



# The Council



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## All Roads Lead to Las Vegas for the 2026 Spring Meeting

By Bro. Art Rivera

APO ACNA Brothers, sisters, families, AA Presidents and delegates will gather for a fun, memorable and joyful Spring Meeting on March 27-29. Set at the Four Queens Hotel and Casino in the famed Downtown Fremont Street, the weekend event invites everyone to enjoy the festivities prepared by our gracious hosts, APO Las Vegas Alumni Association, led by President Joey Avisado and the Spring Meeting team headed by Brod Samuel Cuvin.

The Board of Directors meeting on Friday is scheduled from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM to be attended by the Association Presidents of Canada and the USA. The welcome dinner and fellowship will be held at the Hospitality Suite. When darkness falls, everyone should enjoy and immerse themselves in the sights, the sounds, the neon lights, the zip line and the exciting surprises dubbed as the “Fremont experience!”

There will also be self-guided tours to nearby nature as well as man made attractions including the Grand Canyon, Skywalk, Red Rocks, Valley of Fire, Hoover Dam, Horse Shoe Bend, the Strip,

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## 17<sup>th</sup> ACNA Biennial Convention Highlights

By Bro. Raymund Liongson

It is often said that celebrating history strengthens bonds, reinforces identity, and fosters collective memory. It ensures past struggles and achievements, and inspires present actions, connecting people across time and space and fostering shared ideals and principles.

Meaningfully celebrating the exceptional 100 years of Alpha Phi Omega and charting a purposeful path for the coming decades were the focus of the 17<sup>th</sup> ACNA biennial convention held on August 28-September 1, 2025 at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii. Hosted by APO-Hawai'i, the grand gathering featured various events, including evening programs and dinners, post-dinner fellowships, a caravan, a centennial conference, a BOD meeting, a general assembly, and island explorations. It was attended by close to 300 delegates, non-delegate APO members, and guests.

### Opening Events

The five-day event was ushered by a beach dinner reception at the Ala Moana Park, bathed in the cool trade winds and graced by the golden sunset in the west and the iconic Diamond Head in the east.

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# The President's Message

“Together, We Will Make A Difference . . .”

Warm greetings Brothers, Sisters and APO Family,

Last December 16, 2025, we celebrated 100 years of the APO worldwide movement and then on March 2, 2026, APO Philippines marked its 76th Foundation Anniversary. As we journey to the next century of our beloved organization, we look forward to a vision of hope, courage and dedication as we build bridges towards greater heights and make a difference in the lives of others.



ACNA will gather in Las Vegas for the Spring Meeting hosted by APO Las Vegas on March 27-29 dubbed as the Fremont experience. The Board of Directors, composed of the Presidents of the different Alumni Associations of US and Canada, will meet on Friday afternoon and The Council will gather on Saturday followed by the 70s Themed Dinner-Dance in the evening. There will be a Golf Tournament, self-guided tour for those wanting to explore the Grand Canyon, experience the sights and sounds of the Strip and savor the cuisine of Vegas. Again, fun and fellowship will be shared, friendships renewed, relationships rekindled and memories created.

As we gather and celebrate, let us remember where we all came from, the lessons we learned and use them to carve the path we will take in the pursuit of our programs for the next biennial years and beyond.

We will have TOP (The Organizers and Presidents) Summit during the Fall Meeting on Labor Day weekend to be hosted by the APO Central Valley California, the Spring Meeting 2027 in Chicago, IL hosted by APO Midwest and the ACNA Biennial Convention on Labor Day weekend 2027 hosted by APO Toronto.

Guided by our cardinal principles, we invite everyone to enjoy the ride, embrace the journey and let there be Respect, Passion and Laughter in all that we do in our respective APO lives.

Congratulations and “Mabuhay” ang kapatirang Alpha Phi Omega!

Fraternally yours,  
**ART M. RIVERA**

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# All Roads Lead to Las Vegas . . . *By Art Rivera*

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the Sphere, the Gondola Cruise including the best Buffets in fabulous Las Vegas. Take the time to enjoy, smell the flowers and bask in the glory of APO fellowship.

