
Filipino Seniors of Mississauga 2024

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Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting – Agenda

Date: Saturday, 30 Nov 2024

Time: 1:30 PM to 5 PM

Location: Mississauga Valley Community Centre (MVCC) Library Program Rm. 1

Registration: 12:15 PM to 01:30 PM

Start: 01:45 PM Indigenous Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement MVCC and City of Mississauga for the free use of facilities

- Welcome
- Acceptance of the planned agenda
- Minutes of FSM AGM and Election of Officers on 11 Nov 2023
 - For review and approval
- Informational: 15 Nov 2023 Minutes of Meeting by FSM BOD on selection of FSM officers, bank signatories, recognition of the Social Media Committee, and part of the training other members of the association to allow Chairpersons and corresponding committee members to attend and participate during FSM BOD meetings (they can't vote) and deliberations
- FSM Treasurer's report: FSM Financial Statement Fiscal Yearend 30 Sep 2024
- Inputs / report from FSM Internal Auditor
- Report from the President's office
- Other Business

Regards,

Rene Sevilla
FSM President

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the lands which constitute the present-day City of Mississauga as being part of the Treaty and Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, The Haudenosaunee ([Hode-en-o-show-nee](#)) Confederacy, and The Huron-Wendat ([Wawn-dat](#)) and Wyandot ([Wai-uhn-daat](#)) Nations. We recognize these peoples and their ancestors as peoples who inhabited these lands since time immemorial. The City of Mississauga is home to many global Indigenous peoples.

Statement of Reconciliation

As a municipality, the City of Mississauga is actively working towards Reconciliation by confronting our past and our present, providing space for Indigenous peoples within their territory, to recognize and uphold their Treaty Rights and to support Indigenous peoples. We formally recognize the [Anishinaabe \(A-nish-in-ah-bay\) origins of our name](#) and continue to make Mississauga a safe space for all Indigenous peoples.

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.



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

Continued from page 1 - lists of officers & committee members

Function Support & Logistic Services Committee

- Jess Paladio
- Espie Pantalleon
- Edith Eduarte
- Merle Rivera
- Girlie 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 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.

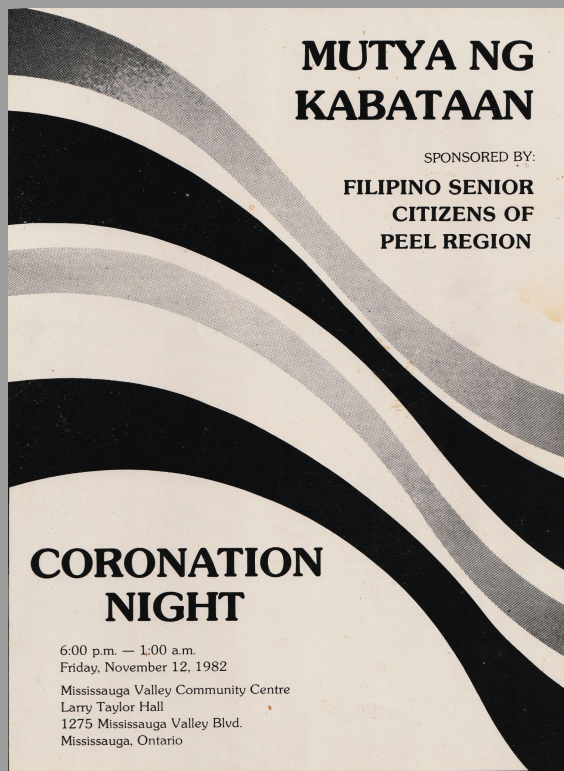


The Filipino Seniors of Mississauga (FSM) would like to express its heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Management and Staff of Mississauga Valley Community Centre (MVCC), as well as, to the corresponding Management and Staff from the City of Mississauga for allowing our association to avail and use the Mississauga Valley Community Center facilities for free all through these years. Such has contributed to our association's significant financial savings. Such has immensely assisted FSM in its activities and programs for the benefit of our membership and the community.

