



Happy 2008 and Happy Spring!

By Natassja Manzanero, FYP-DC Program Chair

Greetings FYP-DC Members and Friends! I hope you are all enjoying what the 2008 has to offer and keeping all of your New Year's resolutions. 2008, the year of the Rat, is kicking off as a year for new executive change, primarily with the ground-breaking U.S. Presidential Elections, and of course FYP-DC's expansion and modification of our own executive board. The addition of committee members was formulated to assist officers with many tasks and protocols needed in order make all of our events a continued success. Additionally, the increasing number of current members has called for more assistance on the executive board, with a total of 145 paid members, reaching our goal for 2008 by 140%!



FYP-DC is proud to announce and give a warm welcome to our new executive board, as noted at the right sidebar.

For the remainder of the quarter, we have many new and exciting events planned. On Saturday, March 15th FYP-DC will partner with Swanky Modeling Agency to host the 2nd Annual Fashion Show at Café Asia in Arlington. Our community service event with ALIVE in Alexandria is on Saturday, March 22nd. On the weekend of May 16th and 17th is the Dragon Boat competition in Georgetown. We will also host another happy hour in April with location to be determined. We hope you can continue to join us at all of these events to make the most out of your FYP-DC membership!

If you would like to become closer to the Filipino Young Professional Community in the DC Metropolitan Area, please consider FYP-DC as your source. Just visit our website and read your free FYP-DC List Serve emails to get all the information for future events and news.



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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.

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Upcoming Community Service Event

by George Faustino, FYP-DC Vice President

In an attempt to broaden FYP-DC's reach into our communities we have a Community Service Event planned for March 29, 2008 with **Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically (ALIVE)** <http://www.alive-inc.org/>. The event is called Last Saturday Food Distribution and helps out needy families in the Alexandria area. I've actually participated in this previously with another FYP-DC member and we found it very rewarding yet we not stressed over the details. **ALIVE!**

(**A**lexandrians **I**n**V**olved **E**cumenically) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization of volunteers from over 40 religious congregations and the community working together to help those in need in Alexandria, Virginia. They already have an organization structure in place and we can just show up and lend our helping hands.

The Vice President's committee is currently researching more ideas to help FYP-DC members to become more involved with their communities. Some leads we are researching are: Organizing a group to participate in a bike/walk-a-thon to benefit a particular charity, participating in a Rock Creek Park clean up with Friends of Rock Creek's Environment (FORCE) and helping tutor at risk children with the Junior Achievements program. None of these ideas are set in stone as we are continually trying to find activities for us to not only better our communities but also better ourselves as young professionals for our families, communities and country.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas for community service or anything else you would like FYP-DC to become involved with.



What is the Vice President Committee ?

The VP's committee consists of

- C. Roi Garcia
- Margaret Garcia
- Briana Gonzalez
- and
- Eric Paler.

This committee main duties includes outreach to other Filipino Organizations and Groups, Community Service suggestions and to think up other Social Activities ideas from "outside of the box".



Left: Fourth Annual Career Workshop at American University, February 2008





FYP-DC Member Profile - Bobby Ngo

1) Where is my family originally from in the PI? My parents were actually originally from Saigon, Vietnam. It is actually called Ho Chi Minh city now.

2) Current Residence? Germantown, Maryland

3) College? University of Maryland - Terp 4 life! Majored in Kinesiology

4) Any siblings or pets? One older sister named Anna. My only pets at the moment are a few fishes. I think their names are happy, dopey, bashful, meany...

5) Astrological sign? Gemini

6) Any hobbies/interests? I love the adrenaline rush. Anything that gets the juices flowing, you are sure to find me there. climbing, skydiving, mountain biking, snowboarding, rafting are some that i like. I also am interested in traveling. I haven't gone as much as i like to, but i would truly love to see the world!

7) Myers-Briggs personality type? Myer's Briggs would agree that i have a great personality.

8) Who was the first person you met in FYP? It would have to be Victor. We were teammates on the dragonboat crew!

9) Why did you join FYP? It apparently seemed that every function that i attended, FYP was there in some way shape or form. Whether it was the organization sponsoring the party, or members at another function just having a good time, this group just always had fun! So i wanted to join the crew to create some great memories, and to spread the love around...

10) New Years? I normally celebrate the New Year's with family, but my parents are off in Vietnam this year, so i will be spending it with close friends!

11) Favorite filipino food? I don't have one yet. Maybe everybody can help me decide on what's the best!

12) Favorite Thing to Do in DC? I would have to say a scenic tour at night in DC. When i used to live in DC, i would strap my blades on at night and do a tour through the monuments. I guess it's almost like the way we live here in DC. We are all so fast paced around here that we do not have time to sit back for a moment and appreciate all that is around us... Well, taking a tour through dc at night when no one is around, you can get a different perspective. It also is a beautiful site to see the way they are lit up...



What is the President's Committee ?

The President's Committee is a group of advisors who act as liaison to other professional and cultural groups.

Currently, Francis Lira is the special advisor to APA Film Festival.

Warren Liu is the Sergeant-at-Arms, who assists with protocol, organization and administrative duties.





