



# The Kalipunan

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### Happy Holidays, Kalipunan friends and supporters!

Ten years ago in February, Alma Mariano and her friends, Amelia deVera Sales and Aida Millare formed Kalipunan as a non-profit organization in the state of Iowa.

This year, Kalipunan earned its 501c3 designation as a charitable organization by the IRS.

We started the year with a vigorous campaign to fund our Adopt-A-School project in the Philippines. Kalipunan's international projects have historically been Medical Missions to the Philippines. This year, and for 2016, we decided to address education. We adopted Giloctog Elementary School (a rural school in Cebu, Philippines) and

for 2016, Guibuangan Central School (another school in Cebu), and assisted a rural school in Tarlac (northern region).

We appealed to many generous friends, sold knitted hats and scarves; sold flower bulbs, and we were able to raise the funds for this project to be partly completed this year.

Our 501c3 status enabled us to participate in the John Deere Birdies for Charity in July. We sincerely thank our Birdies for Charity donors who chipped in! Due to the generosity of some friends, we were blessed to also receive matching gifts from the John Deere Foundation. These funds will go to Kalipunan's operating expenses and local future projects.

In the home front, we continued to provide meals to Habitat for Humanity and work with other organizations to benefit the community.

We are looking ahead to a bright future for Kalipunan to continue living in its mission and vision.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "I walk slowly, but I never walk backward."

I am extremely proud that Kalipunan walks forward in service with friends like you!

-*Vilma Packard*, President 2015-2017 and Editor, The Kalipunan

### KALIPUNAN IN 2015:

- 10th year founding anniversary
- 501c3 status as a charitable organization
- Adopt-A-School Project
- Birdies for Charity
- Matching Gifts
- Habitat for Humanity Lunches
- First Day of School Project

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## GILOCTOG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVED DONATION

Giloctog Elementary School received its computer with software, printer and office supplies donation from Kalipunan on Thursday, October 22, 2015.

Representing Kalipunan to deliver the donation was Mrs. Vicenta Gonzales

Bayno, mother of Kalipunan President Vilma Bayno Packard.

Mrs. Bayno is a retired public school teacher and is aware of the challenges teachers face in educating children with limited resources.

She was reminded of those challenges when she visited Giloctog Elementary to deliver Kalipunan's donation.

Giloctog is a barangay (village) in the municipality of Barili, located in the

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GILOCTOG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

southwestern part of Cebu island. The village sits between hills and cliffs overlooking a strait. Unpaved roads make for a difficult travel to the village. Villagers rely on fishing and farming.

Rural schools such as Giloctog Elementary receive the least budgetary appropriation from the national government. Bigger schools may have computer labs but schools like Giloctog Elementary don't even have a single computer in the building.

"We are very grateful to receive this donation," said Principal, Josephine dela Torre.

The school's plan is to train all the teachers in using the computer system first, then rotate the equipment in each classroom to incorporate its use in the children's lessons.

Without the generosity of this project's donors, this would not have been made possible for Giloctog Elementary.

For more photos and videos of this project's completion, please visit our Facebook page.



Turn-over of the computer system to Giloctog Elementary School on October 22, 2015.

*"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." - Harry S. Truman*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LUNCHESES AND OTHER INVOLVEMENTS

**Kalipunan** historically assists Habitat for Humanity with their volunteer workers lunch provision program. This year, Kalipunan volunteers gave the gift of food during the Women Build on May 16 in Davenport. Volunteers normally prepare traditional Filipino fare that includes: adobo (pork or chicken stew), pancit (noodles), and lumpia (eggrolls). The workers were very appreciative of the food served. This lunch provision was followed on

June 27 at the Pope Francis build in Davenport, serving Deere & Company volunteer workers. Kalipunan also had a chance to serve in Moline's revitalize a neighborhood build on September 17, to Deere volunteer workers.

On April 19, volunteers set-up and served in the Fil- Am Association's Sto. Nino Festival in Rock Island.

Kalipunan also donated to the First

Day of School Project of the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend for students in need in August.

During these volunteer opportunities, we encourage our youth to get involved.

