

**Philippine Nurses Association of New York, Inc.**  
**Biennial Presidential Report 2008-2010**  
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As president of the Philippine Nurses Association of New York, Inc., I selected “Advancing Excellence in Nursing Practice: Education & Research, Technology Competence and Community Activism” as the association’s theme for 2008-2010. The theme is a challenge to members to pursue excellence through dynamic interactions with colleagues and other community organizations. The theme also emphasizes the commitment of PNA New York to embrace new changes in technology, support research and uphold the high standards of practice through continuing education and training. We have reached the end of a very productive 2-year term marked with fulfilled projects aimed to benefit the communities where we live. We have taken many small and big steps to accomplish our projects despite the challenges that came our way.

On behalf of the executive officers, board members advisers and many hardworking PNA New York nurses who worked with me in the last two years, I report to you the accomplishments made for the term 2008-2010

**Education Committee Report:**

**Chair:** Veneranda Bacolot

**Members:** Lolita Compas, Carmen Meliton, May Mayor, Felicidad Valentino, Leony Quinones

We are happy to announce that the NYSNA Council on Continuing Education has approved PNA New York as a continuing education program provider for nurses. We offered the following CEU programs:

**Educational Programs Offerings with CEUs**

The following continuing educational programs with CEUs were offered:

- December 11, 2008-“New CMS Guidelines for Pressure Ulcer”
- February 12, 2009 –“Women and Lung Cancer”
- May 2, 2009 –“Long Term Care Documentation”
- June 20, 2009 Atlantic City Educational bus trip,” Swine Influenza: What Every Nurse Should Know”
- September 10, 2009- “Archiving of Historical Information”
- October 3, 2009 -“Nursing Documentation in Long Term Care”
- February 11, 2010-“Women and Cardiovascular Disease”
- May 1, 2010-Educational Bus trip to Mohegan Sun –“New York Legislative Update “
- May 13, 2010 “Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow”

**Other Educational Offerings:**

**CPR / ACLS Program Chair:** Lolita Compas

**Members:** Vernie Bacolot, Martiniana Villa, Leonila Navarro-Mariazeta

In participation with American Heart Association Campaign to increase the number of initial CPR trained individuals, our PNA-NY, Inc. CPR/ACLS team has partnered with other organizations to conduct the following classes:

**BLS-HCP/ACLS:**

November 20, 2008- DVA-NYHHS –New York Campus-

December 6, 2008 -DVA NYHHS –New York Campus

February 27, 2010 -DVA-NYHHS –New York Campus

April 10-11, 2010 - DVA-NYHHS-NY Campus Hospital

**Heartsaver/AED classes:**

January 27, 28, 2009- Manhattan Diagnostic Radiology Center-New York

May 29-30, 2009 - Philippine Consular Office, New York-

November 22, 2009 - Bayanihan Center in Queens.

**Participation in PNAA Conventions:**

We participated at all levels of PNAA conventions maintaining linkages with other PNAA chapters and other professional organization.

-October 24, 25, 2008 -Eastern Regional Convention-“Advancing our Future: A Culture of Nursing Excellence”- North Charleston, South Carolina.

-July 15-19, 2009- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention “The Dream, the Promise Looking through the PRISM -Harbor place Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland

-October 16-18, 2009- 12<sup>th</sup> Eastern Regional Conference –PRISM...  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cambridge, Massachusetts

-January 7-9, 2010, 7<sup>TH</sup> PNAA International Convention, “The Intersection of PRISM and Globalization: Uniting Worlds Apart” Waterfront Hotel, Cebu, Philippines

-June 23-27, 2010 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National Convention, Celebrating the International Year of the Nurse, “Reflection of PRISM “Miami, Florida

**Regulatory and Legislative agenda related activities:**

(PNA-NY representatives to NYSNA/ NOLF- CDNAA: Clemencia Wong, Cynthia Margalit, Wendelina Tirona, Leonila Navarro-Mariazeta)

We continue to partner with the New York State Nurses Association –Nursing Organization Liaison Forum and the Constituent District Nurses Association Assembly (NYSNA- NOLF and CDNAA) which participates in legislative and regulatory activities affecting nursing practice. We have 100% attendance in the following meetings held in NYSNA Headquarters in Albany, New York, in 2008: November 11, in 2009: February 10, May 12, September 9, in 2010: May 12.



### **Nursing Research**

The Philippine Nurses Association of New York collaborates with researchers and other professional organizations to support research projects. On Jan 7-9, 2010 our delegates travelled to Cebu to participate in research poster presentation.

We have plans to collaborate with Kalusugan Coalition for a possible joint project about Fil-Am Health summit on July, 2011 in Washington, DC. Watch for more information in future communication.



**Community Activism:**

PNA-NY is a community champion in health promotion. We have participated in several health screenings in the Phil Consulate office, church community centers and provided staffing for the emergency booths during the PIDCI parade. The initiative by PNA members in improving health also resulted in building healthier communities.