On Saturday, March 28, APO AA South Bay and APO Las Vegas AA will hold the Vegas Golf Madness Invitational Tournament at the Las Vegas Golf Club, Tee Time at 9:30 AM. Class A B C Championship trophies will be awarded as well as lunch and goodies.

Proceeds of the Tour will help ACNA's IHMDO project. Fore!

The Council will convene from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 28. The *IHMDO Mission* on May 14, 2026 is one of the main agenda in the discussions. Several projects are also in the works including *Back to School, Special Olympics Visayas, International Care Ministry Partnership, the Learning Center, Benevolent, Calamity, Outreach* and many other service endeavors.

The 70's Disco Themed Dinner Dance sure promises to bring back memories of the decade when long hair, bell bottom pants, flower power spirit and dances we all can relate and remember. Dinner, entertainment numbers, raffle and surprises will be aplenty. Live music will be provided by the *Bohol Songbirds Band* and Program Hosts Brod Bobbitte Picazo and Sis Donna Radaza will keep us dancing, grooving and screaming. The air will truly permeate with laughter, joy and love as we create new memories to cherish in our APO journey.

And of course, saying goodbye is not complete without the Sunday Going Away brunch at Mang Felix Kitchen with an array of delicious Filipino cuisine with more stories, laughter and "kantiyawan."

Whichever way you travel to Vegas, be it by plane, train or automobile, enjoy the ride and embrace the journey. It has been said that "*life is a journey not a destination*" thus, come and be part of the fun and history as we renew friendships, rekindle relationships and share the love of our beloved Alpha Phi Omega. And lest you forget, "*what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!*"

We look forward to seeing you again at the Fall Meeting on Labor Day weekend hosted by APO Central Valley California under the leadership of Sis Gigi Sales-Francisco.

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# APO Montreal - Ottawa Alumni Association News

## Centennial Celebration Showcases APO Alumni's Community Work

The Alpha Phi Omega Montreal Ottawa Alumni Association (APOMOAA) marked a historic milestone with its Centennial Anniversary celebration and induction of its 2025–2027 officers on December 19, 2025, at Restaurant Olympia Grille. Members, alumni, and guests gathered to honor 100 years of leadership, fellowship, and service.

Outgoing President Marcelita Legaspi-Lok opened the program by inviting members to reflect on their shared journey and collective achievements while looking forward with renewed optimism. She emphasized that the organization's strength lies not only in individual accomplishments but in its unity, shared values, and enduring commitment to service.

The event featured Montreal-based immigration lawyer Renz Ciron Grospe as guest speaker. Specializing in economic immigration, family reunification, inadmissibility, and humanitarian and compassionate applications, he spoke about justice as a core value of Alpha Phi Omega and how it aligns with Canada's immigration principles. He underscored fairness, transparency, and respect for human dignity as shared commitments between APO's mission and Canada's approach to welcoming newcomers.

A highlight of the evening was the induction of the new set of officers. Liberty Manzano-Fronzoza formally took her oath as incoming President, joined by the newly elected executive board and committee leaders. In her remarks, she thanked officers and volunteers for their dedication and pledged to strengthen programs, expand service initiatives, foster unity, and uphold the legacy built by past leaders.



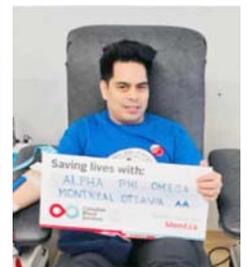
Alpha Phi Omega (APO) was founded on December 16, 1925, by Frank Reed Horton at Lafayette College in the United States. Guided by the motto “Be a Leader, Be a Friend, Be of Service” and the Scouting-inspired call to “Do a Good Turn Daily,” APO expanded to the Philippines on March 2, 1950, at Far Eastern University, where it has since grown into one of the country's most respected service-oriented organizations.



During its general assembly in Montreal on December 15, 2024, the association's 27 active members voted to rebrand as APOMO Alumni Association, reflecting strengthened unity among alumni from Montreal and Ottawa. The group also announced that the next APO Alumni Convention will be held in Toronto in September 2027, with 37 alumni associations across North America expected to participate.