For interest in volunteering, e-mail us at: [kalipunanqca@yahoo.com](mailto:kalipunanqca@yahoo.com)



*Kalipunan 'veteran' volunteers with our youth, serving the Habitat for Humanity Women Build volunteer workers in Davenport last May.*

FINANCIAL REPORT— PREPARED BY MARIA CRISTINA MCNEAL, TREASURER

<p><b>Beginning Balance 12/31/14:</b> \$3, 087.71</p> <p><b>Deposits:</b>                  Donations-Misc: \$1,095.00                  Knitting: 599.20                  Fundraising 2,520.00                  Flower Sale 99.25                  JD Match Gifts 600.00                  Fil-Am donation 200.00</p> <p><b>Total \$5,113.45</b></p>	<p><b>Expenses:</b>                  Postage and Supplies: 89.97                  501c3 IRS Fee: 400.00                  Insurance: 325.00                  Donation (1st Day School Project): 250.00                  Adopt-A-School (Giloctog Elementary School): 1,500.00                  Promotion 80.97                  Meeting Expenses: 15.68</p> <p><b>Total \$2,661.62</b></p>	<p><b>Ending Balance 10/30/15:</b> \$5,539.54</p> <p><b>Funds Breakdown:</b>  <b>Unrestricted:</b> \$3,221.09  <b>Restricted:</b>                  Adopt-A-School: \$1,718.45                  Disaster Relief: 500.00                  Habitat for Humanity Lunches: 100.00                  Total \$2,318.45  <b>Total Funds: \$5,539.54</b></p>
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# FRIENDS OF KALIPUNAN

## Adopt-A-School Project:

### \$500 to \$300

1. Dr. Ed and Mrs. Aida Millare
2. Mr. Carlos and Mrs. Ann Salaber

### \$200 to \$100

1. Mr. Roberto and Mrs. Gina Angeles
2. Anonymous
3. Alex, Vincy and Choy Arcega Direct Satellite
4. Dr. Brian and Mrs. Susan Buckrop
5. Mr. James and Mrs. Darlene Burns
6. Mr. Rafael Samson II
7. Dr. Paul and Mrs. Vania Wang
8. Mr. Gonzalo and Mrs. Annie Faith Yburan

### \$50-\$20

1. Mrs. Celester Davis
2. Mr. Dan and Mrs. Cheryl Donahue
3. Mr. Mario DJ and Mrs. Jane Marie Espino
4. Ms. Filgie Jarina
5. Mr. John and Mrs. Eleni Menard
6. Mr. Ashley and Mrs. Dayo Montemayor
7. Mr. Paul and Mrs. Sue Nagel
8. Mr. Yves and Mrs. Resurreccion Palileo
9. Mr. Edgar and Mrs. Lirna Penaso
10. Mr. Christopher and Mrs. Laura Penegor
11. Mr. Lindsey and Mrs. Leilani Rojas
12. Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Alicia Staes
13. Mr. Robert and Mrs. Lynn Timmerman



*Kalipunan volunteers during Habitat Lunch serve for a "Revitalize" build in Moline in September. In the photo with them are the happy John Deere volunteer workers who were very satisfied with the food Kalipunan prepared and served.*

## Adopt-A-School Fundraiser Patrons:

1. Mrs. Rosemarie Ancheta
2. Anonymous
3. Mrs. Lanie Birley
4. Mrs. Cynthia Coffey
5. Mrs. Amelia de Vera Sales
6. Mrs. Carmen Floro
7. Ms. Wilma Garay
8. Ms. Beatriz Gaspar
9. Ms. Filgie Jarina
10. Ms. Lorna Meyer
11. Mrs. Suki Morris
12. Mrs. Vilma Packard
13. Ms. Rita Ramos
14. Mrs. Digna Simpao

### 15. Mrs. Vania Wang

## Birdies for Charity Campaign

### \$300-\$100

1. Dr. Oliver Ancheta
2. Dr. Glen Ancheta
3. Archer's Drive Townhomes
4. Dr. Ernesto C. Gonzales
5. Mrs. Sana Harb
6. Mrs. Tereza Mankarious
7. Mrs. Alma Mariano
8. Mrs. Noemi Marilim
9. Mr. Michael Haddon
10. Mr. Howard Morris
11. Mrs. Mary Lee Pascual
12. Mrs. Klair T-Ho

### 13. Mr. Terry and Mrs. Yvonne Webb

### 14. Yoshi's Tronics

### \$50-\$25

1. Anonymous
2. Mrs. Jovita Atienza
3. Mrs. Cecille Bernas
4. Mr. Chad and Mrs. Cleu Coene
5. Mrs. Mary dela Cruz
6. Ms. Susan Diaz
7. Mrs. Maria Lourdes Guieb- Campos
8. Mr. Warren and Mrs. Linda Hartmann
9. Le Mekong Restaurant
10. Ms. Emily Mariano
11. Ms. Rita Ramos
12. Ms. Teresa Stevens