- January 26, 2009 - Community CPR- Manhattan Diagnostic Radiology
- April 5, 2009 - Health Fair Screening with Damayan in Manhattan
- April 2009 - Health Fair Screening – Church in Queens, New York
- May 29-30, 2009 - Health Fair Screening & Community CPR  
- Philippine Consular Office
- June 7, 2009 - provide staffing to PIDCI parade emergency booth
- August 30, 2009 -Health Fair in Collaboration with Philippine New York Jaycees  
Philippine Consulate Office
- November 22, 2009 - Heartsaver/AED classes for Philippine Forum Staff  
Kabalikat staff- Bayanihan Center in Queens
- June 6, 2010 - PIDCI parade-provided staffing for the emergency booth



**Other Community Activities:**

PNA-NY, Inc. held various events like picnics, holiday parties to increase visibility and attract new members and returning members. These activities enliven community and established network of individuals which help us identify community outreach for future projects aimed to make a difference.

- December 1, 2008 -Christmas Party – VA Hospital  
423<sup>rd</sup> 23rd Street New York, NY 10010
- December 15, 2008 -Simbang Gabi – Philippine Consulate  
556 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036
- December 18, 2008 -Simbang Gabi – San Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel  
378 Broome St, NY, NY 10013.
- March 5, 2009 - Participant in Symposium on Sentosa 27+++ Case

- at St. John Law School
- March 22, 2009 -Up the Ante- Full support for Sentosa 27++  
Jing Fong Restaurant, New York
- April 4, 2009 - attendance represented by Araceli Mendoza  
Grand Marshall PIDCI Ball held at the Manor in Queens
- May 6, 2009 - Nurses week Celebration – Hosted by: Cindy Margalit  
SUNY Downstate Hospital
- June 6, 2009 -PIDCI Parade participants, New York City
- June 13, 2009 -attendance in PIDCI Ball, Sheraton, Newark, New Jersey
- June 16, 2009 -attended- Gawad Kalinga Designer Villages International  
Architecture Challenge, sponsored by the Institute of  
International Education and Phil Consulate general of the  
Philippines held at UN Plaza
- August 9, 2009 -First Annual Picnic- Liberty State Park, New Jersey
- September 24, 2009 -Special Executive Meeting, By-Laws Revision Final  
Draft for approval done
- October 24, 2009 -Kalusugan Coalition 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala  
Sheraton Hotels, Queens, NY
- November 18, 2009 -Philippine Nurses Association General Assembly  
VA-NYHHS
- December 4, 2009 -PNA –NY, Inc. Christmas Party & 80<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary  
VA Hospital – New York Campus  
East 23rd Street New York, New York 10010
- December 5, 2009- -Simbang Gabi Sa Cathedral  
St. Patrick Cathedral – 6:30 pm  
Fifth Avenue between 50th and 51st
- December 13, 2009 -Christmas Season Hand -Over of Infant Jesus –2P  
NY-Phil. Consulate - 556 Fifth Ave., NYC
- December 14, 2009 -Simbang Gabi as Consul ado in collaboration  
With PNA-NJ, PNAA  
556 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY –Phil Consulate
- December 20, 2009 -Simbang Gabi at the San Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel  
378 Broome St., NYC
- January 4, 2010 -Groundbreaking of the PNAA GK Village in Barangay  
Piel, Baliwag, Bulacan Philippines and was attended by 21  
PNAA members.
- January 25, 2010 -Thanksgiving Mass for Rev. Fr. Erno Diaz  
& Blessing of the Founding Pillars  
Chapel of San Lorenzo Ruiz
- April 25, 2010 -Sponsored Pandibulan Show Fundraising Event  
La Ma Ma Theater, New York
- May 1, 2010 - Fundraising Event Educational Bus Trip  
Mohegan Sun, Connecticut
- May 13, 2010 -Nurses Week celebration “Nurses Caring Healthier Tomorrow.” &  
Centennial Celebration of Florence Nightingale  
Death Anniversary held in 3 Boroughs; Manhattan, Queens and

Brooklyn via V-tel, Department of Veterans Affairs  
NYHHS- New York Campus  
August 14, 2010 -Annual Picnic Liberty State Park, New Jersey  
September 19, 2010 -Participation San Lorenzo Ruiz Feast Mass  
St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City



**Making a difference through Technology Competence:**

We embraced new technology in the last two years by partnering with experts in the field. Thank you to our Newsletter Committee: Chair Clem Wong, Members: Myrna Santos, Pio Paunon -we published our first newsletter on-line, Vol. IX, Issue 1. I thank Mary Joy Garcia Dia for her contributions to our website.

- January 31, 2010 we initiated the use of con call meeting to conserve \$\$\$ instead of face to face meeting.
- May 13, 2010 Nurses Week celebration, with collaborative effort with the Patient Service Education DVA-NYHHS, Black Nurses Association, Panamanian Nurses Association and the College of Staten Island Sigma Theta Tau Chapter, we used V-tel for our educational evening program in celebration of Nurses Week & International Year of the Nurse, honoring the Centennial Death Anniversary of Florence Nightingale.



