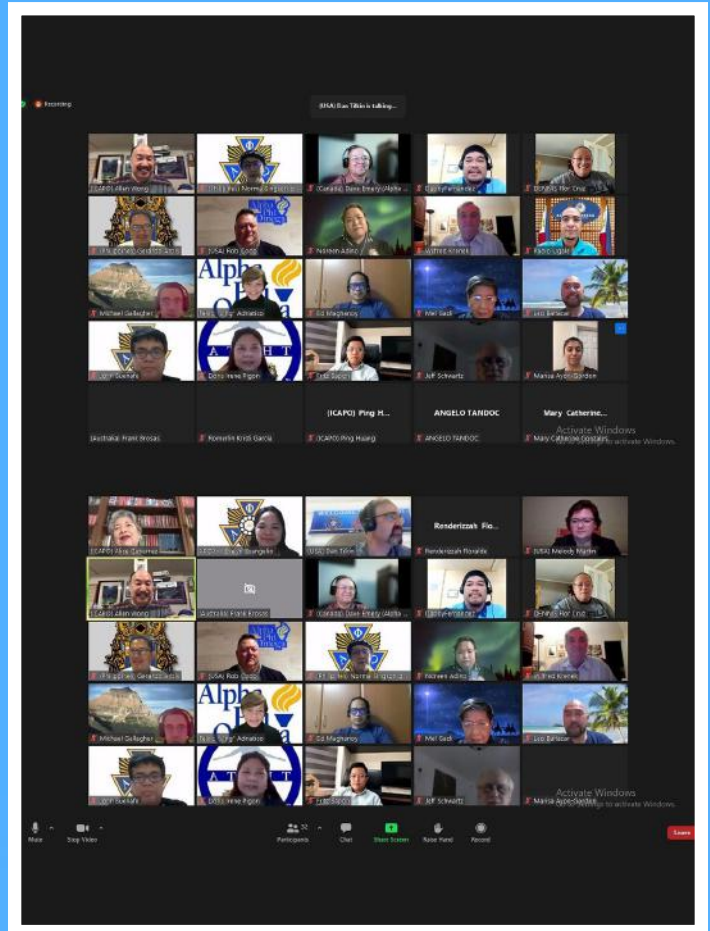
BY BRO FRITZ G. SAPON

**THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA (ICAPO)** once again showed its strong commitment to foster friendship and maintain the existing relationships among the different regions of our diverse fraternity. Despite the ongoing pandemic and the distance separating the officers, members and delegates, the council had its regular meeting via zoom videoconference last 4 January 2022.

Brothers from all over the world proved that they are ready to work hand in hand in further strengthening Alpha Phi Omega. Attendees include Brothers Allen Wong, Dave Emery, Roob Coop, Ping Huang, Melody Martin, Wilfred Krenek, Jeff Schwartz, Dan Tilkin and Michael Gallagher. The APO Philippines contingent also actively participated with star-studded members in attendance led by National President Norma Singson de Leon, ICAPO Chair Judge Alice Gutierrez, Past Presidents Frank Brosas and Roel Fernandez, and Chairman Gerry Arbis.

The meeting was well-organized with ICAPO Chair Alice Gutierrez presiding. The regions had the opportunity to give their respective reports with PP Roel Fernandez and NP Norma Singson de Leon discussing the current state of APO Philippines. The meeting ended with the council electing its new set of officers with Brother Allen Wong as Chairman, Brother Gerry Arbis as the Vice Chairman and Brother Mel Gonzales as the Secretary.

Congratulations to the outgoing officers! Kudos as well to the new officers for taking up the cudgels and serving our great fraternity! Indeed, ICAPO is in good hands!





## APO NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

***“Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end.” -Robin Sharma***

**WE, THE ALPHA PHI OMEGA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SCOUTING (ANCOS)** and its Rover Scouting Orientation Vigil and Investiture Ceremony (ROVIC) Team in partnership with our respective Boy Scouts of the Philippines Local Councils are collaboratively doing our best to adopt with the “change” brought about by the pandemic all over the world. Indeed, we experienced hardships at first as we ventured into the so-called “Digital Migration” to cope with e distance learning and planning, Google meeting, and the Virtual ROVIC per se.

During this remote process, our Scouting digital collaboration yielded to Eight (8) batches of Virtual ROVICs, with the average of sixty-four (64) participants in every batch of ROVIC, we have produced more than five hundred twelve (512) APO and non-APO active Rover Scouts all over the Philippines and even abroad. Yes, our participants are not only from our country, but we have brothers and sisters abroad who actively and patiently participated in our ROVIC, which is one of the advantages of our Online ROVIC where the place is disregarded, everyone can join provided that you have a strong internet connection.

One of the highlights, the ANCOS’ “messy in the middle” bettered challenge was the conduct of Online Scouting Forum to answer the uncertainties of some members who are also interested in scouting questioning the legality of Online ROVIC. November 6, 2021, marked the day of enlightenment as the National Training Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, Doctor Scouter Pastor Leonides Son assertively acknowledged that Online ROVIC is allowed and recognized as legal and he immediately ordered for an updated Memo from the National Office of the BSP to cope with the COVID 19 pandemic situations not just for APO ROVIC but for general Scouting activities also. The outcome of the Online Scouting Forum via Zoom generated realizations about the importance of Technology in the BSP Training and online training is the only substitute for F2F training.

The said Forum was concluded by ANCOS Chairman, Brother John Tenchavez as he reiterated Three (3) important virtues: Humility, Unity and Equality and he emphasized that “Iisa ang mithiin ng APO. Magkaisa tayong lahat. Balik Scouting lahat for humility, unity, and equality. We are not serving man, we are serving the Lord.” The Forum was ended by Scouter Brother Amado Victor Saguincin, ANCOS Committee Member with Scout Benediction.

The “Gorgeous” part of the change is the continuous conduct of Online ROVIC with a peace of mind that it is legit and recognized by the BSP. The ANCOS Team is on the process making Training Manual for APO Rovers and planning to conduct Basic Training Course (BTC) for the GC, GLC, Collegiate and NAO Officers, assign Regional Scout Coordinators to collaborate with the Chapters and AAs to form Rover Circle within their respective Chapter and AA.

For updates of plans, announcements of scheduled Online ROVIC and other APO and Scouting activities please visit our official Facebook Page, Alpha Phi Omega National Commission on Scouting. Our Snappy Scout Salute to everyone for the voluntary service and kindness as evident manifestation of love and support for APO and Scouting. Stay safe and healthy and always be ready. Indeed, “Together we serve!”

May the Great Scout Master, of all good scouts, be with us, until we meet again.



# Building Connections and Uniting Medical Professionals for the Healthcare Services in Alpha Phi Omega

BY SIS NADIA ESPAÑOL

CO-WRITTEN BY: SIS DR. EDNA CORPUZ-NAVALLO AND BRO DR. EDWARD ALLAN FLORES

*“I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy.” -Kahlil Gibran*

## NSH HISTORY, MISSION, AND BEYOND

The APO Committee on National Service for Health is a new addition to the APO Philippines Inc. standing committees. Its mission vision is to help in the delivery of health care through direct and indirect services by organizing the various health sectors of Alpha Phi Omega.

In the virtue of compassion to serve in Alpha Phi Omega, the provision for healthcare through assistance in the medical needs in this brotherhood is essential. The Committee on National Service for Health was formerly known as, “Committee on National Service for Medical” and “Committee on National Service for Dental.” The committee was established in DY 2019-2021 during the time of our Past National President (NP) Marcelino “Tatang” Ferry. It was a national service program whose purpose was to reach out to our fellow Filipinos by conducting a quarterly Medical/Surgical/Dental Mission in line with the NEC/BOT meeting, which was usually conducted a day before the meeting. When the pandemonium started, the mobilization of the said committee was abruptly stopped; hence, the prohibition of these healthcare services.

This DY 2021-2023, NP Sis Norma Singson-De Leon concluded to continue the program that would deliver again healthcare to our fellowmen. The limitations of the services that the previous committees could provide were now given a more heightened intervention that would fuse both the medical and dental services, and also acquire more allied health professionals. The integration of brothers and sisters from different specializations in healthcare led to its new name, The Committee on National Service for Health (APO NSH).





Appointed to the committee are Bro Dr. Edward Allan Flores, NSH Project Trustee, and Sis Dr. Edna Corpuz-Navallo, NSH Chairman. Committee and sub-committee members were mostly from the noble APO TeleMedicine Project, namely Bro Dr. Ramon Reyes; Sis Madel Camposano-Kho, MPA; Sis Nadia Espanol, RN; and Sis Maryam Padayao. Other comm and subcomm members are Bro Dr. Ferdinand Abon; Bro John Paul de Leon, MD; Sis Janina Javier, DMD; Bro Darryl Martinez, DMD; and Sis Abegail Cruz.

### **APO HEALTHCARE ON WHEELS**

On December 15, 2021, as its prime service and anniversary project, NSH emanated the APO Healthcare on Wheels in partnership with Mayon Laboratories and APO NCAR thru Regional Director Kevin Dy. The project was organized and facilitated by NSH Chairman Dr. Edna Navallo and Sis Madel Camposano-Kho, together with the assistance of APO TeleMedicine volunteers, National Executive Director Sis Evelyn Evangelio, and the rest of the National Administrative Office (NAO) staff. The mobile laboratory was set up at the NAO perimeters. The mobile lab offered less affordable blood chemistry services and other diagnostic work-ups. A total of 62 patients were served. The project benefited many brothers and sisters, as well as their families. It was only the start of such service. NSH and NCAR plan to redo another one in March 2022.

### **NSH'S PROMPT RESPONSE ON TYPHOON ODETTE**

In NCR, when Sis Nadia Espanol received communication that the scarcity of water in Cebu was alarming, NSH Chair Dr. Edna Navallo, together with the whole committee, promptly devised efforts for water relief operations despite the distance. NSH was able to raise funds and it was heaven-sent that APO Iligan offered to man the operations, given the fact that they were the nearest and had feasible access for water transport to Cebu City during the peak of Odette. APO Iligan service initiators were Bro OBrien Cris Navalta and Bro Albert Eric Orquieza. The operations, day and night, were led by Sis Joy Bramida and its logistics

was worked out by Bro JMson Calalang with the assistance of Bro Lee Roy Beley in the Iligan port. It was a puzzle on how to build the Iligan-Cebu-NSH-NCAR team due to Cebu's dead communication lines. APO Iligan religiously gathered, cleaned, sanitized, and refilled the containers in Iligan City day and night. Drinking water was transported via roro from Iligan City to Cebu City and many APO brethren received help. APO Central Visayas Administrative Regional Director Bro Eduard Zenarosa Jr. and Sis Ericka Abello, despite the challenges of communication, facilitated logistics on the receipt of the water up to its distribution to brods and Sis Hence, the supply was also able to reach out to non-APO who sought help. APO friends with babies who needed potable drinking water were also supplied. The operations were not limited once but consecutive waves of water transport from Iligan to Cebu were wielded until then that CVAR had regained its supply when the electricity was slowly fixed. It was a successful bridging of three different regions for an emergency relief operation that helped Cebu brothers and sisters.





I am fortunate that I have in my committee passionate and tenacious men and women of Alpha Phi Omega who are able and willing to meticulously work with zeal and vigor.

- Dr. Edna Corpuz Navallo  
NSH Chairman



#### **APO MAFI REACTIVATION AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

With the surge of the COVID-19 virus, the NSH Chairman had also started to reactivate APO Medical Alumni Foundation, Inc. (APO MAFI) by creating a Viber Group Chat and Community Channel. There were already more than 200 APO doctors on board from different specializations based all over the country and abroad. Appointed as Interim President was Bro Dr. Ramon Reyes and Interim Secretary was Bro Dr. Ed Vizmonte. When formally organized, there will be a general assembly.

NSH had also slowly converged allied healthcare professional brothers and sisters, to render service anytime once projects are implemented. The APO DAP president is a committee member to represent our brother and sister dentists. Allied Health will consist of nurses, medical technologists, physical therapists, dentists, and other healthcare professionals.

#### **NSH PROJECTS AND SERVICES**

Expansion of the mobile laboratory. Through this service, all the members, not only in NCAR but also members around the country especially the elder brods and sis, would benefit by getting their laboratories/blood works done to be evaluated.

APO Blood Bank. Through this project, APO members would be assured that whenever there is a need for blood, there is availability, either for personal or for family use.

Medical, Surgical, and Dental Services (for new normal). This program will help not only non-APO members but also brods/sis in remote areas needing medical, surgical, and dental assistance, as well as their family members. RDs, as well as the other officers of the respective regions, could help thru information dissemination of the upcoming projects. More participants would benefit from the said activity and at the same time, there is more exposure of APO to the community.



If we can serve everything for the health of each one in Alpha Phi Omega, we serve our best today. For tomorrow, we can go beyond for others.

- Dr. Edward Allan Flores  
NSH Project Trustee/National Trustee for Alumni



When these projects are initiated, the RDs could serve as the spokespersons of the NHS team thru coordinating with the LGUs, securing the place/venue of the project and accounting for the number of population, as well as investigating what common diseases the area have so that the NHS team could prepare the necessary medicine that the area will be needing the most. The non-medical members can serve as manpower to the different stations in assisting the medical/surgical/dental teams.

NSH envisions doing more in all administrative regions. NSH also saw the need to educate brothers and sisters on health and well-being thus a quarterly webinar will be available for brothers and sisters to join. The first of which will take place in March of 2022 as a tribute to APO's local anniversary celebration.



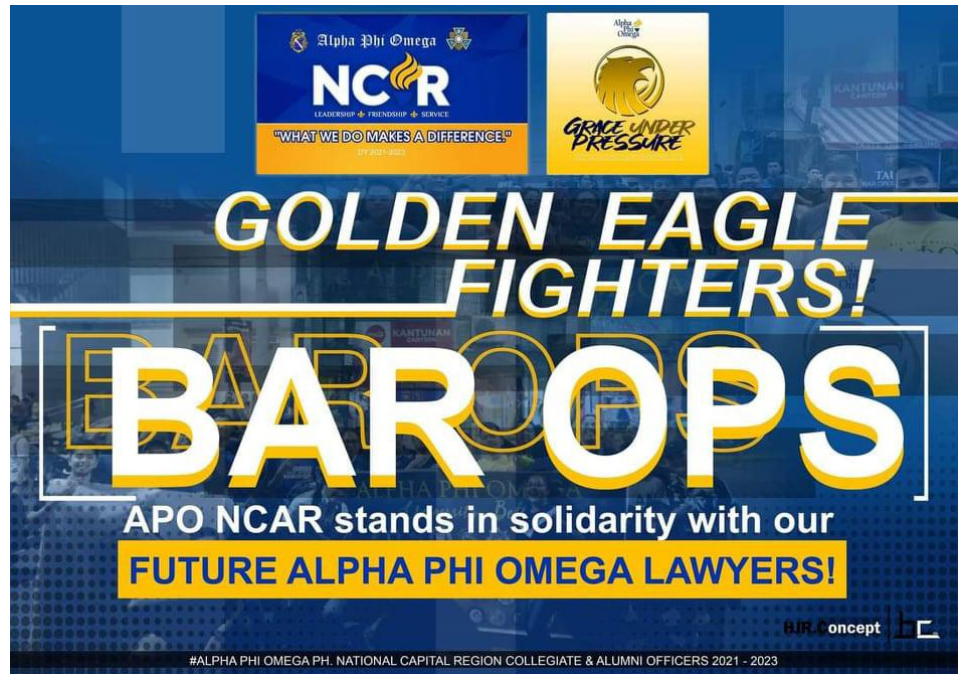
# APO NCAR SUPPORTS APO FUTURE LAWYERS

BY BRO WILLIAM M. AY-AY

AFTER A SERIES OF POSTPONEMENTS and a couple of suspensions, the 2020/2021 Bar Examination was finally held last February 4 & 6, 2022. Unlike the previous exams that were centralized and were only conducted in the University of Sto. Tomas, Manila, this year's Bar, dubbed the "best ever" because it is so far the largest in history with more than 11,000 registered examinees for the combined 2020 and 2021 batches, was held in 31 local testing centers around the country to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic and to undertake measures to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

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The Supreme Court of the Philippines through this year's Bar Committee Chairperson Associate Justice Marvic M.V.F. Leonen also mandated numerous restrictions. Examinees will have to undergo self-quarantine and should be tested negative from covid at least 72 hours before they will be allowed to take the examination.

