



Fall Meeting 2026 Edition

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APO-ACNA delegates posing with volunteers from various collaborating APO Philippines Alumni Associations during its IHMDO Mega Service Project at Balabag Elementary School in Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan last May 14, 2026

From Las Vegas, APO ACNA Travels to Baguio, Boracay and Ibaday

By Bro. Art Rivera

The March 27-29 Spring Meeting in Las Vegas is now in the pages of the history of APO ACNA. It was truly a fun-filled, exhilarating and invigorating journey for the attendees from Canada and the US. We were treated to the unforgettable “Fremont Street Experience” as we immersed ourselves in the lights, cheers and endless entertainment of fabled Downtown Vegas. The Four Queens and Binions Hotels and Casinos were our homes for the weekend and both featured unending thrills for the delegates and families. The BOD and The Council Meetings were attended by the Presidents and representatives of the different AAs. A Golf Tournament was held at the nearby Las Vegas Golf Club for the avid players of ACNA. The 70’s Themed Gala brought everyone to the ballroom with their Flower Power inspired bell bottoms, hippie clothes, long hair and non-stop dancing, cheers and singing. Of course, the welcome and after party fellowships lasted beyond midnight followed by trips to the casino slots, poker and blackjack tables.

After the Sunday Church service, we trooped to Mang Felix Kitchen for our favorite brunch and Silog menu items and the Pinoy brand of entertainment provided by our brothers and sisters. As always, the long goodbyes after another memorable get together, everyone sure did create many more memories to cherish. As they say, “what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas...”

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The President's Message

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

Warm greetings Brothers, Sisters and APO Family,

Welcome to Foster City, the Bayside Gateway on the San Francisco Peninsula. Known for its unique architecture, unending outdoor adventures and the beautiful lagoon, the Crowne Plaza Hotel will be our home for the Labor Day weekend. Our gracious Hosts, Brothers, sisters and families of APO Central Valley California have put together beautiful and exciting events during our visit to this fabled city.



TOP (The Organizers and Presidents) Summit will be held on Friday morning when they shall forge the vision and mission of APO ACNA into the next years of our APO journey. The Council of Elders will share their wisdom, guidance and insights as they inspire us to move on to greater heights and make a difference in the lives of others.

The Board of Directors will convene on Friday afternoon then The Council will gather on Saturday, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Special day tours of the San Francisco Bay Area including the Golden Gate Bridge, the Crookedest Street and the Silicon Valley headquarters of Apple, Google and Meta and other Tech companies are on the list. The Masquerade themed Gala will bring us together for an evening of dancing, singing, fellowship, laughter, cheers and many more opportunities to create lasting memories we will all cherish.

The Council Newsletter Fall 2026 issue will also be published with the contributions of each association reporting their programs, projects, activities and photos. Kudos to our writers and Editor Sancho.

We look forward to the 2027 Spring Meeting in Chicago, Illinois hosted by APO Midwest AA and to the Biennial Convention on the 2027 Labor Day weekend in Ontario, Canada to be hosted by APO Toronto AA.

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 lives.

Congratulations and “Mabuhay” ang kapatirang Alpha Phi Omega!

Fraternally yours,
ART M. RIVERA

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Back to School Project Baguio

On May 8, 2026, the ACNA Delegation paid a courtesy call to Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong and Vice Mayor Faustino Olowan. Coordinated by APO BABE and Gamma Pi Sis Sonia Aplosen Daoas, our visit was a wholesome and inspiring one. Mayor Benjie and staff welcomed all of us in his office and we shared thoughts and programs that we can partner with the City of Baguio. We were offered a taste of the Benguet Coffee, local pastries, fruits and Baguio souvenirs. ACNA delegates Edward Lago, Past ACNA President Lito Tarculas, Egay Ninofranco, Samuel Cuvin, Sis Didtdit Maynard, Brod Dany Naadat (President of Samahang APO ng Tondo), Gie Rivera and Art Rivera were joined by Regional Director Rodolfo Fernando, Benedict Grajo (APO BABE President), Zep Santiago (APO BABE Secretary), Jojo Gorospe (Past President APO BABE and Organizer Gamma Pi AA), Samantha Ignacio (Grand Lady Chancellor Gamma Pi), JC Rafael (Grand Chancellor Gamma Pi) and Sonia Aplosen Daoas (Organizer and Adviser Gamma PIAA and Adviser APO BABE).

After the joyful visit to the Baguio City Hall, the team proceeded to the Baguio City High School Library for the "Back To School" Project of APO ACNA. There were 102 7th Grade students selected by their Teachers who were recipients of the gifts for the coming school year. We met with Officer-in-charge Marissa Lapan, representing Principal Whiney Dawayen and the students and their parents. After a short program and messages from the school officials and APO ACNA, the team distributed back packs, office supplies and the students and parents were treated to snacks and drinks. Seeing the excitement and eagerness of the young students to go back to the classrooms, it was indeed a joyful and beautiful event that APO ACNA was able to share a small but meaningful help to the future of these students.

