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## Summer Greetings from FYP-DC!

by Abigail M. Camacho, FYP-DC Newsletter Editor

Hello, FYP-DC Members and Friends! I hope that everyone is having a wonderful 2007 and an enjoyable summer. As a former officer for two terms and ongoing member, FYP-DC has offered many opportunities, events and friendships over the last several years. As the organization evolved, so has its other aspects.

In late July the FYP-DC website was improved and revamped. Visit [www.fypdc.org](http://www.fypdc.org) and take a look at a few added areas and changes. Here is a list outlining these updates and changes per web section.

**About Us:** History Page Added

**Officers:** Past Officers and Board Members Added

**Members:** Changed to 'Members and Newsletters'

- All Prior Newsletters can be downloaded
- Content Changed

**Events:** New Multimedia Layout!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- 2002 FYP-DC Photos Added

**Links:** Reorganized

- Organizations which FYP-DC works with
- Preferred services added
- Professional Development Resources added
- APA/FIL-AM Resources

Additionally we now have a new Vice President, George Faustino. See page 7 for more about him and a special thanks from Joni, our PR & Marketing Chair.

For the remainder of the summer, we have a few events planned. On Sunday, August 19th, there will be our Third Annual Picnic/Potluck at the Ecarma Residence in Potomac, MD. We also have a Networking Happy Hour on Tuesday, September 18th, and the APA Film Reception (date to be determined).

Visit our website or stay tuned for email announcements for more details on these and many other events!

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**Mabuhay!**

Welcome to the Filipino Young Professionals of Metropolitan Washington, DC (FYP-DC). We are an organization that is dedicated to developing the professional, social and service aspects of our community. All are welcome to attend our events, and we encourage your involvement.

FYP-DC is a 501(c)7 non-profit organization, whose primary objective is to support issues or interests, related to the Filipino-American community and the DC metropolitan region, for non-commercial and non-political purposes. As such, FYP-DC is subject to guidelines set forth by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and may not endorse any political parties, candidates or similar activities.

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**FYP-DC Member News**

**Flexifer** - Congratulations Jenn Carino and Felix Prasarn aka "Flexifer"!  
*Felix, a former FYP-DC Technical Director and Jenn, a former FYP-DC Board of Advisor, were engaged on the Eiffel Tower on June 21, 2007. We wish them a lifetime of happiness together.*



**FYP-DC Speed Dating Success Story** - Teach Roberts and Lorena Magali met at the annual FYP-DC Speed Dating event last February at Guarapo and are happily together. Congrats!

**Randy Lizardo** just graduated from his OBGYN residency at The George Washington University Medical Center, where he was voted as "Resident of the Year." He is celebrating by traveling through Spain for 3 weeks with a group 52 people from all around the world. In September, he will be joining the group practice "Capital Women's Care," located in Silver Spring, MD.

**Jude Escaño**, an army physician, has been serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom at Camp Cropper in Baghdad. He graduated from his family practice residency at Ft. Belvoir in 2006, where he scored in the 99th percentile for the nation-wide family practice in-service exam. He was deployed in March 2007, and he will return in July 2008.

**Therese Lizardo-Escaño** is completing a Cancer Research Fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. She recently won 1st place at the George Washington University Medical Center Research Day for an oncology fellowship that she completed this past year. She looks forward to another year of medical school in the Fall.



**A Summer in DC**  
by Arnold Noche

This year, I spent my summer living in DC while working for a client in entertainment industry... a radio station not too far from Union Station. I have actually been here since April which is the extreme opposite of what I did last summer when I spent it in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia during their winter season. Sad but true, Los Angeles is where my house is but Foggy Bottom is currently where my apartment is. But I'm having fun... Cheers!

