



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

Philippine Center  
of Minnesota



### JENNIFER MIRABUENO WEARS MISS PCM CROWN

The quest for Miss PCM 2009 was triumphantly concluded. Amidst adoring cheers and deafening applause from friends, well-wishers and spectators, Jennifer, daughter of Adrian and Merriam Mirabueno, received her well-earned crown from former Miss PCM 2005, Renee Schneider. Receiving the title PCM Princess 2009 was Andrea Arambulo, daughter of Amie Macahia.

Coronation Night on January 24, 2009, at St. John's Church was marked by simple elegance and charm. The encouraging harmony displayed by the crowd as they witnessed the culmination of the quest for Miss PCM was impressive. Both candidates, Andrea and Jennifer, carried themselves with style and élan all throughout the evening, and

absolutely wowed the crowd with their wonderfully gracious demeanor when the result was announced.

Overall, the event added another unforgettable chapter in the history of the Philippine Center of Minnesota. Great community spirit was evoked by the presence of families and friends, the sumptuous dinner buffet, good music for listening and dancing, camaraderie and friendships.



*Left to right: Ms Renee Schneider, Miss PCM 2005, Ms. Jennifer Mirabueno, Miss PCM 2009, Escort Christopher Wilmot, Ms. Andrea Arambulo, PCM Princess 2009, Escort Patrick Faunillan*

Jennifer was recently asked what she thought about having a Philippine Center. Her reply was: "Running for Miss PCM enables me to help build a gathering place for Filipinos in Minnesota. I like how that sounds – 'gathering'. I picture huge families coming together. It is through these gatherings that I meet new faces, especially young people whose heritage is the same as mine. I am proud to be a Filipino!"

## PCM Capital Campaign Fundraising – Martin Nievera Concert on July 18, 2009

Martin Nievera, the Philippines' Concert King, is coming to Minnesota for a special concert performance on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium. As part of the capital fund campaign to build a Philippine Center, PCM has joined efforts with Fil-Minnesotan Association and ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor) Foundation, USA, Inc/Gawad Kalinga (GK), a global movement that builds villages for the poor, to present this event with proceeds to benefit both the PCM and ANCOP/GK. For ticket reservations, sponsorship and advertisement opportunities, please refer to the Martin Nievera flier or contact any PCM board member or officer.

The PCM Capital Fund Campaign Committee has a series of special fundraising projects for 2009-2010 in collaboration with Filipino community organizations. Early this year the Miss PCM event raised \$13,000 to give total funds of \$145,000 to our treasury. Upcoming events for 2010 are Konsyerto Pilipino to be presented with Fil-Minnesotan Association to benefit PCM. PCM also plans to have another Car Raffle sometime next year.

Later this year, we will be launching the "Pledge Campaign" drive for individuals, families and businesses. We need help from the community in order to accomplish our mission to build our very own home – the Philippine Center of Minnesota.

# MN in MN

## Martin Nievera

THE CONCERT KING

### IN MINNESOTA

**July 18, 2009 (Saturday)**  
**6:00 pm (Door Opens) 7:00 pm (Event Starts)**  
**Minneapolis Convention Center**  
**1301 2nd Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55403**

**Ticket Prices**  
**\$100 (Limited VIP Seats)**  
**\$60, \$40, \$30**

**Forex**

In cooperation with  
Fil-Minnesotan Association

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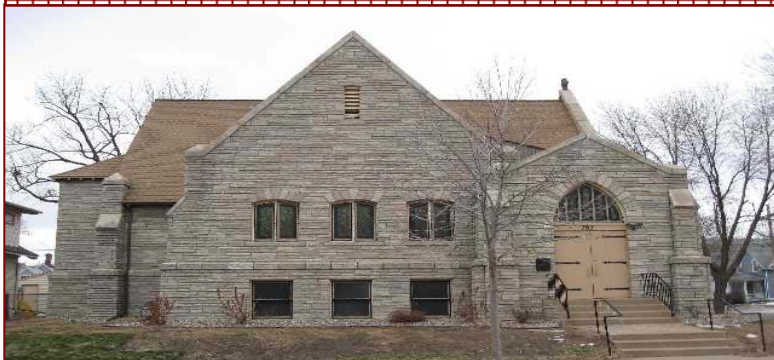
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### 2009 Filipino Community Calendar

*June 13 FCO Philippine. Independence Day Picnic June 27 PMMA Annual Picnic June 27-28 FMA Basketball Invitational  
July 11-12 CSFA Children's Camp July 18 FMA Srs. Walk-a-thon & Free Clinic July 18 UPAM Picnic/Membership Meeting  
July 18 FMA Martin Nievera Concert July 26 PNA Annual Summer Picnic/ Gen. Meeting Aug. 1 FMA Philippine Consular Services  
Aug. 7-9 CSFA Campout-Volleyball Tourney Aug. 15 FMA Srs Field Trip to La Crosse, WI Aug. 20-23 PMMA Annual Cont. Educ.  
Conference Sep. 4 CSFA Elections Sep. 26 CSFA Pamana VIII Aug. 29 FMA Open Tennis Tournament Aug. 30 FMA Klasika Home  
Series Oct. 3 FMA Srs. Hapunan at Sayawan Oct. 17 CSFA Induction Ball Oct. 17 PNA Fall Seminar Oct. 18 FMA Klasika Home Series  
Oct. 24 FCO Bigay Tulong Nov. 7 FMA 57th Annual Mtng, Dinner Dance/ Elections Nov. 14 FMA Srs. 20th Holiday Party  
Dec. 5 FMA 34th Paskong Pilipino Dec. 12 CSFA Pasko sa Nayon Dec. 19 FMA Klasika Grand Finale 15th Anniversary.*

### ***BUILDING UPDATES***



793 Armstrong Ave, St Paul, MN 55102 Listed Price: \$400,000

Alliance Bank has approved a loan for PCM and is committed to support PCM's initiative to find a suitable building for the Filipino-American community in Minnesota. Also, PCM continues to engage in fundraising activities. To date, our funds total \$145,000, up \$10,000 from the last update.

To help with the evaluation process, PCM developed a set of criteria that would help to focus on the essential needs of the community it serves. Each property is being evaluated for its location (by Minneapolis and St. Paul), price, floor space, parking space, availability of kitchen, accessibility for the handicap, condition, and presence of a banquet hall (8 items).

Because our funds are limited, the task of finding this dream building is daunting. Just in the last six months, we have reviewed 30+ properties and attempted to acquire a suitable property at least twice. At present, two prospects meet most of our needs: a church in St Paul (shown on the left) and a commercial building in Columbia Heights (not shown).

Please review and feel free to send your comments to Helen at [hhamman@thebridgerealty.com](mailto:hhamman@thebridgerealty.com) or any of the PCM officers and board members.

#### ***Websites of Filipino Organizations:***

**CSFA** <http://www.csfamn.org/>  
**FAWN** <http://www.minnesotafawn.org/>  
**FMA** <http://www.filminnesotan.com/>  
**Phil Scholars** <http://www.philippinescholars.org/>  
**PMMA** <http://www.pmmamd.org/>  
**PSA** <http://www.tc.umn.edu/~philsa/>  
**PSGM** <http://www.psgm.org>.

#### ***PCM Officers***

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