Despite restrictions and limitations, the Alpha Phi Omega National Capital Region Collegiate Chapters stood in solidarity with our future lawyers. They organized Virtual Regional Bar Operations and encouraged different Chapters in the NCAR region to support more than sixty (60) APO lawyer hopefuls through their respective Chapter Bar Operations Chairman or designated officers who joined by sharing bar-related materials, helpful resources and last minute tips. Among the NCAR Law School Chapters who actively participated are Xi Xi Chapter (Philippine Law School), Xi Alpha Chapter (San Beda Alabang), Iota Psi Chapter (Arellano University School of Law), Manila Law College Petitioning Chapter, Centro Escolar University Petitioning Chapter as well as the brethren from Beta Chi Chapter, Eta, Gamma Pi, and Pi chapters.

To support the online Bar operations, Alpha Phi Omega NCAR Regional Director Bro Kevin Dy, allocated half of the regional share of ID renewal proceeds collected in January 2022 to provide cash

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assistance (for food and transportation) to our bar examinees. The committee chairman of the NCAR Bar Operations, RDC Bro William Ay-Ay, also received financial assistance for our bar takers from the APO Lawyers League through its President Bro Atty. Krisanto Karlo Nicolas and APO Philippines Asst. National Executive Secretary, Bro Atty. Fritz Sapon.

Surely, the sudden change of the Bar examinations set up from the usual handwritten test to digital, the abrupt change of the bar syllabus, the online reviews, the suspensions and the pandemic, have caused anxiety to our bar takers. The mental, physical and economic stress surely took a toll on them. Hence, the more that they need us, we cannot and should not stop.

We may not be able to physically cheer for them with colorful balloons, confetti, drum beats, beer, flags and some of the traditional salubong festivity on the streets but with the little financial assistance, prayers and mental support, we were able to provide them with the needed virtual comfort and warmth.

Most importantly, they were able to hurdle this year's Bar examination to continue their ultimate dream of becoming the best APO future lawyers that they could be for leadership, friendship and service.

Cheers and congratulations for finishing strong our Golden Eagle fighters.

**Despite the restrictions and limitations, the Alpha Phi Omega National Capital Region Collegiate Chapters stood in solidarity with out future lawyers.**

## **WE WILL BE TESTED, BUT WE WILL PREVAIL AS ONE**

ARME Response to the Victims of Typhoon Odette

BY SIS MARYAM L. PADAYAO

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### **AGAIN...**

Before the end of 2021, the Philippines was hit by another super typhoon. Typhoon Odette (or Typhoon Rai) made landfall in several places in Visayas and Mindanao on December 16, 2021. (see page 52)

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Although we as Muslims are prohibited to observe the Christmas season, we still cannot discount the season of love and sharing.

# Pamaskong Handog Alay sa Kabataan

BY SIS MONALIZA LIDASAN-ABDUL

**PAMASKONG HANDOG ALAY SA KABATAAN** is a yearly project of the Regional Director of APO BARMM since 2015 when she was still the APOKAA President together with partner organizations, JCI Cotabato, Taga Cotabato Ka Kung Inc., the Philippine National Police, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and several others. It is a commitment of love to share to our unfortunate kids during the season of giving.

The project was held at Kimpo Elementary School, RH 13, Cotabato City, last December 31, 2021 at 1:00pm. We made sure that before the year ends, we can touch the lives of these unfortunate kids.

The recipients were the pupils of the said school. They received a total of 100 packs of hygiene kits that include, toothbrush, toothpaste, mask, hand soap and towelette. The principal of the school, Ms. Aida S. Dimen, was delighted with all the blessings

that they received, more so, the parents of the pupils also cannot contain their happiness and shed tears.

The parents expressed their gratitude by telling us “may the Almighty bless your organization ten fold”. We all know that in these trying times of the pandemic, life is very hard and buying things for personal hygiene is quite hard. The packs given to these

kids are useful to prevent the transmission of Covid 19.

APOBARMM aims to continue this project every year and to reach out more to the less fortunate kids. Although we as Muslims are prohibited to observe the Christmas season, we still cannot discount the season of love and sharing. May the spirit of giving be with us all the time.







## 2,000 LUMAD FAMILIES IN BUKIDNON RECEIVED MEDIA NOCHE PACKAGE & GIFTS FROM APO LIPA AA 156

BY SIS MYLINE R. VALENCIA

**LUMAD IS A BISAYAN TERM** meaning “native” or “indigenous”. They were the non-Muslim indigenous people in Mindanao. The collective term is used to describe the about 13 ethnic groups of Mindanao, including the Blaan, Bukidnon, Higaonon, Mamanwa, Mandaya, Manobo, Mansaka, Sangir, Subanen, Tagabawa, Tagakaulo, Tasaday, and T’boli. They are slash-and-burn farmers who also fish, hunt, gather, and practice little trade. On December 28, 2021, we, the APO Lipa Alumni Association 156, headed by its President Bro Wilbert “Weng” Borres, started the series of Gift Giving and Feeding for the Lumads of Bukidnon so that they may have something to partake in welcoming 2022.

Together with the Philippine Army with two army trucks, we traversed mountains, hills, rivers and forested areas bringing gifts for the community in remote rural areas.

First stop was the remote barangay of Imbayao in Malaybalay City Bukidnon in the morning of December 28. We brought food packs, apples and large lechon for the residents. Upon arrival, Barangay Officials headed by Punong Barangay Jean T. Maputi and the residents welcomed us with smiles and excitement. One hundred households received spaghetti packages and large Del Monte Juice drinks. Distribution was held in their barangay covered court, surrounded with mountains and beautiful scenery. Almost 150 residents, mostly children, had their lechon rice for meals with apples. We, the soldiers, volunteers and the whole community ate lunch together.

Then we went down and traveled uphill again to our afternoon site at Barangay Capitan Angel, Malaybalay City. More





than 100 households received spaghetti packages and Del Monte Juice drinks. Around 150 children were enthusiastic and happy to have their lechon rice for meals with apples.

Alaska Milk products from Luzon also arrived in Bukidnon through partnerships with the Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Air Force, and Philippine Army. This cooperation with the military was crucial in transporting gift items from Luzon to Mindanao.

On December 29, media noche packages were distributed in the morning to 150 households of Barangay Can-Ayan in Malaybalay City. Residents gathered in the barangay covered court to receive ingredients for making spaghetti, Del Monte juice and Alaska Milk products.

The Philippine Army, who are very familiar with the area, recommended that we push forward to Sitio Mirayin Barangay Mandahican, a far-flung area in Cabanglasan, Bukidnon. We were teary-eyed, and emotional upon our arrival when the Lumad tribe leader welcomed us with a solemn prayer and a program of sorts. We also played games, danced, and handed out Alaska Milk products media noche meal packs to 150 families. Seeing the families smile and hearing the words, "Daghang salamat," were priceless rewards for this small gesture of compassion and service.

On December 30 we found ourselves in yet another obscure area called Purok 17, Barangay Casisang, Malaybalay City where we apportioned the gift items and Alaska Milk products to more than 100 children.

On January 2, 2022, the unwavering Bro Weng Borres, together with his family, and the rest of APO Lipa AA pressed forward even farther to Purok 1, Sitio Patpat, Alanib, Lantapan for our 6th community recipients of Alaska Milk products. Each family received 4 cans of Ube Macapuno Alaska Milk. Estimated one thousand individual beneficiaries. 300 more



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beneficiaries from Barangay Kibangay, Lantapan and another 300 families from Barangay Songco, Lantapan. Beneficiaries received Alaska Milk products on January 3.

We were assisted by the 403rd Infantry Brigade of Philippine Army, also known as the Peacemaker Brigade, on January 4 when we visited Sitio Calacapan, Barangay Canangaan, Cabanglasan. Around 450 families received cans of Alaska Milk and packs of Alaska powdered milk.

All in all around 2,000 Lumad families or around 6,000 individuals benefited in these Humanitarian Missions of APO Lipa AA 156 in Bukidnon, Mindanao.

This initiative would have not been possible without the help of the Philippine Air Force, Air Education, Training and Doctrine Command PAF Hangar, 403rd Infantry Brigade, 4th Infantry Division of Philippine Army, Coast Guard District Southern Tagalog, Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao, AFP Eastern Mindanao Command, Alaska Milk Corporation, Del Monte Philippines, Inc., Del Monte Foundation, Inc., El Grande Residencia Hotel and Resort, APO AA of Greater New York, APO Australia AA NSW Chapter 75, APO Dallas-Fort Worth Texas 131 AA, APO De Montreal AA, APO Gingoog Bay Community Association, APO Greater Los Angeles AA, APO Midwest 39th Alumni Chapter, APO Southern Ontario Canada 180th AA, APO Dhahran 14th AA, APO Eta Lambda Chapter, Bro Ruben A. Laygo, Bro Marc Barcelona, Bro Larry Receno, Mr. Adi Takacs, Sis Lilisa Santos, Bro Gen. Jorge Segovia, Bro Rener Salcedo, DOLE Sec. Bro Silvestre "Bebot" Bello III, Atty. Rufino Cantaros, CPA, Sis Analiza Titar Moralde and Sis Shielah Nocum Contreras and Borres Family.



# APO LIPA AA 156 LEADS OPERATION LIBRENG TULI

BY SIS MYLINE R. VALENCIA

Holding Hands.  
Watching YouTube on his cellphone.  
Biting clothes.  
Twin brothers getting ready.  
Crying, laughing and most seem relaxed...

These are some scenes during the Operation Libreng Tuli and Medicines at Inosloban-Marawoy Elementary School in Lipa City, Batangas held on December 11, 2021 in celebration of Alpha Phi Omega 96th International Founding Anniversary.

Around 300 children ranging from 10 years old and above benefitted from the free circumcision led by APO Lipa AA 156 with its main partner APO Alpha Chapter AA.

This free circumcision is a yearly endeavor of APO Lipa AA 156 under the leadership of President Brother Wilbert "Weng" Borres.



Children with their parents and guardians arrived at the covered court of the school as early as 6 in the morning. The registration started at seven in the morning where the young boys will be about to face manhood.

Before starting the operation, APO Brothers and Sisters asked for guidance and blessings from our Lord, especially that we are still in a pandemic stage. The safety of everyone is our first concern.

Everyone is required to sign a consent waiver, wear a facemask, observe social distancing and always follow other safety protocols. Parents or guardians are not allowed inside the operation rooms.



Community Association, APO Greater Los Angeles AA, APO Midwest 39th Alumni Chapter, APO Pasigueño AA, APO Southern Ontario Canada 180th AA, APO Theta Sigma AA, APO Dhahran 14th AA, APO Kappa Beta Chapter, Bro Ruben A. Laygo, Lipa Board Member Bro Bibong Mendoza, Bro Col. Mathew Modine, Bro Marc Barcelona, Bro Larry Receno, Mr. Adi Takacs, NCAR RD Bro Kevin Dy, Sis Lilisa Santos, Bro Joel Katigbak, Bro Abdain Barabandan, Bro Jonnee Magno, school staff and teachers and barangay officials and volunteers.

As part of growing up and the dictates of Christian faith, young boys must undergo the practice or custom called "circumcision" as their trademark to manhood.

Apart from the operation, the importance of circumcision was realized by the young boys as well as the proper hygiene after the circumcision.

Free medication was also provided to them after the operation.

Children underwent circumcision via laser operation and some via conventional surgery. Laser operation was associated with a shorter operative time, less wound irritation and better cosmetic appearance compared with standard surgical techniques for circumcision.



Partners and volunteers for this Operation Librang Tuli are Lipa City LGU, Inosloban-Marawoy Elementary School, El Grande Residencia Hotel and Resort, Philippine Coast Guard District Southern Tagalog, APO Alpha Chapter AA, APO AA of Greater New York, APO Alpha Phi Chapter, APO Australia AA NSW, APO Dallas-Fort Worth Texas 131 AA, APO De Montreal AA, APO Delta Kappa Chapter, APO Gingoog Bay



We Will Be Tested, But We Will Prevail As One continuation...

**ALPHA PHI OMEGA PHILIPPINES INCORPORATED**  
**Administrative Region of Middle East**

**An ARME donation drive for the Typhoon Odette Relief Operations of APO Philippines**

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and celebrations. This emergency call for help was a challenge as most of the resources had already been spent/reserved.

The Administrative Region of the Middle East was faced with raising funds from zero, and had to be done fast!

**WE, AS ONE.**

With pure intentions and by working together, we can achieve great things! We have proven this many times in the past and this time was no different. In just a couple of weeks after the call for help, here are accumulated funds raised by ARME:

**THEM.**

Super typhoon Odette brought torrential rains, violent winds, landslides, and storm surges that left devastation in its trail. The dawn after Typhoon Odette also dawned the reality of the enormous devastation that it left.

A lot of brothers and sisters and their families were deeply affected and needed assistance with basic supplies - food, water, and clothing. Not to mention temporary shelters as homes were damaged, if not, totally lost.

Prior to this, many of our brothers and sisters have already been struggling with livelihood strains due to the pandemic. Typhoon Odette has pushed them to the edge. There was no doubt that help was immediately needed.

**US.**

Echoing the pleas received from the regional heads of the places affected, our National President, Sis Norma Singson-De Leon, immediately asked for assistance from all chapters and alumni associations all over the world. The call for help was for Southern Leyte, initially known to be the hardest hit. Eventually, as damages were revealed and desperation surfaced, it was clear that a number of places needed help too.

The Middle East Regional Director also prompted all members and AA Presidents in the region to raise whatever funds we possibly can.

When Typhoon Odette hit, most of the Alumni Associations were in the midst of the APO anniversary preparations; regular service projects,

**TYPHOON ODETTE ARME DONATION DRIVE**

1. APO Bahrain	8,000.00
2. APO Riyadh	50,410.30
3. APO Dhahran	23,933.92
4. APO Western Region-KSA	15,150.00
5. APO Qatar 97	58,717.00
6. APO Oman	8,100.00
7. APO Kuwait	62,031.00
8. APO Emarat	37,815.00
9. APO Jeddah AA	13,602.00
10. APO Jubail AA	18,725.00
11. APO UAE	38,000.00
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With the short notice and with challenges in our midst, it is amazing how our unity and commitment to serve manifests to incredible results. With these funds, we were not only able to extend help to our affected brothers, sisters, and their families but to their communities, too.

Again and again.

Again and again, we will be tested. Many times over, we will prevail as one.



**With pure intentions and by working together, we can achieve great things!**

# EVAR Holds Regional Induction and Installation Ceremony

BY SIS CAMILLE D. ENCARNACION

**TACLOBAN- ALPHA PHI OMEGA – EVAR** conducts an induction ceremony for regional officers and alumni installation for the development year 2021-2023 last December 3, 2021, at the Avenue Hotel, Tacloban.

The double event welcomed esteemed guests from the National Office led by Sis Atty. Norma Singson-de Leon, National President, initiated the oath-taking ceremony of EVAR's regional officers and officers of the newly installed chapter-based alumni associations- Delta Phi Alumni Association and Mu Gamma Alumni Association.

The delegation received a warm welcome from important event personalities including Sis Gina Liza Jimenez, Regional Director for Alumni, Bro Earl Agner, Regional Director for Collegiate, and

Alumni Chapter presidents Bro Lyndon Aurelia and Bro Bryan Macaso from the aforementioned Alumni Associations.

Emphasizing last year's 96th international anniversary theme, the national president addresses the crowd with the challenge to become catalysts for the realization of APO's goals and vision, "in the same way APO Philippines has never had its first woman national president and soon enough I am here before you, I challenge everyone here to uphold the promise to continue breaking barriers, building bridges, and uplift lives. That is my challenge.", Sis Atty. Singson-de Leon says in her Presidential speech.

Meanwhile, the event ended with a celebration following standard health protocols.

**Alpha Phi Omega**  
PHILIPPINES, INCORPORATED  
**EASTERN VISAYAS ADMINISTRATIVE REGION**  
DY 2021- 2023



# APO EVAR Bringing Safe Water For All One Bucket at a Time

BY SIS JANE OCAMPO IBAY

**THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER** cannot be overstated enough. We use water for drinking and maintaining our body functions, for washing, cleaning, cooking, and growing food. Ironically, when a typhoon strikes, this most precious resource becomes even more scarce, especially in remote areas. When typhoon Odette struck the Visayas and northern Mindanao, it left in its wake hundreds dead, missing or injured with thousands and thousands more rendered homeless. Millions were affected due to limited access to basic necessities such as power, water and communications.

