

## PGH MFI Launches Century Club Endowment Fund



*The officers, members, and administrative staff. (front row L-R) Dr. Dione M. Suter - Exec. Dir., Mme. Lolita Escobar- Mirpuri- Corp. Sec., Dr. Gregorio Alviar - Chair BOT, Dr. Alfonso Doloroso - V-President, Ms. Daisy Nodque- Auditor (back row L-R) Ms. Gloria Rio -Staff, Ms. Lalie Tolentino - Member, Ms. Paraluman Canto - Member, Ms. Linda Cambia - Member, Ms. Mindy Lominario -Staff, Ms. Chit Morales - Member, Mr. Vic Zoleta - Staff during the launch*

**T**he PGHMFI extended further its arms to reach out to other UPCM alumni who have gone and practiced their profession abroad, particularly in the US, to invite them to "look back" and share their blessings to their under privileged countrymen.

This project is the brainchild of a US-based alumnus – Dr. Gregorio Mariano, a member of UPCM Class'62, and the UP Medical Alumni Society of America (UPMASA), which was received with much enthusiasm by the Foundation. Preparation through constant on-line communication with Dr. Mariano was immediately undertaken. While the original plan was to use the UPMASA as its project proponent, this intention was set aside upon realizing that this would delimit its membership only to UPMASA members; as the objective is to extend membership to other UP alumni and even non- UP alumni who have the heart to give.

The Foundation with the strong and determined support from Dr. Mariano, proceeded with its creation and named it the PGHMFI Century Club. This Permanent Endowment Fund will help ensure the financial viability of the Foundation that will enable its continued assistance to the charity patients of PGH. There shall be two (2) types of membership to the Club: 1). Core Member who will pledge an annual contribution of \$100 (US Member) or Php 5,000.00 (for local member) during his/her birthday, 2). Donor Member may be a one-time contributor and will donate at least \$100 or Php 5,000.00 to the Fund.

The required initial budget of \$ 10,000.00 has already been realized with a donation of \$41,000.00 from a US-based alumna, Dr. Ma. Jocelyn Corre- Orig, a member of UPCM' 86. The club had its soft launching last 2 July 2015, with some officers and members of the Foundation present.

## From the President...



As I now sit at the helm of the PGH Medical Foundation Inc., it may be incumbent upon me to report on how we have achieved our mission.

It has been more than eighteen (18) years since the PGH Medical Foundation Inc., was officially created, and after a rather “bumpy” beginning it has now emerged to be a steady and successful organization. As we look back, let us be thankful to Dr. Antonio M. Montalban, then the PGH Director whose vision to maintain its stature and tradition of excellence in health care delivery led him to seek a solution to achieve this formidable task. The increasing challenge of a rapidly growing population that inevitably brought a greater demand for medical services but lamentably not coupled with corresponding fiscal resources, brought the compelling need to create a yolk to assist in meeting the demand. And thus, the PGH Medical Foundation Inc., was created in 1997. With the completion of his term of office, however, the Foundation had become moribund. It was revived only in 2002 by a new hospital director, Dr. Juan Ma. Pablo Nanagas. A fulltime manager was, however, required to head the organization. He saw this prospect in Dr. Gregorio T. Alvior, a member of UPCM Class 1962 who had retired from his long medical practice in obstetrics and gynecology in the US and had come home to relax. But the call of duty, his strong desire and compassion to assist his countrymen especially the underprivileged prevailed upon him to accept the challenge. The Foundation became fully operational in 2003; since then, we have gone a long way under the able and dedicated leadership of Dr. Alvior and with the able support of the original incorporators, who after a while had to turn over such responsibility to a Board of Trustees which was fully supported by an Executive Committee that enunciated the policies and governing rules for the efficient running of the organization.