Rene Sevilla

FSM President 2024 -2025

Just for our information, our association has its roots since 1982 here at Mississauga Valley Community Centre and through the years



**MUTYA NG
KABATAAN**

SPONSORED BY:
**FILIPINO SENIOR
CITIZENS OF
PEEL REGION**

**CORONATION
NIGHT**

6:00 p.m. — 1:00 a.m.
Friday, November 12, 1982
Mississauga Valley Community Centre
Larry Taylor Hall
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd.
Mississauga, Ontario



FILIPINO SENIOR CITIZENS OF PEEL REGION
PRESENTS
goodbye....
SUMMER
DANCE
For all AGES

FILIPINO SENIORS OF PEEL REGION
ALWAYS ON THE GO

THE FILIPINO SENIORS OF PEEL REGION
proudly PRESENTS
GOODBYE - - -
S U M M E R
D A N C E
for all ages

COMMUNITY CENTRE
Mississauga Valley Blvd.

8:00-1:00 AM
October 6, 1984 (Saturday Night)
Mississauga Valley Community Centre
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd.

info: Angis- 273-3077

FOR INFORMATION:
Call- Angis - 273-3077
Nina - 848-0261
Nedine - 848-1349
Dima - 279-2068
Dory - 279-9223

We would like to recognize and acknowledge the enablers and organizers of our starting association. We also see that our relationship with the late Mayor Hazel McCallion goes all the way back as early as 1982.

1982-1983

President	Rufino D. Casino
Vice President	Rizalina Caceres
Secretary	Socorro Trinidad
Treasurer	Floccerfia Umangan
Assistant Treasurer	Remedios Gutierrez
Auditor	Justo Bandong
Public/Press Rel. Officer	Beatriz Abuyuan
Security Coordinators	Melly McAulay
	Dolores Arauag


BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eleanor Alcantara	Maria Calibuso
Petronila Alinea	Concepcion Ducusin
Antonio Arauag	Flora Hermillosa
Angie Baluyot	Santiago Lopez
Dolores Buenafe	Filomena Millano
Susima Bandong	Valentina Quijalvo

MEMBERS


Luis Baleva	Reymunda Esteban
Otelia Baleva	Avelina Florendo
Lolita Bandong	Magdalena Imperial
Amanda Borgona	Faustina Lim
Melchor Caceres	Maria Lopez
Bernardina Casino	Eufrosina Nitro
Carmen Derecto	Aurelia Obaldo
Jovelio Espejo	Alejandro Sabbun
Remedios Espejo	Julietta Sabbun

**FILIPINO SENIOR CITIZENS OF PEEL REGION
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**



PRESIDENT	Jovelio M. Espejo
VICE PRESIDENT	Angie Aline Baluyot
SECRETARY	Dolores Arauag
ASST. SECRETARY	Sabina Consoledon
TREASURER	Filomena Millano
ASST. TREASURER	Magdalena Imperial
AUDITOR	Antonio Arauag
ASST. AUDITOR	Angel Jovelianos
P.R.P.	Beatriz Abuyuan
SECURITY COORDINATORS	Felicitas Gontaga
	Johanny Guimpe
	Tiburcio Payumo

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CHAIRMAN	Petronila Alinea
VICE CHAIRMAN	Melly McAulay
SECRETARY	Julia Feliciano
ASST. SECRETARY	Lourdes Surtis

MEMBERS

Eleanor Alcantara	Dory de Leon
Bernamin Aunson	Fauna Lim
Bernardina Casino	Segundina Lopez
Carmen Derecto	Carmen Navarro
Conchita Ferry	Canna Ransilo
Josefa Jovelianos	Valentina Quijalvo
Francisco Latoriza	Gloria Uy
	Corona Tomeno Valdez

ADVISERS

Mr. Rufino D. Casino	Atty. Buenaventura Navarro
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PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG RAISING IN CITY HALL MISSISSAUGA
June 12, 1982



Mayor Hazel MacCallion reading a proclamation declaring June 12 and the whole week Philippine week in Mississauga. Those in the picture LR- Angie Baluyot- Melly Macaulay- Ruffy Romano- The Mayor- Rufino Casino, Pres. Fil-seniors of Peel and Corona Valdez.



Posing from LR. Melly Macaulay-Ruffy Romano-The Mayor-Rufino Casino and Corona Valdez.



Minutes of FSM Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers on 11 Nov 2023

Held at: MVCC Program Library 1

Started at: 1440 hrs.