True to our nature, Alpha Phi Omega swiftly responded by bringing food packs, hygiene kits and basic household goods such as pots, pans and tabo so that families can start rebuilding their lives sooner. In most cases, our relief volunteers were one of the firsts, if not the first to arrive with aid to severely affected families in far-flung areas. Our brothers and sisters risked life and limb and travelled for hours – even days – over damaged roads and bridges so they could bring truckloads of bottled clean water to the stricken communities.



The APO EVAR Service Committee conducted training and live demonstration on the proper installation, use, maintenance and backwashing of the filter system before the turn over.



Alas, while the APO relief package assuaged hunger and quenched thirst, these efforts cannot provide the impacted communities with clean water continuously, especially as it would take months before the water supply would be back to normal. The lack of potable water inadvertently caused an increase in the cases of waterborne and foodborne illnesses, influenza-like illnesses, leptospirosis, and dengue (W.I.L.D.) diseases. Thus it is important to have access to water, sanitation, hygiene or WASH facilities and to maintain sanitation inside the evacuation centers.

Hence APO EVAR launched Project Water By The Bucket. It aims to prevent and control water-borne disease in communities affected by Typhoon Odette in Southern Leyte by providing access to clean, safe water through distribution of cost-efficient portable water filter systems.

In partnership with APO Theta Zeta AA, APO La Salle AA, APO Bahrain AA and Waves for Water Philippines, APO EVAR would distribute 30 units of bucket-type systems. This initial contribution is estimated to provide 3000 people from the towns of Pintuyan, St. Bernard and Limasawa Island in Southern Leyte. With clean water every day for the next 5 years. Depending on available resources, we hope to bring the system to other communities as well.

*AAs and chapters interested to bring this safe water initiative to their respective areas may coordinate with the author.*





# Ever in Service: EVAR Heads Relief Operations to Odette-hit Communities

BY SIS CAMILLE D. ENCARNACION

**ON THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 15, 2021,** super typhoon Odette made a landfall in the southeastern part of the Philippines. With a maximum wind speed of 195 kilometers per hour and heavy rainfall, its nine-time landfall has replaced the holiday excitement with dread and destruction. An unwelcome visitor to what should have been a time for cheer and joyous Yule preparation.

Odette's devastation has been widely documented, reaching far and wide as Palawan in the Luzon, and has also badly hit provinces in Mindanao and Visayas including Surigao del Norte, Cebu, and Southern Leyte. The extent of economic loss has pegged billions worth of damage, with the agricultural sector alone reporting 8 billion Pesos worth of damages. While past experiences have allowed

projected landfall areas to brace for a category 5 typhoon like Odette, the conditions made after the typhoon had not made it any easier for affected communities to thrive in the initial days following its landfall.

Despite preparation, locals have found themselves in a desperate search of food, water, and basic survival necessities. Those who had remaining parts of their houses were lucky to have a shelter for the days to come, while some were not very fortunate to have a recognizable feature of what used to be their home.

Painting a scenario of the realities the locals had to endure in the wake of typhoon Odette is a necessary primer to the stories of Bayanihan, recovery, and service to our fellowmen that rose above loss and tragedy.



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The story of Odette’s destruction will go down in history as a story of loss and pain but will also be remembered as a story of hope, service, and courage to begin once more.

**Keeping the Fire of Service Ablaze:  
APO – EVAR in Action**

Among the many volunteer and service organizations in the region, it goes to say that understanding narratives of both loss and hope occurs naturally to the brothers and sisters of Alpha Phi Omega – EVAR. Situated in one of the highly-indexed hazard-prone regions in the Philippines, its locals cope with disasters with an almost bitter-sweet familiarity. Typhoon Odette, thus, is no exception.

Calls for service initiatives and partnerships with alumni, collegiate, and foreign based BOUs have set the motion for relief operations that were conducted in the succeeding days after Odette’s landfall. The administrative region was able to amass cash donations that were allocated to food and relief packs distribution to affected communities. For instance, total count of donations amount to Php 630, 611.110 as of January 30, 2022 with a total number of 2,344 relief packs distributed to areas Bontoc, Hinundayan, Liloan, Malitbog, Maasin, Pintuyan, San Juan, San Ricardo, and Sogod.

Moreover, BOU assessments were conducted by the administrative region to ensure no brother or sister will be left behind. Over 200 APO members were able to receive relief packs and cash assistance along with the 2,454 locals who have received in-kind support while recovery is in process. Through road obstructions and debris that hindered

previously traversable passage, APO-EVAR delivers our program of service where it is called.

Teams mobilized by BOUs or volunteer brothers and sisters continue to extend help, seeking areas and communities that could benefit from the humble assistance amassed through collaboration and Bayanihan.



As people of Eastern Visayas, we have experienced and learned so much to understand romanticizing Filipino resiliency can only tell us half of the work and effort that goes into rebuilding people’s lives. It simply does not end there.

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# APO LANDMARK GETS JAZZED UP BACK-TO-BACK WITH PRE-CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

BY SIS MA. JEAZRIELLE M. FERNANDEZ

**THE BEAUTIFICATION AND CLEANLINESS** of APO Parks and landmarks have always been one of the priority projects of the organization as it represents the whole APO community. On December 13, 2021, there were two activities included in the approved schedule of events as part of the week-long celebration of the 96th International Founding Anniversary of Alpha Phi Omega.

Petitioning Chapters 116 Colegio de Dagupan and 131 PIMSAT Colleges led the Beautification and Restoration of the APO landmark located at Brgy. Tiblong San Fabian, Pangasinan, simultaneously preparing for the service intended for the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) at BJMP Dagupan City on the same day. Multitasking at its finest, making every second count as time is of the essence. The preparation was exhausting from planning, coordinating, and throughout the purchase of the items, the pressure was everywhere. But at the end of it all, the fulfillment is overrated.

The Share and Care for PDL service project aims to donate grocery items and essentials for the Persons Deprived of Liberty in the BJMP Dagupan City. Jail Warden with the BJMP Personnel received the items of essential goods and facemask. As a matter of policy and compliance with the IATF protocols, the management opted to distribute the grocery items on their own duly documented and posted on their official Facebook page for transparency. This simple act of kindness of sharing radiates positivity and hope amidst unfortunate circumstances.

The persons deprived of liberty are still worthy of the outside world's compassion and love. Through activities that promote caring and sharing, we create harmony among communities and sectors of society.



# STRENGTHENING APO SORORITY IN PANGASINAN

BY SIS MA. JEAZRIELLE M. FERNANDEZ

**DECEMBER 14, 2021**, is a memorable day for the Sorority of Alpha Gamma for hosting its first-ever Sorority Night with the theme: "Intensifying the ability of the Sorority in Leadership, Friendship, and Service," along with the celebration of its 51st Anniversary.

Over the years, Alpha Gamma Sorority made several attempts to organize an event exclusively for sorority members but, it is only this year that the plan materialized. The event was a delightful occasion attended by the sorority of Pangasinan and La Union and highlighted the re-organization of the Sorority of Pangasinan as a new set of officers were elected.

For being chosen and elected as president, Sister Rowena Tandoc of Alpha Gamma will represent the organization as APO-Pangasinan Ladies Unified in Service (APO-PLUS) which, aims to unify the sorority in Pangasinan and intensify abilities of leadership, friendship, and service.



The night was full of fun and laughter with all the activities such as parlor games, singing, dancing, complimentary items, and freebies. No words can explain the mixed emotions of the sorority members as all were nostalgic with the vibe and atmosphere over the venue, such warmth and closeness defying "seniority" status is an overrated expression of a bond. What made the night extra special was the crowning of the Sorority Queen with a twist, and the award goes to Sis Edith of La Union.

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# GIVING HOPE AMIDST PANDEMIC: AEBELING TRIBE FAMILIES AND 90 UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM ALPHA PHI OMEGA'S GIFT-GIVING PROJECT

BY SIS MA. JEAZRIELLE M. FERNANDEZ

**THE WORLD CONCEALS** a horrendous perplexing crisis – the COVID 19 pandemic, which made lives more pressing to survive on a day-to-day basis, especially to those residing in remote areas – those off the beaten track; economically disadvantaged communities.

In the spirit of giving hope to those affected by this pandemic, last December 11, 2021, simultaneous gift-giving missions took place as part of the synchronized week-long celebration of the 96th International Founding Anniversary of Alpha Phi Omega in the various sections of the Ilocos Region.

For Section 4-Pangasinan, through the initiative of the Alpha Gamma Chapter and its Alumni Association together with the various AAs and Petitioning

Chapters, spearheaded the gift-giving mission in Camiling Tarlac, with the assistance of PNP Camiling and the Barangay Officials of Barangay San Clemente, Camiling, Tarlac, hundreds of grocery items, slippers, toys, and clothes were distributed to the people belonging to the Abeling Tribe.

In addition to the goodies distributed, the children enjoyed an ice cream treat sponsored by APO brothers and sisters. The waves of laughter of these children created a collage of memories worth remembering, bringing hope and inspiration that diversity cannot hinder kindness and compassion.

Simultaneously, Alpha Phi Omega Beta Lambda Chapter with Global Churches of Jesus Christ also conducted a similar



activity at Barangays Pila and Vira of Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. A total of 90 underprivileged children received school supplies and other essentials as a pre-Christmas gift.

The service aimed to remind the children of the true essence of Christmas, about gratitude and spreading love. To make a difference, one must go further, take risks, and conquer all obstacles to understand the meaning of commitment.

As the activity concluded, brothers and sisters came up with realizations that APO indeed breaks barriers, builds bridges, and uplifts the lives of others.



# Exemplifying Greatness Towards the Road to One Hundred Years

BY SIS MA. JEAZRIELLE M. FERNANDEZ

**THE CELEBRATION OF A** birthday, anniversary, or any other special occasion is something that most people cannot contain. In a country such as the Philippines whose values and traditions are centered towards family, being together in a feast or salo-salo is a common way to celebrate a special moment. Moreover, even organizations throw huge commemoration activities for their founding anniversary, ensuring that preparations are right on track and the target outcome is in place.

Alpha Phi Omega is four years ahead of its centenary. This year, with the theme Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges, Uplifting Lives, a series of service projects highlighted the organization's role to the community and nation. In Ilocos Region Section 4-Pangasinan, a week-long schedule of activities was laid down and carefully planned to sustain Alpha Phi Omega's reputation as a leading service-oriented organization simultaneous with the services spearheaded by the rest of the provinces in the region.

As a kick-off activity, a joint service project was conducted on December 10, 2021, targeting the 137 pupils of Nanbacuran Elementary School in Urdaneta City. Children-beneficiaries received various school supplies at the feeding program



sponsored by CIDG-Urdaneta, Alpha Gamma, APO-PC116, APO-PC#131, APO-Bayanihan AA#366, and APO-FIRENZE #264.

The said activity aimed to provide school supplies essential to the children's education as some parents are burdened in providing their children's needs for online classes. This service is timely, relevant, and necessary as it helped defray the family's expenses due to unemployment caused by this pandemic.



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Nothing in the world can equate the smiles of the children as it is the most genuine gesture of acceptance, satisfaction, and joy.

In the acceptance speech of the Head Teacher, Dr. Ferfel Rose Ann D. Lim, she summed up the intention and purpose of the activity. “Kami po ay lubos na nagpapasalamat sa Alpha Phi Omega Philippines Inc. at sa lahat po ng nandirito sa tulong na inyong ibinigay sa aming mga mag-aaral, nawa’y marami pa po kayong matulungan. Kayong mga magulang, maraming may mabubuting kaluoban tulad ng APO kaya sikapin niyong gabayan ang inyong mga anak, dahil ang edukasyon ay susi ng kanilang magandang kinabukasan.”

Nothing in the world can equate the smiles of the children as it is the most genuine gesture of acceptance, satisfaction, and joy. As serenity filled the social hall of the school, parents expressed their utmost gratitude to Alpha Phi Omega, sending a message of hope amidst these challenging times. Conversely, brothers and sisters shared the same emotion, all efforts paid off, and compassion triumphed over adversities.



# TRASH FREE COASTLINES: APO HELP KEEP OUR BEACH CLEAN

BY SIS MA. JEAZRIELLE M. FERNANDEZ



ALPHA PHI OMEGA PHILIPPINES INC. has been among the most active organizations in preserving the coastal areas in our country. This is due in part to the fact, that APO sustains its commitment of service in the preservation and protection of the environment, marine life, and coastline. The organization aims to promote the measures of the government and non-government entities in the conservation of the natural resources explicitly among the bodies of water within the Philippine territory.

Beyond the annual synchronized observance of clean-up drives along with coastal areas, Ilocos Administrative Region opted to include a clean-up drive to the coastlines of Lingayen, Pangasinan, and San Fernando City, La Union held last December 11 and 12, 2021, respectively, as part of the activities slated in celebration of the 96th International Founding Anniversary.



APO La Union Alumni Association spearheaded the activity within the coastlines of Brgy. Pagudpud, San Fernando City, Province of La Union, while APO Pangasinan AA led the same endeavor along the seashores of Lingayen Gulf, Pangasinan. The clean-up activity turned reunion became an instant fellowship for APO brothers and sisters as it became an avenue for coping and making amends for the lost time. Not even the heat of the sun and the vast waste surrounding the area cannot stop the overwhelming joy of togetherness in service.

The waste materials were collected by the Local Government Unit's Waste Management Department. Another fulfilling ministrations of Alpha Phi Omega Philippines, keeping our coastlines from being polluted. Although the garbage along the shorelines indicates that the clean-up effort isn't trickling down to communities and beachgoers, it means that if people disregard the effect of their actions, a shift in the climate system surely awaits the world, and nobody is indispensable. Intensifying service projects aligned with the preservation of the environment anchored with the Sustainable Development Goals may change the worsening effects of climate change.







# Central Luzon Administrative Region Oath Taking and Induction

BY SIS JACKIKO MASCAREÑAS

**NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS** of the Central Luzon Administrative Region for the development year 2021-2023 officially took their oath last November 21, 2021, held at Little Jose Events Place by Villa Lorenzo Resort in Pulilan, Bulacan.

The event started with a prayer and an early dinner followed by the program proper. Regional Director Bro Jerry Villanueva warmly welcomed the guests and inductees. He acknowledged the achievements of the past directorate led by immediate past Regional Director Rommel Santiago and thanked them for their dedication. He also introduced our guest speaker.

Sis Atty. Norma Singson-De Leon, National President of Alpha Phi Omega Philippines, was the guest speaker in the event who discussed her plans for the developmental year and explained our theme "Breaking barriers, Building bridges, Uplifting lives". During her speech, she also made use of the opportunity to promote the APO Building project and how we, as members, can help with the fulfillment of that longtime dream to have a home. She appointed Bro Gil Dindo Berino, the newly elected Deputy Director of CLAR, as a member of the APO Building Committee will help with fundraising for the said project. Bro Dindo accepted the role and immediately contributed an amount of Php 50,000.00 cash on behalf of the region.

Xi Alumni Association also donated Php 20,000.00 through our Regional Adviser Sis Mel Alejo.

Bro Edgar Llarena, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees delivered some words of wisdom and gave an inspirational message to the new set of regional officers.

The inducting officers were Sis Norma Singson-De de Leon, Bro Edgar Llarena, and Trustee for Fraternity Christian Santiago. National Executive Director Evelyn Cañete-Evangelio administered the induction proper. The new inductees took an oath to faithfully assume the responsibilities, uphold the By-Laws, and exemplify the Scout Oath and Law.

I was tasked to host the event, and to add a fun element, we had a simple game where I asked ten APO-related trivia questions and whoever gave the correct answer got an APO item and souvenirs as prizes. After the game, Deputy Regional Director Gil Dindo Berino delivered his closing remarks, and the program officially ended with the singing of the APO Toast Song.

The health and safety of the attendees were considered during the event. Proper wearing of masks, temperature screenings and socially distanced seating were among the safety measures implemented at the CLAR induction and oath-taking program.

# CLAR CELEBRATES 96TH ANNIVERSARY THROUGH SIMULTANEOUS SERVICE IN BALER

BY SIS JACKIKO MASCAREÑAS



**BALER IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE** places to go for vacation. However, this time, I went back for a different purpose - to participate in CLAR's anniversary service headed by our Regional Director Bro Jerry Villanueva and Deputy Regional Director Gil Dindo Berino. It was scheduled on Dec 18, 2021. The simultaneous service includes Collegiate Talk and Camplify, Coastal Cleanup, Medical and Optical Mission, Brigada Eskwela at Pagbasa, and Gift Giving.