Let us not forget the civic-minded men and women particularly our donors who contribute generously their time, effort and resources to enable the Foundation to carry its mission; and to the officers and members who devote their time and expertise without expecting any material reward. Lastly, let us thank likewise the silent workers in the secretariat for their diligence and dedication to their work. Without all of them we would not have succeeded.

*Dr. Telesforo E. Gana*  
President



## THE WIND BENEATH OUR WINGS

### OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



The PGH Medical Foundation Inc. is indeed fortunate to have individuals who firmly believe in the God-given responsibility of showing love for our brothers and sisters by sharing one's “time, talent, and treasure”.

Before he engaged in the active law practice, Atty. Arnie was involved in pastoral work by being a lector/ commentator and at the same time a member of the church council at their parish church - “The Shrine of Jesus - The Way, the Truth and the Life”, until he realized that his professional commitment could no longer allow him to devote time to continue with this volunteer work with the parish. This was when he decided to find another way to show his love for his Christian brothers and sisters. He thought that he could instead share some of his “treasures”. He searched the internet for a medical foundation and was “led” to find the PGHMF Inc. whose advocacy in giving assistance to the financially handicapped patients at PGH fits well with his own. He initially donated anonymously but later decided to reveal himself to serve as an inspiration for others to do the same. He is now a member of the PGH MFI Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Atty. Arnie has a solid educational background. He acquired his Law degree at the Ateneo de Manila School of Law and his Bachelor's degree in Communication Arts at the De la Salle University Manila, where he was both a Dean's Lister. He likewise attended the “Intensive Seminar on International Trade and U.S. Trade Policies” at the George Washington University in the United States and the “Chartered Financial Analyst Review Program” at the Asian Institute of Management. These two programs may have shifted his interest from the actual practice of law to corporate business affairs.

He now holds the position of Global Senior Manager at Philip Morris International Inc. where one of his responsibilities is to implement the company's program of “Corporate Social Responsibility”, the value that compliments his personal mission of fulfilling not only of sharing his treasure but likewise his time and talent.



## Dr. Telesforo E. Gana Sits Anew as PGH MFI President

With the official resignation as President of Dr. Edward C. Tordesillas on 8 July 2015, the Board of Trustees has elected by referendum, Dr. Telesforo E. Gana to the post. He was officer – in-charge upon the leave of absence and prior to the resignation of Dr. Tordesillas. Dr. Gana previously occupied the position in an acting capacity when Dr. Gregorio Alvior relinquished the post in 2013 to assume the Chairmanship of the Board of Trustees.

His commitment and dedication to the mission of the Foundation has been well tested through his strong personal involvement in its various fund raising activities, despite his very busy schedule. A member of UPCM Class '78, he was once the President of the UP Medical Alumni Society (UPMAS) and Head of the Division and faculty of Urology at the UP PGH. Presently, he is the Medical Director of the Medical Center Manila and engages in active medical practice in two (2) other medical institutions in the metropolis. The success of the annual-fund raising golf tournaments could well be attributed to him. With these testimonies, we can be assured of the Foundation's continuous success as a strong resource generating arm of the PGH in its mission of providing excellent health care, particularly to our underprivileged countrymen.

## PGH MFI Hosts Monday Flag Ceremony

The PGH MFI hosted the Monday Flag ceremony on August 10, 2015. After the flag raising, singing of the national anthem, and "*Panunumpa sa Katungkulan*", PGH Director Dr. Jose C. Gonzales extended his greeting to everyone and welcomed the guests from the Department of Health. He proudly announced that the DOH is turning over a considerable amount of money for the hospitals' Medical Social Service Division. The occasion also witnessed the official oath taking of newly hired hospital staff before the PGH Director. The ceremony was concluded by the short messages from Dr. Dione M. Suter PGH MFI Executive Director and Dr. Gregorio T. Alvior Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

## Investiture of the UP Manila Chancellor



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*Chancellor Carmencita D. Padilla delivering her speech*

After the official installation by the Board of Regents of Dr. Carmencita D. Padilla as UP Manila Chancellor last October 2014, an investiture in her honor was held last June 28, 2015 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City. It was occasioned with the Commencement Exercises and the honoring of graduates from the Colleges and Institutes under the umbrella of UP Manila Chapter.

