



Closing out 2006 and Welcoming 2007!

By Victor Ecarma, President



It has been a great year! FYP-DC in 2006 expanded its membership base, programming, and became a “brand name” within the local DC Filipino-American community.

It has also been an honor to be selected again as your president and continue this momentum for 2007. For the upcoming year, I want continuity with the vision of establishing FYP-DC as the organization for choice for young professionals within Washington, DC. This can be achieved through formalizing our relationships with other groups, which we’ve started. Right now we can call some groups “partners” such as Young Professionals for International Cooperation, OCY-YP, NAAYP, APA Film and AAA Fund that will help us achieve our vision through increasing our visibility and name recognition among young professional circles and organizations. Furthermore, our business model is sound and the organization is solid that contributes to our success. FYP-DC has created efficiencies in the way we do business because we do more with less.

As of November, we have had 18 events with an estimated 2 more events planned. Although our goal of 70 members (new and returning) was not met, we do have 65 paid members. FYP-DC has taken great strides but for our future we need to develop FYP-DC members who want to become our future leaders. Otherwise our organization will struggle when current leaders leave office. As a result, another major goal this is year to get more members involved through appointments to empty positions and through reestablishing committees. FYP-DC is a successful organization today, but I want to make sure it continues its success in the future.

FYP-DC is only as good as the members who are active, not only in attending events but also in leadership. If you want FYP-DC to continue to succeed, become involved. One person alone can’t make this happen, but many people coming together can.

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List of Upcoming Events (Subject to Change)

December 16, 2006
FYP-DC 2006 Holiday Party
See page 8 for details.

January 2007 (TBD)
2nd Annual Kick-Off Party

February 2007 (TBD)
**4th Annual Happy Hour and
Speed Dating**





2007 Elected Executive Officers

President – Victor Ecarma



Excerpt from 2007 application:

“I bring continuity with the vision of establishing FYP-DC as the organization for choice for young professionals within Washington, DC. FYP-DC has established partnerships and working relationships with several organizations such as Young Professionals for International Cooperation, OCY-YP, NAAYP, APA Film and AAA Fund that has diversified our programming and increased our visibility. This upcoming year, I would like to extend our programming to community and lecture series type of events to make FYP-DC a well rounded organization. “



Public Relations and Marketing Chair – Joni Samilin



Excerpt from 2007 application:

“My current efforts to make FYP a more inclusive organization include networking with non-Asian based groups such as Swanky Productions, which caters to the fashion and event planning industry and International Artists Support Group, a non-profit group that supports community service for children. I also chaired the recent FYP Rex Navarrete Comedy show, which involved networking with diverse organizations in order to appeal to young professionals all over the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. This event raised awareness for FYP through mass e-mails, publications and promotional events. I believe that FYP leaders and members should uphold their civic responsibilities in order to be more inclusive. As the primary Filipino professional group in our nation’s capital, FYP has the leverage to make a large contribution to community awareness. In this regard, I propose that FYP work with the Capital Area Food Bank to help distribute food to those in need. “

Professional Development Chair – Christine Epres



Excerpt from 2007 application:

“The most important quality I can bring to FYP to help the organization grow and be more inclusive is a life-long passion to empower my fellow brothers and sisters in the Filipino-American community..... As Vice-President of the local Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) at Syracuse Law, I organized the Mentor/Mentee program in which I paired first year law students with second and third-year students who shared similar career and personal interests. Through the program, I sponsored Mentor/Mentee events as a way to ensure that mentees had a chance to spend time with and get to know their mentors and ask for advice about law school and the legal profession.



Positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and open slots of Board Directors will be filled or appointed by January 1, 2007.



About Young Professionals for International Cooperation [YPIC]

Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) is a program of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) seeking to engage young professionals in discussions of international affairs while emphasizing the importance of multilateral cooperation and the UN. The UNA-National Capital Area (NCA) supports the mission of UNA-USA YPIC and is committed to providing information and opportunities to young professionals and students in the area.

UNA-NCA YPIC holds several events each year through its committees (Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Middle East, Human Rights, International Law, International Economics, Sustainable Development, Peace and Security, Women's Issues and Taste Of). YPIC events range from cultural, policy discussion, career opportunities, networking and social. Policy discussions have touched on the diagnosis of democracy in Latin America and China; the UN's role in the Middle East; improving coordination between international and local organizations; disaster relief and its effect on women; human trafficking; recognition of minority rights; and income disparities in Latin America.

Panelists have come from US Agency for International Development, Organization of American States, Partner of the Americas, Chemonics International, International Red Cross, Human Rights Watch, Inter-American Development Bank, Inter-American Dialogue, Vital Voices for Global Partnership, Solidarity Center, China Support Network, Harvard, International Republican Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Department of State, International Organization for Migration, Coptic Orphans, Holy Land Ecumenical Foundation and Middle East Fellowship.



YPIC has also reached out to the UN to participate at policy events giving the audience the UN's perspective on various issues. UN panelists at our events have included Douglas Keh of UNDP; John Fredriksson of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees; Sarah Craven of the UN Population Fund and Katherine Marshall of the World Bank.