Regional officers and representatives from all seven provinces in Central Luzon come together to participate in different services lined up to commemorate the 96th anniversary of our organization. Sis Donna Mejia and Brod Aldrin Galang led the planning of the activities. It was coordinated with the Section Chair of the host province, Brod Marco Guerrero. Baler has its own restrictions and travel policies that we have to adhere to. As early as December 1, we were advised to provide the details of all the volunteers via google form. The data was then submitted to the local government of Baler.

I joined the delegates from Section 3, the province of Bulacan. We left Pulilan on Friday morning

(December 17, 2021) and arrived at Aurora Provincial Control point around 3:00 in the afternoon. We presented our travel documents, and we were given a form that we must submit to MDRRMO.

When we arrived at Villa Guerrero in Brgy. Buhangin, we were welcomed by our host Brod Marco and brothers and sisters from Mu Rho, Mount Carmel College (PC 094), APO Baler AA and APO MarAu AA. I immediately felt their warm hospitality. They also offered us food, snacks, and drinks. I just met them for the first time, but I feel very at home around them.

Around dinner time, the delegates from other sections/provinces also arrived. We kicked off the activities with Collegiate Talk led by Joselito Atlas Lopez, CLAR Regional Director for Collegiate. We gathered the collegiate members, and we set

up a bonfire. Section 3 Collegiate Chairman Erika Verayo and I (as COME member) helped facilitate the discussion. They actively participated and we learned about their challenges such as recruitment, school recognition, rover and other requirements for ID application. We were able to come up with possible solutions to their concerns.

Other participants from different sections are expected to arrive, but the checkpoint will not allow access after 10:00 p.m. They'll have to wait until 5:00 a.m. to get in.

We soon called it a night, and our group chose to spend the night near Sabang beach at Brod Jayson's kubo in preparation for an early morning coastal cleanup. Unfortunately, it began to rain heavily at 2:00 am and stopped just in time for daybreak.





and exchanged ideas and suggestions. "This is our simple way of giving back to the community. We plan to do this on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis, so stay tuned for more services in the coming months.", RD Jerry stated.

Although we were faced with obstacles along the way, I will still look back on this experience with a smile. Being able to spend a productive weekend with wonderful people from all walks of life. It dawned on me, too, the importance of passion and teamwork in situations that are less than ideal. It was challenging, but at the end of the day, very fulfilling. After all, service is a commitment, not a responsibility.

I was bursting with enthusiasm when I woke up. I was quite ecstatic. I went to the beach only to discover that due to the high tide, it was impossible to perform a cleanup drive.

We went back to Villa Guerrero for breakfast and briefing with all the participants. After a short prayer, we went to our respective destinations. We have 2 separate venues for the activities. I was tasked to join the team of Brigada Pagbasa/Gift Giving in R. Zubia Elementary School. The second group went to Sitio Clemente to assist with the optical and medical mission.

The Xi Alumni Association collaborates with DRS Save Eye Care Center optometrists to provide optical services to people of Sitio Cemento, Brgy. Zabali, Baler. A total of 148 patients have taken advantage of the free optical checkup and consultation. 24 people are scheduled for cataract surgery and pterygium removal. If they have Philhealth, the operation will be free of charge. Their transportation to DRS Cabanatuan will be arranged in conjunction with the barangay captain. Patients were also given free reading glasses as part of the optical mission. Medical treatment and operation tuli were provided by the Delta Kappa chapter medical team.

It started raining again on our trip to R.Zubia Elementary School. We were a little stranded. The children and their parents are already waiting in the venue. The mobile signal is likewise sporadic. There was a power outage in the area when we finally arrived. Through one of the teachers, Sis Nikki Ann Bihasa, the school provided us with UPS.

Sis Donna and I were finally able to proceed with the program. We had a short game after a prayer and song, and Sis Donna continued with storytelling and an introduction to Scouting. We also distributed school supplies and food packages to the children and their parents, along with the rest of the volunteers.

We returned to Villa Guerrero shortly after for a post-service evaluation. We talked about our key takeaways



**Service is a commitment, not a responsibility.**

# APO EPSILON KAPPA AA TEAMS UP WITH SRB FOR CLEANUP DRIVE, FEEDING PROGRAM, AND TREE PLANTING

BY SIS JACKIKO MASCAREÑAS

**ALPHA PHI OMEGA-** Epsilon Kappa Alumni Association, led by AA President Henry Macasaet, conducted a feeding program, cleanup drive and tree planting activity in Pulilan-Apalit Bypass Road last December 12, 2021 at 6:00am.

The said activities are being carried out in collaboration with SRB Apalit, who has generously donated their time to participate in this event. 300 hills of narra trees were planted and over a hundred breakfast sets were served.

We arrived about 6:00am, and there were a lot of bikers in the vicinity. There are also joggers, as well as families, and groups of friends. We came across a few makeshift establishments offering drinks, coffee, and snacks on the sidewalks.

After a quick briefing, we were divided into 3 teams- the cleanup team, tree planting, and those who will prepare the food for the feeding. I joined the team who will pick up the garbage and start picking up all the waste I can find.

Pedestrians, cyclists, and joggers- While we're doing our jobs, they're keeping an eye on us. I'm not sure if they're amused, ashamed, or simply surprised to see individuals picking up other people's trash. Some even asked why we were doing it. "Because we care," I simply said.



We gathered a diverse range of trash. Disposable plastic and paper cups, cigarette butts, empty mineral water bottles, and candy and biscuit wrappers are the most common items found. I was surprised and disappointed with the amount of garbage we collected. I wonder how many coffee cups are thrown here every day.

This is an unfortunate reality that can be avoided. It's important to remember that just because something is thrown away doesn't mean it's gone forever. It usually ends up in a place that is harmful to the environment. We can help save the environment from contamination and pollution by recycling. We may also use more environmentally friendly and reusable products. At the end of the day, we all have a responsibility to keep our environment clean and litter-free.



# Operation Tabang: Bagyong Odette

BY SIS MONALIZA LIDASAN-ABDUL

**TYPHOON RAI OR BAGYONG ODETTE** came into our lives while we were celebrating our Dec. 16, 2021, 93rd anniversary. The strength and power of bagyong odette was unexpected. It claimed many properties and even lives of our countrymen, families, businessmen, farmers, fishermen and especially those who have less in life were greatly affected by this calamity.

The damage of Bagyong Odette was among the 3rd costliest in Philippine history and severely affected mostly from Northern Visayas and some parts in Mindanao.

With this unfortunate event, APO BARMM reactivated the Operation Tabang: Bagyong Odette as some parts of the sections were also affected.

Section I-Lanao del Sur in Ditsa remain, lds, BARMM suffered destruction of crops and properties. same with Section II-Pagalungan, Maguindanao, BARMM. The less fortunate residents pleaded for immediate help and to somehow lessen their burdens.

APO BARMM immediately responded to the call by coordinating with the different instrumentalities to augment some needed materials. On Dec 27, 2021, our brothers and sisters from Lanao del sur, shared 100 packs of goods and used clothings to our kababayan. And on December 31, 2021, 7:00am we traveled, 2hours from our city to Pagalungan Municipality to give 500 different packed items that includes kitchen utensils courtesy of alagang dos headed by Sis Cheryl Mary Rose ann L. Sinsuat and MSSD-BARMM, hygiene kits, food packs, slippers mats and malongs.

Recipients were mixed ages, but somehow we gave priorities to the Senior Citizens, pregnant and children. The Vice-mayor of Pagalungan, Maguindanao, happens to be our brother in APO, Bro Abdillah Mamasabulod, could not contain his happiness with our sense of support. At the onset. We manifest our support to Pagalungan municipality due to the reason that it was frequently flooded and the local officials are members of APO.

The activity was indeed a success as their were many people living the area with their hands full of packs and a smiling faces.



# Connected Despite Adversity, Serving in Unity

BY SIS MARIA LEONOR R. MAULION

**FRESH OFF FROM THE SUCCESS** of having its little sorority that could get recognition last January 17, 2021, Kappa Omega Chapter is at it again, this time, aiming for the recognition of its chapter-based alumni association.

Kappa Omega Chapter was officially founded in 1998 by Bro Dennis L. Balagbis (Delta Alpha, 1991), but the alumni association was only officially formed in January 2021. The chapter switched gears to focus on its bid for recognition, and within one year, has been able to render more than the minimum number of services required of a petitioning group.

It hasn't been an easy journey. But the challenges of organizing an alumni association in this time of pandemic has been met not just with mere attempts at compliance, but with the drive to thrive.

Most members of the chapter are abroad, or living in provinces or cities far away from the

school location. But through the efficient use of technology and task delegation, services and activities were planned and executed starting last year.

Two recent services are the gift-giving activity in Quezon in December 2021, and the outreach program in Batangas City just last January 2022.

The gift-giving activity for the residents of Sorok Uni Village in San Antonio, Quezon was an initiative of this writer's family. Sorok Uni Village is a community for people who have been cured of leprosy and have no more homes to go to. Mrs. Maria Corazon Maulion, this writer's mother, has a classmate (Ms. Miriam Quizon) in Mocha Farm School (in the Quezon province), who lives near the village and asked if she (Mrs. Maulion) can give toys for children there for Christmas. Mrs. Maulion agreed, being used to giving gifts during Christmas to family,



friends, and neighbors in their community in Concordia, Alitagtag, Batangas.

Kappa Omega Alumni Association-Petitioning collaborated with the Maulion family by adding Noche Buena food packs for the 15 families in the village. The petitioning alumni association also tapped the help of the nearest local chartered alumni association there, APO Tiaong Alumni Association (APO TALAS, Charter No. 227), headed by Sis Josapet Perion-Butingan (Zeta Xi, 1987).

This writer, Sis Donna Mae Cacula (Kappa Omega, 2005), and Sis Madielyn Yuzon (Kappa Omega, 2008) left at 7:30 am for Quezon on December 12, 2021 with Mrs. Maulion driving for about two hours. APO TALAS members were there to assist them, and the village residents cheerfully welcomed them.

The event was not just about gift-giving, Sis Donna Mae also prepared games for the kids who energetically participated in Stop Dance, Trip to Jerusalem, and Bring Me. Sorok Uni Village administrator, Ms. Marie Billones, said that there have been many outreach programs in their village but this one was the most memorable and enjoyable because of the engagement of the visitors with their residents.

Gifts for 70 children were given by calling each of their names. Then there was a second round of gifts: pre-loved stuffed toys of Mrs. Maulion's three daughters. In her speech that day, Mrs. Maulion encouraged the children to be inspired by these stuffed toys, which used to be owned by her daughters who are now professionals. That they should never stop reaching for their dreams, despite the challenges they face in life.



**Altruism is truly the best high.**





Sis Donna Mae, one of the organizers of the alumni association, recalls the ease of the coordination with APO TALAS. "Wala naman meeting with them as prep with what to expect and delegation ng tasks duon. It went well and nag-jive din tayo with them and our beneficiaries." This quote from Laila Gifty Akita comes to her mind every time there are services and activities for the organization, "Together, we can serve humanity with our unique passions, gifts and abilities".

Thus, in going home, fatigue didn't even have a chance to take over. Altruism is truly the best high.

About a month later, the petitioning alumni association also answered the call for donations for the victims of a fire that broke out in the Badjao community in Brgy. Wawa, Batangas City. It was a service that needed immediate response, and despite the lack of funds which were depleted from last year's anniversary service and activities, the petitioning alumni association, with the chapter fraternity and sorority, raised in a few hours enough money to purchase three boxes of sardines (100 cans each). This writer, with the acting Grand Chancellor Bro Rey Nelson Amparo (Kappa Omega, 2014) and acting Keeper of the Treasury Bro Mark Anthony Watson (Kappa Omega, 2013), brought the goods to the evacuation site, Wawa Elementary School on January 18, 2022, just hours after the fire.

Interviewing some of the rescued residents, the three Kappa Omegans found out that they were not able to save anything as the fire was very sudden. They weren't able to save their boats, and while they are being fed in the evacuation site, they are worried about their livelihood, and they are hoping they get assistance in finding new homes.

There was scarcity of water in the evacuation site. Bro Rey Nelson, who owns a water sourcing company based at the Batangas Pier, went back the next day with a truck filled with containers of water for the rescued residents to use





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for bathing, among other things. When asked why he chose to use his company's resources for this service, he said, "There is nothing more satisfying than helping others without expecting anything in return. Seeing the plight of the Badjaos in Wawa made my heart sink and an APO do (sic) not just sit and watch. All of us, we act, we do, we help, we make people happy, we put a smile on their faces, and we dry the tears in their eyes".

Despite having successful 41 services and activities in just a span of one year, the fight is far from over. The alumni association will be filing its petition with the national office by March 2022.

Sis Joan Paula Caritativo (Kappa Omega, 2000), is based in Singapore and currently the Section Chair there under the Administrative Region of Asia. As an organizer and as the secretary of the alumni association, she believes what Theodore Roosevelt said, that we should, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are".

Sis Joan Paula perfected remote organizing. Scheduling zoom meetings, blasting messages

on Facebook messenger, and sometimes even calling internationally just so that a service or activity can be successfully implemented. She hopes for the recognition to be granted so that the chapter can have a voice in future general assemblies where elections are held. There are bumps in the road to recognition, and Sis Joan Paula cites differences in opinions on what is best for the chapter, the physical distance of the members during this pandemic [with having only a few members on the ground during actual services and activities], and the restrictions by the government hampering the planning of services and activities as the main ones.

The petitioning alumni association overcomes challenges, and will overcome other challenges to come, with plain grit. There is nothing more motivating than wanting to make a difference. Kappa Omega Alumni Association-Petitioning fervently hopes to be able to spread its message across, that Alpha Phi Omega should be about fearless leadership, inclusive friendship, and selfless service.





# “Do a Good Turn Daily” Means Being Ready All The Time!

BY SIS SOL FEDERICO

**ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO-** As the saying goes, we will not go wrong with readiness.

Our fraternal organization is oriented on Scout Motto “Being Prepared” that has been translated in the Philippines context as “Always Prepared” or “Laging Handa!” We are also here to serve and in doing so, we may be in different capacities, in private or public service, individually or with others. Give these; it is fitting for us to have initiatives along this line.

Here in APO COAST MIMAROPA, we are fortunate to have Brother Larry Q. Gabayno. He serves as the head of the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro. Given this, he was appointed Chair of the Special Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management of the Region.

Hazards have been around. These are in the forms of dangerous phenomena, substance, human activities or conditions that may cause loss of lives, injuries or other health impacts, property damages, loss of livelihood and services, social and economic disruptions, or environmental damages. When these hazards impact lives and properties, they are referred to as disasters. We are familiar with natural hazards such as monsoons, typhoons, storm surges, droughts, sea level rise occurrences, floods, landslides, earthquakes, and tsunamis. Aside from these, we are also aware of human-induced hazards such as fire, vehicular accidents and sea mishaps.



In 1990, we were warned of adverse episodes of natural hazards as effects of our abuse of the environment and natural resources. The likelihood or risk of being affected by these hazards that turn into disasters has been high for areas that have not done any precautionary measures. Those areas lack disaster mitigation, disaster preparedness, disaster prevention, disaster risk reduction, disaster resilience, and disaster response undertakings. Hence, they have a higher frequency of disasters. In Roxas alone, eleven (11) barangays experienced water-related disasters. They posed vulnerability to landslides as well.

Where do we come in? Matching our Brother's presence in the MDRRMO, we have started to participate in Disaster Risk Reduction Management. The Gamma Lambda Alumni Association, APO-ROMAA and APO-Xi Psi Chapter created RESCUE 1925 and came up with an initial arrangement with LGU-Roxas, Oriental Mindoro. The MDRRM Office allocated seven hundred thousand pesos (PHP700,000.00) to cover the cost of training, rescue uniforms and personal accident insurance.



To be of service is good but we can be the best by being Always Ready to serve and with competence.



We are on our way to equip ourselves with the basic knowledge and skills on DRRM. To start with, we are familiarizing ourselves with the Standard Operating Procedures on Search, Rescue and Retrieval Operations. On 17 November 2021, we conducted the Basic Orientation on Rescue, Equipment, and Basic Exercises with members of Xi Psi Chapter as participants. They will undergo post evaluation through actual demonstrations or simulation exercise. Their respective strengths and weaknesses will be identified for future retooling until they meet the necessary level of competence. It is our goal to complement the MDRRMO of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro and eventually be fully organized to perform as a team. As a regional approach, we will replicate this modality in other Sections.