Attended by: 65 FSM members – quorum met

The annual general meeting was opened by the FSM President, Peter Santos, be welcoming everyone to the meeting. Reported on:

- We're all proud to be members of the association, enjoying the benefits and advantages of being a member
- We have 98 members, majority of which have participated in our activities during the year
- We have our pot luck lunches, our group line dancing, friendly bingo and mahjong sessions
- Our honoring of our monthly birthday celebrants every 2nd Saturday of the month
- Our general assembly meeting every last Saturday of the month where provide updates to members on the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors
- Our field to the Mennonite County, St. Jacob's Market, and the Lavender shop at Elmira, our Muskoka and cruise at Lake Joseph in Port Carling, the short visit to the Cranberry Town of Bala, Ontario and of course the popular casino trips all of these were aptly organized and coordinated by Vangie Aleasid together with some member volunteers to help her out
- We had our Spring Dance under the Chairmanship of Lydia Bernardino and Mila Santos
- We held a successful 41st FSM Anniversary celebration at MVCC in October
- We initiated a voluntary Thanksgiving monetary drive collection for the Mississauga Food Bank, we were able to raise \$225
- Peter announced that we are once again planning the same during our Christmas Celebration scheduled for 16 Dec 2023 in the spirit of sharing our blessings this Christmas season
- Our group also support other community organizations by attending KFCO's Independence Gala, the Philippine Consulate Independence Day Celebration at KCCC
- We watched Cartas de Amor Musical, joined the annual KCCC Annual Walkathon
- The Association provided partial ticket subsidies for FSM members attending some of the events



- We also participated in the annual Philippine Festival Mississauga at the Mississauga Celebration Square through the representation of our member, Rodel Meier, provided us a rental free tent and space at the said event
- With Lerma, Chit R, Mila and myself were manning the FSM booth for 2 days, we were entertaining questions fielded by potential future members of our Association
- We were visited by City Mayor of Mississauga, Hon. Bonnie Crombie, as well as by our Streetsville MP Hon. Rechie Valdez – quite a rewarding experience for us
- we do recognize and take this opportunity to say thanks and give our utmost gratitude to the City of Mississauga and the administrative personnel of The Mississauga Valley Community Centre (MVCC) for making and enabling our association to prosper and thrive, for giving us a free use of said facilities, especially the beautiful and spacious Program Library 1 room all these years. A big Thank you for everything from the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga.

Secretary's Report

- AGM Minutes of Meeting held on 28 Jan 2023 was e-mailed the FSM members on 27 Oct 2023 for member's info and guidance and if they might have any correction and/or updates
- A hardcopy was likewise provided to FSM BOD members present for the meeting
- Just to refresh a bit of the context of the minutes from last AGM, basically it contained the President's report of the various activities for 2022
- The approval by the body of the minutes of the AGM meeting held last 27 Nov 2021
- The Treasure's report on the Financial Statement Year-Ending 30 Sep 2021 and its corresponding approval by the body
- Discussions on the accounting reporting of the 40th Anniversary celebration, some questions were raised, matter was moved for another meeting on this issue
- Asked if there are any questions, corrections, and/or updates from the AGM Minutes of Meeting on 28 Jan 2023
- There being none, Rene moved for its approval.



- Seconded by: Vangie
- Asked for any objections, there being none, motion is carried.

Treasure's Report

- Financial Statement Fiscal Year=Ending 30 Sep 2023 was e-mail to FSM membership on 27 Oct 2023 for each one's info, review, and guidance as well as if anyone might have any questions or clarifications
- A hard copy of the said financial statement was likewise provided to all FSM BOD present
- Treasure asked if anyone has any questions or clarification on the fiscal year end report.
- There being none, Rene moved for the FS Fiscal Year End Report approval.
- Seconded by; Ernie
- Asked for any objection, there being none, motion is carried.

