

2015-2016 Filipino Members Chapter

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Membership:

Full Members – 98

Student Members – 60

Lay Members – 63

Now on its third year, the chapter organized a successful golf and networking tournament on July 11, 2015 at The Players' Course Golf Club. It was well attended by members and friends – a mix of enthusiasts and newbies. A dinner followed for awarding of prizes and networking.

In August 2015, the chapter had its annual Summer Picnic and Networking at Harborview Park which is typically geared towards newcomers and members' families and friends. Games were prepared for the kids and adult alike.

With the very successful breakfast buffet fundraising event in 2014, the chapter arranged a second breakfast buffet fundraising event in October 17 at Canton Food Gallery. Proceeds went to the chapter bursary fund, where the goal was to award more bursaries this year.

On December 05, the chapter's Christmas Party themed "Paskong Pistang Pinoy" was held. Chapter members who recently became members of the association were acknowledged and recognized. True to the theme of Filipino festivities, a singing contest among the chapter members added entertainment and were widely applauded by those in attendance. The awarding of bursaries was also one of the most anticipated features of the event, and with the successful fundraising activity, the chapter was able to increase the number of recipients to three (up by one the

previous year).

The Annual General Meeting was held in March of this year in conjunction with technical presentations on “Becoming An Engineer In Manitoba” presented by Hugh Roche, P.Eng. and “Estimating the Field Resilient and Modulus of Pavement Layers and Subgrades” presented by Ma. Elena Oberez, P. Eng. The chapter recently introduced and made use of online voting technology for new set of officers. The results were announced at this meeting, followed by the presentation and oath-taking of newly-elected officers. It was also at this event that we recognized the support and help of our volunteers for the successful events held in 2015.

At the first meeting of newly-elected officers, a review of the chapter’s committees was conducted which resulted to a slight change to improve the structure. Hence, the following committees were established:

- Technical Committee
- Elections/ Nominating Committee
- IT/ Communications Committee
- Mentorship/ Membership Committee
- Social Committee

“Life of Canadian PI”, a regular column in Pilipino Express newspaper, continue to publish chapter events, inspiring stories of chapter members, and other relevant information for current and future members of the association. Nine (9) articles were published from October 2015 – May 2016. It aims to further strengthen our ties with our community and make the chapter’s presence known not only in Winnipeg but to the far reaching worldwide web through the paper’s website.

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