

# Filipino Seniors of Mississauga Bulletin

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## FSM Holds Its Induction of Board of Directors and Committee Members

The induction ceremonies for the Board of Directors and Committee members of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga (FSM) association was held at the Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre Grand Hall on 6 April 2024. Honorable Rechie Valdez, MP, was the administering officer and guest of honor for the evening.

We are ever grateful to all the community members who attended the FSM Spring Dinner Dance to lend support to the association's event.

Everyone seemed to enjoy each other's company with leisure dancing through the night.

There was definitely a welcoming atmosphere of the joy of Spring with the guests in their elegant attires especially with the ladies in their colorful and eye catching fascinators and hats. Quite lovely indeed!

Thanks to everyone who in one way or another helped to contributed their energies, efforts, time and went an extra mile to make this event a success, enjoyable and fun.



*Induction of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga  
Board of Directors and Committee Members for 2024 & 2025  
by The Honorable Rechie Valdez, MP*



# Mississauga's By-election is on June 10, 2024



City of Mississauga  
2024 By-election



The doors of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga is open to entertain any of the Mississauga Mayoral candidates for the June 10 by-election. We are providing the candidates a forum to speak of their visions and plans before our membership or in any of our hosted events.

We believe it is a good venue to be known by the voting public in regard to their platforms, what they stand for, or issues they envision to undertake.

It is also incumbent upon each one of us to do further research and readings on our own to try and get to know who they really are. Evaluate and assess the reality if they

have the corresponding support from the public, most especially, from their government official peers to translate what they saying to us into enacted laws or approved project plans.

We leave each one to have their respective choice and decision on whom to give their endorsement and support.

Remember, we, as ordinary citizens are useless and ineffective if we do not come out and actually cast our vote.

Let us actively participate and come out to VOTE! We can always make up an excuse to avoid voting, if we want to make a difference let us ALL come out to cast our VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

If we want to make a difference in this community that we live in, then let us ALL come out to VOTE! *Rene Sevilla FSM President*



Dipika Demerla, Mississauga Councilor—Ward 7  
Speaking before the FSM Saturday Drop-in crowd at MVCC last 17 Feb 2024

Schedules:  
Carolyn Parrish, Mississauga Councilor—Ward 5  
Scheduled for 27 Apr 2024 during the FSM General Assembly monthly meeting at MVCC  
  
Stephen Dasko, Mississauga Councilor—Ward 11  
No schedule yet



Alvin Tedjo, Mississauga Councilor—Ward 2  
speaking before the FSM Spring Dance Dinner guests at KCCC Grand Hall on 6 Apr 2024

## Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC) Holds Its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Election of officers

On a Sunday afternoon, 24 Mar 2024, KCCC held its Annual General Meeting, with a good number of its members in attendance. The President, Resty del Rosario, reported on the highlights for the past year, significantly with the organization being able to pay off its mortgage on the Centre's building facilities, as well as, its healthy financial status for 2023. Judy Montenegro, 2nd Vice-President, provided on the various significant activities undertaken by the Centre such as the outreach program of the Philippine Consulate and the SSS office held at the Centre and the swearing-in ceremonies for those acquiring dual Citizenship. Judy also made mention of the Cartas de Amor directed by Dr. Rey Tamayo and the Kay Ganda ng Musika (OPM) directed by Chito Carbonell, 1st Vice-President, both held at KCCC which were offered free to the public courtesy of the revenues generated from the Bingo. This purely volunteer Bingo undertaking is aptly handled by the husband and wife tandem of Delfine Palileo, Board of Director, and wife, Marilyn and other volunteer officers of KCCC such as Resty, Madge, Lydia.