The "Balay ti Alumni" of BCHS was the venue for the dinner and fellowship with the ACNA delegates, alumni brothers, sisters and APO residents of Baguio. Gamma Pi GLC Samantha Ignacio served as the Program Host and Entertainer during the Karaoke session. All the attendees were given the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences of their APO lives and it was pleasing to hear of their stories. We feasted on local dishes, drinks, desserts and of course endless stories, cheers and laughter. After seven hours together, we sang the Toast Song, parted ways with a pledge to see each other again in the future. Maraming salamat, thank you all for a memorable gathering, "Agyaman kami apo!"



From Las Vegas, APO ACNA Travels . . . *By Art Rivera*

APO ACNA IHMDO BORACAY

On Thursday, May 14, the APO ACNA International Humanitarian Medical Dental Optical, Legal and Gift Giving was held at the Balabag Elementary School in Boracay Island from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The Mega Mission was held in cooperation with APO Philippines in coordination with APO Boracay, Dr. Edna Corpuz Navallo was Chair of the APO National Science for Health while Brod Edward Lago served as Chairman of APO ACNA IHMDO.

With teamwork and dedication, the mission successfully served 1,380 individuals. Dental services had 201 patients, Circumcision of 345 patients, medical consultations served 157 patients, blood typing of 193 individuals, 236 students received school supplies, free eyeglasses to about 100 patients and about 100 availed of the free haircut. There was also Legal services offered and community assistance to the Barangay. There were entertainers, a Magician, singers, dancers and ice cream for the little children and adults to enjoy.

Appreciation buffet dinner and fellowship was held at the Hue Resort Hotel Boracay from 6:00 PM. Certificates of Appreciation and gifts were distributed to the Medical, Dental, Optometry volunteers and APO Boracay AA volunteers. It sure was a wonderful gathering and fellowship after a day long humanitarian service that made a difference in the lives of those who needed them most in the island. Until the next IHMDO Mission in Puerto Princesa.



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APO ACNA INTERNATIONAL CARE MINISTRY IBAJAY

On Friday, May 15 the APO ACNA Team of Edward Lago, Samuel Cuvin, Glory Pisuena, Jasmine Federico, Gie Rivera and Art Rivera, took a forty five minutes ride from the Caticlan Port to Barangay Ibayay for the ICM Transform Program Graduation and community visit. ICM is headed by Carol Roa and Aklan Coordinator Cherry Ramos arranged for the visit to the Ibayay Community. There were 30 participants who earned their certificates after 3 months of training. The program will enable them to build, pursue and transform their lives and dreams to opportunities of education and livelihood. After the ceremonies, we broke bread together, had group photos and went on to visit the home of a family. As a parting gift, APO ACNA donated Php 5,000.00 to the Aquino Talisay Savings Group for their continuing programs.

This heart warming experience was not only an eye opener that there are so many less fortunate among us but also an encouragement that we should do more and share life's blessings to those in need. We offer our gratitude to the ICM Program Counselors Virginia Abenir, Elsa Dalupang, Elaine Mae Flores, Evangeline Jamangal, Maria Luz Llemes and Annie Jean Talde for their dedication and commitment to the ICM program and the Ibayay community.



APO PHILIPPINES NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APO ACNA was represented to this year's National General Assembly in Boracay, Aklan by Brod Jerbem Baljadia (APO Greater New York), Sis Ditdit Maynard (APO Arizona), Sis Glory Pisuena (APO Mississauga), Brod Samuel Cuvin (ACNA Auditor and APO Las Vegas), Brod Edward Lago (ACNA 1st Vice President and APO Arizona), Brod Egay Nino Franco (ACNA Adviser and APO Greater Los Angeles), Gie Rivera and Brod Art Rivera (ACNA President and APO Greater Los Angeles). Special mention to Sis Jasmine Federico and Brod Bong Nachor who were with us during the services and the General Assembly. The Friday evening gathering was a beautiful display of the unending bond of brotherhood, sisterhood, joy and fellowship among the attendees. Local artists provided the entertainment, songs, dances and laughter. During the President and Chairwoman's Gala Night, special recognition and awards were presented to deserving AAs, chapters and Brothers and sisters. APO ACNA was specially presented a Plaque of Recognition for the continued IHMDO Project and support to APO Philippines.

Outside of the Convention Center, there were plenty of APO souvenir booths operated by brothers and sisters and it was truly a sight to behold and take home shirts, pins, patches, necklaces and many more. They will be back during the 2027 NGA in Puerto Princesa.

Of course, our respective experiences were not complete without walking the powder white sandy beaches of Boracay and a visit to the various restaurants, cuisine, and swimming in the waters of the island. Chicken Inasal, Inihaw na Isda and Fresh Oysters are but a few dishes, and street performances made the night life exhilarating, joyful and invigorating for the visitors. A Boracay trip should be on everyone's bucket list.

