



The advent of the spring season always brings new things to the DC area! In FYP-DC, this only means the beginning of the festivities for the upcoming year! We have accomplished much over the past few months and have more in store for you.

In the next few months, there will be variety of events. FYP will be involved or helping with - sporting events, cultural events, the entertainment portion of the Philippine Festival in June, and of course, networking opportunities at our monthly Happy Hours. The officers of FYP-DC hope that you will like to be a part of it as member!

As a 2006 member, your dues will cover specials and discounts at events for the entire 2006 year. We typically have at least 15 more events this year, including a variety of networking, professional development, community service, and social events. We also partner with other area professional associations to increase the variety and creativity of events.

FYP-DC also offers leadership positions to those who are looking at taking an active role in shaping the future of the organization. We also would like to have any members who may be interested in joining our Professional Development and Networking Committees to tell us of your interest in what happens in our organization.

This year, we want the members to know what they have invested their money in by becoming a member of our organization. Additionally, we have begun producing these quarterly newsletters to share information about upcoming events, issues that concern our community, member profiles and officer profiles. In the next few years, we want FYP-DC to interest local area alumni from all the DC area universities and newcomers who have relocated to the DC area. We plan on increasing our web presence to invite new members or newcomers and attend future events.

If you need more info on how to become a member, see additional information (page 9) in this newsletter or contact our Treasurer, Jhoana Pajarillo. Email updates will be sent to update you on upcoming events. Make sure you spread the word! If you have any questions in regards to FYP-DC, please feel free and email info@fypdc.org at anytime and we'll be sure to get back to you.



Thanks for your time and enjoy the weather (while it lasts)!

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FYP-DC
wishes all members
and friends
a wonderful
Easter Holiday
and
Spring Season



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FYP-DC Member Birthday Bash at Penang!

By Victor Ecarma

It was an exciting time to celebrate your birthday the first three months of 2006!

FYP-DC through DCNRG held a private birthday party at Penang Restaurant. All FYP-DC members plus 1 guest received free admission. (It pays to be a paid member!) The event was well attended with over 50 members and guests joining in the festivities.



FYP-DC, through sheer coincidence, had five members celebrating their 21st Birthdays.

Happy Belated Birthdays to –

Abby Camacho, Victor Ecarma, Patrick Ledesma, Therese Lizardo & Raf Toledo (www.thespeaks.com)

Everyone was treated to a private table and complimentary drinks from the FYP-DC President, Victor Ecarma. If you want to join in next quarter and celebrate your birthday, become a member today!



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UPCOMING FYP-DC EVENTS
by Victor Ecarma and Linette Lucero

April and May are looking busy for our valuable members! We have planned many new and interesting events with more diverse young professionals and to experience new things with FYP. We are also collaborating various events with new organizations such as Swanky Productions and Culture Shock DC, while continuing with the Young East Asian Professionals (YEAP). Come and show your support for FYP and the great associations that we are working with!



- April 17th (Monday)** **Hockey Night (LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE)**
See the DC Capitals, in action in their last home game of the season! Tickets are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.
- April 19th (Wednesday)** **Fashion and Entertainment Happy Hour, DragonFly**
1215 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
Join us at our first joint Happy Hour with Swanky Productions which is an entertainment and modeling agency. See the Evite for all the important 411 on this HH!
- April 22nd (Saturday)** **FYP-DC Supported Event: Philippine Cultural Society of The George Washington University Cultural Show**
Show your support to fellow Filipino college students by attending this annual event at GWU. Info on the event can be found on GW's website or wait for more info from us!
- April 26th (Saturday)** **FYP-DC Supported Event: UN Young Professionals Panel Series: Youth Muslim Insurgency in South East Asia**
- May 6th (Saturday)** **Culture Shock Dance Competition and After Party**
See page 6 for further details.
- May 13th (Saturday) 7 to 11 PM** **FYP-DC Supported Event: Tennis Social**
hosted by Fil-Am Tennis of NoVa and Singles for Christ
"Building Community through Fun, Sport and Spirit, part 2", Skyline Sports and Health Club
Cost: \$15 includes court usage, tennis lessons, demo racquet, food and drinks - potluck reception to share your favorite dish, appetizer or snacks

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UPCOMING FYP-DC EVENTS (CONTINUED)

May (TBD) Spring Happy Hour with the Young East Asian Professionals (YEAP)
We will once again join forces with YEAP to put on a SUPER HAPPY HOUR event! Details are TBD. Please look out for the Evite in mid-May!