Profit and Loss Unaudited		2023		2022	
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Bingo		\$ 100,207		\$ 63,298	
Donations		26,917		25,385	
Fundraising		36,610		17,154	
Grants		55,000		64,300	
Government subsidy		-		14,916	
GST/HST Rebate		9,600		5,085	
Miscellaneous income		384		1,553	
Membership fees		1,165		1,086	
Rental Income		\$ 65,715		\$ 49,398	
		\$ 295,598		\$ 242,175	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Bank Charges		\$ 707		\$ 603	
Community Programs		63,709		45,910	
Condominium fees		39,503		37,803	
Depreciation of building and equipments		30,152		26,452	
Heat, Light and Power		12,954		9,525	
Insurance		7,097		6,832	
Mortgage Interest		1,785		6,477	
Office and General		4,802		6,520	
Professional fees		2,176		5,000	
Property Taxes		10,949		10,305	
Part time wages		10,800		8,200	
Repairs and Maintenance		13,720		6,412	
Security		340		-	
Telephone and Internet		1,694		2,042	
Website		\$ 395		\$ 1,594	
		\$ 200,783		\$ 173,645	
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>					
		\$ 94,815		\$ 68,530	



Part of the afternoon proceedings was the election of officers. Appointed COMELEC members were Dan Palis, Linda Carin, and Nestor Perez. There were fourteen (14) KCCC members who were nominated and acclaimed as KCCC Board of Directors for 2024—2026.



# Snap Shots from FSM Spring Dinner Dance and Induction of Officers and Committee Members

## Some Reminders

### FSM

1. The next Filipino Seniors of Mississauga Fallsview casino trip is on a Tuesday, 7 May 2024.
2. FSM hosted Friday Dance Night is on 31 May 2024. This is the \$10 entrance affair. This is a community event in conjunction with KCCC. Bring your own food and drinks for the evening. Music will be provided by DJ & DI Ojie Lupac. Mixed type of music.
3. FSM picnic at Lakefront Promenade Area B on a Tuesday, 16 Jul 2024 from 12 noon till 6 PM. We'll have a short walk-a-thon fundraising event before eating our lunch.

### Community

4. Apr 20: KCCC Monday Night Line Dancing 25th Anniversary to be held at KCCC
5. Apr 27: KFCO Dancing with the Stars to be held at KCCC
6. Jun 7: KFCO Gala Night to be held at Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall
7. Jun 30: Kalayaan Community Independence Day Picnic to be held at Mississauga Valley Park from 12 noon to 6 PM







## Closing Remarks FSM Spring Dinner Dance

On behalf of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga, I would like to Thank everyone for sharing your time with us tonight, for showing your support, and having some fun dancing and swaying to the music resonating from DJ Rudy. We are here inside the Kalayaan Centre, which we have all come to refer to as our Community Centre at the Westend area. A go-to place for various community events and functions. We should always lend support to our Community Centre.

Thank you to our **distinguished guest, Honorable Rechie Valdez**, for accommodating us into her **busy official and family schedules**, to do the induction of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga Board of Directors, together with the various Committee members. You might all be wondering, why there seems to be a lot of officers of the association that are included in this induction ceremony. **This is the working TEAM of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga, whom we all want, to be recognized tonight.**

When we, **the Board of Directors and the Committee members, embarked on this journey together**, before and during our November 2023 Annual General Meeting and election of officers, there were discussions and negotiations going on who among our members are willing to share their time and efforts in running the affairs and activities of the association. **We talked of a common vision, a unified undertaking of working together**, to put our efforts **to improve the association**. In short, **there were common expectations of improvements and changes** that would be forthcoming for the benefit of **the members, the association, and the improved relationship with the community.** As you have all witnessed tonight, these are the volunteer members of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga, **who stepped forward to meet the challenges ahead together with our collective membership.** As we have experienced, there are some road blocks along the way but we have always **to be ready, to learn, to adjust, and to adopt accordingly with the situations at hand**, and **stay focused with our visions, goals, and aspirations.** **Our journey starts with a single step**, a proverb that is often attributed to Lao Tsu, a Chinese philosopher, **without this single step forward**, we will never be able to move ahead in undertaking **improvements, changes, nor mentoring of our colleagues** to be ready to be future leaders of our association and our community.

As we have stated before, **the governing officers and committee members will always be guided** to do things **for the benefit of OUR MEMBERS, for the benefit of OUR ASSOCIATION, and for the benefit of OUR COMMUNITY.**

In God **we trust, seek guidance, enlightenment, and broader understanding!**

*Rene Sevilla*  
FSM President