Sunshine Committee

- We sent a perpetual mass card for our member, Gloria Aniceto who passed away last week
- Did a weekly visit to Lumi Montada
- Charity – said something
- Becky – update on Lumi, she had an accident and was brought to the emergency, she slipped while taking out the garbage, some blood on her head, had around 5 to 6 stiches, she's Ok now

Membership Committee

- To date we have a total of 97 members (all fully paid)

Fundraising Committee

- We're planning another Casino trip on 26 Nov 2023
- Almost full, we have 53 who are going
- Our Christmas party is on 16 Dec 2023 which will be held at MVCC Program Library 1
- Request for some donation for our prizes during our X'mas party

Peter turned over the meeting to the COMELEC for the scheduled election of officers



- COMELEC members
 1. Resty del Rosario
 2. Chito Carbonell
 3. Delfine Palileo
- Secretary reported that there are 65 FSM members present, quorum number is met
- Charity Lim, the caretaker of the Early Nomination submission of nominees submitted to COMELEC the application forms as the listing of names of nominees
- There was a total of 23 FSM nominees for the 21 open positions as FSM BOD
 1. Luz Aguilar
 2. Chit Atienza
 3. Sonny Autea
 4. Archie Ayala
 5. Jose Mari Azarraga
 6. Mayette Balastro
 7. Cesar Cruz
 8. William Dy
 9. Valerie Ferrer
 10. Minda Mendoza
 11. Charity Lim
 12. Diego Linan
 13. Rodel Meier
 14. Jess Paladio
 15. Merle Rivera
 16. Chit Romano
 17. Rudy Romano
 18. Ruffy Romano
 19. Ruben Santos
 20. Mila Santos
 21. Peter Santos
 22. Rene Sevilla
 23. Lerma Valdez
- Resty of COMELEC discussed some ground rules relevant to the election process
- Note that all FSM members present for the election were provided hard copy on



the rules and regulations guidelines pertaining to the election of officers

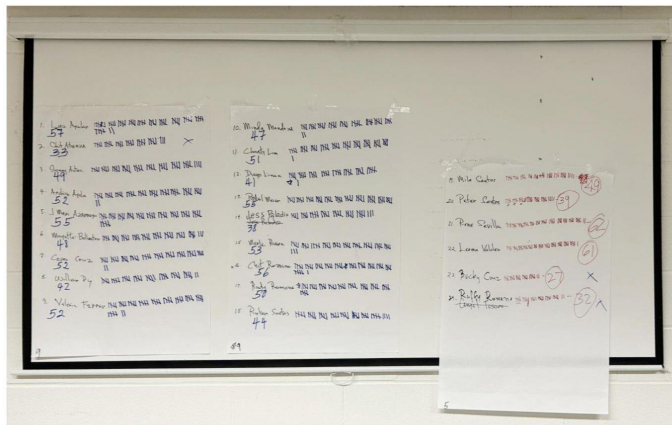
- COMELEC opened the floor for nomination of candidates for the FSM BOD position
- Some nominations were made but nominees declined their nomination
- Becky Cruz was nominated as a candidate and she accepted her nomination
- Nomination was closed
- Thus, a total of 24 candidates are in the running for the 21 open positions as FMS BOD
- Since there are more than 21 candidates, a secret balloting process will be undertaken
- Ballots were distributed and FSM members wrote their own choice of candidates
- At the close of the voting process, there were a total of 65 ballots collected
- Results of the coting counting process is as follows:

**Filipino Seniors of Mississauga
Election Board of Directors
Results
11-Nov-23**

	NAME	NUMBER OF VOTES
1	Rene Sevilla	62
2	Lerma Valdez	61
3	Luz Aguilar	57
4	Chit Romano	56
5	Jose Mari Azarraga	55
6	Rodel Meier	55
7	Merle Rivera	53
8	Archie Ayala	52
9	Cesar Cruz	52
10	Valerie Ferrer	52



11	Charity Rhoda Lim	51
12	Rudy Romano	50
13	Sonny Autea	49
14	Mila Santos	49
15	Mayette Balbastro	48
16	Minda Mendoza	47
17	Ruben Santos	44
18	William Dy	42
19	Diego Linan	41
20	Peter Santos	39
21	Jess Paladio	38
22	Chit Atienza	33
23	Ruffy Romano	32
24	Becky Cruz	27





- COMELEC declared the first 21 candidates as shown on the above tabular results of the election the winners for the 21 FSM BOD positions.
- Since it was a “long” afternoon, the elected FSM BOD decided to hold their meeting on Wednesday, 15 Nov 2023 to decide among themselves the corresponding allocation of officers’ positions with the Board

Meeting was adjourned at: 1615 hrs.