June (TBD) Philippine Festival Centennial Activities

June (TBD) FYP-DC General Body Meeting



Interested in Playing Volleyball?

This would be a “co-ed b” Fairfax Sportsplex volleyball league on Thursday nights. Games are either at 7, 8, 9 or 10pm. The cost is \$64.20 per person (for a team of 6) and the league starts on April 27. It lasts for 8 weeks plus playoffs.

Contact Jenn Carino (carinoj@fypdc.org), one of our FYP-DC Board Members, if interested or have further questions. The registration deadline is Thursday, April 20, so contact her **by April 18th**.

If there is a huge response, the team will be ‘first-come, first-serve’ basis. Thanks.

PENDING SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS

Professional Development Metro Dinners

Join other DC professionals for dinner at a favorite restaurant near a DC metro station. These will feature an informal discussion of a professional development. Upcoming topics include but are not limited to - Financial Planning, Marketing Yourself and Corporate Culture Basics. Details are TBD.

Wine Tasting Trip

Please join us for this wonderful day trip to a nearby winery or wine festival for sampling of various wines! Space will be limited, so please RSVP quickly when the Evite is sent out. We will take care of transportation. Details are TBD.

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Filipino Young Professionals (FYP-DC) along with Culture Shock DC cordially invite you and your friends to the

Official East Coast Dance Competition

AFTER-PARTY

May 6, 2006

FUR Night Club

Dress code strictly enforced! NO athletic gear!

After-Party Prices / Age Limit :

\$5 performers (w/ performer stub)

\$15 (w/ show ticket stub)

\$25 general public

*18+ men/women with proper ID

After-Party Co-Hosts:

Culture Shock DC (www.cultureshockdance.org/cswdc)

Filipino Young Professionals DC (www.fypdc.org)



East Coast Dance Competition

Presented by Culture Shock DC & Philippine Cultural Society

GWU's Lisner Auditorium

Pre-Show 4:00 pm Doors 6:30 pm

Tickets & Info: www.eastcoastdancecomp.com

Joni has \$20 tickets available for the competition. That is a discount, compared to the website listed price. Contact Joni Samilin (joni.samilin@gmail.com) for more details.

See some fabulous hot dancers duel it out on the dance floor! Over 1000 people came out to last year's competition, and this year we want you to be part of that.

FYP-DC will raffle two FREE raffle tickets to our FYP-DC members!

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Looking for something Different? Want to try something New?

By Victor Ecarma

Mission Statement: It is Swanky Productions, LLC's mission to provide a friendly and productive environment for vendors, buyers and retailers alike to collaborate their interests and ideas. A unique place where key players can further the industry's market while simultaneously giving Washington, D.C.'s high fashion models an opportunity to greatly expand their experience base with professional jobs. Further, Swanky Productions, LLC will give back to the community by sharing a portion of proceeds with smaller companies to help them attain similar goals.



Swanky Productions was created to address 'random elements' of the fashion industry and integrate them into a unified force of talents and resources. The company, conceived in 2005, began as an idea to merge different people and their experiences in show production and front of house into a fresh, young, dynamic company.

We offer complete event production - from charity fundraisers to corporate events, small cocktail receptions to extravagant galas. Swanky Productions Fashion Show team is composed of dedicated individuals, mostly multilingual and multicultural, many of whom have experience in the fashion industry in one capacity or another - from makeup and hair styling to photography, production and marketing, sales and business development. After studying different businesses in the area, they saw the need to create a more intimate fashion show setting for designers and buyers to meet in a friendly environment to conduct business. Also, they work to provide public relations and marketing tools for designers using all available means including networking and Internet usage as well as serving as a point of contact for designers, buyers and reps throughout the year.

W.H.Y. "We Hear You"- Fashion Show to benefit My Sister's Place, and organization against domestic violence. **My Sister's Place (MSP)** is a shelter for battered women and their children. The **MSP Mission** is an interactive community committed to eradicating domestic violence. They provide safe, confidential shelter; programs; education; and advocacy for battered women and their children. Their goal is to empower women to take control of their own lives.