Next stop is Foster City in for the Fall Meeting on September 4-6, hosted by APO CVC AA and be ready for the Masquerade Ball! 2027 will bring us to Chicago, IL for the 2027 Spring Meeting hosted by APO Midwest and fly to Ontario, Canada for the 2027 ACNA Convention hosted by APO Toronto AA. Enjoy the ride and embrace the journey everyone!





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MONTREAL-OTTAWA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
(APOMOAA)

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2026 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

By: *Sis. Liberty Frondoza*
President, APOMOAA

OUR 2026 JOURNEY OF LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE

The Alpha Phi Omega Montreal-Ottawa Alumni Association (APOMOAA) proudly continued its mission of serving the community while promoting Filipino heritage through a series of meaningful activities in 2026. Guided by the principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service, our Brothers and Sisters remained actively engaged in humanitarian initiatives, cultural celebrations, and fundraising efforts that strengthened our organization and the Filipino-Canadian community.



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BLOOD LETTING MISSION

March 21, 2026 | Ottawa

APOMOAA Brothers and Sisters participated in a Blood Letting Mission, demonstrating compassion and commitment to saving lives through voluntary blood donation.



Photo Caption: APOMOAA Brothers and Sisters during the Blood Letting Mission in Ottawa.

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PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

June 7, 2026 | Ottawa

APOMOAA proudly celebrated the 127th Philippine Independence Day with the Filipino community, honoring our heritage while strengthening friendships and community partnerships.



Photo Caption: APOMOAA Brothers and Sisters celebrate Philippine Independence Day in Ottawa.

03



FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE

July 11, 2026 | Montreal

Members worked together to organize a successful Garage Sale, raising funds to support future community service projects and Association activities.



Photo Caption: APOMOAA Brothers and Sisters during the successful Fundraising Garage Sale in Montreal.

04



PISTA SA NAYON

July 19, 2026 | Montreal

APOMOAA proudly participated in Pista sa Nasyon, celebrating Filipino culture, serving the community, and showcasing the spirit of Alpha Phi Omega through fellowship and volunteerism.



Photo Caption: APOMOAA Brothers and Sisters proudly represent the Association during Pista sa Nasyon in Montreal.



LOOKING AHEAD

As APOMOAA continues to grow, we remain steadfast in our commitment to serve with integrity, strengthen our Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and preserve our Filipino heritage for future generations.

We will continue to create meaningful opportunities to serve our communities with compassion, unity, and dedication.



Expanding our service initiatives



Strengthening Brotherhood and Sisterhood



Preserving Filipino culture for future generations

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"Once an APO, Always an APO."

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APO Florida Alumni Association News

United in Purpose: APO-Florida's Legacy of Service and Fellowship



Across the Sunshine State, members of the Alpha Phi Omega–Florida Alumni Association (APO–Florida) continue to bring the fraternity's principles of Leadership, Friendship, and Service to life—protecting the environment, celebrating Filipino heritage, and strengthening the bonds shared by members, families, and communities.

In April 2026, APO–Florida joined local volunteers for the Baynanza 2026 Biscayne Bay Clean-Up in Miami. Members and their families worked along the shoreline, collecting litter and helping preserve one of South Florida's most treasured natural environments. Their efforts demonstrated how collective action, even through simple acts of service, can create a meaningful and lasting impact.

In May, APO–Florida had the privilege of visiting Bro. Tagumpay “Vic” Navarro, Batch 1958 from Alpha Chapter. As a senior brother from one of the early generations of Alpha Phi Omega in the Philippines—founded in 1950—Bro. Vic offered members a meaningful connection to the fraternity's formative years. The visit was more than an opportunity for fellowship; it was a moment to honor his legacy, listen to his experiences, and gain a deeper appreciation for the history that helped shape the organization. Spending time with Bro. Vic reminded members that the strength of APO lies not only in its present-day service but also in the stories, sacrifices, and enduring commitment of those who came before them.

That spirit continued in June during the Philippine Independence Day Celebration in West Palm Beach, held in coordination with the Philippine American Society (PAS). Surrounded by the vibrant colors, traditions, and sounds of Filipino culture, APO–Florida members supported the festivities while engaging with the broader Filipino-American community. Their participation went beyond celebrating cultural heritage. It strengthened community partnerships and created opportunities for volunteerism, fellowship, and shared purpose—values deeply rooted in the APO tradition.

In July, the association gathered in Davenport for its three-day Summer Family Fellowship Weekend. Members were joined by their spouses, children, relatives, and friends for team-building activities, games, shared meals, and meaningful conversations. Filled with laughter and camaraderie, the gathering also carried a deeper significance. It honored the families and loved ones whose encouragement makes continued service possible and affirmed that the APO community extends far beyond its membership. It is sustained by the relationships that support its mission and carry its values from one generation to the next.