Beyond annual celebrations such as Philippine Independence Day, Fiesta sa Nayan, and the APO founding anniversary, the association remains deeply engaged in community service. Its ongoing and upcoming initiatives include a monthly feeding program in the Philippines, Christmas gift-giving activities, blood donation drives with the Red Cross in Ottawa and Montreal, food preparation support for homeless communities at the Ottawa Mission, park cleanups, and flower-distribution efforts.

The association also organizes community-building and fundraising activities, including poker or bingo socials, lechon sales, garage sales for a cause, and bazaars coordinated with the Filipino Association of Montreal and Suburbs (FAMAS) Community Center—continuing its century-long tradition of leadership, friendship, and service.



# APO Florida Alumni Association News

## Unmasking a New Era: APO-Florida Continues Its Mission of Service



*APO-Florida members, family, and friends unite in fellowship and celebration during the Masquerade Night and Ceremonial Turnover*

ORLANDO, FL - The Alpha Phi Omega-Florida Alumni Association ushered in a new chapter of leadership during its Masquerade-Themed Turnover Ceremony on January 24, 2026 - a symbolic evening of reflection and renewal as Alpha Phi Omega advances into its second century of service.

Elected to lead the 2026 - 2027 term is President Sis. Rheachar Zoenadine “Dotz” Uriarte-Cutrera of the Zeta Omega Chapter, signaling fresh momentum grounded in the fraternity’s enduring pillars of Leadership, Friendship, and Service.

In keeping with its mission, APO-Florida partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida through a simultaneous food drive held during the event, helping provide 175 meals in a single evening to support individuals and families experiencing food insecurity - a tangible reminder that service remains at the heart of the organization.

The gathering also included the association’s annual planning session, where officers outlined strategic priorities focused on strengthening leadership development, increasing alumni and membership engagement, fostering fellowship, and building sustainable community partnerships for the year ahead.

As Alpha Phi Omega celebrates 100 years of service, APO-Florida leaders reaffirmed their commitment to carrying that legacy forward - unmasking a new era while continuing the mission that has defined APO for a century.



*APO-Florida officers during the first planning session for DY 2026-2027.*



*APO-FL President Sis. Rae Cutrera, Sis. Crystal Geiger, and Bro. Mike Garcia pose with Ian Dixon, Food Drive Manager of Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida*

# APO Toronto Alumni Association News



## Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Association of Toronto

### Feeding Program at Binyayan Elementary School January 20, 2026

To kick-off the new year, APO Toronto members organized a service - promoting the health, well-being and holistic development of learners in one of remote areas of Capas, Tarlac.



### First General Membership Meeting February 1, 2026

Organized by the new set of officers 2026 - 2027 under the administration of Sis. Maricar David.



### An Act of Service - Sis Joy Ann Bolivar February 4, 2026

As a nurse, one's professional instincts and training are always evident. A gentleman in Eaton's Center food court experienced a seizure, prompting our dear Sister to intervene. She carefully positioned him on his side, supporting his head with my right hand while awaiting the paramedics' arrival, at which point security personnel took over. Truly, willingness to serve does not wait until it is asked for. Kudos Sis. Joy Ann!



### 76th National Anniversary February 28, 2026

Spearheaded by the members of Alpha Chapter, Happy 76<sup>th</sup> National Founding Anniversary, APO Philippines!



### Typhoon Basyang Relief Mission - Iligan City, Philippines February 2026

The APO Toronto has been actively involved in relief operations following typhoon Basyang, with various international and local efforts to support affected City and Baranggays of Iligan.



