

Let us all welcome the year with a revitalized energy and a positive outlook for FSM

FSM List of Officers and Committee Members for 2024 -2025

Hope everyone had a good holiday season. Looking forward towards a positive, challenging, and manageable year ahead of us. Wishing happiness, and excellent health to all FSM members and their families, relatives, friends and associates.

Hereunder are the list of the 21 FSM Board of Directors and their respective position:

President	Renato B Sevilla
1 st Vice President	Jo Mari Azarraga
2 nd Vice President	Chit Romano
Secretary	Charity Lim
Assistant Secretary	Valerie Ferrer
Treasurer	Sonny Autea
Assistant Treasurer	Mayette Balbastro
Auditor	Cesar Cruz
Assistant Auditor	Minda Sayoc
Public Relations Officer	Lerma Valdez
Public Relations Officer	Rodel Meier
Special Service Officer	Archie Ayala
Property Custodian	Rudy Romano
Property Custodian	Jess Paladio

FSM Board of Directors	Peter Santos
FSM Board of Directors	Luz Aguilar
FSM Board of Directors	Diego Linan
FSM Board of Directors	Mila Santos
FSM Board of Directors	William Dy
FSM Board of Directors	Ruben Santos
FSM Board of Directors	Merlie Rivers

Other support officers and committee members:

Advisers	Ruffy Romano
	Vangie Alcasid
	Cesar Cruz
	Peter Santos

Programs and Activities Committee	Luz Aguilar
	Mila Santos
	Becky Cruz
	Chit Romano
	Vangie Alcasid

Contracts & Liason with City, Consulate, Other Organizations Committee	Lerma Valdez
	Rodel Meier
	Peter Santos
	Diego Linan

Budget and Finance Committee	Sonny Autea
	Mayette Balbastro
	Minda Sayoc Mendoza
	Cesar Cruz



FSM President, Peter Santos together with his better half and FSM BOD, Mila Santos represented the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga in the festive Older Adult Meet & Greet with Mississauga Mayor Bronnie Crombie and members of City Council last 13 Dec 2023 held at Mississauga City Hall.



Some of our FSM members enjoying a Saturday drop-in at Mississauga Valley Community Centre facilities.

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Function Support & Logistic Services Committee

Jess Paladio
Espie Pantalleon
Edith Eduarte
Merle Rivera
Girlye Rivera
Gloria Dy
Chit Atienza
Robert Aniceto

Sunshine Committee

Jo Azarraga
Gloria Dy

Membership Committee

Jocay Dawang
Espie Pantaleon
Ginny Sevilla

Social Media Committee

Jerma Valdez
Ding Tesoro
Dinah Mill



FSM tries its best to propagate camaraderie, fun, friendship, sharing, and respect among its members.

FSM Creates Its Social Media Committee

Realizing its short comings in terms of the organization's lack of social and community exposure within the community, the FSM BOD created the Social Committee under the guiding leadership and administration of Jerma Valdez.

Basically, said committee will handle posting and dissemination of FSM related information using social media platforms to the public. Conceptualize membership would be also open for others to join in.

We're new into this undertaking and we'll see how things go as we move along.

Thankful to our FSM members, Ding Tesoro and Dinah Milano have volunteered to help out with the activities of the committee.

We welcome others to share their time and talents to our Social Media Committee.





On behalf of FSM, a courtesy call to Amanda Zita was last 11 Jan 2024. She is the Administrative Assistant at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre (MVCC) We have been dealing and coordinating with her in regard to our free use of room facility Library Program Rm. 1. She was quite helpful and instrumental in obtaining for FSM storage space for the items we usually use during our Saturdays drop-ins at MVCC.



An opportunity to say Hi and greetings to Dipika Damerla, current Mississauga Councilor for Ward 7 neighborhood of Cooksville area. She was a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario representing the riding of Mississauga East-Cooksville from 2011 to 2018. She also served as Minister of Seniors Affairs during the term of Premier Kathleen Wayne.



Representatives from FSM had a chance to attend the meet and greet hosted by MPP Natalia Kusendova-Bastha, a politician and a nurse representing Mississauga Centre for almost six years. We also had the opportunity to meet MPP Stan Chou who represents the riding of Willowdale since 2018 and is currently the Minister of Long-Term Care for the province of Ontario. We also met Frank Stendardo, President of Horon Park Italo Canadian Senior's Club. He has extended an invitation for FSM to join the Mississauga Senior's Council. The Council is a conglomerate of various senior organizations working together to represent and lobby senior's related interests.