APO–Florida also continues to evolve as its membership enters a new chapter. While some longtime members are retiring and returning to the Philippines, new members are joining and bringing fresh energy, perspectives, and experiences to the association. APO–Florida warmly welcomes brothers and sisters relocating from communities across Florida and looks forward to helping them find fellowship, purpose, and a lasting sense of belonging within the APO family.

From restoring the shores of Biscayne Bay to celebrating Filipino heritage and bringing families together, each occasion offered a distinct expression of a common purpose: service strengthened communities, friendship deepened connections, and leadership inspired others to take part.

As APO–Florida looks to the future, the alumni association remains committed to expanding its outreach, cultivating stronger partnerships, and creating more opportunities for members and their families to serve together. Through every project and fellowship, APO–Florida continues to demonstrate that Leadership, Friendship, and Service are more than ideals—they are a way of life.

APO Seattle Alumni Association News

APO OPEN YOUTH RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT

MAY 9, 2026 @ 8am
Pangasinan Training & Development Center
Lingayen, Pangasinan

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is EXTENDED!
*til May 8, 2026

PRIZES

	U30	U12
1 ST PLACE	PHP24,000	PHP8,000
2 ND	PHP12,000	PHP4,000
3 RD	PHP6,000	PHP2,000
4 TH	PHP4,000	PHP1,000
5 TH	PHP2,000	PHP500
6 TH -10 TH	PHP1,000	PHP500

late and onsite registration fee is: U30 Php500;
U12 Php400

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APO SEATTLE with the support of **ACNA** sponsored an **Open Chess Tournament** in Lingayen Pangasinan Training & Development Center in May 9, 2026. It was attended by rated Chess Masters aged 30 & below & conducted successfully with the full cooperation & collaboration of **AGAA, ALPHA GAMMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**.



On **June 2026**, we have supported **Brigada Eskwela** project in **San Carlos City Pangasinan**, and also donated & supported **Medical & Dental Mission** in **La Union** conducted by **APO GLOBAL FOUNDATION**.



On **July 18th**, we rendered **Service to the Fraternity**; fence repair at **Brod Medel's** place and deck painting at **Brod Caesar Mitre's** place.



We have had fun activities during our camping at Pacific Beach, WA last August 7 to 9, 2026

APO Central Valley of California AA in Pictures



General Membership Meeting
January 31, 2026



General Membership Meeting
January 31, 2026



General Membership Meetings



ACNA Spring Meeting - Las Vegas (March 2026)



Brod Egay Brosas Annual River Cleanup



Brod Egay Brosas Annual River Cleanup
April 25, 2026



Brod Butch Garcia Annual Family Camping

APO Toronto Alumni Association News

While keeping the fire burning, the AΦΩ Toronto has been very busy this past few months - from fellowships to meetings to services. Near or far, members made sure to come together to continue making a difference.

2ND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - APRIL

Regular meeting among members.



NIAGARA CASINO TRIP - APRIL

Truly there is "Fun" in Fundraising! Together with families and friends, AΦΩ Toronto enjoyed leisureed time at the Niagara trip.



TREE PLANTING - MAY

By planting trees, we help improve air quality, reduce heat, prevent soil erosion, and provide habitats for wildlife. Every tree we plant is a lasting reminder of our shared responsibility to protect and nurture our planet. Hand-in-hand and one tree at a time.



SPRING DANCE - APRIL

A fun-filled evening of music, dancing, laughter, and great company. AΦΩ Toronto welcome spring together and create wonderful memories with friends and family!





Alpha Phi Omega ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO

PRINCESS MARGARET SERVICE VOLUNTEERS - JUNE

Volunteering at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre is a meaningful way to give back to the community and support patients, families, and healthcare staff. Through our time, kindness, and service, we hope to bring comfort, encouragement, and a positive presence to those who need it most.



FAMILY CAMPING 2026 - JUNE



APO Family Camping is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our bond as one family through fun, fellowship, and shared experiences. It brings members and their families together to enjoy nature, create lasting memories, and celebrate the spirit of friendship, leadership, and service.



3RD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - JULY



FAMILY PICNIC - JULY

Through shared meals and laughter, we strengthen our bonds and celebrate the spirit of brotherhood and service that makes the APO family special.

SPORTSFEST 2026 - JULY

More than winning, it is an opportunity to build stronger friendships, promote healthy living, and celebrate the spirit of brotherhood, unity, and sportsmanship.

TASTE OF MANILA - AUGUST

APO's participation in Taste of Manila is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Filipino culture, community, and fellowship. Through this event, our members come together to share our traditions, connect with the community, and showcase the spirit of friendship and service.



APO Alumni Association of British Columbia News



APOAABC

Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Association of British Columbia



LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP & SERVICE

Shoreline Cleanup
May 2026, White Rock BC



Help keep our shores pristine and protect marine life, one piece of litter at a time!

Adopt a Street
June 2026, Surrey BC



Keeping our community clean, green, and vibrant by claiming a local block, gathering APO brothers, sisters & families for a few quick cleanups 2x year.

