



*History in
the making,
One Brick at a Time!*

Philippine Center
of Minnesota



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PCM LAUNCHES SEARCH FOR...

Mrs. Philippine Center of Minnesota 2010

Rules of Eligibility

- Candidate must be of Filipino descent.
- She must be married or has been married.
- She must submit an application form with a \$25-application fee no later than March 29, 2010.

**MRS. PCM WILL BE AN AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL
OF THE PHILIPPINE CENTER OF MINNESOTA!**

What she will win:

- A lifetime title: Mrs. PCM 2010
- Crown
- Sash
- \$1,000

How the winner is chosen: The candidate who brings in the most number of ballots becomes Mrs. Philippine Center of Minnesota.

To obtain an application, and for more information, please contact:

Lita Malicsi (612.861.2397) Glen King (763.571.7696)
Nannette Beltran (651.639.8753)

A dollar a day will get us a building today

DONOR DOUBLES ALL PLEDGES UP TO \$50,000

Be one of the first THOUSAND donors to make the DREAM come true! We can NOW realize the long-time Filipino wish to have our own home-away-from-home when we all participate in this 1K campaign. **An anonymous donor has pledged to match the total collection of this cause up to a maximum of \$50,000. With only 137 pledges, we can potentially raise \$100,000! Let us take advantage of this and not pass up this rare opportunity. This promotion will end as soon as 1,000 donors have signed up but no later than April 15, 2010.**

Hurry! First come, first served... Only when the pledge is redeemed can it be counted. Be part of History! Your name will be engraved in a plaque acknowledging the 1,000 donors on the facade of the building - a monument of your legacy to future generations!

Sign up as an individual/family, organization, or business to raise a total of \$365,000 by making a pledge to donate \$365 - practically \$1 a day for a year! **We will collect the payments payable in a year unless paid in full by sending you a bill soon after April 15, 2010.** Please check for matching-donation program where you work. If applicable, your company will be considered as a Business donor. Donations to PCM are tax-deductible! Salamat....

Complete, sign, clip the attached form, & submit to any PCM board member during an event or send to:

PCM
1850 3rd Street SW
New Brighton, MN 55112

(See back page for plaque, listing donors to date.)

PLEDGE - 1K DREAM RACE TO REALITY

Check a box & write the actual name to be etched on the plaque:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual/Family: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organization: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business: _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I/We pledge to donate \$365 to PCM in the following manner(check one only):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash/Check
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credit card

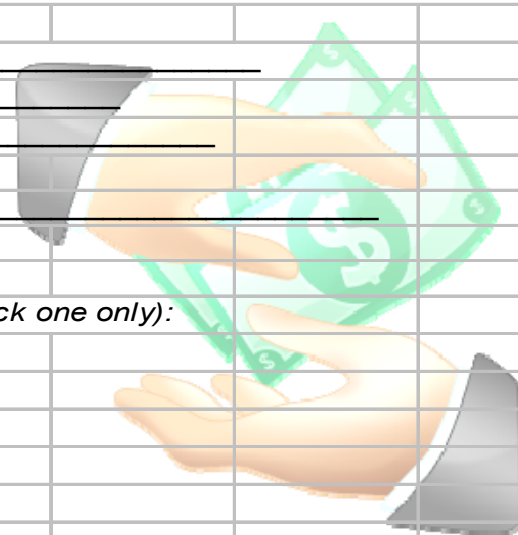
Modes of payment(check one only):

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$365 Lump sum
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 95 Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 33 Monthly

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____



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2010 Filipino Community Calendar

March 20 GK Benefit Dance **March 20(PCM)** Dinner/Dance/Karaoke **March 21** CSFA Philippine Day **April 24** GK Fundraising
April 29-May 2 (CSFA) Festival of Nations **May 15** Santacruzian **May 22** FMA Bi-Cultural Workshop **May 30** FCC Flores de Mayo
June 12 FCO Philippine. Independence Day Picnic **June 18-20** PMMA Campout **June 26-27** FMA Basketball Tournament
July 10 FMA Seniors Walk-a-thon & Free Clinic **July 10-11** CSFA Children's Camp

Building Updates...

Another One Got Away!

The search for an ideal PCM site resumes after the last purchase offer of the American Legion building in New Brighton was declined due to price. Four bids were received in January and we came in a close second.

Last November, the officers and board members of PCM reviewed 3 different sites, an old Chinese restaurant in St Paul, a warehouse in Columbia Heights, and the American Legion, a restaurant and bar located on Old Hwy 8 in New Brighton. All three had the capacity to accommodate 150 guests but the American Legion topped the list with its 12,000 square feet of space and 110 car parking lots. The Legion could house 300 guests in its 3 functional rooms. Up until the economic situation turned sour in 2007, the bar and restaurant had been actively used as the regular meeting place for 15 different charities and clubs from around the metro area, as well as for many big wedding events.

The American Legion was listed for \$550K on a contract for deed basis only. Also, the Legion's terms included the option for it to lease back space for five years. Both the contract for deed and the lease-back arrangement would have made it feasible for PCM to purchase this large building with all of its amenities for as much as \$400K. But since it needed a new roof, new carpets, and interior painting costing about \$50K, PCM started its purchase offer low at \$350K. PCM eventually raised its offer price up to our maximum allowable figure of \$400K but still lost to another higher offer.

The search criteria continue to be the following:

Space – 6,000+ square feet on one level, Bathrooms – 2+ male and 2+ female, Parking – 50+ cars, handicap-accessible, no major repairs, licensed kitchen, centrally located or close to Minneapolis, & the price around \$400K

Next time this kind of opportunity becomes available, PCM hopes to be in a better financial position to make the best offer. Please continue to support PCM thru the 1K Dream race to Reality, Mrs. PCM 2010, and all fundraisers.

We had bid on other buildings in the past like the ones in Fridley & Richfield but came short. Our main issue is always the money. But, we are assuming that when we get the building people will come! We need to know that, i.e. the community really supports & needs a place to gather. Years from now, when the Filipino population, its needs, and the cost of buildings increase, we don't want the people to regretfully say that we should have done it earlier_ because, we are doing it NOW!

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Financial Status as of 2-28-2010



- GOAL: \$500,000
- Our Milestone: \$154,000
- Target Balance : \$346,000 through the "1K Dream Race to Reality" campaign, Mrs. PCM, Feasting for Home, & other fundraisers
- We need your HELP to reach our goal!

1K DREAM RACE TO REALITY – DONORS

Anonymous

Mar & Nena Alojado
Addi & Elsa Batica
Monica Vergara Bulau
CSFA
Ruben & Mary Fermin
Helen & Norm Hamman
Meg Layese & Paul Bloom
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