To be of service is good but we can be the best by being Always Ready to serve and with competence.

*(Source: Bro. Larry Q. Gabayno)*



# “ALAGANG KAPATID; ABOT KAMAY” ALAGANG ALPHA PHI OMEGA

BY SIS SOL FEDERICO

**IKA-17 NG DISYEMBERE 2021** ang araw na hinding-hindi malilimutan ng mga mamamayan ng Lalawigan ng Palawan lalong higit ng bayan ng Roxas at parteng Norte ng Palawan.

Alas dos ng hapon nang mag umpisa ang pagbabayo ng bagyong Odette sa bayan ng Roxas at sa mga kalapit munisipyo nito. Inakala ng mga tao na mahina o katamtamang lakas lamang na bagyo na hindi makakaapekto nang malaki sa buhay ng mamamayan sa nasabing munisipyo si Odette. Subalit, taliwas ang nangyari dahil sa pag-ikot ng bagyo hatid nito ay mala ipopong lakas ng hangin at may dalang sobrang daming buhos ng ulan.

Ang mahigit na limang oras na pagbayo at hampas ni Odette ay bumawi ng mga buhay. Dagdag dito ay nagdulot pa ng pinsala sa mga kabahayan at mga kabuhayang hindi alam kung maibabalik pa.

Sa hanay ng kapatiran ay halos lahat ng ating mga kapatid mula sa Xi Phi Chapter ng bayan Roxas, mga kalapit Munisipyo at bahaging Norte ng Puerto Princesa City ay naapektuhan. Ang iba ay nawalan ng tahanan at kabuhayan. Sa pagkakataong ito hindi nag-atubiling magbigay tulong ang ating mga kapatid mula sa iba't-ibang Chapters at Alumni Associations ng mga Rehiyon. Nagpaabot sila ng mga tulong sa ibat-ibang kaparaanan.

Isa sa pinakamalaking nakalikom na tulong ay ang Relief Operation Drive na pinangunahan nina Bro Nikki Elvis F. Aborot ng Xi Phi Chapter at Bro Ernan Q. Libao ng Theta Gamma Chapter. Sa pamamagitan ng GCash, nakalikom si Bro Nikki ng PHP 96,465.00 at si Bro Ernan naman ay mahigit PHP 145,000.00.

Sa mga nalikom na donasyon ay may 40 Brothers and Sisters ang naabutan ng tulong pinansiyal na ginamit nila sa pagbangan mula sa sakuna na dala ni Odette. Bukod dito ay nagkaroon din ng Relief Operation sa Barangay San Nicolas, Roxas, Palawan. Nasa 225 pamilya ang nakatanggap ng Gift Packs at Hygiene Kit na bawat isa ay naglalaman Kumot, Tuwalya, Sabon, Toothbrush at Toothpaste. Namahagi rin doon ng 40 pares ng tsinelas at 20 sets ng cooking materials na nagmula sa APO Quezon PC041.

Ang mga nakatanggap ng tulong ay nagpapasalamat sa liderato ng ating Kapatiran mula sa Nasyonal, Rehiyon at mga karatig na mga Chapters.

Muling pinatunayan natin na ang ating Kapatiran ay handa para sa bawat kapatid na nangangailangan- Alagang Kapatid; Abot Kamay—Alagang Alpha Phi Omega.

*(Source: Bro. Nikki Elvis F. Aborot, Xi Phi Chapter)*



# Saving Mother Nature, Not a Duty but an Obligation...

BY SIS SHEFRAIDA M. MORENO AND BRO JABAR P. TULA

**REGION XII** joined the Nationwide Synchronized Tree Planting (Grow a Tree) in coordination with National APO Office and the Environmental Committee conducted last November 21, 2021. APO Alumni Association of Kidapawan (APOAAK), APO Epsilon Tau Alumni Association (APOETAA), APO Arakan Valley Alumni Association (AVAA) Petitioning, APO Chefs of General Santos City, APO Eta Chi, APO Sultan Kudarat Alumni Association (APOSKAA), APO Polomolok Alumni Association (APO POLAAS) and APO Pikit Pagalungan Alumni Association (APO PAGASA) cooperated and joined the said activity. RD Esmael O. Moreno, emphasized the importance of the said activity by leading them to not just plant a tree but to grow one. It was not just purely planting, but educating and enlightening our brethren; by associating and relating the importance of the activity not just for that day but for the coming years. The said activity showed unity, the spirit of camaraderie and our love for Mother Nature. The activity also served as a break for our brothers who had been busy bees, to stop and enjoy the smell of fresh air.

RD Moreno said that The Relevance of Education nowadays connects with Environment's development and Planning towards Land development And Numerous Trending new Ideas that are being integrated and Navigated for the Growth of our country (TREE PLANTING)

Let us start now...plant a tree and surely, you'll save the world...



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## APO COAST MIMAROPA: A Timeline in December

BY SIS SOL FEDERICO

**DECEMBER IS A JOYOUS OCCASION** for the Alpha Phi Omega community around the world. We celebrate the Founding Day by services and festivities. The anniversary celebrations and preparations extend all through the first two weeks of the month up until December 16, the day of the anniversary – sometimes even after.

On 16 December 2021, we marked Alpha Phi Omega's 96th year of founding. How did APO COAST MIMAROPA observe the glory of our beloved organization? Let us turn a little around time and reminisce about the milestones of our humble region's December past.

In support of the National COVID-19 Vaccination Days carried out by the national government from November 30 to December 3, 2021, it was a humbling opportunity for APO COAST MIMAROPA to serve our fellow citizens. In Odiongan, Romblon, Iota Nu Chapter and APO Romblon Marble Alumni Association (APO ROMAA) distributed 250 surgical masks, 200 packs of snacks and 500 bottles of water at the town plaza. Traveling for about 157.9 km through the Strong Republic Nautical Highway from Odiongan, is the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro. Alpha Phi Omega members in Roxas also served the nation and the community at Oriental Mindoro Southern District Hospital during the mass vaccination period. Xi Psi Chapter, together with Xi Psi Petitioning Alumni Association (AA) and APO COAST MIMAROPA Rescue 1925, served breakfast for three (3) straight days and provided assistance to about 1100 townspeople.

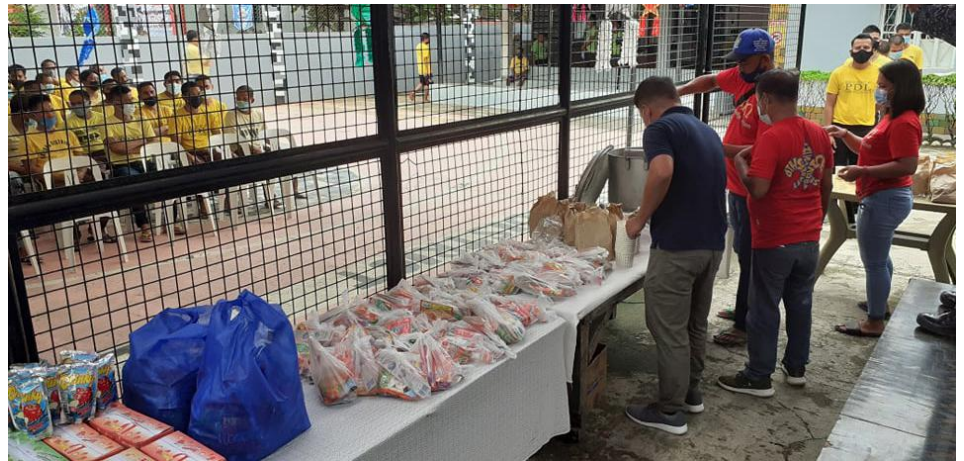
Cheryl A. Esplin, a church leader and a missionary, once said "Often children teach the rest of us that showing love and service doesn't have to be big and grandiose to be meaningful and make a difference." On 04 December 2021, APO Pinamalayan Association (AA) conducted two (2) clean-up drives in Brgy. Marfransisco, Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro. First, they took care of the area of the symbolic rainbow of Pinamalayan at the triangle place. It was followed by a service to the school by cleaning the front of Abada College. Such cheerful services to the community and school! You can feel the spirit of service in their photos!

On 7 December at the Roxas Gymnasium, Roxas Oriental Mindoro, the Philippine Statistics Authority had a registration for Philippine Identification System for issuance of National IDs. Xi Psi Chapter, APO Roxas Oriental Mindoro Alumni Association (APO ROMAA), and APO Gamma Lambda Alumni Association (AA) found resources to share Snacks to the registrants. This activity reminded us that with Alpha Phi Omega, we exist to serve.

The Province of Palawan (Section 4) carried out two activities on the 11th of December, a gift-giving and sharing of food. Through the initiative of APO City Hall Alumni Association, 71 households of the Indigenous Cultural Community located at Purok Pagbabago Iratag, Bgy. Irawan, Puerto Princesa City received gifts. They handed our basic items like water containers, pails with lid, grocery goods, and vitamins for kids. They also served bowls of healthy Arroz caldo! Simultaneously, APO Quezon Alumni Association in Quezon, Palawan shared food to 120 people in a public terminal in Poblacion Quezon by serving rice stew with pandesal.



On the 12th day of December, APO Bansud Alumni Association in Oriental Mindoro (Section 3) visited the inmates at Bansud District Jail. Their generosity through sharing of food and gift-giving humbled the lives of 90 souls. In Coron, Palawan, APO Coron Alumni Association also gave food to at least 100 people in Bancuang Baba, Bgy. 5, Coron, Palawan. Members of Theta Gamma Chapter focused on environment protection and The Balik-Eskwela program. They held a coastal clean-up activity at Sto. Niño, San Vicente, Palawan with the local youth group there. The Malipayon Child Care Development Center in San Vicente, Palawan was the recipient of work books, toys and puzzle mats for 60 kids.



The APO Calapan Alumni Association had their hands dirty on the 15th of December, dug planting holes to plant 100 tree seedlings in one of the tree planting sites in the Municipality of Calapan, In Puerto Princesa City, APO Salipawpao Alumni Association held a Mangrove Planting Activity in Sitio Barimbing, Brgy. San Manuel, Puerto Princesa City, in coordination with the Brgy. Council. They also donated 1000 poly bags to the nursery section of the mangrove protected area.

On anniversary day, merriments were held simultaneously in all five provinces of APO COAST MIMAROPA – Mindoro Occidental, Mindoro Oriental, Marinduque, Romblon, and Palawan. APO Roxas Palawan took some service time and distributed hygiene kits containing surgical facemasks and alcohol spray bottles in numerous barangays in Poblacion Roxas, Palawan. Iota Nu Chapter and APO ROMAA in Odiongan, Romblon held a series of activities, namely: Libreng Lugaw Para Sa Bayan, Free Trike Rides for the townsfolk, and visitation of brothers and sisters.



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No one has ever become poor by giving.  
- Anne Frank



Psi Chapter went out of their way and came up with the Project Tabang initiative by gathering cash donations. They were able to collect Php12,800.00 from 32 donors and divided the donation equally for Palawan, Surigao, Caraga, and Southern Leyte.

The commemoration of the event and the big-heartedness of brothers and sisters extended even after December 16. Xi Psi Chapter, along with APO COAST MIMAROPA Rescue 1925 and Roxas, Oriental Mindoro MDRRMO, distributed 100 food packs at Sitio Bukana, Brgy. San Jose, Roxas, Oriental Mindoro 18 December 2021.

Residents of Nu Nu Chapter dispersed on December 25 and shared blessings of fried noodles, juice cans, and buns to about 120 Mangyan Indigenous Peoples and street dwellers in Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro.

From December 12-22, Typhoon Odette hit the Philippines. Lives and properties were lost. Immediately, we came together and conducted various emergency relief operations to assist our brothers and sisters in affected regions, including Palawan. Theta Gamma Chapter joined the Local Government of Puerto Princesa City on December 26 and packed around 1000 relief goods for Typhoon Odette victims. Our young leaders and friends in Xi

APO COAST MIMAROPA had recorded a little more than 30 projects and services for the month of December alone. These activities were focused on Health (Sharing of Food with Adults, and Feeding Sessions for Children), Environment (APO COAST/APO PREN - Tree Planting and Coastal Clean-up), Education (Balik-Eskwela), and Member Management.

Way to go APO COAST MIMAROPA! To all our collegiate chapters and alumni associations, and friends as well, who in one way or another took part in the celebration of APO COAST MIMAROPA's December 2021 installment, named and unnamed, thank you for providing top-notch services. As Anne Frank, German diarist, once said, "No one has ever become poor by giving." Let's keep on!



(Sources: Bro. Roy Carlo Malenab, Alumni Section Chair for Mindoro; Sis. Mary Joy Aniar, Deputy Alumni Section Chair for Palawan; & Bro. Dennis Famatiga, Collegiate Section Chair for Romblon)







# We are Born Scouts.... Ever Ready, Ever Serving...

BY SIS SHEFRAIDA M. MORENO AND BRO JABAR P. TULA



**COTABATO FOUNDATION COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CFCST)** Pikit Extension Unit with Petitioning Code 218, in collaboration with APOPAGASA, organized a Rover Scout Vigil Investiture last December 1, 2021 at Bahay Kastila Fort Pikit, Pikit Cotabato, one of the Ecotourism Park of the said municipality. Different collegiate chapters participated in the activity. Wood Badge and Rover Scout Master Brother Edgardo Bala was one of the facilitators. It was participated by Kappa Mu, Beta Theta, and Alpha Tau collegiate chapter. There were 58 brothers and sisters who successfully passed the aforementioned activity. It was attended by alumni brothers from different chapters who served as the scout martials during the vigil.



The one-night activity developed the camaraderie and leadership of our younger brothers and sisters. One of the highlights of the vigil was the self-reflection which developed their emotional and spiritual connection to the Almighty Creator. Their cognitive thinking was also sharpened because of the different mind games given to them. Different activities were conducted during the vigil, which were enjoyed by everybody.



# APO PAGASA, Where Hope and Love Lives....

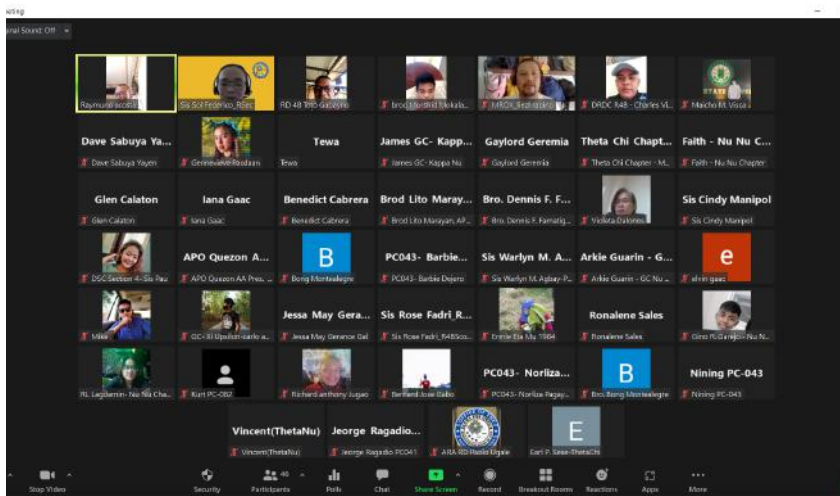
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**OUR COUNTRY HAS NOT RECOVERED YET** from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, then here came typhoon Odette which caused huge devastations to hundreds of lives and properties that were washed out. Mindanao was not spared. The Municipality of Pagalungan in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao was one of the severely affected areas. Many residents are APO, and suffered great losses.

Alpha Phi Omega Pikit-Pagalungan Alumni Associatio (APOPAGASA), through the initiative of its alumni President Brother Abdillah G. MAmasabulod and the Regional Director of Region XII, Brother Esmael O. Moreno, PhD., immediately lent helping hands to those affected families by giving used clothing and providing their immediate needs such as food and water.

APOPAGASA together with the collegiate brethren from Beta Theta, Kappa Mu, Alpha Tau, and Epsilon Rho, extended their help by conducting feeding programs and giving used clothing. Collaboration and unity were eminent; no words were needed for our brethren to work as one. It's as if everyone understood the immediate need to address the situation. The said activities were manifestations that when APO works as one, nothing is impossible. In APOPAGASA, hope and love are inherent within us...