Food Hamper Program
April 2026, Surrey BC



Hauled and sorted enough food to deliver essential hampers to 79 local families in need!

Eheads Concert
April 2026, Vancouver BC



Marshall support



Pinoy Festival
June 2026, Burnaby BC

Marshall support



Pista ng Bayan
August 2026, Vancouver BC

Marshall support



APO Calgary Alumni Association News

Strength in Unity: Sport, Service, & Connection

True brotherhood is built through shared moments of joy and dedicated service to others. On July 4, 2026, The **Alpha Phi Omega Calgary Alumni Association** with the participation of **APO Metro Edmonton** recently brought this mission to life, blending vibrant fellowship with community outreach.

Sportsfest: Brotherhood in Action

The energy was electric as members gathered for a fun-filled Sportsfest. Through friendly competition and team sports, brothers strengthened their bonds, cheered each other on, and celebrated true camaraderie on and off the court.



Art work credit to Brod Paul Sta. Maria



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Simple Movements

Karate uses simple, clear movements that train your body to stay active and focused during practice.

2

Steady Stance

Practicing karate teaches you to stand firmly and keep your body balanced while moving.

3

Smooth Transitions

Karate trains smooth transitions from one move to another with calm breathing.

4

Controlled Movements

Movements in karate are done with control to build focus and body awareness.

5

Builds Discipline

Karate practice encourages regular exercise and builds discipline in a calm way.

Senior Karate Workshop: Empowering Our Community

Beyond the games, the association hosted a Basic Self-Defense Karate Workshop for Senior Citizens. The practical session promoted active lifestyles, helping local seniors build physical balance, confidence, and valuable everyday safety skills.

*From high-energy competition to meaningful service, **APO Calgary AA** continues to live out its core values of leadership, friendship, and service.*

APO Hollywood Alumni Association News



DOLORES MISSION CATHOLIC CHURCH FEEDING SERVICE

VOLUNTEER DATE:
JULY 25 SATURDAY
5 PM - SETUP TIME
6:30 PM DINNER
TIME FOR 30 PEOPLE



APO HOLLYWOOD ALUMNI COMMUNITY SERVICE

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**Give back to your community
and help those in need!**



Food packages consist of canned fruits, canned vegetables, rice, cereal, pasta and other non-perishable food items.

Volunteers are required to sign up on the registration link posted.

Join Us For Our Volunteer Day

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026
OCTOBER 6, 2026
Saturday 9am to 12 pm
Volunteer Center:
2300 Pellissier Pl
City of Industry

Event Description:
Volunteers assemble non-perishable food packages that go to families, individuals, seniors, & children that are food-insecure in LA



*Maximum # of volunteers is 15.
*Parking is available onsite

Service Chairman & Co-
Bro Manny S, Bro Nick Sacro



**APO HOLLYWOOD
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APO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

Summer Highlights 2026



Bingo volunteers



Supporting Alberta Chronicles



Officers meeting & fellowship with visiting brothers & sisters



APO Northern California Alumni Association News

The Changing Face of an APO Alumni Association

By Sophia del Rosario-Bermas



An APO Alumni Association today is different from what many of us remember years ago — and that is part of growing.

We continue to come together because of the friendships we have built, the fellowship we enjoy and our desire to continue serving. **Leadership, Friendship and Service remain the foundation that keeps us connected as brothers and sisters of Alpha Phi Omega.** But as times change, our alumni associations also need to grow with them.

What may have started as a small group of alumni getting together for fellowship and service can eventually become a much more active organization. We now organize community projects, fundraisers, membership activities and larger events. Along with these come finances, recordkeeping, insurance, regulatory requirements and other responsibilities that were probably not on our minds when we simply wanted to get together with fellow APO alumni.

We are also bringing together different generations of APO. Some of us remember organizing activities through phone calls and mailed notices. Today, we have Zoom meetings, group chats, social media and electronic payments that allow us to stay connected even from hundreds of miles away.

Technology has made many things easier, but not necessarily for everyone. I have seen how leadership today can sometimes mean sitting down with a more senior member and walking them through setting up a Zelle account. Other times, it may be troubleshooting why someone cannot get into a Zoom meeting or helping them find the right link.

These may seem like small things, but I have come to realize that they, too, are part of our changing alumni experience. **Leadership can sometimes be as simple as having the patience to help another member keep up—and Friendship means making sure no brother or sister feels left behind.**

All these changes bring opportunities, but naturally, growth also comes with growing pains.

The question is no longer simply, *How do we grow our membership?* We should also be asking, **How do we grow forward?**

MAKING ROOM FOR APO IN OUR LIVES

Our lives today are very different from our collegiate years. We are working professionals, business owners, parents, grandparents, spouses and caregivers. We have careers to manage, families to take care of and personal responsibilities that need our attention.