Career events have helped participants get an overview of careers in the international realm and given them opportunities to network. Our past Career Fair attracted close to 200 participants. The YPIC mentoring program, subdued career events, allows our senior, more experienced members to give YPIC'ers an idea of how to get into the international field. DACOR BACON, a subset of this program, consists of foreign affairs veterans offering young professionals a wealth of stories, advice, and contacts. The program is becoming popular at area schools as evidenced by an article written in a George Mason University publication.

In addition to the committees mentioned above, UNA-NCA YPIC also has a Secretariat with the following committees: Membership, Research, Media and Press Team, and Social.



If you are interested in joining YPIC, please join UNA-USA first. We are always looking for committed, reliable and enthusiastic persons to join our committees too! If you are interested in joining a UNA-NCA YPIC committee, please send an e-mail with:

- 1. A one paragraph bio (in lieu of a resume)*
- 2. E-mail and phone number*
- 3. The committee of your interest, and*
- 4. Any questions you might have to ypicmembership@unanca.org.*

YPIC provides an exciting opportunity to interact with like-minded individuals and gives young professionals from all walks of life a unique forum in which to learn more about current international issues, the UN, and the work of UNA-USA.

Come experience the fun and excitement of YPIC!



UDC - Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

The Asian Pacific American Law Student Association is dedicated to Asian Pacific American legal scholarship and cultural awareness at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (UDC-DCSL) and within the District of Columbia area. See <http://www.law.udc.edu/students/apalsa.html> for more information. Asian Pacific American Law Student Association continues to strive in its goal to bring cultural awareness to the student body at the UDC-DCSL and to the legal community as a whole, representing a diverse group of people and advancing various interests of the Asian Pacific American community.

Interested in joining this chapter or other DC metro chapters, please contact apalsa_udc@hotmail.com or check the National Asian Pacific American Law Student Association at <http://www.napaba.org>.





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Upcoming FYP-DC Event
Partnering with Swanky Productions

Charity Fashion Show

December 10th, 2006

Show starts at 6:00
(Doors open at 5:00)

Mezza Luna
1140 19th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Need more? Questions? Email info@fypdc.org



Interested in Modeling?

Females must be at least 5'-5" and males at least 5'-9"
CONTACT ecarma_victor@yahoo.com by November 30, 2006.

While FYP-DC neither endorses or is affiliated with the DC-based media organizations below, note the following:

Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership

www.capal.org
email: info@capal.org

Asian Fortune Newspaper

<http://www.asianfortune.com/>
email: info@asianfortune.com
PO Box 578
Haymarket, VA 20168
(703) 753-8295

Philippine Embassy

email: info@philippineembassy-usa.org
1600 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington DC 20036
(202) 467-3000
(202) 467-9363

Asian American Journalists Association

<http://chapters.aaja.org/Washington/>





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Good News! Membership Dues are still \$10!

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

To renew your dues or to become a member, simply 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. Please note that for Paypal payments, we are unable to accept credit/debit cards.

Membership forms and payments can also be mailed to:
**Filipino Young Professionals of Washington, DC
4551 Stratfield Lane
Alexandria, VA 22311**

Email any comments or questions to info@fypdc.org, Attention Treasurer.



**Thanks, FYP-DC Members and Friends, for a GREAT 2006!
We look forward to another fun and enjoyable year for
2007. Have a wonderful holiday season!**

- FYP-DC Executive Officers, 2006



Rex Navarrete Event

Filipino funnyman, Rex Navarrete, came to entertain Washington D.C. area fans with his hilarious stylings of the Filipino culture recently. The comedy show, which was held on October 7th at the George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium, also showcased the reggae band First Rays and the dance troupe Capital Funk.

The audience rolled with laughter as Rex joked about Filipino staples such as spam, balikbayan boxes and 'lolos'. After the show, Rex stayed a while to sign autographs and take pictures with his excited fans. The night ended with an after-party at Manila Cafe, which included the guest of honor.

The Rex Navarrete comedy show was organized by On-Stage Productions, LLC and the Filipino Young Professionals of Washington DC. FYP-DC would like to personally thank Joni Samilin who organized and led the planning for the successful event. A special thanks goes to Sheri Lou Santos, the backstage manager, who ensured the show went out without a hitch! We also want to thank all of the sponsors that contributed to the show's program and to the Lisner Auditorium backstage crew. Another special thanks goes out to all of the FYP-DC volunteers who took time out before, during and after the show to help the night become a huge success!!



REX NAVARRETE

HE'S TALAGANG CRAZY

Stay tuned for more FYP-DC
events in 2007!





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FYP-DC Presents 2nd Annual Holiday Potluck!

It is the season to be around friends and to celebrate another great year! We'll introduce the newly elected and appointed Officers, Board of Directors, exchange presents and much more!

Where: Palazzo at Park Center Club House
(aka Vic's Clubhouse)
4551 Stratfield Lane
Alexandria, VA 22311
Park in Visitor Spots or on the Street

When: Saturday, December 16, from 1PM - 4PM
Bring: Entree, Drinks or Side Dishes

GIFTS: Everyone must bring a unisex present
between \$10-15 for the gift exchange.



2007 Membership Drive: Bring \$10 to pay FYP-DC 2007 dues

Website Change Drive: Bring spare change as we aim to collect \$25 to pay for webhosting fees

Need more information? No worries... Announcements (evite, myspace, Friendster) will be sent around Thanksgiving Day.

Any other questions? Email info@fypdc.org.