Dr. Padilla delivered a very inspiring speech before the graduates, and advised them to use this opportunity offered to them by the University in preparing them for their respective careers. She narrated her experience after her graduation at the UP College of Medicine in 1981, until she reached the position where she is now which she achieved through her dedication to her craft as a medical professional. She dared explore a sub-specialty in Pediatrics which was relatively new, and later initiated the creation of the Institute of Human Genetics located at the National Institutes of Health located within the UP Manila complex.

After her speech, the respective Deans of the colleges / institutes proudly presented their graduates, followed by the honor graduates who received their medal of honor from the Chancellor in the presence of other UP officials.

Those present during the event were no less than UP President Alfredo Pascual, former UP Manila Chancellors, Deans of the various colleges and institutes and the present and past Directors of PGH.

The UP Manila Chancellor is an *ex-officio* member of the PGH MFI Board of Trustees that bears testimony to its being recognized as an official income generating arm of the Philippine General Hospital.

## Annual Tee-off a Success!

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The Alay sa PGH - PGHMFI Golf Tournament is an annual fund-raising activity primarily intended to provide for the numerous medical needs of PGH indigent patients.

Sixty (60) Business Executives and professionals – all golf aficionados extended their Labor Day celebration to join the Foundation's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament last May 4, 2015. The Ayala Greenfield and Country Club in Laguna was buzzing with activity that day.

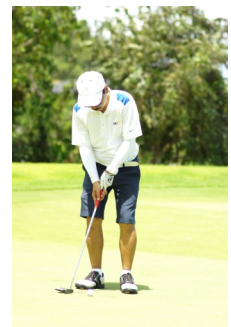
The shotgun tee-off started at 8:30 AM. This was followed by a luncheon and awarding ceremony hosted by Dr. Telesforo Gana, the over-all Chairman of the event. Raffle prizes and give-away gifts lent added joy and excitement to the attendees.

This fund-raising event would not have been possible were it not for the generous support of the main presenter – Endure Medical Inc., the two (2) co - presentors - All Asian Counter Trade and the Banco de Oro (BDO), its major and hole sponsors, as well as various donors who contributed in cash or commodities; the latter of which were distributed to all those present.

The event netted Php 867, 500.00 which will enhance the Foundation's centerpiece project, the Charity Patients' Medical Fund



PGH MFI  
officers posed  
with some  
players after  
the event



No less than the Executive Vice President of BDO, Mr. Ador Abrogena participated in the event. He is shown with Dr. Edward Tordesillas and Dr. Dione M. Suter receiving the raffle prize extended to all players



## SSS Employees donate for PGH Cancer Patients



The employees of the Social Security System annually contribute to their Christmas Fund Drive for their various charity projects. The SSS management for their part supplements this with a corresponding amount.

The turn – over ceremony of this year’s donation was held at the SSS Main Office in Quezon City where six beneficiaries including the PGH Medical Foundation received the donation from the SSS President and CEO, Hon. Emilio S. de Quiros, Jr. Dr. Gregorio T. Alvior, Chairman PGM MFI Board of Trustees delivered the response on behalf of the beneficiaries.

The donation is intended for the PGH Department of Pediatrics’ Hematology Oncology Isolation Ward.

## “Shoot for a Noble Cause” Another Fund Raising Project Held



Inspired by the success of the “Alay sa PGH” Golf Tournament where she was a participant, Ms. Meredith Nepomuceno Lim, President of Jen Express Co, likewise a shooting enthusiast decided to spearhead this other fund-raising competition. This was held last July 11-12, 2015 at the Armscor Shooting Range in Barangay Fortune, Marikina City.

