



CELEBRATING AMERICA

The dismal weather failed to dampen the spirit of Uncle Sam and those who came for the 4th of July celebration that was held at the United Sports Club in Paranaque last July 7.

PAGA officers, staff and beneficiaries were invited to join in the day's festivities.

Commemorating both the United States Independence Day and the Philippine American Friendship Day, this annual event was again hosted by the Elks Club Manila Lodge No. 761.

The day's celebration included fun games, face painting, Zumba, a raffle and a parade with Uncle Sam across the football field, where four of our beneficiaries were tapped as flag bearers.

The band Ko Jones (yes, that's really the band's name!) provided entertainment that brought many of the revelers crowding the dance floor. A great day was had by all!

PAGA Trustee Tim Strong, Executive Director Deanna Bajar and social workers Rory Illumin and Phen Sales are shown here with some of our beneficiaries who attended the celebration



SCHOOL NEED NOT BE STRESSFUL

The Interactive Workshop: Guide to Managing Your Studies Toward Success was conducted last July 28 for college level and graduating senior high school students at the PAGA office. Thirteen beneficiaries, six of them college students, were able to attend and avail of this important workshop.



The purpose of the workshop was to provide positive techniques in obtaining better grades throughout the school year and to guide our beneficiaries in *managing their studies toward success*.

The workshop facilitator, Gladly Yabut, started the workshop with the popular adage - "If you're not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you're determined to learn, no one can stop you."

Yabut gave pointers on stress relief methods while studying for exams to boost their learning potential and surefire ways to make learning fun and worthwhile.

She also stressed the importance of time management and taking down notes during class discussions, which they dutifully practiced during the course of the day

All the attendees participated enthusiastically in all of the activities and swore to apply what they learned from the interactive workshop.

BREAKING AD

The first of a series of ads dubbed 'Milk Carton' had its full page debut in the August issue of the AmCham Business Journal.

HAVE YOU SEEN HER?



We have.

Her name is Cris Ann. She is an 11-year old first generation Filipino-Amerasian.

Cris Ann dreams of becoming a teacher someday, but because her mother earns less than \$2 a day as a kitchen helper, PAGA is supporting Cris Ann on her journey to realize her dream.

Cris Ann is one of the 130 underprivileged Filipino-Amerasian beneficiaries that PAGA has been helping to become independent and responsible members of society.

Aside from education assistance, PAGA also provides health care, personality and social development programs and family counseling to its beneficiaries.

PAGA is wholly-funded by donations. We need your help to expand our services. Visit our website today (www.paga.ph) and find out how a tax-deductible donation from you could help us work toward changing the lives of impoverished Filipino-Amerasian children.

Your generosity will go a long way in helping Cris Ann and many others like her pursue and achieve their dreams.



Featured in our first ad is PAGA beneficiary Cris Ann Lising from Angeles City. She's a sixth grader studying at Sta. Teresita Elementary School, Angeles.

Cris Ann's older sister Princess, a Grade 11 student is also a beneficiary. Both are 1st generation Filipino-Amerasians and have been supported by PAGA since 2013.

PAYING IT FORWARD



Meet Ms. Gladly Yabut. She was our facilitator for the Interactive workshop held last July 28.

Finding herself back at the PAGA office was like a homecoming for Gladly.

She was a PAGA beneficiary from birth in 1994 up until the day she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in Education, majoring in SPED.

It was a long, arduous journey for Gladly to get to where she is now. For the first twelve years of her childhood, she lived with her parents and five siblings under a bridge in Paco, Manila.

Her father was only working as a janitor at a movie house. To help augment the family income, Gladly and four of her older brothers and sisters sold rags and sampaguita garlands to motorists on the busy thoroughfare close to their home.

When their house was demolished in 2007, relatives offered them a small lot in Taguig where, with the help of PAGA, they were able to build a small, but decent house.

Determined to lift her family from their impoverished situation, she focused on her studies and earned a full scholarship from PAGA.

She credits PAGA for building her confidence and says that she will forever remain grateful to PAGA for the invaluable help it has extended to her and her family over the years.

Seminar-Workshop for Parents With Teenage Children

The fourth edition of Parenting the Adolescents Module (PAM) designed to help parents and their adolescent children have harmonious relationships was held last August 25 at the PAGA office

Entitled "Bridging the Gap Between Parents and Teen-agers" the seminar-workshop was the final part of four modules; this time with the participation of adolescents.

The first three editions, held on November 2015, August 2016, and November 2017, only had parents in attendance.

The workshop's resource person and facilitator was social worker, educator and family therapist Alicia G. Molina. She also facilitated the two previous editions.

Tears welled up among the participants when the short video *Sa Aking Pagtanda : Liham nina Tatay at Nanay* written by Fr. Ariel Robles was shown.

It was a good bonding session between parents and their children.