And somewhere in between, **we make room for APO.** Attending a meeting may mean giving up an evening with family. A weekend service project may have to be worked around family activities, travel or work commitments. Serving as an officer or committee chair can mean doing APO work at night after a full day at our regular jobs.

We are all volunteers, and every hour a member gives to APO is an hour that he or she has made room for in an already busy life. That is something we should recognize and appreciate.

Over time, I have also come to look differently at what it means to be an active member. Not everyone can attend every meeting, service project or fellowship. Some can lead a project, others can help behind the scenes, contribute their professional experience or simply be there when an extra hand is needed.

There will be times when we can give more and times when work or family needs to come first. **We contribute in different ways and at different stages of our lives.**

Sharing responsibilities also keeps the same few people from carrying most of the work and gives others an opportunity to become more involved.

GROWTH BRINGS GREATER RESPONSIBILITY

As our alumni associations become more established and visible, we also face another part of growing—**greater accountability.**

An organization that collects membership dues, maintains bank accounts, conducts fundraising and organizes public activities also takes on responsibilities beyond planning the next fellowship or service project. Tax filings, insurance, financial reporting, recordkeeping and regulatory requirements all become part of maintaining a responsible organization.

These may not be the exciting parts of APO, but they are necessary.

As the organization grows, so does our responsibility to protect what we have built.

Good governance, financial transparency, proper documentation and regulatory compliance help protect the association, its members and the officers who volunteer their time to lead it.

GROWING WITHOUT LOSING WHO WE ARE

Growing forward does not mean leaving our traditions behind. Some traditions are exactly what keep us connected. At the same time, we should be willing to do things differently when the old way may no longer work for today's members.

We also need to develop new leaders instead of depending year after year on the same people. **Leadership is not only about holding a position. It is also about preparing someone else to eventually step forward.**

And through all these changes, fellowship remains important. Our picnics, reunions, celebrations and simple get-togethers keep friendships alive. Our service projects remind us that those

friendships also have a purpose beyond ourselves.

From what I have seen and experienced, perhaps that is what **growing forward** really means.

It is not about becoming the biggest alumni association or having the most activities. It is about building an organization where members still want to belong, where people can contribute according to what their lives allow, where responsibilities are shared and where we prepare the association for those who will follow us.

The way we operate, communicate and participate may continue to change. **But the reason we remain together should not.**

We carry Leadership, Friendship and Service forward—not simply by preserving the APO we remember, but by building an APO Alumni Association that the next generation will also want to be part of.

APO-NorCal in Action: Service, Fellowship and Fun!

It has been an active year for the **Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Association of Northern California (APO-NorCal)** as our brothers and sisters continue to come together for community service, fellowship and APO camaraderie!

CONTINUING OUR LEGACY OF SERVICE

This spring, APO-NorCal once again participated in **Make a Difference Day in Daly City**, a legacy community service project that our members have supported through the years.

Brothers and sisters came out early, put on their safety vests and gloves, and got right to work! With great participation, we worked together in the community clean-up and did our share in making a difference. It was also a great opportunity to serve side by side, reconnect and continue our commitment to **service to others**.



SUMMER PICNIC, FELLOWSHIP AND GMM

In July, we traded our work gloves for picnic tables for our **Annual Summer Picnic, Fellowship and General Membership Meeting**.

It was a fun-filled afternoon with plenty of food, conversations, laughter, fun games and friendly competition. Everyone had a chance to relax and catch up after gathering for our GMM to discuss upcoming activities and plans.

We were especially happy with the great turnout, including brothers and sisters we had not seen for some time. We also welcomed new members into APO-NorCal, adding new faces and energy as our association continues to grow.

These gatherings show what keeps an alumni association active and strong — **members coming together, participating, staying connected, and continuing the spirit of service and fellowship.**



MORE TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

The year is not over yet! In September, APO-NorCal will be back in action for our Adopt-a-Beach community service project in San Leandro.

Then in **December**, we will cap off the year with our much-awaited **Alumni Homecoming Dinner Dance**, celebrating **101 years of Alpha Phi Omega and the installation of our new officers for DY 2027–2028**. We look forward to ending the year strong with more service, fellowship, participation and many more APO memories together!

APO Alumni Association of San Diego County News



These activities highlight the **Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Association of San Diego's** strong commitment to community service. The organization has supported the **LA Philippine Consulate's Community Outreach Program** in National City, where more than 250 people were served; volunteered with the **American Red Cross** during its blood donation program at the recent **San Diego Comic-Con**; and most recently supported the fundraising activities of **RiteKids.org** on August 15, 2026.

It's a great record of service to the **Filipino-American community** and the broader San Diego community.



APO Greater Los Angeles Alumni Association News

APOGLA has been very active over the past six months. As you know, the association meets every third week of the month for its general monthly meeting. In addition to these meetings, members have participated in community service, fundraisers, blood drives, pickleball tournaments, camping trips, and Family Game Nights. Below is a summary of the activities from the past six months:



APRIL - Los Angeles Regional Food Bank APOGLA members helped put together 1,400 food kits for low income seniors, processed 24,300 pounds of mandarins and 9,052 pounds of lemons.