There were three (3) categories: pistol, mini-rifle and shotgun, requiring eight (8) stages and 180 rounds. Participants braved the intermittent bad weather that did not prevent the success of the activity.

Seventy (70%) percent of the net income of the project was donated to the foundation for its Charity Patients’ Medical Fund.

## Johann Strauss Society Donates Through PGHMF



Receiving the check from Ms. Olga Martel, Ms. Fortune Ledesma and Ms. Ditas Posadas, were Dr. Dione M. Suter, Mme. Lolita Escobar-Mirpuri and Dr. Gregorio Alvior

Section. It will be used to purchase an additional infusion pump for the use of cancer patients. Two other members of the Society, Ms. Fortune Ledesma and Ms. Ditas Posadas were likewise present during the small ceremony for the donation on 22 May 2015.

## Al Tawi-Tawi Nickel Corporation - Extends Added Assistance to PGH Patients



Ms. Michelle Montemayor company representative hands over the donation to Dr. Greg T. Alvior and Dr. Dione M. Suter

Mr. Michael Chen of Al Tawi Tawi Corporation extended their assistance to likewise include patients from the Departments of Surgery and Rehabilitation Medicine. The

company used to donate solely for pediatric patients through the CHILD Foundation. Their desire to see patients recover from their present condition to enable them to be productive again made them decide to donate Php 250, 000.00 for these patients.

## PGH MFI Execom Has Two New Members



*BOT Members attended the despedida for Dr. Alfonso Doloroso (shown with Ms. Cora Doloroso 3rd & 4th from right) (L-R) Mr. Noel Gonzales, Ms. Cory Quirino, Hon. Mary Ann Susano, Mme. Lolita Escobar-Mirpuri, Dr. Telesforo Gana and Dr. Greg Alvior*

During the Executive Committee meeting held on 23 June 2015, another important matter that transpired was the motion to appoint two additional members to the Committee. They were former Congresswoman Mary Ann Susano and Ms. Erlinda Cambia whose nominations were approved through a Board Resolution by referendum dated on the same day.

The Committee is now composed of twelve (12) members, headed by a new President - Dr. Telesforo Gana, with one member *in absentia*- Dr. Alfonso Doloroso who is on leave.

The meeting also took the occasion to celebrate the birthday of Mme. Lolita Escobar-Mirpuri and the despedida for Dr. Alfonso Doloroso, Corporate Secretary and Vice President, respectively of the Foundation.

## July Execom Welcomes New President



*The celebrants (2nd, 3rd and 4th from left) with Dr. Greg Alvior, Dr. Telesforo Gana, and Mme. Lolita Escobar-Mirpuri*

The monthly Executive Committee Meeting held in 23 July, was officially presided by newly installed president, Dr. Telesforo Gana. The occasion likewise celebrated the birthdays of two(2) Execom and Board of Trustees' members- Atty. Arnie Carino and Hon. Mary Ann Susano, and PGH MFI staff Ms. Mindy Lominario. After the meeting, the celebrants blew the candles on their birthday cakes amidst singing.

## August Execom Celebrates the Birthday of Two PGH MFI Officers



Last August 23, 2015, the monthly Execom likewise celebrated the birthdays of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Greg Alvior and the Executive Director, Dr. Dione M. Suter. After having tackled several important business matters, the merriment began with birthday greetings and singing. The two officials expressed their gratitude to the all those present.