**Summer Beach Trip**

"This summer I took a trip to Miami Beach with 5 of my best Filipina girlfriends. Our chaquita banana yellow bathing suits were yes, planned, but very cute! We stayed on 10th and Ocean Drive, walking distance from shopping, restaurants, and nightlife. If you're looking for a long weekend with the 'ladies' or 'guys' I highly recommend this beach!"

by  
Natassja Manzanero  
FYP-DC Social/Networking  
Chair





**Filipino Young Professionals – Maraming Salamat!  
From Tutubi Productions, Julian Oteyza and Linda Pirrone**

June 18, 2007

Each year, during the Philippine Fair and Parade, the Philippine-American Foundation for Charities, Inc. Festival Committee offers Tutubi Productions an opportunity to organize and conduct an art contest for all children attending the fair. A winning entry entitles the children to a cash award, a certificate of merit, and the first opportunity for these budding artists to exhibit their work and receive public recognition for their accomplishment. The traveling art exhibit, “Brown Strokes on a White Canvas” offered a venue each year for the children’s art work to be exhibited: 2001 contest winners were featured at The Foundry Gallery in Washington, DC; 2002 contest winners were featured at George Mason University; 2003 contest winners were displayed at the Harmony Hall Regional Cultural Center; 2004 contest winners appeared at Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial library; 2005 contest winners were featured at Martin Luther King,



Jr. Memorial library, The University of Phoenix in the Reston, Virginia; and The Philippine Embassy; and 2006 contest winners work appeared at Manila Café Tutubi Cultural Center and Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial library. The winners of the 2007 art contest currently have their work displayed at Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial library, and will be included in a compilation book featuring children’s art from all Philippine Festival contests.

Over the past years of this annual contest, Tutubi Productions wanted to offer the children more – more time to draw, more people to help with distribution of supplies and explanations of the theme, as well as someone to listen to the children explain their work when it’s completed. In 2006 and 2007, we asked FYP and GWPCS to assist in the Children’s Art tent on Pennsylvania Avenue in the shadow of the Capitol building. In 2006, you were there for the children, and in 2007 (in near monsoon conditions), you showed up in force to shield the children from the rain while they created their work in the shelter of the art tent. We are forever grateful for your cheerful and willing assistance – even though a few of us were driven to fashion attire from large trash bags, your beautiful spirits shown through and you made a genuine contribution to the children who’s creative impulse was not dampened by the deluge.

Thanks to Joni Samilin’s persuasive enticements, you showed up in droves to enjoy the emerging artists’ creations. Joni and Victor were the movers and shakers behind this special treat for the children and thanks to them, Glen,

**Children’s Art Fair  
2007 Winners**

To view drawings, visit ‘Events’ at [www.fypdc.org](http://www.fypdc.org)

Ages 3 to 6

- Luke Filon (age 5) First Place
- Katherine Argente (age 5) Second Place
- Assad Jenkins (age 6) Second Place

Ages 7 to 9

- Aaron Aranza (age 8) First Place
- Kayla Argente (age 8) Second Place
- Elisha Ugot (age 9) Third Place

- Lauraida Brown (age 8) Honorable Mention
- Victoria Bersamin (age 9) Honorable Mention

Ages 10 to 13

- Camille Baechler (age 10) First Place
- Attiyah Jenkins (age 10) Second Place
- Kevin Argente (age 12) Third Place
- Honorable Mention (age 12) Chief Justice Abenas





Suzie, Francis, Wayne, Linette, Jenny, Rochelle, Yorick and of course Joni provided some very special one on one time with the budding artists from ages 3 to 16. The children were excited to have someone interested in their drawing and interpreting the theme “**Celebrating Americas Many Cultures**” and if the miles of smiles coming from the volunteers were any indication, I believe we had a symbiotic relationship between GWPCS/FYP and a multitude of children they’ve never met before – but children who will never forget GWPCS and FYP.



Tutubi Productions began a tradition of asking musicians, dancers, poets, writers, singers and other artists from the community to sponsor each award category for the children’s art contest in 2006. When the children received their award checks from FYP President, Victor Ecarma last year, each recipient also received their sponsor’s bio to encourage a bridge between the generations and demonstrate to the children and their families that there are a variety of creative

expression and those expressions continue past the ages of 3 to 16 and extend beyond visual art. Thank you Joni Samilin for sponsoring one of the awardees prizes last year. We encourage others to follow suit this year and choose one of the categories, First place, \$50.00; Second place, \$35.00 and Third place, \$25.00 to add your support. While many of you may not “self define” as an artist, every conscious decision you make is an expression of art. Many of you have sung, played a musical instrument, acted, danced, composed poetry, written short stories, etc., and all of these are manifestations of artistic expression.