# BALANCING TRAINING FOR PLEDGE AND THOSE SEEKING FULL FLEDGED MEMBERSHIP

RA 11053, Enhanced APP and APO Pandemic Response

BY SIS SOL FEDERICO

**JANUARY 2022, APO COAST MIMAROPA** held two (2) sessions via Zoom Meeting. We discussed the Enhanced APO Pledge Program (EAPP) and the APO Pandemic Response (APR). The main speaker in said sessions was Brother DRDC Charles Soguilon.

The first Zoom Meeting was on 19 January 2022 with the League of Chancellors. It was attended by Brothers and Sisters from seven (7) recognized Fraternity Collegiate Chapters (FCCs), four (4) recognized Sorority Collegiate Chapters (SCCs), 2 Fraternity Petitioning groups, and 1 Sorority Petitioning group. The second was on 20 January 2022 with heads of Basic Organizational Units, both Alumni Associations (AAs) and Collegiate Chapters (CCs). Representatives from Eleven (11) AAs, 10 recognized Collegiate Chapters, and one (1) Petitioning group joined the session.

On 30 January 2022, RA 11053 was discussed by Brother Atty. Raymund Acosta, Regional Chair on Grievance and Adjudicatory Authority. For the benefit of those who missed the first two (2) Zoom meetings, the EAPP and APR were likewise taken up. Seventeen (17) Chapters were represented, both AAs and CCs. There were representatives from

six (6) Petitioning groups as well.

The materials used in the above Zoom Meetings came from the national office. The attendees were informed that the Region is still waiting for the formal directive to implement the EAPP and APR.

Even before the RAs 8049 and 11053, there were acts not institutionally sanctioned by organizations, not necessarily fraternal in nature. Ours, unfortunately, has become one of those organizations who had victims of hazing. Hence, these laws did not come as a surprise to us. However, the devil is in the details.

Chapters, within the context of who we are, and respective academic/university situations, have come up with ways on how best to conduct acceptance of applicants, recruitment of pledge, and eventual completion of the full membership process and rites. These are not in the form of any hazing as identified by the current law; these however are carried out more than three (3) days while the law mandates that rites shall not be more than three (3) days.

There are also chapters that remain unrecognized by their

universities. The law requires the schools to promulgate their guidelines in the registration of fraternities, sororities, and organizations within their jurisdiction not later than sixty (60) days from the approval of the Act. Corollary to this, there shall be mandatory registration for fraternities, sororities, and organizations, with University students as members, before they conduct activities whether on or off-campus, including recruitment of members. What if the schools have not issued their guidelines? Should our FCCs and SCCs submit documents for recognition to demand the implementation of the law?

We are challenged not only by the COVID-19 pandemic but by the very fabric of our fraternal beginnings and laws. We definitely want quality processes and rites that are compliant with the law. It is easier than done but the law is not the end and be all. We can plan for short term, medium term and long term approaches that should include our engagement with the law-making process of the country, us being directly affected. Quo vadis?

*(Source: Bro. DRDC Charles Soguilon)*

# NCAR'S ANNIVERSARY MEGA SERVICE: SOLIDIFIED AND GATHERED HUNDREDS OF APO, SERVED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

BY SIS NADIA ESPAÑOL

*“The pandemic was a threat. Funds were low. Time of constraint. On my own hands, it was impossible; but by the hands of our brothers and sisters, in the unity of the whole region, to achieve one word- SERVICE; the NCAR culture made history in leading, in camaraderie, and in serving many.”*

*– Kevin Dy, Regional Director, NCAR*

**GLORIETTA PARK, TALA, CALOOCAN CITY-** On December 16, 2021, at the border between the villages of Barangay 187 and Barangay 188 (Zone 16, District I) in the former Tala Estate in North Caloocan, APO NCAR (National Capital Administrative Region) thru the leadership of Regional Director (RD) Kevin Dy, had unified chapters and Alumni Associations coming from the 17 local units of the whole NCR for APO's 96th International Founding Anniversary.

NCAR, holding the largest number of chapters and AAs amongst the 23 administrative regions in APO, was always optimistic to hold Mega Services since then. RD Kevin Dy directed the five sections of the region, the AA presidents, and all chapters to participate and work together as one in the name of service. NCAR was permitted to utilize the children's park in Tala which was conducive, spacious, and adherent to IATF protocols in holding a massive number of beneficiaries.

The groups for the said Mega Service were the Tuli Team, Optical Team, Ayuda or Gift Giving Team, Mobile Food Cart, Dental Kits Team, Barbers' Team, and the Anti-Rabies Team.



The whole Tuli Team was manned by National Trustee for Alumni Affairs/Project Trustee for the Committee on National Service for Health, Dr. Edward Allan Flores with the collaborative expertise of tuli-trained men from the Philippine Navy. Men from the Rescue Recon 1 Philippines and 27th Naval Affiliated Reserve Group (27th NARG) thru Commanding Officer Bro Peter Negrido; Bro Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Jayson Galimba, NCAR Deputy Regional Director; and Civil Military Operation 2 (CMO 2) Sis Reyna Mil Tiu rendered services for the Tuli Team together with other members from the APO National Service for Health, APO TeleMedicine volunteers, SRB-Alpha Epsilon Chapter, and our very own medical intern bros and Sis The committee that led the Tuli Team was Kappa Beta Chapter. The team was able to circumcise a total of 262 kids, which exceeded the expected list of children. Tiu stated that the men in uniform also manned as marshals in the area from as early as 600H and had facilitated adherence and crowd control together with some other local units from Tala.



The full length of the Mega Service, NCAR Section 3 led by Sec. Chair Bro Jansen Lim provided food for all brothers and sisters who volunteered; the non-APO volunteers; the local marshals, as well as the Tala beneficiaries who came. As early as 300H, the mobile food cart was set up. Replenishing of food all day was abundant. It was backed up by the many chapters and AAs who also donated food for everyone. Brewed coffee was overflowing. There were stations for coffee; one of which caught the sense of coffee lovers was the Kape Sina Una booth of Bro Neil. NCAR also painted smiles on kids all day through the ice cream stations. Section 3, who primarily manned the food provision, noted it was a challenge to provide such a big crowd; however, there was no room for scarcity as many other chapters and AAs were so prompt to back up.

Other health teams were the Dental Kits Team, Optical, and Anti-Rabies. Due to the pandemic, APO did not render dental missions, we rather did an alternate service which was dispensing dental kits. The Dental Team was organized by Nu AA and they dispensed 150 kits to both young and old. The Optical Team was from Psi Chapter/AA, they assisted and dispensed 176 free glasses, mostly to senior citizens and middle-aged adults. The Anti-Rabies Team was organized by Lambda Chapter's veterinary brothers and sisters who catered to 45 pets.



The Legal Team was facilitated by Sis Atty. Honcel Destajo with the assistance of NCAR RD for Collegiate Bro William Sherwin Ay-ay. They gave counsel to 15 people. The Barbers Team from Alpha Epsilon served 120 people, both members, and Tala residents.

The Ayuda and Gift Giving Team was the largest team amongst all which was led by RD Kevin Dy and was partnered by most AAs and chapters, which is a multitude to mention, who shared goods and supplies. The labor was led by Alpha, Beta, Tau, and DENCAA. RD had properly organized the purchasing, packing, and distribution. Behind were many hands of brods and sis who spared time for the massive work that benefited 800 families for the Ayuda and 2,500 individuals for the gifts. Contents of the Ayuda were groceries, vegetables fresh from Baguio, and many other edible goods. Children also benefited from tons of new toys. Transportation of goods was through the efforts and army trucks of APO Armed Forces of the Philippines Department of National Defense Alumni Association (AFP-DND AA). Men from their units also served all day in the area.



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...NCAR was able to form a beautiful circle chanting love and service for humanity on APO's anniversary.

Enlisting and registration were manned by NCAR Committee on Services Chairman Sis Suzanne Ombid, who assisted the RD in multiple ways, and Sis Chelle Baldonado who was also helped by many other volunteers to have all the team beneficiaries organized and documented.

APO TeleMed nurse Sis Noraliyah of Eta Gamma (Dapitan), a COVID ICU nurse who recently relocated to NCR stated, "It was my first time to serve with NCAR. I volunteered with the tuli and I was shocked by the big service that covered different scopes in just one day! The service was properly organized by the RD and all officers despite their big region; they were able to come up as one family helping everybody to make it successful. The hospitality that everyone had shown me as a visiting sis and even to the non-APOs around, I salute them! And I am happy to be part of such a great region."

Being the previous RD of NCAR, incumbent Chairman of the BOT Bro Archie Bugarin graced the whole day service for hours and also helped out on the distribution of goods. The Chairman also went around the different teams with the RD. RD Kevin Dy was interviewed by personalities from TV networks (TV5 and UNTV). He had expressed gratitude for the success of the project despite the compressed time and lack of funds and despite the threats of the pandemic. The Mega Service was able to gather approximately 500 fraternity brothers and sorority sisters from as early as dawn to as late as the evening in Tala; hence, the singing of the toast song was historical, as NCAR was able to form a beautiful circle chanting love and service for humanity on APO's anniversary.



# APO DHAHRAN AA PLACED 2ND RUNNER UP AT THE ALL FILIPINO COMMUNITY AND SPORTS COMMISSION (AFCSCOM) BOWLING TOURNAMENT

BY: BRO ROD D. TOMAMBO  
APO DHAHRAN 14TH AA, PRESIDENT

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...friendship must not be confined in our beloved fraternity but it must be extended to our fellow kababayans and especially to all.

**APO DHAHRAN AA** placed 2nd runner up at the All Filipino Community and Sports Commission (AFCSCOM) Bowling Tournament held at the Al Gosaibi Sports Center in Al Khobar, KSA last November 05, 2021.

AFCSCOM is one of the oldest Filipino organizations (25 years) in the Kingdom in which APO Dhahran 14th AA was one of the pioneering member organizations. It is composed of 50 professionals, sports, and cultural community type Filipino Organizations that are basically extending social services to our fellow kababayans, providing sports events and Filipino cultural activities.

The bowling tournament was a fun experience as we engaged our kababayans with laughter and fun during the event. Thirteen organizations joined the tournament. Bro Cesar Caton and Bro Virgilio Gutierrez showed their surreal bowling skills and proved that age is just a number. As the tournament became intense, Bro Rod Tomambo and his wife Ms. Josephine Tomambo contributed to the pin falls. Some of the brothers and sisters were also present to cheer up and give support to our team.

The team competed with some of the top Filipino bowlers in the Eastern Region of Saudi Arabia who are members of other organizations. APO Dhahran bagged 2nd runner-up in the concluded event.

As one of our cardinal principles; Friendship, APO Dhahran AA has been committed to support Filipino organizations and its activities in the Kingdom. Camaraderie and friendship must not be confined in our beloved fraternity but it must be extended to our fellow kababayans and especially to all.



# More Than Care Packages and Balikbayan Boxes: ARME holds Gift Giving for OFWs

BY SIS MARYAM PADAYAO

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF MIDDLE EAST** orchestrated a Gift Giving program to distressed OFWs in line with the International Anniversary last December 2021. Set annually, the activity aims to provide the joy of the yuletide season to Filipino migrants displaced by unethical work practices.

As a service organization, Alpha Phi Omega renders service to our fellowmen wherever and whenever it is needed. The silent struggle of service abroad resonates in the hearts of brothers and sisters of ARME. It couldn't be more familiar to an administrative region composed of individuals whose skills and labor make up a percentage of the Middle East's workforce. The call for service, thus, is as natural as responding to one's name.

## Bringing hope and painting smiles on faces miles from home

Funding initiatives by Alumni Associations in the Middle East mobilized months of preparation. Monetary donations from each member covered the purchase of materials including living necessities such as toiletries and blankets, children's essentials, and calling cards to help OFWs connect with their families at home.

Unlike in the previous years, some of the activities only included a turnover of presents to sheltered OFWs at selected Philippine Embassies in the Middle East. Christmas programs and festivities that usually accompany the Gift Giving activity were canceled due to the rising cases of COVID-19 in December of 2021- a dejecting blow to the already disheartening situation of distressed OFWs in the region. Hence, there were other areas that were allowed to hold the usual programs following all COVID -19 protocols that made the celebration a little less exciting than usual.

The Gift-Giving highlights the struggles of Overseas Filipino Workers. For many years, the beneficiaries of the program have consistently been overseas domestic helpers that experienced violence, sexual harassment, and unfair labor conditions from their employers. As the embassy looks after numerous cases of Filipino migrants, beneficiaries also include undocumented workers and children of OFWs who are refused parental authority. While some are fortunate enough that their return applications are making development, others won't have it easy. For these OFWs, going back entails more difficulty than getting there. Government assistance can only be stretched to an extent and cannot completely shoulder the requisites of their return to the Philippines. Moreover, concerns of financial and social reintegration plague their minds before they're even home.







## Baring the sleeves of the balikbayan dream

The grave economic and social implications of the COVID-19 crisis are also not helping the case of our OFWs. Two years into the pandemic have significantly changed our way of life and pushed the world to rethink how to align our activities with the global effort in reducing virus transmission. However, this meant employment becoming an inevitable collateral. Prompting an exodus of OFWs abroad in search of better working opportunities.



As Filipinos, we have grown into the glamorization of the lives of our migrant workers. That more often than not, we are distracted by the guise of comfort and wealth that the media and the balikbayan culture have placed on the backs of our OFWs. And while hopes of reversing the trends of high-scale migration of Filipino workers have lain on the table, it would also pay to acknowledge the realities that accompany the gamble of working overseas that is crucial to a program of service that cares and uplifts the people.



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## We Bleed **Blue** and **Gold**

### 96th International Celebrations of ARME AAs

BY SIS MARYAM PADAYAO  
CO-WRITTEN BY SIS MARISSA CASTILLON, PI, APO BAHRAIN

As our alumni associations in the Middle East celebrate Alpha Phi Omega's 96th anniversary, we are reminded of the adage, "blood is thicker than water". And for the brothers and sisters of the ARME, it holds true for the following reasons I shall chronicle.

Alpha Phi Omega as an organization is a family, community, and code. It transcends beyond the identities, narratives, and backgrounds of the people who are bound to its values and principles. A sense of familiarity envelops the heart even at the company of someone you have just met. The delight when meeting a new friend is roughly incomparable to the joy of meeting a brother or sister. One may have only met each other on the same day but recognize the same ideals and training during our college days; sealed strong by years of living by the principles of the scouting movement and the initiative to culture a program of service that leads, befriends, and cares. Membership to this organization does that- we take our blood to the next level.

APO is a community. Amidst a global crisis that is taking a toll on the physical and psychological well-being of people, being connected to a collective of individuals that look after others' welfare makes these struggles bearable. A relevant observation from the recent international anniversary celebration. Clad in our best attires, we dined and drank in a party that celebrates a piece of our identity- of our being men and women of service. While every anniversary celebration can be gleefully remembered, this year's celebration is particularly memorable because of the COVID-19 pandemic that clicked pause on our social life. This is atop the feeling of homesickness and longing for our loved ones as we glance at decorated trees and brightly lit homes.

Counting the years of my stay in this country, this sister cannot emphasize enough the blessing of being connected to an Alumni Association. They become your ultimate survival pack on your quest for a better life. Their company is a haven in a foreign country where burdens are made lighter and easier to deal with. The merry of distressing reminds us of how we look forward to seeing each other after a long week of work. Times like this are perfect for reminiscing about the good and the challenging times. An affable reminder of the progress we have made and the impact we leave wherever life takes us.



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trademark.**



Service is our trademark. One cannot hope to alienate this facet of our membership to Alpha Phi Omega. As service is a universally understood language, Alpha Phi Omega, thus, is a code of life. As it had been for 96 years and the decades to come. Recreation and gatherings with brothers and sisters give us more than a time to unwind. It presents a platform to celebrate and get the cogs whirring for new ideas and possibilities.

Growing in and with Alpha Phi Omega has been a remarkable journey but our road is yet to end. So until these feet have stopped walking and the spirit has lost its vigor, we shall bleed blue and gold.

We bleed blue and gold, despite being miles away from home.  
We bleed blue and gold, no matter how many years it has been.  
And we bleed blue and gold, because it was, and will always be, who we are.