# APO Central Valley of California AA in Pictures



# APO Mississauga Alumni Association News

On March 4, 2026, a welcoming activity was conducted in the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro for the delegates from the Province of Romblon who passed through the area on their way to the MIMAROPA Regional Athletic Association (RAA) Meet 2026 in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro. The initiative was spearheaded and supported by the Alpha Phi Omega Mississauga Alumni Association under the leadership of Sister President Glory Pisuena, in coordination with Brother Leocelso Fallaria Garcia, with the assistance of the Xi PSI Chapter and the APO ROMAA (Roxas Oriental Mindoro) Alumni Association. The activity was also made possible through the support and assistance of the Roxas Local Government Unit (LGU). More than 400 delegates, composed of student-athletes, coaches, and officials, were warmly welcomed by the APO brothers and sisters during their brief stop in Roxas. The initiative aimed to extend hospitality and encouragement to the visiting delegation while promoting the core principles of Alpha Phi Omega—Leadership, Friendship, and Service. Through this collaborative effort, APO members demonstrated solidarity and community support for the young athletes representing Romblon in the regional competition while strengthening fellowship, volunteerism, and partnership with the local government and community stakeholders.



# APO Mississauga Alumni Association News

*On February 2, 2026, members of the Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Mississauga Alumni Association conducted a School Outreach Program at Malilico Elementary School and the Malilico Child Development Center in Malilico, Odiongan, Romblon, Philippines. The activity was carried out in collaboration with the APO Romblon Marble Alumni Association and the ESTI Petitioning Chapter as part of the fraternity's continued commitment to community service. The outreach included a feeding activity for the young learners, where meals were distributed to the children as a gesture of care and support for their well-being. Through the collective efforts of participating members, the program provided assistance, encouragement, and inspiration to the students while strengthening fellowship and unity among APO brothers and sisters who proudly participated in the service activity.*



*On February 4, 2026, the Alpha Phi Omega Mississauga Alumni Association, in collaboration with the Alpha Phi Omega Romblon Marble Alumni Association and the ESTI Petitioning Chapter, successfully conducted a community outreach program at the Tulay Child Development Center located in Barangay Tulay, Odiongan, Romblon, Philippines. The activity was organized as part of Alpha Phi Omega's continuing commitment to community service and support for young learners. During the outreach, members and volunteers distributed hygiene kits containing essential personal care items to promote proper hygiene practices among the children, provided vitamins to support their nutritional needs and overall health, and conducted a feeding program where nutritious meals were prepared and served to the beneficiaries. The initiative brought together APO brothers and sisters in a shared effort to provide care, encouragement, and assistance to the children of the community, demonstrating the organization's dedication to meaningful service and its commitment to continuing projects that create a positive impact in communities.*



# APO Alumni Association of British Columbia News



**76th National Founding Anniversary**  
Surrey, BC March 7, 2026

Celebrated 87 years of Alpha Phi Omega with good food, drinks, and great company!



**Blood Donation Drive**  
Surrey, BC  
Feb 21, 2026

In partnership with Canadian Blood Services, APOAABC brothers & sisters came together to donate blood to help save lives in our community.

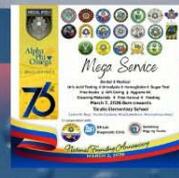


**Adopt a Street**  
Surrey, BC  
March 14, 2026

Annual clean-up initiative to care for & beautify our neighborhood.

## Alpha Phi Omega Association of British Columbia

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January 24, 2026  
We can build a community where everyone can find their home.



*APO Calgary* has truly brought our values to life by uplifting lives throughout the community. Whether quietly supporting newcomers as they begin building their new lives in Canada, extending a helping hand to organizations that serve the most vulnerable, —every act of service reflects compassion in action. "These moments of giving show that even the humblest acts of service can be deeply transformative."

**BLOOD LETTING SERVICE | March 7, 2026**  
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It takes a community to build community.



" In Calgary, the APO Alumni Association lives out our shared values through meaningful service that boost hope to bridge life. Twice a year, APO brothers and sisters come together and roll up their sleeves to donate blood —an act of generosity and compassion that becomes a lifeline for those in need. In these simple yet powerful moments of giving, we are reminded that service, unity, and brotherhood can truly make a difference in the lives of others. "



# APO Midwest Alumni Association News



100<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary  
and Christmas Party  
Dec. 13, 2025



Necrological Rites for  
Brod Caden Te  
Feb. 22, 2026



# APO Alberta Alumni Association News

## 2026 1st Quarter in Action



**APO Philippines 76th Anniversary Celebration**



**ABOVE PICTURES: Visit Brother Arthur - Batch 1964**

**LEFT PICTURES: Community Service Serenade at Seniors House**

# APO Greater Los Angeles Alumni Association News

Since we last saw our ACNA Brothers and Sisters in September 2025 in Hawaii, the Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles Alumni Association (APOGLA) has been busy with service projects, fellowship activities, and of course our regular General Membership Meetings.