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THE EVENT: A beautiful series of elegant runway shows that takes place along with a delicious cocktail hour presented to a discerning audience. A showcase for international fashion designers who create finely tailored garments as well as trend-setting accessories.

W.H.Y. Fashion Benefit

When: August 06, 2006

Time: 6:30

Where: Ecitie Restaurant www.eciticafe.com

THE AUDIENCE: Fashionistas and fashion lovers will be in fashion heaven as they spend a stylish evening soaking up the latest in fashion design along with delicious food. Designers or their representatives will be available to take orders on the spot. Boutique and specialty fashion buyers covering the designer to high-priced fashion market, fashion representatives, selected VIP's, socialites and corporate sponsors are also sure to enjoy these events.



Fashion Exchange Martini Benefit: Clothing drive. Bring in your old cloths to help someone less than yourself. We are collecting clothing of for all sizes and ages.

Fashion Exchange Martini Benefit

When: April 19th, 2006

Time: 7:30

Where: DragonFly Restaurant

We will be holding fashion fundraising events once a month at Dragon Fly Restaurant so gather up all of your friends and come join us for an evening of great fun with beautiful people. Please refer to our web site for more information. www.swankyprod.com

Helpful Spring Fashion Tips:

Spring fashion is all about looking good and wearing light, earth tone colors. Finding clothes that fits your frame is a crucial element of fashion.

Muted Metallics. Metallic shoes, bags and belts are a great way to lighten up your style for spring and summer. They are the perfect companions for your whites and brights and work as well in the day as they do at night. This season, metallic accessories are not quite as shiny as in years past, adding to their versatile and multi-faceted appeal.

For more information about Swanky Productions,
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Good News! Membership Dues are \$10!

Membership has its rewards!
Interested in becoming a member of FYP-DC?

To renew your dues or to become a member, complete the membership form and submit \$10 for annual dues. The membership form can be found on the Members" area of <http://www.fypdc.org>. You may email your form or submit your dues via Paypal to info@fypdc.org. [Cash or Checks only]

Membership forms and payments can also be mailed to:

[NOTE - NEW ADDRESS for FYP-DC]
Filipino Young Professionals of Washington, DC
4551 Strutfield Lane, #4204
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For membership inquiries or comments, contact Jhoana Pajarillo, Treasurer, at jhoanafyp@gmail.com.

Pay Your Dues online!



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Upcoming Birthdays

April Siruno April 19th
Linette Lucero May 2nd
Joni Samilin May 24th

Recent Engagements

Peter Villareal & Ria de Lumen
Yorick Jurani & Rochelle Samilin



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FYP-DC Member Profile

Amanda C. Mariano



Where are you from originally?

Native Washingtonian

What do you do professionally?

Financial Advisor

What do you do for fun?

I play underwater hockey!!!!

Why did you join FYP-DC?

To meet other Filipinos.

Who was the first FYP-DC person you met? Meet everyone at once.

Will you be coming to our Fashion & Entertainment Happy Hour in April? Sounds like fun...

FYP-DC Member Profile

Fred Macaraeg



Where are you from originally? Severna Park, MD, however I've lived in Columbus, OH as well and most recently returned from Denver, CO

What do you do professionally? I'm a financial planner with Ameriprise Financial, formerly American Express Financial Advisors. If you ever want to disperse a crowd of people around you at a party, tell them you're a financial advisor or a lawyer. they'll finish their drink quickly & scramble for a refill :-)

Why did you join FYP-DC? To meet other young filipino professionals in and around where I live & work. That and to ensure myself that there are other filipinos out there that are not children of the doctors my parents work with :-)

Who was the first person I met at FYP-DC? I believe Yorick was the first person to introduce himself, with everyone shortly thereafter.

What is your most endearing quality? Wow. I'd have to say either my sense of humor or my ability to communicate with people. My sense of humor is only endearing to those that share my sense of humor!!

Will you be coming to our Fashion & Entertainment Happy Hour in April? Where there's Grey Goose....

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FYP-DC Officer Profile

Joni Samilin
Public Relations and Marketing Chair

My short and long term goals are to...

- Include diverse professions in membership
- Network with well established and known organizations
- Execute fun and popular social events
- Have FYP-DC's name and purpose known locally and internationally

What Other Groups/Organizations Are You Affiliated With?