REGION 1 - ILOCOS REGION				
Board Member	Ilocos Sur	District 1	Bro. Christopher Bateria	
		Pangasinan	District 2	Bro. Von Mark Mendoza
			District 4	Bro. Mojamito Libunao
Mayor	Ilocos Sur	Santa Maria	Bro. Jesus Bueno, Jr. SRB Bro. Bernardino "Nardy" Brillantes	
Vice Mayor	Pangasinan	Bayambang	Bro. Ian Camille "Raul-IC" Sabangan	
Councillor	Ilocos Norte	Carasi	Bro. John Abril	
		Carasi	Bro. Danny R. Pacya-an	
		Pagudpud	Bro. Edimar B. Ubasa	
	Pangasinan	Pagudpud	Bro. Nathaniel Villanueva	
		Urdaneta	Bro. Warren Andrada	
		Malasiqui	Bro. Boy Terrado	
	Villasis	Sis Edlice Grace Rojo		

REGION 2 - CAGAYAN VALLEY			
Mayor	Cagayan	Iguig	Bro. Ferdinand "Ferdie" Trinidad
		Rizal	Bro. Joel Ruma
		Santa Praxedes	Sis Esterlina A. Aguinaldo
Councillor	Cagayan	Santa Praxedes	Bro. Edgar Aquino
		Allacapan	Bro. Robert Tamayo
		Baggao	Bro. Domingo F. Go
		Camalaniugan	Bro. Francis Teano
		Pampuna	Bro. William Mallabo
		Sanchez Mira	Bro. Napoleon Malto
	Nueva Vizcaya	Solana	Bro. Edilberto Edillo
		Bagabag	Bro. Melchor Dumangeng
		Bagabag	Bro. Jose M. Ferrera
		Bambang	Bro. Deomedes Ranjo, Sr.
	Bayombong	Bro. Seth Navis	

REGION 3 - CENTRAL LUZON			
Board Member	Nueva Ecija	District 3	Bro. Eduardo Jose "EJ" Ballesteros Joson VII
		District 1	Bro. Joy Gilbert R. Lamorena
	Tarlac	District 2	Bro. Dan Asiaten
		District 3	Bro. Henry Cruz
Mayor	Bataan	Pilar	Bro. Carlos "Charlie" Pizarro, Jr.
	Bulacan	Nozagaray	Bro. Geronimo "Ade" Cristobal, Jr.
	Pampanga	San Simon	Bro. Allan "Bong" Garcia
	Pampanga	Mabalacat	Bro. Marino "Boking" Morales
	Tarlac	Moncada	Bro. Normandy Pamintuan
Vice Mayor	Bataan	Dinalupihan	Bro. Francis "Hansy" Miranda
	Nueva Ecija	Muñoz	Sis Carmelita Umagat
	Pampanga	Minalin	Bro. Rondon Mercado
	Tarlac	Pura	Bro. Poy Balmores
Councillor	Bataan	Abucay	Bro. Charlie Dabu
		Morong	Bro. German Noriega
			Bro. Juan Geronimo D. Angeles
			Bro. Jeri Angeles
	Bulacan	Pliardel	Bro. Manuel Tomaneg, Jr.
	Cabanatuan		Bro. Joel del Mundo
			Sis April Augustus Bagsic
			Bro. Noel Barcelo
	Nueva Ecija		Bro. Arman Libunao
			Bro. Alejandro Pascual
		Santo Domingo	
	Pampanga	Angeles	Bro. Jerry M. Basilio
		Mabalacat	Sis Princess "Tet" L. Buan
		Porac	Bro. Jun DILG Narnola, Jr.
	Tarlac	Camiling	Bro. Glorioso Dako Regala, Jr.
Santa Ignacia			

REGION 4A - CALABARZON			
Mayor	Batangas	Santo Tomas	Bro. Armenius Silva
	Laguna	Simloan	Bro. Nicanor "Rainier" Leopando
	Rizal	San Mateo	Bro. Bartolome "Omie" Rivera, Jr.
Vice Mayor	Laguna	Biñan	Bro. Mario Peralta
		San Pablo	Bro. Paolo Jose Cristobal "Pamboy" C. Lopez
Councillor	Cavite	Rosario	Bro. Mark Jay Velarde
		Dasmariñas	Bro. Jerome Gonzales
	Batangas	Lipa	Bro. Elmer Reyes
		Mataasnakahoy	Sis. Menchu Gardiola
	Laguna	San Pablo	Bro. Michael S. Exconde
			Bro. Francis Calatraba
		Santa Rosa	Bro. Jose Joey Catindig, Jr.
	Rizal	Antipolo	Bro. Lawrence Juan "Ljay" Sumulong

REGION 4B - MIMAROPA				
Governor	Marinduque		Bro. Romulo "Doc Jun" A. Bacorro, Jr.	
Congressman	Palawan	District 2	Bro. Gil Acosta Jr.	
		District 1	Bro. Ruel D. Quinzon	
Board Member	Oriental Mindoro	District 1	Bro. Ferdinand Thomas "Butch" Mosqueda Soller	
		District 2	Sis. Violeta "Bolet" Dimapilis	
Mayor	Oriental Mindoro	Bongabong	Bro. Dr. Elegio "Doc Elgin" Asi Malaluan	
		Naujan	Bro. Henry Joel "Joel" Teves	
	Palawan	Puerto Princesa	Bro. Luclo Cecil Bayron	
		El Nido	Bro. Leonides "Onie" Echague	
	Romblon	Rizal	Bro. Rowel "Badok" Magarce	
		San Fernando	Bro. Arben "Cocoy" Rosas	
	San Jose	Bro. Filipino T. Tandog		
Vice Mayor	Oriental Mindoro	Puerto Galera	Bro. Victorino E. Atienza	
	Palawan	Roxas	Bro. Vincent Ventilation	
	Romblon	Odiangan	Bro. Romeo "Chow" F. Chua, Jr.	
Councillor	Occidental Mindoro	Looc	Bro. Noel Liboro Dizon	
		Mamburao	Bro. Carlo Diaz	
		San Jose	Sis Mercy Javier Alvaran	
	Oriental Mindoro	Bongabong	Bro. John Michael Malaluan	
		Calapan	Sis Genie R. Fortu	
		Roxas	Bro. Jolly "Bro Forts" Panganiban Fortu	
	Victoria		Bro. Conrado "Dado" Panganiban Fortu	
		San Fernando	Bro. Samuel "Nonoy" B. Roda	
	Palawan	Roxas		Bro. Henry Acosta
				Bro. Arnold Bien
				Bro. Wilfredo Magdayao
			Bro. Gerardo C. Garnado	
		Aborlan		Bro. Bingbong Rodriguez
		Cuyo		Bro. Michael Cervancia
		Narra		Bro. Ryan Bea
Quezon			Bro. Jojo Aureno	
		Bro. Bernard Sampayan		

REGION 5 - BICOL REGION				
Congressman	Camarines Sur	District 4	Bro. Tony Chavez	
Board Member	Camarines Norte	District 1	Bro. Winifredo Oso	
		District 2	Bro. Jerome Obusan	
	Camarines Sur	District 3	Bro. Apollo Manaog	
		District 2	Bro. Jun Alegre	
	Catanduanes	Lone District	Bro. Robert A. Fernandez	
Mayor	Camarines Norte	San Lorenzo Ruiz	Bro. Nelson Delos Santos	
	Camarines Sur	City of Iriga	Bro. Roseller "Bishop Ros" Orolfo	
		San Jose	Bro. Jerold Peña	
Catanduanes	Panganiban (Payo)	Bro. Remelito "Bingbong" Cabrera		
Vice Mayor	Camarines Norte	Daet	Bro. Godfrey Parale	
	Sorsogon	Donsol	Bro. Zaldy Advincula	
Councillor	Camarines Norte	Daet	Bro. Winston "Kaki" V. Cuaño	
		Talisay	Bro. Edward Pardo	
	Camarines Sur	Iriga City		Bro. Abner Calinog
				Sis Gigi Vargas
				Bro. Manvir Ignao
		Bombon		Bro. Roger Borromeo
		Calabanga		Bro. Danilo Gonzales
		Lagonoy		Bro. Frederick P. Abante
				Sis Atty. Airene Pasa
		Magarao		Bro. Gavino "Kaka" Almazar, Jr.
		Naga City		Gina Albao (Sister of Bro. Salvador "Awee" Albao)
				Bro. Ghil "Oying" Rosales
		Pampuna		Sis. Gail Sheen Bogayan Francisco
		Ragay		Bro. Domingo S. Cedo
		Sagnay		Sis Arlene Sadia
	Tabaco		Bro. Vic Go	
	Albay	Baras		Bro. Emerson Oliman
				Bro. Rommel Tutanes
		Caramoran		Bro. Jesus Alino
		San Andres		Bro. Arnel Clavo
Viga				Bro. Dante Lizaso
Virac		Bro. Ariel Molina		
		Bro. Giovanni Balmadrid		
Masbate	Baleno		Bro. Clint Salivio	

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REGION 6 - WESTERN VISAYAS			
Board Member	Antique	Lone District	Bro. Atty. Sueki Palacios
Councilor	Capiz	Roxas	Bro. Rexam Laguda
		Tapaz	Reisa Marie "Aisa" J. Exmundo (Daughter of Judge Ron Exmundo)
	Iloilo	Pavia	Bro. Dan Fajardo

REGION 7 - CENTRAL VISAYAS			
Mayor	Negros Oriental	Zamboangita	Bro. Jonah Pat Aviles
Councilor	Negros Oriental	Dumaguete	Bro. Jose "Petit" A. Baldado

REGION 8 - EASTERN VISAYAS			
Mayor	Leyte	Abuyog	Bro. Octavio "Bebot" Traya, Jr.
		Dulag	Bro. Atty. Themistodes "Timmy" Saño, Jr.
	Southern Leyte	Pintuyan	Bro. Lino Jose Equipilag
		Samar	Paranas
Councilor	Biliran	Biliran	Bro. Rico "Bongbong" Moncada Retorca
			Bro. Ernesto "Erning" Gelizon
	Eastern Samar	General Macarthur	Sis Debbie Dawn Paller Pajares
		Burauen	Sis Marissa Dumagat-Carilla
	Leyte	Tadoban	Bro. Manix Marta
		Pastrana	Bro. Arnulfo Arellano
		San Miguel	Bro. Protacio Brazil
	Northern Samar	Catubig	Bro. Len Pajuellas Jaramilla
		Mondragon	Bro. Zaldy Tuballas
		San Jose	Sis Adoracion Divina Espinar
Samar		Bro. Estelito T. Perez, Jr.	
	Catbalogan	Bro. Mark Ivan Ilagan	

REGION 9 - ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA			
Congressman	Sur	District 2	Bro. Leonardo "Jun" L. Babasa, Jr.
Mayor	Zamboanga Del Sibugay	Zamboanga	Bro. Atty. Rommel "Meng" Agan
		Kabasalan	Sis Luvly Grace Cainglet
Vice Mayor	Zamboanga Del Norte	City of Dapitan	Bro. Alfredo "Al" Sy
		Kalawit	Sis. Merly C. Masugbo
		Labason	Sis. Riza Mellicor
Councilor	Zamboanga Del Norte	Salug	Bro. Saul Maraon
		City of Dapitan	Bro. Tom Sagario
		City of Dipolog (Capital)	Bro. Atty. James P. Verduguez
		Rizal	Bro. Roseller L. Barinaga
		Tampilisan	Bro. Robert "Bobby" Poculan, Jr.
		Bro. Julius D. Bomediano	

REGION 10 - NORTHERN MINDANAO			
Board Member	Misamis Occidental	District 2	Bro. Mario Chenn Castro
Mayors	Bukidnon	Kalilangan	Bro. Atty. Raymon Charl O. Gamboa
		Munai	Bro. Hadji Casan Maquiling
	Lanao del Norte	Tubod	Bro. Leoncio "Casmer" Bagol
		Oroquieta	Bro. Lemuel Meyrick Acosta
Vice Mayor	Misamis Occidental	Sapang Dalaga	Bro. Donjie Animas
		Bukidnon	Kibawe
Councilor	Lanao del Norte	Kauswagan	Bro. Angelo "Lolong" M. Acaso
		Bukidnon	Cabanglasan
		Valencia	Bro. Denver Pagonzaga

REGION 11 - SOUTHERN MINDANAO			
Governor	Davao del Norte		Bro. Roy J. Catalan
Board Member	Davao del Norte	District 2	Bro. Flopone Royle A. Catalan
Vice Mayor	Davao del Norte	Talaingod	Bro. Michael Manos
Councilor	Davao del Norte	Panabo City	Sis Judith Gamao-Lee

REGION 12 - SOCCKSARGEN			
Mayors	Sarangani	Glan	Bro. Victor James "Tata" Yap, Sr.
		Kiamba	Bro. George F. Falgui
Vice Mayor	Sultan Kudarat	Columbio	Bro. Tondatu Mangudadatu
		Glan	Bro. Cyril John Yap
Councilor	South Cotabato	Surallah	Bro. Ismael Pelayo

REGION 13 - CARAGA			
Congressman	Agusan Del Norte	District 1	Bro. Lawrence Lemuel "Law" Hernandez Fortun
Mayor	Agusan Del Norte	City of Butuan	Bro. Ronnie Vic C. Lagnada
Vice Mayor	Agusan del Norte	Butuan City	Bro. Lawrence Lemuel H. Fortun
Councilor	Agusan Del Norte	City of Butuan	Bro. Atty. Ernest Sanchez
		Surigao del Sur	Hinatuan

BARM - BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MUSLIM MINDANAO				
Governor	Basilan		Akbar)	
	Lanao Del Sur		Bro. Mamintal "Bombit" A. Adiong Jr.	
Vice Governor	Lanao Del Sur		Bro. Mohammad Khalid "Mujam" R. Adiong	
	Maguindanao		Sis Bai Sandra A. Sema	
Congressman	Basilan	Lone District	Yasmin Junaid (Daughter of Bro. Muctar Junaid)	
		District 1	Bro. Fatani S. Abdul Malik	
	Lanao Del Sur	District 2	Bro. Yasser Balindong	
		Maguindanao	District 2	Bro. Mohamad "Tong" Paglas
Board Member	Lanao Del Sur	District 1	Bro. Alicozaman Mangata	
		District 2	Bro. Ansan "Ringo" Gandamra	
Mayor	Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Sis Brenda Junaid	
		Lanao Del Sur	Bumbaran (Amai Manabilang)	Bro. Saidamen "James" Manabilang
		Calenogas	Bro. Abdul Hakim "Macapado" Benito	
		Madalum	Bro. Usman "Palao" M. Sarangani, Jr.	
		Marawi City (Capital)	Bro. Majul U. Gandamra	
			Bro. Fahad Panarigan "Pre" Salic	
		Piagapo	Bro. Ali L. Sumandar	
		Saguiaran	Bro. Jalalodin "Jalal" M. Angin	
		Sultan	Bro. Jamel B. Kurangking	
		Wao	Bro. Elvino "Nono Bino" Balicao Jr.	
		Maguindanao	Paglat	Sis Raisa Langkuno
	Vice Mayor	Basilan	Isabela City	Faigdar A. Jaafar (Husband of Sis Rhozel Jaafar)
			Bubong	Bro. Rasul D. Sarip
		Lanao Del Sur	Kapai	Bro. Sainulah Eppie
Marogong			Bro. Actor Marohom	
Councilor	Maguindanao	Datu Odin Sinsuat	Bro. Datu Sajid Sinsuat	
		Pagalungan	Bro. Abdillah Mamasabulod	
Councilor	Sulu	Indanan	Bro. Alan Jainal	
		Basilan	Tabuan-Lasa	Bro. Al-Khapid L. Junaid
		Maluso	Bro. Adzmer Indanan	
	Lanao Del Sur	Balindong (Watu)	Bro. Mujibar "Mojie" A. Ismael	
			Sis. Monauray "Mona" Ramalan-Watu	
		Binidayan	Bro. Ali Sangcopan Olama	
		Ditsaan-Ramain	Bro. Abdulmahid "Amba" Ampaso	
	Maguindanao	Madamba		Bro. Obat Amol Umpa
				Bro. Mohsin B. Gutoc
			Bro. Nur Hanieffe "Toto" B. Datumolok	
		Bro. Amanollah Acmad		
Sulu	Datu Odin Sinsuat	Bro. Mokamad Nur		
	Pandag	Bro. Tacey Masukat		
	Jolo (Capital)	Bro. Norodin Sabang		
			Bro. Butch Izquierdo	

## NATIONAL LEVEL

Senator # 11 - Binay, Jejomar (Eta)  
# 51 - Pimentel, Astra (Eta Lambda)

The Torch and Trefoil would like to thank the BRODSS office for the above-cited list. We urge everyone to inform the editorial team of any corrections or additional APO members who are also running but not included herein.