Here are some of the highlights since September 2025:

- 2nd Geoffrey Arroyo Memorial Beach Cleanup, continuing our commitment to community service and environmental stewardship.
- Buscapade fundraising in Harrah's Casino, San Diego, CA which successfully raised half of the funds APOGLA pledged to support APO Greater New York's Centennial Obelisk Project.
- Thanksgiving Celebration, where we gathered to thank and show appreciation for our members and their families.
- A Gala Night celebrating 100 years of Alpha Phi Omega and 45 years of APOGLA, commemorating our fraternity and sorority's rich legacy of leadership, friendship, and service.

The start of 2026 ushered in APOGLA's new administration, led by President Bro. Joseph Jovellanos (Delta Nu Chapter) and Vice President Bro. Paul Cervania (Eta Kappa Chapter) who are now guiding the organization through another exciting year of service and fellowship.

APOGLA supported the Coastal Climate Change Adaptation Program: A Community Resilience Initiative held on February 20 in Barangay Malinta, Los Banos, proof that service can create lasting change.

Our Ladies' Night on February 28 was a wonderful evening held at Lorimar Winery, featuring wine tasting, dinner, dancing, and live music. It was a memorable celebration of fellowship and appreciation for the women who support and strengthen our APO community.

On March 8, in honor of Bro Bonjie Ingco, APOGLA once again held down the fort at Mile 13, the halfway mark of the Los Angeles Marathon, where our volunteers hydrated more than 27,000 participants as they made their way through the course.

Looking ahead, APOGLA has several meaningful service activities planned:

- A volunteer day at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank in April
- The Annual Memorial Day Weekend Family Camping in May that is now dedicated to Bro Toti Ayo.
- Care package assembly with Operation Gratitude in June for our men and women deployed overseas as well as veterans.
- A Blood Drive with Cedars-Sinai Blood Services in July

We look forward to reconnecting with everyone and continuing our shared commitment to leadership, friendship, and service at the Spring Meeting in Las Vegas!

- By Sis. Jen Evangelista



*Induction of Officers and Board of Directors FY 2026, a celebration of the organization's 45th Anniversary and APhiO's 100th year Anniversary.*



*Annual "Geoffrey Arroyo Memorial" Beach Cleanup @ Seal Beach, CA*



*Buscapade to Harrah's Casino in San Diego, CA, a fundraising project which successfully raised half of the funds APOGLA pledged to support APOGNY's Centennial Obelisk Project in Easton, Pennsylvania*



*Ladies' Night on February 28 held at Lorimar Vineyards & Winery, featuring wine tasting, dinner, dancing, and live music. Annually scheduled around February as a celebration of love for couples and even singles.*



*LA Marathon Service, 40th year of service to the Los Angeles community taking care of the Mile 13 Water Station. For members it has become a tradition, our station are filled with food, music and fellowship*

# Rufino “Ruffy” S. Ignacio Celebration of Life

*By Art Rivera*

On Saturday, February 21, 2026, family, friends, APO brothers and sisters gathered at the Indian Summer Golf and Country Club in Olympia, Washington for the Celebration of Life of a well-respected and esteemed brother in Alpha Phi Omega.

Brother Ruffy was born on July 19, 1941 in Caloocan City. He attended the University of the Philippines Diliman and earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He was number 3 in the 1963 Electrical Engineering Board Exams and thus, started a lifetime of excellence in the government and private sectors in the Philippines and the United States.

After graduation, he accepted a position at the Mindanao State University Marawi City. He fell in love with the place, the people and most of all his future wife Marlene, a Professor of Physics and the Sciences. He co-founded the MSU Sining Kambayoka Theater Group with Frank G. Rivera.