The art work from this years contest is currently on display in room A-6 at Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial library and we welcome your feedback between now and June 28<sup>th</sup> when the exhibit concludes as to those works you feel have best interpreted the theme in the 3 age categories represented. You may also enjoy the “trash bag” fashion photos of the FYP/GWPCS volunteers in the tent that appear with the children’s art work. What a photogenic group you are!

Tutubi Productions called on students and young professionals to help us give back to the community and upon seeing a real need for your assistance you leant a helping hand. A multitude of children and their extended families from the community were impacted by your selfless volunteerism we are all forever grateful.

Maraming Salamat,

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Upcoming Events  
(Subject to Change)

**Children’s Fair Showcase of Winners**  
Saturday, August 18th

**3rd Annual Pool Party & Picnic**  
Sunday, August 19th

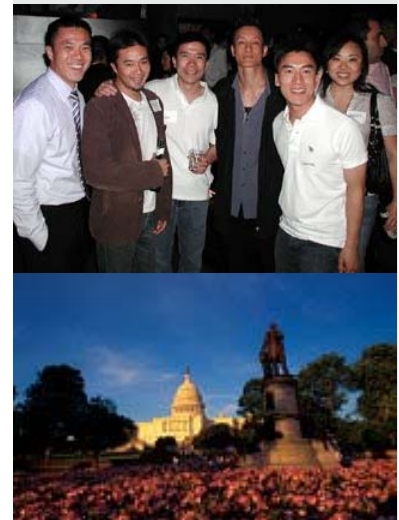
**Networking Happy Hour**  
Tuesday, September 18

**APA Film Reception**  
To Be Determined (TBD)

For more details, visit  
‘Events’ at [www.fypdc.org](http://www.fypdc.org)



Photo (below) from FYP-DC  
May Networking Event





**Good News! Membership Dues are still \$10!**

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

In 2006, our membership grew considerably when we cut our dues in half. To keep that momentum, we have the same annual membership dues at only \$10.

Membership definitely has its privileges. As a member, you will gain numerous discounts, including access to events for paid members only, discounts on admission to our numerous co-sponsored happy hours and significant savings on many other quality activities.

To renew your membership or become a new member, complete the membership form and submit \$10 for annual dues. The membership form can be found on the "Members" area of [www.fypdc.org](http://www.fypdc.org).

You may email your form or submit your dues via Paypal to [info@fypdc.org](mailto: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 Strutfield Lane**  
**Alexandria, VA 22311**



If you have any questions or comments about membership, please feel free to contact Wayne Kei (FYP-DC Treasurer 2007) at [waynekei@gmail.com](mailto:waynekei@gmail.com)



Photos (above) from FYP-DC July Networking Happy Hour



Photo (below) from Volleyball Tournament (July 2007)

Photos (from left to right) from FYP-DC Birthday Bash (March 2007) and Bowling Night (April 2007)





**Introducing FYP Vice President -  
George Faustino**

Residence: Alexandria, VA

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Education: BA Public Administration, BA International Relations, MA International Commerce and Policy

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Favorite Filipino Food: Sisig and Chicken Adobo

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**What can you bring to FYP to help the organization grow and be more inclusive?**

The groups of friends I have span through young Filipinos in our area in their 20's to their 30's. By bringing all of my friends and colleagues that are not currently involved in FYP into the activities, we will grow and people outside of my circle of friends will start to see the positive influence FYP is having on our community and our friendships. We have to work together as a whole to better ourselves, our opportunities and our future. As a Filipino that grew up without any Filipino friends in the country of eastern Virginia , I'm proud of who I am and how I have become the person I am today.

**What groups would you bring to FYP-DC (through affiliations or membership?)**

I am affiliated with the Aklan Association of VA and a member of the Alexandria Fraternal Order of Eagles. I could possibly request a member of the Aklan Association of VA to give a cultural talk to FYP.

**A Special Thank You**

Dear FYP Members,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT at the FYP DC-Sponsored Kennedy Center APA Heritage Month event last May.

Please visit this link to watch the First Rays and Culture Shock DC performance:  
[http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/search\\_results.cfm?RequestTimeout=500](http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/millennium/search_results.cfm?RequestTimeout=500)

Best regards,  
Joni Samilin  
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Photos (below and right) from FYP-DC-Sponsored Kennedy Center event (May 2007)