**Membership Committee Reports:****Chair:** Zita Viste Concepcion**Members:** Carmen Meliton, Cynthia Margalit, Susan Gador

Total membership as of August, 2010 is 261.

Our Membership Committee has sponsored the approved changes in our by-laws:

- Retired members can chair a committee and hold elective office and can vote.
- Categories of membership in this Association are active, associate, international associate, honorary, student, retired, and lifetime.
- Lifetime Membership (voting members, New York Chapter and National): A professional Filipino-American Nurse who has served as President in the Local Chapter and or National level who has been a member of PNA-NY.
- Membership form was redesigned to reflect changes in membership fees, including student and retired members.
- Policy and procedure re: Honorary membership Qualification was led by our Adviser, Lolita Compas.

**Budget & Finance Committee and Ways and Means Report:****Budget & Finance: Chair:** Susana Consolacion**Members:** Stella Reiss, Mel de Chavez**Way and Means: Chair:** Araceli Mendoza**Members:** Cynthia Margalit, Ester Suelto

When we took office on September 27, 2008, the stock market went down 778 points the following Monday, the single day loss ever. Many people were concerned if the market will continue to fall in 2010. As a newly installed president my concern was whether we could deliver our projects amid turbulent market conditions when the possibility of diminished financial support appeared eminent. There were 10 pending hospital closures & nurses lay-off.

**The good news is we are in the black!** PNA-NY is so blessed that despite the global financial meltdown, its fiscal viability has never been better in its 80 years of existence. Our budget and finance committees worked hand in hand to maintain our financial sustainability. We operated within our means and we worked hard to raise funds to support several projects. Thank you so much to all those who supported even during the most difficult times.

Under the stewardship of Chair Susie Consolacion we:

- 1) Were able to maintain a balanced budget
- 2) Presented monthly disbursement reports during our monthly meetings
- 3) Prepared timely financial reports every after fundraising events

- 4) Filed two of our IRS statement filings on time, saving \$\$\$ on extension costs
- 5) Reduced cost of IRS statement filing fees by at least \$2000.00 for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 by networking with an account/volunteer.
- 6) Filed our 501 C3 requirement on time as required by New York State Bureau of Charities

Majority of the association income came from our membership dues and biennial awards gala. I am proud to say that we have done additional fundraising activities for the last two years and have contributed generously to many PNAA projects.

**Fundraising Activities 2008-2010:**

I sincerely thank our own: Lolit Compas, Vernie Bacolot, May Mayor, Carmen Meliton, Felicidad Valentino, Rey Rivera & Marti Villa for sharing their expertise as speakers in our respective educational/ fundraising events. I also extend my appreciation to Potri Ranka Manis the producer of Pandibulan for her continued support to PNA-NY, Inc.

- September 27, 2008 - Biennial Induction Ball
- November 20, 2008, - CPR/ACLS classes
- December 6, 2008 -CPR/ACLS Classes
- January 26, 2009 -CPR/ ACLS Classes
- May 2, 2009 -Half Day Educational Program
  - “Nursing Documentation in Long Term Care”
- June 20, 2009 -Atlantic City Educational Bus Trip
- September 26, 2009 -CPR/ACLS classes
- October 3, 2009 -Half day Educational Program
  - “Nursing Documentation in Long Term Care”
- April 25, 2010 -Sponsored Pandibulan Show/ Fundraising Event
  - La Ma Ma Theater, New York
- May 1, 2010 - Educational Bus Mohegan Sun, Connecticut

To date, our induction ball on September 27, 2008 was the most attended in the history of PNA-NY, Inc. with more than 300 attendees.



**PNA-NY, Inc. has generously contributed to the following:**

- 1) Sentosa Nurses Legal Fund- October 2008
- 2) Gawad Kalinga House – Fully paid PNA-NY House
- 3) Typhoon Ondoy Victims
- 4) TH Legal Fund
- 5) Gold Donor – 7<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Cebu
- 6) 2010-5K Run Project in Miami— Thermometer third place winner

So far these donations were an all-time high in the history of PNA-NY, Inc.



**By-Laws and Policy Committee:**

**Chair:** Leonila Navarro-Mariazeta/ Davy Diongson

**Members:** Susan Gador, Cindy Margalit, Nida Lacdao

PNA-NY, Inc. has reviewed and revised its by-Laws on September 24, 2009.

The changes were ratified by the general membership on November 18, 2009.

A current copy can be downloaded from our website: [www. pnanyork.org](http://www.pnanyork.org)

I also take this opportunity to commend and thank the advisers, officers, and members of the board of directors, general membership and our friends for their tireless volunteerism, commitment and the generous contribution of their resources, talent, and time to make this possible. Robert Kennedy once said "We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives"