MAY - 2nd Camp Toti Ayo at Emma Wood State Beach during Memorial Day Weekend headed by Eta Chapter members, remembering our dear Bro Toti Ayo and all other brothers and sisters who are no longer with us.



JUNE - APOGLA's 1st Pickleball Doubles Tournament sponsored by LBC with 8 teams competing against each other. And **June GMM** hosted by Bro. Buddy and Eva Salvador at their place in Santa Clarita, CA



JULY - Family Game Night where members and family had fun learning new games and besting each other. - **Annual Blood Drive** with Cedars Sinai Blood Services with 42 registrants and 36 successful donations. We saved 108 lives with our donations. After the Blood Drive, **July GMM** at the same venue @Rosemead Lodge.



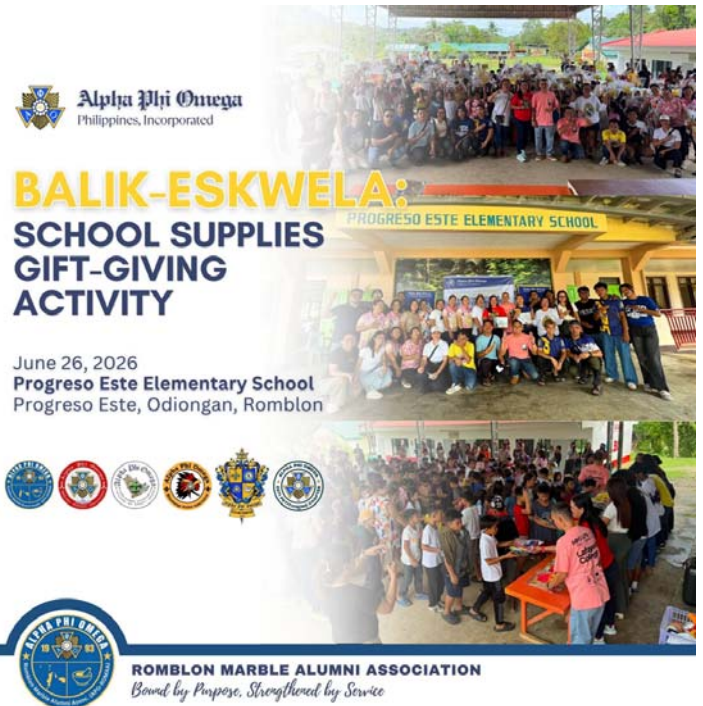
AUGUST - Buscapade where 54 brothers, sisters and family members enjoyed the fellowship, fun, food and drinks aboard the bus to Harrah's Casino. This project successfully raised funds for APOGLA's projects. - **Luau themed August GMM** at Sis. Emma Galang's Place in North Hills, CA

APO Mississauga Alumni Association News



Oplan Kapatiran. June 20, 2026

APO Mississauga Alumni Association in collaboration Through the collective efforts of the APO Beta Phi Alumni Association, Beta Phi Chapter Residents, Gamma Theta Alumni Association, and Theta Beta Alumni Association, relief goods and essential supplies were successfully turned over at the General Santos Headquarters located at Gerardo Culinary School. APOMAA also donated financial support worth 27,000 pesos.



June 26, 2026 Balik Eskwela Gift Giving and Feeding



APO Mississauga AA in collaboration with APO ROMAA extends heartfelt thanks to our brothers and sisters who joined us in our Balik Eskwela - School Supplies Gift-giving Activity and feeding held last June 26, 2026 (Friday) at Progreso Este Elementary School, Brgy. Tuguis, Odiongan, Romblon, Philippines.

APO Mississauga Alumni Association News



Park Cleaning - Annual Support to the Litter Not Campaign of the City of Mississauga. Held on June 13, 2026 at JC Saddington Park, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.



APOMAA Summer Family Camp 2026

Camping and Fellowship June 26-28, 2026
at Sibbald Point Provincial Park.



Fellowship with visiting Brods from Quebec City.

On July 31, 2026 visiting Brods from Quebec City were welcomed by APOMAA members Bro Arlo Mojado, Bro. Alex Arce and Sis Glory Pisuena.





APO-Hawai'i marks 19th Founding Anniversary

ALPHA PHI OMEGA-HAWAII Alumni Association turned 19 on July 15, 2026 and celebrated the historic milestone with a jubilant and well-attended party at the Waipahu "frat haus." Graced by a visiting brother and a sister, family members, and friends, the celebration was an evening of sumptuous food and savory drinks, APO Bingo and karaoke, cheerful conversations and boisterous laughter, and the abrupt singing of the popular but truncated birthday song. An anniversary video on the founding of APO Hawaii and some of its programs and projects, with interspersed greetings from brothers and sisters beyond Hawaii shores, was also shown.



