

March 24, 2022

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As your 28th President I am deeply appreciative of the kindness and support of our officers and members for the past 2 years. PNANC have always advocated for our fellow nurses and our community through leadership, education and promoting professional nursing excellence in the past 60 years. But my 2-year administration struggled in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic, but we persevered and had successfully provided programs to help our frontline healers and our community.

On March 2020 when there was a shortage of PPE for nurses, PNA Northern California mobilized quickly and worked tirelessly to raise funds to purchased surgical and cloth masks and was able to donate 6709 masks to 31 facilities in the Bay Area in April and May 2020.

PNANC collaborated with PNAA and James Ahn and Judy Carr founder of PPE projects of New York to acquire Face Shields and was able to donate 400 face shields to 9 facilities in September and October 2020.

Since March 28, 2020, PNANC initiated the PNAA Prayer Warrior group to pray rosary and novena together virtually every day at 6 pm to assist with spiritual, mental, and physical wellbeing of everyone particularly the front-liners. Participation in the prayer group is open to everyone in the community.

A Peer-to-Peer support group was established by PNANC in August 2020 to provide a safe space for our colleagues to discuss their struggles and support each other to cope with the pandemic.

On October 11, 2020, PNANC delivered 50 care packages to healthcare staff at Princeton Manor Health Care facility in Oakland CA to provide encouragement and gratitude for their compassionate care to their patients during the pandemic.

On October 29, 2020, PNANC held its first virtual Fall Educational Conference on Celebration of Heroism, Resilience and Healing .

On November 14, 2020, PNANC sponsored a webinar on the spiritual health and healing for nurses by Father Gerard Timoner, Master Order of the Preachers.

On January 11, 2021, PNANC Board Member Dr. Katherine Abriam Yago was invited by Dr. Liz Dietz to attend the Santa Clara County COVID Stakeholders meeting where Dr Yago was asked to share the issues that impact the Filipino Community.

On January 21, 2021, PNANC sponsored a webinar and invited Dr Raphael Merriman of California Pacific Medical center to educate our community about Covid Vaccine and requested San Mateo Supervisor David Canepa to reassure our San Mateo residents about Vaccine allocation & timely distribution.

On April 23, 2021, PNANC sponsored a webinar to learn about the cancer incidence among Filipino Americans.

On May 13, 2021, PNANC held our annual Spring Education Conference on the new realities and standards brought about by the Pandemic.

On May 15, 2021, PNANC sponsored a webinar on visionary leadership and identify additional ways to nurture health for the future generations including nurses.

On September 2, 2021, PNANC sponsored a second webinar by Dr. Dr Raphael Merriman of California Pacific Medical center to educate our community about Covid variants and Vaccine update.

PNANC celebrated 60 years anniversary with Education program on October 29, 2021, and a Gala Night on October 30, 2021, at Crowne Plaza Foster City. We honored the past 27 past presidents and the current officers for their service, commitment, and dedication in continuing the vision and mission of this organization.

October 30, 2021, PNANC received commendation from Daly City Mayor Juslyn Manalo and Proclamation from San Mateo County President of Board of Supervisor David Canepa.

October 31, 2021, PNANC dedicated a Thanksgiving Mass to all health care workers and to stop Asian hate at Saint Augustine Church South San Francisco, CA.

PNANC also held 5K walks every year and member appreciation picnics to promote self-care.

PNANC is 1 of 54 chapters of our national organization Philippine Nurses Association of America, you and I are among almost 5000 members of PNAA and together we can achieve greater heights and our collective voice for change will be louder and stronger.

Let us continue to support and advocate for our Frontliners, Nurses and our community even after this Covid 19 pandemic is over. Take care of yourself and each other.

Sincerely,

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