# In memory



Bro Domingo Cobarrubias  
Eta, 1970A  
March 26, 2020  
COD: COVID-19



Bro Jaymark Bergonia  
PC132, 2014A  
July 29, 2020  
COD: Motorcycle accident



Bro David John Magsanoc  
PC 154, 2012B  
March 28, 2020  
COD: Cardiac Arrest



Bro Edison Alcañices  
Delta, 1970A  
July 30, 2020  
COD: Cardiac arrest



Bro Thomas Tan Que  
Beta Sigma, 1982  
March 8, 2021  
COD: Heart Attack/Kidney Condition



Bro Clifton Ganay  
Eta, 1967B  
April 9, 2020



Bro Fernando Gonzales  
Xi, 1968  
July 31, 2020



Bro Richard Jeff Flores  
Alpha Lambda, 2000  
March 10, 2021  
COD: Motorcycle Accident



Bro Benigno Garcia  
Alpha Beta, 1975  
April 25, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Bro Teodoro Santa Rosa  
Zeta Xi, 1985B  
August 22, 2020  
COD: Heart Failure



Sis Arlene Calimlim-Lim, MD  
Beta Phi, 1976  
April 8, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Bro Alex King, Sr.  
Beta Kappa, 1975C  
June 9, 2020



Bro John Anthony Servanda  
Gamma Beta, 1994  
October 27, 2020  
COD: Diabetes



Sis Precious Ann Nonato  
PC187, 2008A  
April 26, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Bro. Mariano Adalem, Jr.  
Eta, 1983F  
June 10, 2020



Bro Jose Lumang  
Theta, 1964A  
October 26, 2020  
COD: Acute Respiratory Failure



Bro Ramon Bernardo  
Theta, 1964A  
April 28, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Bro Rodolfo Llorca  
Rho, 1976  
July 27, 2020  
COD: Brain Aneurysm



Bro Cesar Sagun  
Eta, 1973B  
January 1, 2021  
COD: Throat Cancer



Bro Orlando Buhay  
Alpha Iota, 1976  
May 3, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Sis Kyle Alexis M. Mendoza  
Pi, 2012C  
February 18, 2021



Bro Jonathan Alvarez  
Epsilon Lambda, 1993A  
May 28, 2021  
COD: Killed in Action



Bro Vito Cipriano Cruz  
Pi, 1976C  
May 31, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Sis Bernie Arida De Oño Cruz  
Beta Eta, 1972  
June 5, 2021  
COD: Pneumonia due to  
Pick's disease



Bro Jesus Climacosa  
Eta, 1958B  
July 10, 2021  
COD: Stomach Bleeding



Bro Salvador Alinea, Jr.  
Alpha Sigma, 1980  
July 21, 2021  
COD: Cardiac Arrest



Bro Pamfilo Villaruel  
Mu, 1979  
July 25, 2021  
COD: Colon Cancer



Sis Lerida Monares Dy  
Alpha, 1971  
August 15, 2021  
COD: Pneumonia



Bro Jose Raul Sitjar  
Delta Xi, 2002A  
August 18, 2021  
COD: Cardiac Arrest



Bro Abelardo Cajayon  
Lambda, 1963  
August 26, 2021  
COD: Colon Cancer



Bro Jonathan Alvarez  
Epsilon Lambda, 1993A  
May 28, 2021  
COD: Killed in Action



Bro Archie Aceveda  
Kappa Omega, 2004  
June 22, 2021



Bro Neil Albert Palad  
Phi, 2019  
August 24, 2021  
COD: Vehicular Crash



Bro Ernesto Garrovillas  
Delta, 1974  
August 30, 2021  
COD: Stage 4 Lung Cancer



Bro Ricardo Bautista  
Eta Mu, 1983  
August 30, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Sis Michelle Gunayon  
Eta, 1998D  
August 31, 2021  
COD: Colon Cancer



Bro Cristian-Louie Perez  
Alpha Phi, 2005  
September 3, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Bro Ruel Soriano  
APO Pet Group at SIBTech, 2018  
September 5, 2021  
COD: Heart Failure



Bro Andrew Castillo  
Eta Theta, 1986  
September 8, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Bro Jose Teoxon  
Eta, 1961  
September 24, 2021  
COD: COVID-19



Bro Martin Mangoba  
Psi, 1988  
November 10, 2021  
COD: Heart Attack



Bro Crisanto Lardizabal  
Epsilon Psi, 1981  
December 20, 2021

- 2019 Caesar S. Meria, Alpha Alpha
- 2019 Samuel ID. Gandeza, Beta Lambda
- 2019 Rennie M. Bernardo, Theta Nu
- 2019 Rex L. Figueroa, Gamma Iota
- 2019 Ruben O. Angeles, Iota
- 2019 Nestor R. Labaupa, Xi
- 2019 Ramon M. Alemana, Delta Lambda
- 2019 Melvin N. Gonzales, Kappa Xi
- 2019 Farouk J. Abdulwahid, Gamma Zeta
- 2019 Rodante B. Pajemna, Phi
- 2019 Rodolfo A. Espiritu, II, Alpha Omicron
- 2019 Gregorio C. Dionisio, Alpha Lambda
- 2019 Cyril I. Villanueva, Iota Upsilon
- 2020 Antonio A. Bermejo, Zeta Zeta
- 2020 Joshua B. Jorda, Delta Phi
- 2020 Pio Maria de Leon, Gamma Xi
- 2020 Djan Arminiuz Suzara, Nu Nu
- 2020 Aldefonso Alday, Beta Tau
- 2020 Ely L. Bañares, Alpha Theta
- 2020 Augusto S. Sy, Delta
- 2020 Rico V. Velasco, Epsilon Phi
- 2020 Angel SA. Balisoro, Delta Pi
- 2020 Rodolfo M. Marcelo, Beta Iota
- 2020 Myra De Los santos Renomeron, Theta Zeta
- 2020 Mark James Villanueva, Theta Mu
- 2020 Arman Bonsol Gines, Gamma Kappa
- 2020 Winston Cordova Peñaflor, Eta Kappa
- 2020 Reynaldo Pacheco Tolentino, Delta Phi
- 2021 Janford Jelson A. Gozon, Alpha Rho
- 2021 Djan Arminiuz Suzara, Nu Nu
- 2021 Mariano De Leon Cacawa, Beta Omicron
- 2021 Andrella A. Lapitan, Lambda Psi
- 2021 Robert F. Binondo, Kappa Xi
- 2021 Mel Dejuocos Almoguerra, Iota Chi
- 2021 Francisco Cuevas Lat, Beta
- 2021 Roberto G. Mendrez, Beta Zeta
- 2021 Norman C. Cruz, Alpha
- 2021 Tomasito M. Paulino, Gamma Tau
- 2021 Arman Gines, Nu Kappa
- 2021 Jovito B. Atanacio, Alpha Epsilon
- 2021 Tomasito M. Paulino, Gamma Tau
- 2021 Roland D. Tiolo, Epsilon Sigma
- 2021 Lorenzo C. Arcilla, Jr., Theta Tau
- 2021 Lorenzo L. Taneta, Beta
- 2021 Ricardo B. Bautista, Eta Mu
- 2021 Felipe T. Pula, Mu
- 2021 Richard N. Navalatan, Alpha Chi
- 2021 Marcos Vidal V. Valdez, Delta Tau
- 2021 Noel S. Rivera, Gamma Tau
- 2021 Emiliana Inducil-Refugio, Beta Pi

# FINANCIAL REPORT

ALPHA PHI OMEGA PHILIPPINES INCORPORATED  
UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FROM OCTOBER 1, 2021 TO FEBRUARY 21, 2022

## SOURCES OF FUNDS

### Dues and Fees

ID Receipts	383,775.00
Charter Dues	105,650.00
Petitioning Fee	15,500.00
Accreditation Fee	
Courier	3,580.00
Laundry Fee	100.00
Membership Certificate	500.00
Receipts from Consigned Items	35,990.00

**Total Receipts from Dues and Fees** **₱545,095.00**

### Restricted Donations

Typhoon Maring	218,504.95
Typhoon Odette	414,561.53
APO Telemed	83,040.00
APO Building	552,126.94
Office Chairs (NAO)	15,000.00
Logo Making Contest	10,000.00
On line Film Screening	229,486.80

**Restricted Donations** **₱1,522,720.22**

Payment for APO Nagoya (Air Fare of PNP Daboy) **₱8,765.00**

### Settlement of Receivables

Advances-Past Due	3,000.00
Officers	44,876.00
NAO Staff	98,732.24

**Total** **₱146,608.24**

### Other Income

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **₱2,223,188.46**

## USES OF FUNDS

### Assistance to Members and Donations

Benevolence Assistance	70,000.00
Typhoon Maring	210,545.70
APO Telemed	256,900.00
Donations-APO NAO Executive Chairs	15,000.00

**Total Assistance and Donations** **₱552,445.70**

### Project/Program Expenses

LGU Suite-Voting Platform	147,649.39
On line Screening	213,000.00

**Total Project/Program Expenses** **360,649.39**

### Regions Share Released

ARME	
ARE	
NCR	-
BARMM	
CAR	
Region 1	
Region 2	
Region 3	
Region 4A	
Region 4B	
Region 5	
Region 6	
Region 7	
Region 8	
Region 9	
Region 10	



Region 11	
Region 12	
Region 13	
<b>Total Regions Share Released</b>	-
Operating Expenses	
Materials-ID	158,350.00
Developmental Expenses	23,964.17
Planning Session	40,000.00
Communication and Courier	13,271.40
Light & Water	18,956.27
Subscription Fee-Internet/Zoom	11,135.94
Consignment Payable	21,210.00
Honoraria, Staff Benefits & 13th Month Pay	421,834.88
Office Supplies	44,661.61
Misc	14,232.97
Postage	8,599.25
Transportation & Travel	6,030.50
Taxes and Licenses	14,846.77
Presidential Pins/Medals	52,500.00
Plaques and Awards	18,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	11,200.00
Repairs and Maintenance-ID Machine	80,500.00
Representation	797.00
Association Dues	4,590.00
Web Hosting	8,500.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>P973,180.76</b>
<b>Procurement of Office Fixture &amp; Equipment</b>	
Furniture & Fixtures (Aircon)	147,898.00
Office Equipment	
<b>Total Procurement</b>	<b>P147,898.00</b>
<b>Advances</b>	
Advances-Officers (Planning Session)	28,740.00
Advances for Air Fare to Legaspi	11,876.00
NAO Staff Advances/Salary Loan	15,000.00
Advances-Shoot Fest	
Fun Run	
<b>Total Advances</b>	<b>P55,616.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS USED</b>	<b>P2,089,789.85</b>
<b>CASH AFTER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>P133,398.61</b>

Prepared by:


  
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# APPROVED BOARD RESOLUTIONS

PREPARED BY SIS. ATTY. CELIA G. VALDEZ, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

## 1st BOT Special Meeting

October 5, 2021 | Via Zoom Teleconferencing

BR#	TITLE
<b>2021-2023-001</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of Sis. Atty. Celia G. Valdez As National Executive Secretary
<b>2021-2023-002</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of Sis. Evelyn C. Cañete-Evangelio As National Executive Director
<b>2021-2023-003</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of Bro. Atty. Fritz G. Sapon As Asst. National Executive Secretary
<b>2021-2023-004</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointments Of The National Legal Counsel And The National Legal Counsels For Visayas, And Mindanao
<b>2021-2023-005</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointments Of The Chairman And Members Of The Committee On Membership; Chairman And Members Of The Committee On Finance (Ways And Means); Chairman And Members Of The Committee On Scouting; Chairman And Members Of The Committee On International Relations; And, Chairman And Members Of The Committee On Elections
<b>2021-2023-006</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Chairman And Members Of The Grievance And Adjudicatory Committee
<b>2021-2023-007</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Chairman And Members Of The Committee On Audit; Chairman And Members Of The Apo Academy Committee; Chairman And Members Of The Committee On Disaster Assistance And Response & Risk Reduction Management; Chairman And Members Of The Committee On Sports; Chairman And Members Of The Committee On Information And Communication (Media); Chairman And Members Of The Committee On Environment; And, The Chairman Of The Committee On Health
<b>2021-2023-008</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Administrative Region Of North America (Arna) Officers
<b>2021-2023-009</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Administrative Region Of The Pacific (Arp) Officers
<b>2021-2023-010</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Chairman And Members Of The Reference Committee
<b>2021-2023-011</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of Additional Chair And Members Of Standing Committees & National Committees
<b>2021-2023-012</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of Sis. Benita F. Villanueva As Asst. National Treasurer
<b>2021-2023-013</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The National Legal Counsels For Luzon
<b>2021-2023-014</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Administrative Region Of Asia (Ara) Officers
<b>2021-2023-015</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Bicol Administrative Region Officers
<b>2021-2023-016</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Eastern Visayas Administrative Region Officers
<b>2021-2023-017</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Davao Administrative Region Officers
<b>2021-2023-018</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Region Iv-A (Calabarzon) Officers
<b>2021-2023-019</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Region Iv-B (Mimaropa) Officers
<b>2021-2023-020</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The National Capital Administrative Region (Ncar) Officers
<b>2021-2023-021</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Administrative Region Of Europe (Are) Officers
<b>2021-2023-022</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Administrative Region Of Middle East (Arme) Officers
<b>2021-2023-023</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Central Luzon Administrative Region Officers
<b>2021-2023-024</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Region 6 – Western Visayas Administrative Region Officers
<b>2021-2023-025</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Region 7 – Central Visayas Administrative Region Officers

<b>BR#</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b>2021-2023-026</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Region 13 – Caraga Administrative Region Officers
<b>2021-2023-027</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Regional Director For Alumni Of The Cordillera Administrative Region
<b>2021-2023-028</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Cagayan Valley Administrative Region Officers
<b>2021-2023-029</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Northern Mindanao Administrative Region Officers
<b>2021-2023-030</b>	Resolution Changing The Bank Signatories Of The Organization's Current/Savings Accounts And The Designation Of Authorized Signatories Thereof
<b>2021-2023-031</b>	Adoption And Approval Of The National Executive Council And Board Of Trustees Regular Meeting Hosting Schedule
<b>2021-2023-032</b>	Resolution Creating An Adhoc Committee To Study, Assess And Evaluate The Existing Online Election Platform And Apo-Apps Provided By Lgu Suites And To Determine The Possibility Of Incorporating In The Application The Apo Accounting Program, To Make Recommendation To The Board Within 30 Days From Date Of This Resolution For Appropriate Action
<b>2021-2023-033</b>	Resolution Authorizing The National Treasurer And The National Executive Director To Apply For Loose-Leaf Books Of Account With The Bureau Of Internal Revenue
<b>2021-2023-034</b>	Resolution Authorizing The National Treasurer And The National Executive Director To Apply For Tax-Exempt Status With The Bureau Of Internal Revenue
<b>2021-2023-035</b>	Resolution Recognizing The Achievement Of Brother Kirby Lo, Brother Eli Hiram Everette, And Brother Chockchak Smith For Having Competed In One Of The Six World Major Marathons And Recognizing Their Dedication To Health And Wellness

## **2nd BOT Special Meeting**

November 3, 2021 | Via Zoom Teleconferencing

<b>BR#</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b>2021-2023-036</b>	Resolution Approving The Development Plan For 2021-2023
<b>2021-2023-037</b>	Resolution Amending Board Resolution No. 021 Of Development Year 2017-2019 And Board Resolution No. 009 Of Development Year 2019-2021 Removing The National President And Chairman As Co-Chairs Of The Apo Building Committee
<b>2021-2023-038</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of Bro. Ferdinand Balcueva As Chairman Of The Apo Building Committee
<b>2021-2023-039</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao (Barmm) Officers
<b>2021-2023-040</b>	Resolution Approving The Standard Temporary Guidelines For The Implementation Of The Apo Pandemic Response For Recruitment
<b>2021-2023-041</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of Bro. Jansen Lim As Ncar Section 3 Chair
<b>2021-2023-042</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of Additional Members Of The Committee On International Relations
<b>2021-2023-043</b>	Resolution Confirming The Appointment Of The Torch And Trefoil Editorial Board For The December 16, 2021 Issue



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