Philippine Cultural Society of GWU (<http://www.pcsgwu.org/>)
Culture Shock Washington, D.C. (www.cultureshockdance.org)

What is Something People Don't Know About You?

My birth name is Florence, after my late grandfather Florencio. I named myself in pre-school and my parents took me to court in 3rd grade to officially change my name to Joni.

What is Your Favorite Place to Eat in DC?

I don't have a favorite restaurant because I am always willing to try new food. My favorite place to hang out is Modern on Thursday nights where local b-boys and b-girls come out in their sneakers to rock the dance floor!



FYP-DC Officer Profile

Jemelyn Tayco
Secretary

My short and long term goals are to...

- share some interesting ideas for future social events are paintball, laser tag, bowling, go-cart racing, fruit picking, involvement in volunteer events like Hands-on DC, etc.
- begin facilitating more events in conjunction with the Philippine Embassy.

How do you view your new position as FYP-DC Secretary?

I see the position of Secretary as composed of ensuring that the member database is updated, that members are informed of upcoming events, that minutes are recorded for meetings, that contributions are made to the newsletter. I hope that the experience would be rewarding and enriching.

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FYP-DC Sends Assistance to the Philippines for Mudslide Victims by Patrick Ledesma

In the end of February, FYP-DC held its annual Happy Hour and Speed Dating event at Gua-rapo's in Arlington, Virginia. While the event was originally conceived to help combat some of our post-Valentine's Day blues for some of our members, the officers of FYP-DC decided to make a last minute change to the event and make it a fundraiser to assist the victims of the recent mudslides in Southern Leyte.



rescue effort and recovery of the region. FYP-DC believes that we should always assist in some way no matter how far we are from the situation. We only hope that our efforts will help our country in this time of need.

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Speed Dating: Magic is in the Air

By Victor Ecarma

October 6, 2005 FYP-DC organized its 2nd Annual Speed Dating and Happy Hour at Guarapo Restaurant in Arlington, Virginia. Over 26 people participated (with another 75 watching at the bar) and many new friends and relationships were discovered.

Relationships? You ask? How can new relationships be formed through a 5 minute date? People who participant in speed dating, don't do it for love but just try it for the sake of trying it. People ask random questions, like:

- If you were a color, what color would you be?
- Do you wear boxers or briefs?

When you don't expect anything from a 5 minute date and have a care free attitude, that's when magic can happen. Two unassuming players, who randomly decided to play, caught the magic in that precious 5 minute date. In less than a month they were dating. Another month after that, they were exclusive. Then 4 months after their random 5 minute encounter, they became engaged.

Who are they? They are FYP-DC members Yorick Jurani and Rochelle Samilin. Magic is a beautiful thing when it is unexpected. Congratulations and Best Wishes!



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GWU Career Night and Professional Development Update

by Abigail M. Camacho

In last March, we had our first Career Night at the George Washington University (GWU). With the guidance of Vic Ecarma, this event was assisted by Christine Dela Rosa of the GWU Philippine Cultural Society (PSC) and Martha-Alice Miyoko Kiger of the Asian American Program Coordinator of the Multicultural Student Services Center. FYP-DC was also assisted by Vince Tolentino, President of YEAP.

The Career Night was on Tuesday, March 28th, at the GWU Duques Hall. We had 18 professionals, who volunteered to help and introduce students to the professional world and workforce that lies ahead. This included resume and interviewing help sessions, insights on graduate school applications, and a sharing of workplace experiences and transitions.

Overall the event was a success, but this was all possible because of our volunteers, from both FYP and YEAP. These were - **Cheryl Andrada, Mingzhong Chen, Lan Duong, Wit Lizardo Escano, Jude Escano, Marsha Galicia, Liz Goings, John Hu, Paolo del Mundo, Ron Nerida, Carminia Panlilio, Franco Salvoza, Manny Sayoc, Hannah Sin and Mike Xia.** Thanks also to my fellow FYP-DC Officers, Martha-Alice Kiger, Christine Dela Rosa and Vince Tolentino for their help and support.

Finally, FYP-DC wishes all the GWU participants and other students the best in all their endeavors.



Stay tuned for more on the FYP-DC Peer Mentor Program, which was introduced last year.

Contact Abby at abby-fyp@comcast.net regarding any questions regarding recent and upcoming events for professional development.

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