



Happy Holidays and Welcoming 2008!

by George N. Faustino
Vice President

What are the benefits of joining FYP-DC? I can not tell you how many times I've been asked that very question. People always ask while at happy hours and declare, "I find out about the happy hours anyhow". That part is true. You CAN find out about the FYP Happy Hours from you friends or social networks. FYP is on MySpace and Facebook. We post bulletins and send out evites. Your officers and other dedicated members spend some of their free time organizing Happy Hours and other events and we also pay our annual dues.

Its a simple as this. The more people that become actual members, its just that little bit more that we can return back to you, the membership base. At the Annual pool party and picnic we were able to buy a nice sized lechon and provide many other entrees and we are able to provide a venue for the Holiday Pot luck. Let's not forget the website either.

All of those things, other little events and connections are given back to the membership base. In a perfect world we'd have a nice rich benefactor to finance our events and community services. But in this world we all must be the benefactor in some small way. The more members the more benefits. More community service, bigger networking events and happier happy hours.

Annual membership dues are only \$10. In some places that's less than 2 drinks. Direction on how to pay by US Mail or online are on our website, www.fypdc.org. So please take care of that ASAP. Paying in December will pay for the rest of 2007 and all of 2008. Plus, you wouldn't want anyone to call you kuripot, diba? ☺

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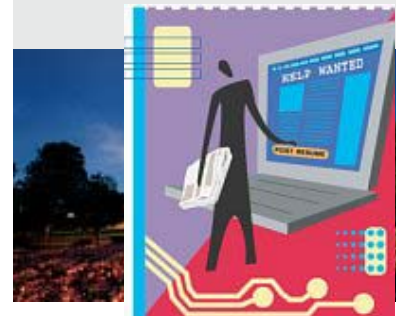


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FYP-DC Member Profile - Jennifer Ann Frias

- 1) Where is your family originally from in the PI?
My mom is from La Union and my dad is from Bukidnon.
- 2) Where do you currently reside?
Arlington, VA
- 3) College?
Boston University, Major in International Relations
- 4) Any siblings or pets?
one younger brother named Vincent, and a yellow lab named Kobe, after Kobe Bryant!
- 5) Astrological sign?
Taurus
- 6) Any hobbies/interests?
I love to travel, play soccer, snowboard, watch the Lakers, cook, and eat! I especially enjoy cooking different ethnic foods and trying random 'hole in the wall' restaurants.
2007 Travel List: Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand
- 7) Myers-Briggs personality type?
I don't know!
- 8) Who was the first person you met in FYP?
Linette Lucero. I met her last year at the Johns Hopkins SAIS international dinner. Once she realized I was filipino she invited me and Matt to attend the holiday potluck.
- 9) Why did you join FYP?
I was an active member of the Filipino Student Association at Boston University and I wanted to remain active in the Filipino community after college. I think it's important to stay in touch with your cultural heritage.
- 10) New Years? This year I will be in the Philippines with my family!
- 11) Favorite filipino food? Too many favorite dishes to choose from, but I am a big fan of beef sinigang and turon.
- 12) Favorite Thing to Do in DC? - go to the National Zoo. I used to live down the street from the zoo and I loved reading books with Matt right in front of the panda exhibit.





Why I love FYP-DC!

"For me, FYP-DC is like having a bunch of old friends whom I've never met before. For some reason, the group is always welcoming and eager to include new members into their inner circle, with no strings attached. I felt immediately welcomed and accepted during the first FYP event at Victor's house; it was a potluck, and the food and people were great. In college, I had a tremendous support group in the Filipino Students Association on campus, and I am glad to say that FYP has met that same function for me in my post-college life. Perhaps its just a social group, but it also helps DC feel a little more like home; and for that reason, they seem more like extended family than anything else."

- *Matthew Nicholas, FYP-DC Member*

"If you would have told me in 2004 (Networking Committee) and 2005 (Internal VP, Interim President) that FYP-DC would lead me to long-lasting friendships and future contacts in the Filipino community nationwide, I wouldn't have believed you. But yet here I am living in the San Francisco Bay Area as the Membership Committee Chair of YFPA (Young Filipino Professional Association) still referring people to FYP-DC and still talking, emailing, and visiting friends that are almost 3000 miles away. FYP-DC may be my past, but it has lead me to my present with YFPA and there is no telling what my future holds."

- *Marsha C. Galicia, former FYP-DC Executive Officer 2004 & 2005*

"I like it because it's fun to meet new people and make new friends. Not to sound racist, but Filipinos are fun to party with. All the girls are really sweet, and the guys are pretty hot too! Lol. I'm finding that everyone knows each other too in fyp, which is even more comical and enjoyable for me. My Facebook friend count has skyrocketed. I also enjoy eating the Filipino food. So I guess that's a lot of reasons. Imagine that. \$10 is nothing compared to everything you get out of it, whether it be social or professional reasons. I'm glad I joined!"

- *Rosalina Leoncio, FYP-DC Member*

"Being a member of FYP has been a great experience. I've become more involved with the Filipino community through dance, professional workshops, mixers, etc, and I've made life-long friends. If it wasn't for FYP, and FYP President Victor Ecarma, I would have never met my wonderful husband!"

- *Therese L. Lizardo-Escano, former FYP-DC Executive Officer and Board Member, 2004-2007*

FYP-DC Alive and Strong!!

This Year FYP-DC reach several milestones!

73 - 2007 Paid Members

122 - Total Members

523 - Subscribers to our Yahoo General Listserve

29 - FYP Sponsored, Co-Sponsored and Supported Events

1669 Website Hits on the revamped website as November 30, 2007





**FYP-DC Member Profile -
Warren Lui**

**1) Where is your family
originally from in the PI?**

The Northern-ish Part

**2) Where do you currently
reside?**

McLean, VA

3) College?

Virginia Tech

4) Any siblings or pets?

I have a younger brother Brian

5) Astrological sign?

Pieces

6) Any hobbies/interests?

Hanging out with friends, watching/playing football/basketball/soccer/sports in general

7) Myers-Briggs personality type?

I don't know.

8) Who was the first person you met in FYP? Joni. We were both new hires at Booz Allen and met through a mutual friend. She really helped me feel like part of a family with FYP, which I am very grateful for.

9) Why did you join FYP? FYP is a great forum for being involved in the asian-american community, networking, and they put up lots of Happy Hours!

10) New Years, I... was in WVa tearing up the slopes

11) Favorite filipino food? Anything greasy?

12) Favorite DC landmark and why? National Cathedral because the architecture is amazing and I appreciate the rich history behind it.



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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 2008. Have a won-
derful holiday season!**

- FYP-DC Executive Officers, 2007





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FYP-DC Presents 3rd 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 15, from 12PM - 2PM
Bring: Entree, Drinks or Side Dishes

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



**2008 Membership Drive: Bring \$10 to pay
FYP-DC 2007 dues**

Need more information? No worries...
Any other questions? Email info@fypdc.org.