**FYP-DC Member Profile -
Brieana Gonzalez**

- 1) **Where is your family originally from in the PI?** My family is from Quezon City.
- 2) **Where do you currently reside?** Sterling, VA
- 3) **College?** George Mason Univeristy - Major: Marketing
- 4) **Any siblings or pets?** One older sister
- 5) **Astrological sign?** Cancer

- 6) **Any hobbies/interests?** I love to travel, sleep, spending time with my family and friends.
- 7) **Myers-Briggs personality type?** I don't know.
- 8) **Who was the first person you met in FYP?** I met George Faustino through a mutual friend in the early part of 2007. He invited me to a FYP happy hour in October 2007, then the following month I joined FYP.
- 9) **Why did you join FYP?** To meet other Filipino professionals, make new friends and get involved with the Filipino community.
- 10) **New Years?** I spent New Year's Eve with my friends and New Year's Day with my family and relatives.
- 11) **Favorite filipino food?** Kare-Kare with Mango and Bagoong
- 12) **Favorite DC landmark?** Thomas Jefferson Memorial. It looks even more beautiful in the spring when the Cherry Blossoms are out.



Congratulations!

FYP-DC Board Member Abby Camacho and Dave Rouck (above) were engaged last fall.

An October 2008 wedding is planned at Blessed Sacrament in Alexandria with the reception at Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington.



Congratulations!

FYP-DC Members Jen Frias and Matt Nichols (left) got engaged February 14, 2008.





FYP-DC Member Profile - Jerry Chaves

1) Where is my family originally from in the PI?

My dad's from Cotabato City, mom from San Mateo in Metro Manila.

2) Current Residence? Arlington, Virginia

3) College? Ateneo de Manila University, Major In Computer Science

4) Any siblings or pets? One younger sister named May Belle. Have no idea how many pets we have in Manila now :)

5) Astrological sign? Cancer

6) Any hobbies/interests? Playing vball, bball, tennis and Rock Band (!). Absolutely love scuba diving, but haven't had the chance as of late :(Love to go out and check out DC's night life, but also enjoy the outdoors (new kick: rock climbing...). Still an NJ Nets fan, but the Wizards are growing on me. Sorry, can't root for the 'Skins, ever :).

7) Myers-Briggs personality type? Haha, I thought I was an extrovert-something or other, but I can't say for sure now :).

8) Who was the first person you met in FYP? I think it was Jenn Carino and Vince Marcelo - wow, its been awhile :)

9) Why did you join FYP? I joined FYP after learning about the organization through the performance some members did for the Independence Ball a couple of years ago. Really helped me expand my circle of friends, and gain a more intimate perspective on the Fil-Am community here in general.

10) New Years? Spent New Year's here in DC, but I normally spend it with the fam in NJ...

11) Favorite filipino food? Haha, that's easy - its either lechon or sinigang na baboy, but you better know how to cook that sinigang, its easy to mess up. A real good friend of mine made the best spicy sinigang, which she made expressly, and which I haven't seen in any Filipino restaurant :).

12) Favorite Thing to Do in DC? Hang out with friends, whether it be jamming with the crew during the basement sessions, or checking out the night scene, or soaking up the sun (whenever possible). It's easy to find me on the weekends, just find a Barnes & Noble or Borders bookstore in NoVA :).



What are the benefits of joining FYP-DC?

by George Faustino

As more people become actual members, it is that much more that we can return back to you. At the annual pool party and picnic, we were able to buy a nice sized lechon and provide many other entrees. We were also 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. Plus, you wouldn't want anyone to call you kuripot, diba? ㄟ





**FYP-DC Member Profile -
Jennifer Lyn Dizon**

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

My mom is from San Juan, Illocos Sur. My dad is from Angeles, Pampanga.

2) Where do you currently reside? Alexandria, Virginia

3) College? Old Dominion University – B.A. in communication, and minor in business administration

4) Any siblings or pets?

Younger brother – Jonathan in Virginia Beach;
Older brother, John, and older sister, Victoria – in North Carolina; Pet – Mya, 5-year-old feisty, adorable chihuahua

5) Astrological sign? Sagittarius

6) Any hobbies/interests?

Dancing, yoga, traveling, writing, reading, shopping

7) Myers-Briggs personality type? INFJ

8) Who was the first person you met in FYP? Reg Esteban, Vince Marcelo and Marsha Galicia

9) Why did you join FYP? Learning about culture and history is important, and I wanted to continue to be involved in the Fil Am community. In college, I was active in the Filipino American Student Association (FASA), Filipino Intercollegiate Networking Dialogue (FIND D7) and the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS-HR).

10) New Years? I watched the ball drop in Virginia Beach with my boyfriend Oscar, family and friends.

11) Favorite filipino food? Fried fish and rice, kare kare, lumpia and sinangang

12) Favorite Thing to Do in DC?

Shopping in Georgetown, Restaurant Week, clubbing

Bottom Left: FYP-DC Networking Happy Hour, November 2007

Bottom Right: FYP-DC Networking Happy Hour, September 2007





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

Right, Top to Bottom: FYP-DC Networking Happy Hour, January 2008; Children's Art Contest, June 2007; FYP-DC Networking Happy Hour, October 2007



Philippine American Chamber of Commerce

WASHINGTON, DC

Building business alliances for a stronger community. PACC-DC is a membership organization that promotes entrepreneurship in the Filipino American community. PACC-DC also contributes to business development initiatives and special events throughout Greater Metropolitan Washington. <http://www.pacc-dc.org/>

We are proud to announce that the **Philippine American Chamber of Commerce, Washington DC**, as our official professional development partner.