He then completed his Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Hawaii and later became Dean of the College of Engineering and Vice President of Academic Affairs of the MSU Marawi City Main Campus. After his stint at MSU, they moved to Manila and worked for SEAFDEC (South East Asian Fisheries Development) where they raised their four children, sons Benjamin, Alejandro, Majar-Likha and daughter Ruth.

In 1986, the family emigrated to the USA first settling in Pasadena, CA. The family relocated to their forever home in Olympia, WA in 1989. Brod Ruffy later earned a second Masters Degree in Engineering Management from Saint Martin University. He worked for the Washington State Parks and the Department of Natural Resources.

He pledged and was initiated to the Alpha Phi Omega Eta Chapter at the University of the Philippines Diliman. He was one of 21 members of the Black Jacks Batch 1960A. He held various positions in APO including Founding President of the APO ETAANA Foundation, President of APO ETAANA USA, member of the UP Alumni Association and President Emeritus of the APO Eta Chapter of North America. He served as Charter Members of APO AA of the State of Washington, served as President and Board member. Because of his accomplishments, he was awarded the Order of Lafayette, the highest award bestowed by Eta Chapter for a lifetime of leadership, friendship and service in the pursuit of Eta's motto of Excellence. To this date, he is only one of the 15 recipients of the Sword of Lafayette.

Brother Ruffy passed away on December 15, 2025 in Cagayan de Oro City in the Philippines.

Alpha Phi Omega offered the Necrological Rites at the Indian Summer Ballroom attended by 200 friends and relatives. The solemn ceremony was conducted by Grand Chancellor JP Paredes (Eta Chapter, UP Diliman), Prime Chancellor JB Lim (Eta Chapter, UP Diliman), Auxiliary Chancellor Gaylord Arata (Iota Zeta, Lyceum Northwestern University), Scribe EJ Hangsitang (Beta Sigma Chapter, San Beda College), Prefect Eireann Arata (Gamma Alpha, University of Washington Seattle) and yours truly serving as Narrator.

After the Necro Rites, son Benjamin opened the invitation for those interested to share words of remembrances and there was a long list who shared their thoughts, respect, beautiful memories and experiences with our dearly departed brother. On behalf of the APO and ACNA, I did share stories of him, his impact on MSU, APO, Eta Chapter and as a dear friend, leader and truly a man of service.

When the celebration ended, the APO family gathered at the Graham home of Brod Jojo and Beverly Mendoza and son Larsen, together with Brod Fredy and Jonalyn Respicio, Brod Reo and Meldy Bunag and Cherry Arata. We feasted on stories, laughter, joy, memories, pizza, chicken wings, beer, wine and cognac. We went our separate ways knowing that we were part of the celebration of a life well lived.

Farewell Brother Ruffy, Godspeed and may you rest in peace.



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The next morning, an 8-mile caravan starting and ending at Ala Moana Park, cutting through Waikiki and major areas of Honolulu, made an exultant announcement of APO's presence in the city. Decorated with banners and balloons, cars and trolleys rolled around the city carrying jubilant APO members, relatives, and friends.

## *Centennial Conference*

A conference to initiate discussions on the fraternity's past, present, and future was held on August 29 at the Garden Lanai of the Ala Moana Hotel. Keynote speaker, **Bro. Dr. Allen Wong**, Immediate Past Chair of the International Council of APO (ICAPO), spoke on the theme "**APO@100: A Century of Steadfast Commitment to LFS.**" Other speakers and their respective topics were: **Sis Vilma Eda**, Vigan City Division Superintendent, "Reflections on the foundation and purpose of APO"; **Bro. Mel S. Gonzales, Jr.**, President, Dr. Librado Ureta Foundation, "Revisiting the past challenges and triumphs of the fraternity: Lessons Learned"; and **Bro. Danny Ang**, Chair, ACNA Board of Directors, "Envisioning the role of APO alumni for the future." An engaging forum moderated by **Bro. Raymund Liongson** followed the informative presentation.

