



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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FILIPINO LEADERS' NIGHT IN MICHIGAN FEATURES CONSUL GENERAL JAMORALIN



Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin joins Filipino community leaders in Michigan for a photo opportunity at the end of the dinner reception in Southfield, Michigan on Friday, June 29. Seated (L-R) are DCG Romulo Victor Israel Jr., Dr. Stella Evangelista, Mr. Michael Grandillo, Ph.D., Consul General Jamoralin, Honorary Consul General Jose Evangelista, M.D., and Honorary Consul Marcus Evangelista, Esq.

Chicago, 06 July 2018 – Filipino community leaders in Michigan met and broke bread with Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin, who was guest of honor at the “Filipino Leaders Dinner Party” hosted by Honorary Consul General Jose Evangelista, M.D. at Laurel Woods Apartments Clubhouse in Southfield, Michigan on Friday, June 29.

Dr. Evangelista also hosted a cocktail reception a few hours earlier attended by members of the Michigan Consular Corps led by its president, the Honorary Consul of Switzerland, Walter Wegmueller. Among the other guests was Mr. Michael Grandillo, Ph.D., Madonna University’s first lay president, who expressed interest in pursuing an exchange program with a counterpart institution in the Philippines.

In her remarks, Consul General Jamoralin highlighted aspects of the Consulate General's engagement with the Filipino community in the Midwest, including a greater focus on rekindling Filipino cultural heritage, especially among the US-born, millennial Filipino-Americans; more active participation the civic, political and electoral processes both in the U.S. and in the Philippines through voters' registration and education; reinvestment of Filipino goodwill or social capital through humanitarian assistance, not only in the Philippines but also in underserved urban and rural areas in the Midwest; and promotion of historical, cultural and medical tourism in the Philippines.

Emceed by Marcus Evangelista, Esq., newly-appointed Honorary Consul, the program allowed Consul General Jamoralin and DCG Romulo Victor Israel to field questions on different topics, such as the re-acquisition/retention of Philippine citizenship, avoidance of double taxation, e-Passport, Filipino-American youth empowerment and involvement as well as the current peace and order situation in the Philippines.

The dinner reception was the last activity of the day for Consul General Jamoralin, who was visiting the State of Michigan for the first time to meet with the leaders of the Filipino community and US, state and local officials, apart from leading a team to conduct a consular outreach service in Southfield. Her itinerary included meetings with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and U.S. Representative Brenda Lawrence of the 14th Congressional District and visits to Planet M and Michigan Economic Development Corporation and World Medical Relief, Inc. **END**



The Chicago PCG outreach service team with the Evangelistas (L-R): Marivic Rivera, Fritz John de Jesus, Cornelio Santiago, Dr. Stella, DCG RV Israel Jr., Dr. Jose, Consul General Jamoralin, Atty. Marcus, Jerwin Mamalateo, Sheridan Sabeniano and Christina Aquino.

