

The BRIDGE

FPACC joins PCCI for Business Conference and Conducts Joint Trade and



Timeline of Events

- October 10 Federation Conference and start of B2B Matching. Networking Cocktails. Opening Day – 43rd PBC. VP
- October 11 Robredo Opens. Evening Gala.
- October 12 PBC Closing – President Rodrigo Duterte Closes.
- October 13 Tour of American Cemetery; Enchanted Village;
- October 14 Tagaytay -Twin Lakes; Organic Farm Fiesta
- 10/15- 20 Oriental Mindoro Medical and Humanitarian Mission

What a year it's been!

After so many months of planning and hundreds of hours of consultations and bi-coastal summits, finally, 2016 will be crowned by a major undertaking on two fronts: the FPACC presence at the 43rd Philippine Business Conference at the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (PCCI), and a Trade Mission headed by FPACC Chairman Emeritus and Founder Yolanda Ortega Stern. Under the very able Project Director, Mr. Gerry Palon, currently the newly elected president of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Los Angeles (FACCGLA), the Trade Mission was a huge success. Working in tandem with Mr. Palon, was the steady and hardworking Mr. Alex Borromeo, president emeritus of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest and VP for FPACC Trade and Investments. The two gentlemen and their handpicked committee members and “champions” get the credit for bringing the TM to a successful collaboration under the leadership of Miss Marie Cunning, FPACC’s dynamic president and her officers and Board.

Save the Date - Federation 2017

NOVEMBER 10-12, 2017

Talking Stick Casino, Phoenix, Arizona

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Medical and Humanitarian Mission

Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital Hosts Reconstructive, Dental, Eye, Cervical and Wellness Checks

Much appreciation and gratitude go to Dr. Marpheo Marasigan, Director General of the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital and to all his doctors and nurses who hosted and helped us with the hundreds of patients that came to seek free cataract surgeries, eye checks, reconstructive surgery, cervical and wellness checks.

The same goes for Provincial Governor Umali and his office liaison for facilitating the welcome.

To the Carol Eye Foundation, supported by the Phoenix Baranggay Lions Club and the ILC, and FABCAA, go the credit for the OMPH Eye and Women Wellness operations. The ARIZONA TEAM delivered under their leader and president of FPACC Marie Cunning along with the support teams from PCCI, FPACC, OWI and other chapters who manned all stations unselfishly.

B.O.S.S. and ACCPI brought the smiles to all the clefts, harelips, and one burn victim, who are still under watchful eyes.

Major missions take more than a year of preparations. Material supplies, warehousing, logistics, weather schedules, security, lodgings, meals, and recipients all have to be coordinated in advance.

These credits go to Commodore Joel dela Cruz, Alice Villanueva and family, Charo Yu, IPI, and the other OWI teams and partners. Their competence and experience have served really well throughout all major disasters. We are indebted to them. Fai Alih, thanks for the warehouse works!

“I will never be the same...” David

“It was life changing,” Bert Golla – Managing Director, Humanitarian M.

“It was the hardest and most successful mission under my care,” Gerry Palon, Managing Director – Trade Mission

“I look at 2016 and ask myself just what did I spend money and time on that brought me joy? It was going on that humanitarian mission,” Richard G. – Philanthropist.

“I want to leave a legacy,” Marie Cunning, FPACC President

“I will devote everything to close our Trade Deals,” Alex Borrromeo, Managing Director, B2B Agreements.





The World is entering a frantic pace of changes in politics, technology, world leaders, and border wars. With the election of Rodrigo Duterte in the Philippines and of Donald Trump in the USA, FPACC's bi-national mission to promote commerce and other mutually beneficial projects between the two countries, will not alter.

This organization saw the closure of its 20th year of existence in a rainbow of colors. CORY, FVR, ERAP, PGMA, PNOY and now PRRD. As my journals of the 20 years can attest, we've all been through a lot in small and large measures, along with PCCI. As always, the younger generation and the new members come in so hopeful that they can outperform their predecessors. It is a great testament to man's optimism, because businessmen and their understudies are great optimists. They see opportunities where others see none.

The burden of keeping things moving in all exciting directions always rests on the new leaders and their ability to adapt, learn, re-learn. And as the best and brightest

are not always followed, every new leader must undergo rigorous training in effective communication in order to be able to LEAD, CONVINCING, SELL or to WEED OUT the unproductive or unnecessary and to study and learn from the past. This requires training in ATTITUDE and how to lead a team forward.

Why a Federation of Chambers?

Fewer organizations can have more relevance than this collective group of Filipino Chambers of Commerce. The education, talents and global experience of the Filipino prepares him to own a business of his own in any environment. There is no opportunity, big or small that he cannot learn to take advantage of.

2017 is a year of incredible bi-national opportunities not only for trade, but for innovating and incubating business, not only in agriculture, aquaculture, organic fertilizers and tissue culture, but also in green technology projects that range from environment to power production.

EDITORIAL

YOLANDA ORTEGA STERN
Founder & President Emeritus

2016 was a landmark year for FPACC as its chapters forged stronger ties with each other while pursuing statewide and Bi-national business initiatives for themselves.

With the world hurtling towards green, health is a multibillion dollar industry that will continue to excite investors as the markets expand into green construction as well.

With the global trend to turn inwards as a protective mechanism against outsider manipulations, Filipino business can tap into the supply and demand chain in organic foods, herbs, exotic syrups, food engineering. All these are driven by cutting edge American technologies. US investments seeking new secure pastures can team up with Filipino businessmen to explore new territories without guilt.

I am full of optimism for 2017 and we're ready to go. But first, I want every chamber of commerce in the USA to join the Federation. We can monitor, lobby and support initiatives that motivate our small and medium enterprises as well as the large.

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