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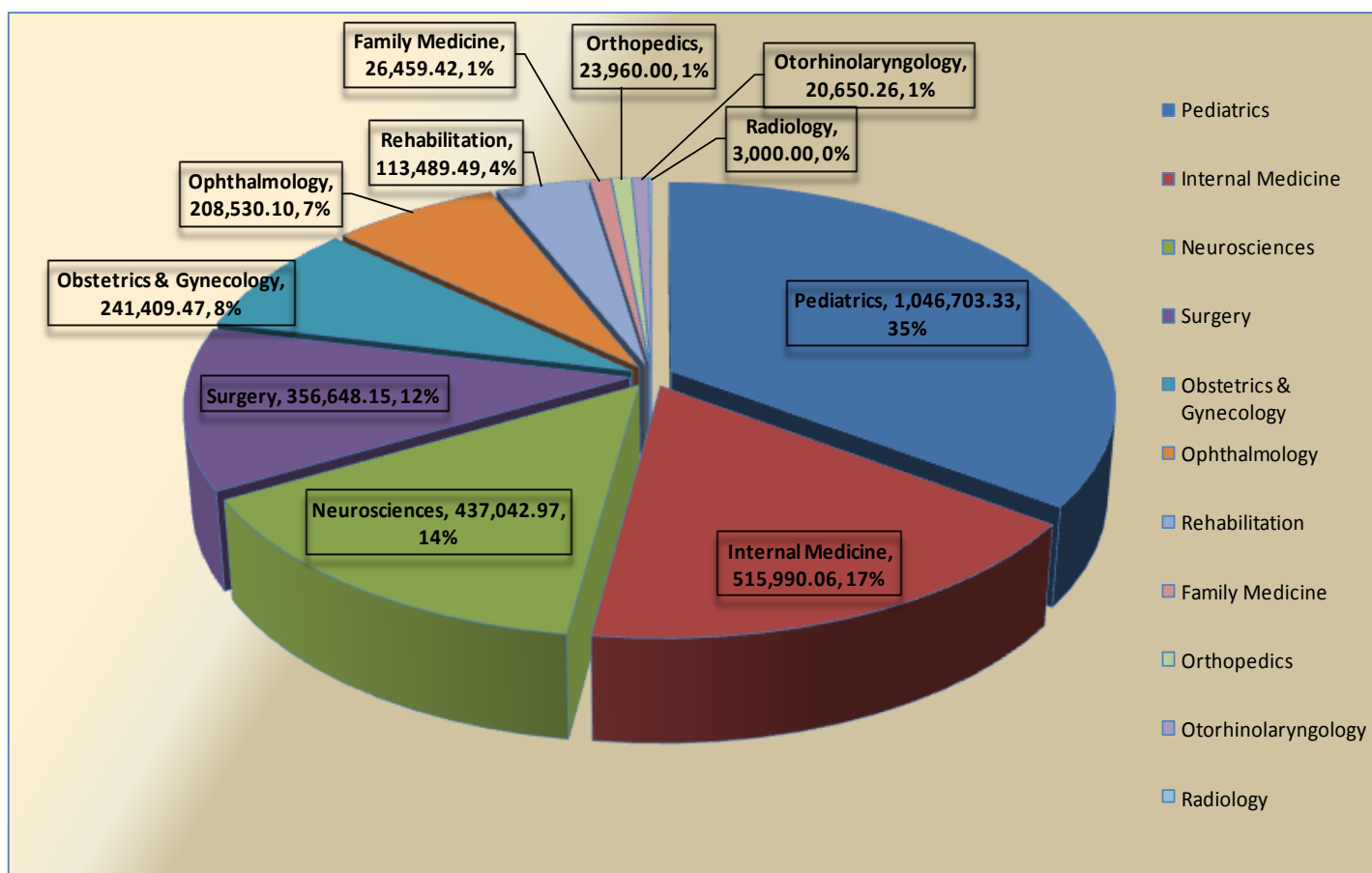
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## Charity Patients Medical Assistance Program



*Dr. Kenneth Ng, Chief Resident Physician of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine explaining the request to Dr. Dione M. Suter*

Patients assistance are given through the attending Resident Physician who explains to the Executive Director the status of the patient, the medication / procedures required and the cost of the request.

### January - August 2015

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Ophthalmology	-	208,530.10
Rehabilitation	-	113,489.49
Family Medicine	-	26,459.42
Orthopedics	-	23,960.00
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