It was a great pleasure to have Sis Phoebe Cautivar (APO Phoenix) and Bro. Marc Barcelona (Dr. Librado I. Ureta Foundation), who happened to be visiting the island at that time, join us in our celebration.

We look forward to our 20th anniversary celebration when we will honor the alumni association's founders and pillars.

Back-to-School Supplies Drive

The **Back-to-School Supplies Drive** of APO Hawaii culminated with the donation of \$1,800-worth of school supplies for students of Waipahu Elementary School, a federally-classified Title I public school on West O'ahu, with over three quarters of its students coming from financially disadvantaged families, most of them of Filipino and Micronesian ancestries.

Over \$1,200 was raised from donations of APO members, while the remaining amount was from the organization's Programs Fund.



LFS Academy set for September 26

LFS Academy
SOWING THE SEEDS OF LEADERSHIP, FRIENDSHIP, AND SERVICE.



September 26, 2026
Saturday, 8:00am - 3:00pm
Multi-Purpose Hall
Waipahu United Church of Christ
(across the Waipahu Public Library)
94-330 Mokuia St.
Waipahu, HI 96797

FREE REGISTRATION
Includes breakfast, lunch, LFS Academy t-shirt,
and a certificate of participation for all attendees.
Engaging activities. Limited to 50 youth participants.

To register, go to tinyurl.com/lfsacademy2026.

APO-Hawaii will hold the 2026 **LFS Academy** on Saturday, September 26, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Waipahu UCC. The all-free, engaging youth development training will focus on instilling the virtues of Leadership, Friendship, and Service to high school and college-aged students on the island.

To register, go to tinyurl.com/lfsacademy2026.



The school supplies were turned over to the school on July 31, in time for the opening of classes on August 3.

ALOHA



Reaching Out

APO brothers visit **Bro. Roger Corpuz** (Gamma Beta) who was in a battle against the dreadful "C". Sadly, on June 3, he succumbed to the illness. Bro. Roger was an active APO member, well recognized for his leadership, especially in Ilocos Norte, Philippines. His remains were brought to his hometown of Solsona where he hailed and lovingly served.



Friendship and fraternal ties generously exude within the APO Ohana in Alohaland. "**Kapatiran at Damayan**," an initiative that encourages reaching out to members who we may learn to be facing challenges and difficulties, such as illness, tragedy, and disaster, is of great importance. And depending on the situation and availability of resources, "**Kapatiran and Damayan**" may be voluntarily extended to a direct family member of an APO bro or sis (e.g., spouse, child, parent, sibling.)

The spirit of *kapatiran* and *damayan* may be expressed through visitation and any form of support and assistance to help alleviate a brother or a sister's condition.

Disaster Relief

APO Hawaii volunteered with the **Hawaii Food Bank** and helped distribute relief goods to the victims of the Wailua flooding. Fruits, canned goods, pasta, and other non-perishable foods were distributed to over a hundred displaced families.



Flooding covers a residential neighborhood in Wailua, Hawaii, Friday, March 20, 2026. (AP Photo)



Adopt-A-Highway

For 19 years now, APO Hawaii continues to help keep O'ahu roadsides and medians clean through the **Adopt-A-Highway** Program of the Hawaii Department of Transportation. Since 2007, APO brothers and sisters conduct quarterly pick up of non-biodegradable waste and debris along a two-mile stretch state highway.



APO - ACNA FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

APO ACNA FALL MEETING 2026



Crowne Plaza
Hotel - Foster City

September 4-6, 2026
Host: APO CVC AA

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
FRIDAY SEPT 4			
	8:00 AM	Start of Registration	ALEXANDRIA/ BALBOA FOYER
	9:00 AM	Tours: SF and/or Silicon Valley Day 1	ASSEMBLY: ALEXANDRIA /BALBOA FOYER
	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	TOP (The Organizers and Presidents) Summit	BAY VIEW MEETING ROOM
	11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	BRUNCH	HOSPITALITY ROOM
	1:00 - 5:00 PM	BOD Meeting	BAY VIEW MEETING ROOM
	6:00 PM - 12:00 AM	Welcome Dinner and Fellowship Night	HOSPITALITY ROOM

APO ACNA FALL MEETING 2026

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
SATURDAY SEPT 5	8:00 AM	Registration (cont'd)	ALEXANDRIA/ BALBOA FOYER
	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Council Meeting	BAY VIEW MEETING ROOM
	9:00 AM	Tours: SF and/or Silicon Valley Day 2	ASSEMBLY: ALEXANDRIA/ BALBOA FOYER
	11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	BRUNCH	HOSPITALITY ROOM
	1:00 - 5:00 PM	Council Meeting	BAY VIEW MEETING ROOM
	6:00 PM - 12:00 AM	GALA	ALEXANDRIA/ BALBOA BALLROOM
	11:00 PM	Fellowship	HOSPITALITY ROOM
DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
SUNDAY SEPT 6	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	BRUNCH	TO BE ANNOUNCED