## *BOD Meeting and General Assembly*

The Board of Directors' meeting on August 30 focused on the proposed amendments to the ACNA constitution and bylaws (CBL), which were ratified the next day following lengthy discussions during the general assembly.

## *Evening Features*

Each night, cultures and history were celebrated, capped by a string of recognition and awards from the ACNA leadership. On August 30, with attendees in their aloha attire, an **Aloha Night** honored the region's culture with Hawaiian and Polynesian dances and songs. The following evening, **APO Night** highlighted Filipino culture and honored the alumni associations with a parade and dramatic raising of all the AA banners.

A video paying tribute to brothers and sisters who have passed on to the Great Beyond was also played.

Philippine Consul General **Arman Talbo**, as the guest speaker in the **Centennial Gala**, reminded the audience that "Alpha Phi Omega is not just a fraternity or sorority. It is a movement of men and women who, for generations, have dedicated themselves to improving lives, building communities, and shaping nations, especially our country, the Philippines."

"Centennial celebration is not only about looking back at a proud history, but about recognizing the call of service that each of you must answer every day," ConGen Talbo added.

In his live online message that evening, APO Philippines National President **Bro. Fritz G. Sapon** commended ACNA for its work. "Through your efforts, countless lives have been touched. Your readiness to answer the call of service despite distance and borders is a shining testament to what APO stands for: that brotherhood knows no boundaries and that our calling to serve transcends time and place."

**Sis Felvic "Ving" Adriatico**, ACNA President, likewise acknowledged the collective effort of ACNA members. "We honor the lives we have touched and the impact we have made through our collective service. Together, we have built trust, restored dignity, and inspired others to serve with us."

## *Post-dinner Fellowship*

Exuberant post-dinner fellowship lasting till the wee hours of dawn, and feasting on *poke* and chevon with the favorite drinks, was a nightly mirth.

The host alumni association expresses its gratitude to the generous sponsors, without whom the five-day event would not have been a success: (*Diamond*) Wealth Strategies Group [Bro. Richard & Greta Pecson], First Hawaiian Bank; (*Gold*) APO-Hawaii Collective Force; (*Silver*) APO Greater Los Angeles, Aloha Tours & Travels, Kehalani Beach Resort, Mariano-Soquena Foundation; (*Bronze*) Bro. Marc Barcelona, Bro. John Jacinto, Sis Rosaly Luis, Bro. Lito & Sis Josie Tarculas, Sis Crystal Geiger, Art & Virgie de Guzman, JYF and Son Game Farm, and Czanelle's Airconditioning/Refrigeration, LLC.

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# Pictures from 17th ACNA Biennial Convention - Hawaii



# Pictures from ACNA Biennial Convention in Hawaii 2025



Photos and a video of the event can be viewed and downloaded from [apohawaii.org](http://apohawaii.org).

# Alpha Phi Omega in the Spirit of *Damayan* and *Aloha*

## APO Hawai'i installs officers for DY '26-'27

Coinciding with the Christmas party and the 100<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary celebration of the fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega alumni in Hawai'i elected and installed the executive officers and board of directors of the association for Developmental Year 2026-2027. The ceremonies were held at Max's of Manila in Waipahu on December 21, 2025.

The following officers and BOD members will lead the association in the next two years: President, **Raymund Liongson**; Vice President, **Noel Blanco**; Secretary, **Rosaly Luis**; Treasurer, **Giovanni del Rosario**; Auditor, **Arsenio Belardo**; Business Manager, **Harry Miguel**; PRO, **Corazon Blanco**; and Sergeant-at-Arms, **Nur Lamorena** and **Roxy DeGuzman**. The Board of Directors is comprised of **Rossana Donalvo** (Chair); **Melvin Calivoso**, **Elmer Corotan**, **John Jacinto**, and **Raymund Liongson** (ex officio).

"With a line of committed officers and supportive members, coupled with creative and resourceful initiative, we look forward to an active and productive year," says AA President Raymund Liongson,

## AA marks 76<sup>th</sup> APO Philippines anniversary



Members of APO Hawai'i, all of who joined the fraternity from the home country, gathered on March 1 to celebrate the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Alpha Phi Omega in the Philippines. The well-attended gathering held at the Waipahu *frat haus* was also graced by visiting brothers, sisters, and other guests from the Philippines and California. The special event was celebrated with sumptuous victuals, including the favorite delicacies (*kambing* and *poke*) and libations, karaoke singing, and tons of camaraderie.

