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Welcome!

Happy New Year Fellow Olympians! We kick off the year with monthly clinics with our Childhope beneficiaries. The picture above will become a staple photo! We hope to give you updates of their progress, as we dream of better opportunities and futures for them.

We also look forward to the 2nd World Olympians Forum in Lausanne, Switzerland this April, as well as the much awaited SEA Games in our home turf this November. We are most proud that POA board member, Cong. Monsour del Rosario, has taken on the helm as CDM, and will surely give you updates from him in the succeeding issues. Let's give him the much needed support for the success of our country.

There is much to look forward to in 2019 and we hope to see more of you in the coming months! Mabuhay!

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3rd Hall of Fame Enshrinement

November 22, 2018

Several Olympians were awarded at the 3rd Hall of Fame (HOF) enshrinement that took place at the PICC. These Olympians were Loreto Carbonell (Basketball 1956), Josephine De La Viña (Athletics 1964, 1968, 1972), Lydia De Vega-Mercado (Athletics 1984 and 1988) and Sen. Ambrosio B. Padilla (Basketball 1936). Ms De Vega-Mercado, flew in from Singapore to receive her award, while Mr Carbonell and Sen Padilla were both represented by their children/families.

Also awarded on the special evening were multi-awarded Bowlers Olivia “Bong” Coo, Lita Dela Rosa and Rafael “Paeng” Nepomuceno, Golfer Ben Arda, Baseball/Softball Filomeno Codiñera Jr, and Boxer Erbito Salavarria.

The HOF award was established under RA 8757, and will be given every 2 years to 10 awardees for the specific decade being recognized.

26 HOF awardees have already been recognized in the previous enshrinements, including POA board member Gerardo Rosario (Swimming 1976). The POA was represented by President Akiko Thomson-Guevara who sat as a member of the screening committee for the HOF.



POA Pres Akiko Thomson-Guevara with HOF awardee and Olympian Lydia de Vega-Mercado



PSC Comm Celia Kiram, POA Pres with HOF Lydia de Vega-Mercado and the 3 daughters of HOF awardee Sen Ambrosio Padilla



WOA Service to Society Grant

The POA was blessed to receive the Service to Society Grant from the WOA, which commenced last October 2018 and will run for one year.

“The World Olympians Association (WOA) has established Service to Society grants to help National Olympians Associations (NOAs) run projects which further WOA’s mission of empowering Olympians to help make the world a better place.”

Building on POA’s existing Sports clinics with the street children of Childhope Philippines (<https://childhope.org.ph/>), we are incorporating sports as part of the regular Childhope curriculum.

Recognising the power of sports to change lives, to give hope and a future, and the inherent joys of organised sport that all kids should be exposed to, the POA has organized monthly training sessions in selected sports so that skills can be learned and

developed, and hopefully potential athletes discovered.

The POA will be providing the trainers and the financial support to transport and feed the street children, and will culminate with a Sportsfest in May 2019. Stay tuned for the upcoming Sports clinics, we would love to see more Olympians there!



SAVE THE DATE!

Next Childhope Sports Clinics:

January 26 and February 23 2019 at

College of St. Benilde

Contact us for information on the
March, April and May Sports Clinics!



POA – PSC/ WOA Childhope Sports Clinics

November 10, 2018

The POA in partnership with the PSC and the WOA (through the Service to Society grant) conducted our 2nd sports clinic of 2018 at the Canonigo Basketball court in Paco, Manila for the street children of Childhope. 100 street children from all over Metro Manila were trained by national Coaches from Taekwondo, Judo and Badminton and were later fed. These children will train, once a month, for the next 5 months until their Sportsfest in May 2019.

We are thankful for the continued support of the PSC and WOA, and our dedicated coaches who give of their time and talent: Weena Lim OLY, Roel Velasco OLY, Stephen Fernandez OLY, Theddy Punay, Carlo Rivas, John Baylon OLY, Godwin Langbayan, Rizaldy Domingo and Isagani Domingo. We dream that a national athlete will emerge from these clinics someday! ***Giving Hope through Sport.***



December 8, 2018

The POA held our 3rd and final sports clinic for the year at the College of St Benilde. 88 street children were present, participating in either: Badminton, Taekwondo, Judo or Basketball. This was the first time Basketball was included, a special request by our Chairman Paing Hechanova and the Childhope staff.

The children are the same participants in our previous clinics, who will also be present in our succeeding clinics in 2019. The children were fed a light snack before and after, and were also given a small Christmas package to celebrate the season. We are thankful for our coaches who faithfully show up and give of their time and talent, and to the PSC and WOA for helping make these clinics possible.



Street children in the Philippines to benefit from Canadian dental mission

Thanks to the Philippine Olympians Association (POA), street children in the Philippines will be served by dental professionals from Canada on Feb 3, 2019.

Through the efforts of POA and its Vancouver-based member and Olympian Amateur boxer Rey Fortaleza who competed in Montreal 1976, the Caring Hearts Dentistry Society (CHDS), a non-profit group of Canadian dentists and volunteers, has linked up with Childhope Philippines, a group that serves street children.



With this connection, CHDS dental missions will include street children among the many beneficiaries.

The POA, under the leadership of president and Olympian swimmer Akiko Thomson Guevara, believes that this partnership will serve the street children of the Philippines well, especially their dental needs.

As an organization, the CHDS provides free dental services and basic humanitarian care to the indigents and less-fortunate individuals in remote and far-flung communities.

The CHDS is made up of dentists, nurses, hygienists, dental assistants, medical workers, social workers and other professionals in Canada.



It is an organization dedicated to excellence in dental service through dental missions to ensure optimal oral health care of the needy.

The dental team will set up a dental clinic in every mission in the Philippines to provide dental care and education to hundreds of children in which many have never seen a dentist and are suffering from serious dental problem.



Receive your OLY Certificate

In recognition of the accomplishments of Olympians worldwide, World Olympians Association are providing Olympians with an Olympian.org email address and a certificate of recognition with the post-nominal letters - OLY. These are available to global Olympians at no cost.

To obtain your certificate and Olympian.org email address, simply register on the WOA website: <https://olympians.org/oly/>



The POA is endeavoring to come out with quarterly newsletters which will be circulated on our Facebook page (Philippine Olympians Association) and sent out to members whose email addresses we have. If you want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact us!



News from WOA

You can find out more about WOA, global news on other Olympian Associations and much more on the WOA website: <https://olympians.org/>

2019 is set to be an exciting year as WOA will be organising the 2nd World Olympians Forum from 15 to 17 April. There will be a joint session with the International Athletes' Forum also to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland.

You can also check out [Athlete365](#) for athlete-directed news and resources.



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