FSM Adopts Some Cost Rationalization and Environmental Consciousness

The FSM Board of Directors adopted to combine the celebration of month's birthday celebrants from the practice of every 2nd Saturday of the month, to now be held together with the monthly general assembly meetings during the last Saturday of each-month. Whatever the monthly celebrants are willing to give are more than welcome. This is purely on a voluntary basis. Any shortfall in the planned food to be served for lunch sharing of members will be shouldered by the association. This helps us in rationalizing our expenses on food. As part of our social environment consciousness, suggestion was made to bring our own eating utensils. We'll also be using real plates which we'll wash after every use. Thus, we minimize recycling footprint.



Upcoming Activities

FSM Valentine Celebration

When: Saturday, **10 Feb 2024** 12 noon to 5:00 PM

Where: MVCC Library Program Rm. 1

Attire: Make it lively, make it colorful

Food: Will be provided by FSM

Invite friends and potential members to come and join the fun.

FSM Friday Dance Night

When: Friday, **23 Feb 2024** 06:30 PM till 11:30 PM

Where: KCCC Main Hall

Attire: Dress as you wish

Food: No food will be served. Bring your own food, snacks, and drinks.

Entrance Fee: \$10

Music: DJ Rudy Romano, mix

This Friday Dance Night is usually hosted by KCCCC. FSM was given the opportunity to host this February Friday Dance Night since Manny Tenedero, the regular DJ is gone for a short vacation. FSM will adopt the same concept in running this event. It's a fundraising opportunity for our association to assist us in our operational expenses. We'll appreciate some volunteers in the various operational areas to enable us to host this undertaking successfully. As they say, we need some hands on deck!!

FSM 1st Casino trip for 2024

When: Tuesday, **5 March 2024**

Assembly place: Mississauga Valley Community Centre 9:30 AM

Departure from MVCC: 10:00 AM sharp

Come early to register for the seat nos., 1st come, 1st serve.

Snacks and water will be provided.

50/50 draw for the driver's gratuity.

Handicapped will be seated by the front area.

Departure from Fairview Casino: at around 5:30 PM

Cost: transportation cost has increased but we are maintaining the \$50 per person.

Buddy system, let us always look out for each other in this kind of outing. We care!

Our Congratulations to Rudy & Chit on Their 50th Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations as well to

Cesar & Becky on their 62nd wedding anniversary



Rudy & Vangie on their 61st wedding anniversary



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Turnover or Handover

Most often the concept of turnover or handover of things and information from the previous to the new sets of officers are often taken for granted and ignored. But this is something that is important in any organization to have awareness and continuity on what needs to be done in order for the organization to be on the right track on its affairs.

For the record, in the areas of the President's office, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership, and Property inventory have all handed over information pertinent to the respective offices to ensure continuity of function and availability of records and information.

Such handover or turnover best to be incorporated in one's organizational Constitution and By-laws to ensure such process is clearly defined and not just forgotten and ignored.

Mentoring Members

There is a common aspiration among the current FSM Board of Directors to have new faces and personalities to someday come up to the plate to handle the running of the association. We have to start somewhere and the FSM BOD approved to allow all committee members to attend and participate in all of the meetings of the Board of Directors. They are allowed to share their inputs or comments on issues for discussions. The only thing is that on voting on issues or motions put forward, only the FSM BOD are allowed to vote as per the Constitution and By-Laws of the association.

It is a good opportunity to show the workings of an organization. What are being done during meetings and discussions. How motions are put on the table and gets voted on. How arguments and divergent views are handled.

Communications are likewise shared with the committee members so they are kept abreast on what's happening, programs to be undertaken, as well as issues at hand. We strive to keep everyone informed and updated.

It's a small step being taken and the results will not happen overnight. We realize that patience and mentoring are important if we want to succeed in this challenging endeavor. We hope someday some of our members will answer the challenge of leading FSM.

Monthly General Assembly Get Together and January Birthday Celebration—27 Jan 2024



Peter & Mila During Their Recent Caribbean Cruise



Port of Barbados at the Sunset lounge
Busy day as 3 cruise ships are in the city today.



Us and the Pirate of the Caribbean.



Here come the cruisers in their WC

First FSM Board meeting by newly elected officials held at MVCC on 17 Jan 2024 to tackle matters affecting the affairs of the association



Bonding time