### Quarterly Adopt-A-Highway Project

## AphiO troops Ewa highway for road cleanup



Equipped with rubbish bags, gloves, and safety vests, APO Hawai'i members trekked a two-mile stretch of Fort Weaver Road in Ewa Beach, from Karayan St. to the Queen's Medical Center on West O'ahu, to pick up non-biodegradable wastes. The quarterly road cleanup program, *Adopt-A-Highway*, is the longest running service project of APO Hawai'i, in collaboration with the State Department of Transportation. APO Hawai'i has been involved in the program since 2007.

## Proposed projects and initiatives adopted

The Executive Committee of APO Hawai'i approved in its March 14 meeting the following projects proposed by the association president, Bro. Raymund Liongson, for the year 2026.

### School Supplies Drive

School supplies will be collected during the summer break and donated to the Waipahu Elementary School to support students from economically disadvantaged families.

### Friendship Walk

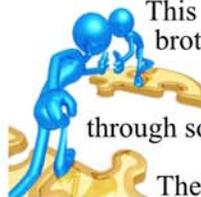
A fundraising initiative, this event is aimed at raising funds for humanitarian causes to alleviate human suffering, save lives, and maintain human dignity during crises such as natural disasters or extreme poverty. These initiatives provide essential aid such as food, medical care, and shelter. The 4-mile **Friendship Walk** is set for September 26, 2026 along Keehi Lagoon Drive in Honolulu.

### LFS Academy

This Youth Leadership Training for intermediate, high school and college-age students on O'ahu is set for November 7 to coincide with the APO National Service Week.

### Kapatiran Reach-Out

This initiative is aimed at reaching out to APO brothers and sisters who may not have connected with the alumni association for a year or more, or whom we learn to be going through some challenging conditions.



The Association is also working on reviewing and amending its bylaws and obtaining a 501(c)3 status with the Internal Revenue Service. For inquiries about APO Hawai'i, contact Bro. Raymund at (808) 381-4315 or email [rliongson@gmail.com](mailto:rliongson@gmail.com).

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# Alpha Phi Omega (Philippines)

## Alumni Council of North America

Spring Meeting  
March 27-29, 2026



### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

#### Friday 3/27/26

##### **Binion's Hotel & Casino**

Longhorn Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

9 AM – 4 PM Registration  
1 PM – 4 PM BOD Meeting

##### **4 Queens Hotel & Casino**

Hospitality Suite 1903 & 1905 (North Tower 19<sup>th</sup> Floor)

4 PM – 7 PM Registration – Room 1906  
6 PM – 8 PM Welcome Dinner (Delegates & Non-Delegates Only)  
\*\*\* Wristbands required. \*\*\*  
9 PM – 12 MN Fellowship (Open to ALL)

#### Saturday 3/28/26

##### **Binion's Hotel & Casino**

Longhorn Ballroom (Mezzanine Level)

9 AM – 4 PM Registration  
8 AM – 11 AM Council Meeting  
11 AM – 1 PM LUNCH BREAK  
\*\*\* Delegates stay for lunch. Non-delegates proceed to Hospitality Suite. Wristbands required.  
1 PM – 4 PM Council Meeting  
6 PM – 11 PM **70's GALA**

##### **4 Queens Hotel & Casino**

Hospitality Suite 1903 & 1905 (North Tower 19<sup>th</sup> Floor)

10 AM – 1 PM Brunch (Delegates & Non-Delegates Only)  
\*\*\* Wristbands required. \*\*\*  
1 PM – 2 PM Close for Clean Up  
2 PM – 4 PM *Golf Madness Awarding*  
11 PM - 2 AM After-Gala Fellowship (Open to ALL)

#### Sunday 3/29/26

10 AM – 12 PM Brunch Send-Off at *Mang Felix Kitchen*  
3528 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89169