*"To lead people, walk beside them. As for the best leaders, the people do not notice their existence. When the best leader's work is done, the people say, 'We did it ourselves!'" - Lao Tzu, Philosopher*



*The students of Giloctog Elementary School during the computer system turn-over on October 22, 2015.*

## Birdies for Charity continued Under \$25

1. Mrs. Conchita Cajigal
2. Mr. Mike Castel
3. Mr. Frank and Mrs. Margaret Cheng
4. Mrs. Pat Henderkott
5. Mrs. Madelyn Hester
6. Ms. Conchita Javier
7. Ms. Maria Kuebler
8. Mr. Paolo Marilim
9. Mrs. Mary Ann Santos
10. Mr. Rudy Tanamor

## Other Gifts: \$1,000

Mr. Alan Packard and John Deere Foundation Dollar for Doers

## \$500- \$100

Mrs. Rosemarie Ancheta Fil-Am of the Quad Cities  
Mr. Alan Packard- with matched gift from John Deere Foundation  
Mr. Michael Smith- with matched gift from John Deere Foundation

**\$55 and under**  
Anonymous

Mr. Dale Fenzel  
Mr. Jerry and Mrs. Maria Cristina McNeal  
Ms. Lulu Nelson  
Mrs. Sarah Smith  
Ms. Ellen Webber

## Merchandise

John Deere Power for Good Corporate Citizenship

**Sincere gratitude to our friends who made our work possible this year!**



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#### ***Kalipunan's Mission:***

*Preserve and promote Philippine culture through involvement in the Arts, Culture, Education, Civic and Humanitarian work. Provide charitable assistance to those in need, especially in the Quad Cities and surrounding areas, and also the Philippines. Provide volunteer services to the community through partnerships with other nonprofit organizations in the area. Increase awareness of the strong presence of the Pilipino-American Community. Teach and share with children the value of multiculturalism and giving back to their communities. To build a stronger network for Pilipino Americans in the area.*

#### ***Kalipunan's Vision:***

*Kalipunan will be primarily a service organization. It will continually strive to meet and stay ahead of the growing and ever-changing needs of its constituents and benefactors, while enjoying Pilipino camaraderie and friendship.*

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## WHO'S WHO IN KALIPUNAN

**Vilma Bayno Packard, President** is a physical therapist but considers herself a home-maker these days. She enjoys writing, volunteering, baking, knitting and gardening. She ran her first half-marathon this year and looks forward to running more races. She lives in Davenport with her husband Alan, and their two sons.

**Rosemarie Magbual Ancheta, President-Elect**, registered nurse works as a substitute school nurse when she isn't engaged in her full-time job as a homemaker. She likes to read, watch NCIS and crochet. She is the mother of two grown young men, and lives in Clinton, Iowa with her husband.

**Sarah Galvezo Smith, Secretary** has a degree in BSBA Economics from MSU-IIT (Philippines). Sarah works at RIA Federal Credit Union and teaches children Tae Kwon Do in her spare time. She lives in Bettendorf with husband, Mike and their 15 year old young lady who also volunteers for Kalipunan.

**Maria Cristina McNeal, Treasurer**, moved

to California from the Philippines when she was a teen. She later moved to the Quad Cities when she married her husband. Cris is very active in a lot of non-profit organizations prior to her involvement with Kalipunan. She lives in Bettendorf with her husband and daughter.

#### **Our Board of Directors:**

**Betty Hackett** served as Kalipunan President from 2009-2011. She lives in Bettendorf.

**Noemi Marilim** served as Kalipunan Co-President from 2011-2013. She lives in Clinton.

**Lulu Nelson** is new to Kalipunan but is very passionate about service. She lives in Morrison, IL.

**Alan Packard** works at Deere & Company and lives in Davenport, IA.

**If you are interested in making a difference in the community, you'll find a home in Kalipunan. We simply exist alongside other Fil-Am groups through service and community involvement.**



*Kalipunan officers and board from left: Rosemarie Ancheta, Vilma Packard, Lulu Nelson, Sarah Smith, Cristina McNeal and Noemi Marilim during the Iowa Healthiest State Walk in October. This is our second year of participation in the walk as part of our social activity.*