15 Nov 2023 Minutes of Meeting
Held at: MVCC Program Library 1
Started at: 1910 hrs.

Present:

Peter	Diego	Mayette	Sonny
Jo M	Minda	Jess	Cesar
William	Valerie	Luz	Archie
Mila	Merlie	Lerma	Ben
Rene	Chit	Rodel	Charity
Rudy R			

Purpose of the meeting is for the 21 FSM elected Board of Directors during the FSM AGM held last 11 Nov 2023 to pick among themselves who will be occupying the various officer's position within the FSM organization.

Hereunder are the corresponding results:

President	Renato B Sevilla
1 st Vice President	Jo Mari Azarraga
2 nd Vice President	Chit Romano
Secretary	Charity Roda
Assistant Secretary	Valerie Ferrer
Treasurer	Sonny Autea
Assistant Treasurer	Mayette Balbastro
Auditor	Cesar Cruz
Assistant Auditor	Manda Sayoc
Public Relations Officer	Lerma Valdez
Public Relations Officer	Rodel Mier
Special Service Officer	Archie Ayala
Property Custodian	Rudy Roman
Property Custodian	Jess Paladio
FSM Board of Directors	Peter Santos
FSM Board of Directors	Luz Aguilar
FSM Board of Directors	Diego Linam
FSM Board of Directors	Mila Santos
FSM Board of Directors	William Dy
FSM Board of Directors	Ruben Santos
FSM Board of Directors	Merlie Rivers

Unanimously approved by all those present in the said meeting. No objection was raised. As shown in the above listing, allocation and corresponding role each of the elected FSM Board of Director will be performing is accepted and carried.

Items that the incoming administration will have to deal with immediately would be the following:

1. The FSM Board of Directors authorizing at least 3 Bank signatories for FSM namely:
 - a. The President
 - b. The 1st Vice President
 - c. The Treasurer



2. The Social Media committee created during Peter's administration, good for the incoming administration to likewise recognize and the work it will be doing.
3. As part of our program to train other members to be and able to handle being an FSM Board of Director of the organization in the future, best to start with all Committee chairpersons and their respective members allowed to attend the FSM Board meeting. They will be allowed to participate in the discussion, share their inputs and comments. Unfortunately, only FSM Board of Directors will be allowed to vote on items for approval and decision-making process.

These 3 items were all approved during the said meeting but since these are matters for the incoming administration and the effectivity of office is still on 01 Jan 2024 best that these items be immediately included in the agenda of the incoming administration 1st FSM Board meeting.

The body agreed to meet on 17 Jan 2024 at MVCC between 6PM to 8PM. This will also include a planning session for the different committees to map out the program for 2024.

Meeting adjourned: 1950 hrs.

FSM Financial Statement

Fiscal Year Ending

30 September 2024


Please, feel free to communicate with our FSM Treasurer, if you need further clarifications or info we have also our Internal Auditors

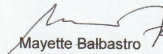
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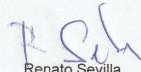


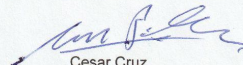
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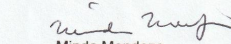
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended September 30, 2024


Salvador Autea
Treasurer


Mayette Balbastro
Assistant Treasurer


Renato Sevilla
President


Cesar Cruz
Internal Auditor


Minda Mendoza
Assistant Internal Auditor

Filipino Seniors of Mississauga

Unit 4-5225 Orbitor Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 4Y8



Audit Report for the Period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Auditor Comments:

Adjustments required to enforce the safeguards for the proper distribution of Funds.
Unbudgetted items needs to be addressed properly prior to the event of expenditures.

I have examined the balance sheet of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga as of September 30, 2024 and the related statement of income and changes in cash flow funds balances from the period October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. My examination was made with the generally accepted auditing standards, concurring accounting procedures and other audit procedures that is necessary.

I certify that I am a bona fide member of FSM , and a BOD member with a title of Auditor during the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

In my opinion, the concluding financial statement present fairly the financial position of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga as of Spetember 30, 2024 its revenues collected and expenses and payables paid for the period then ended.

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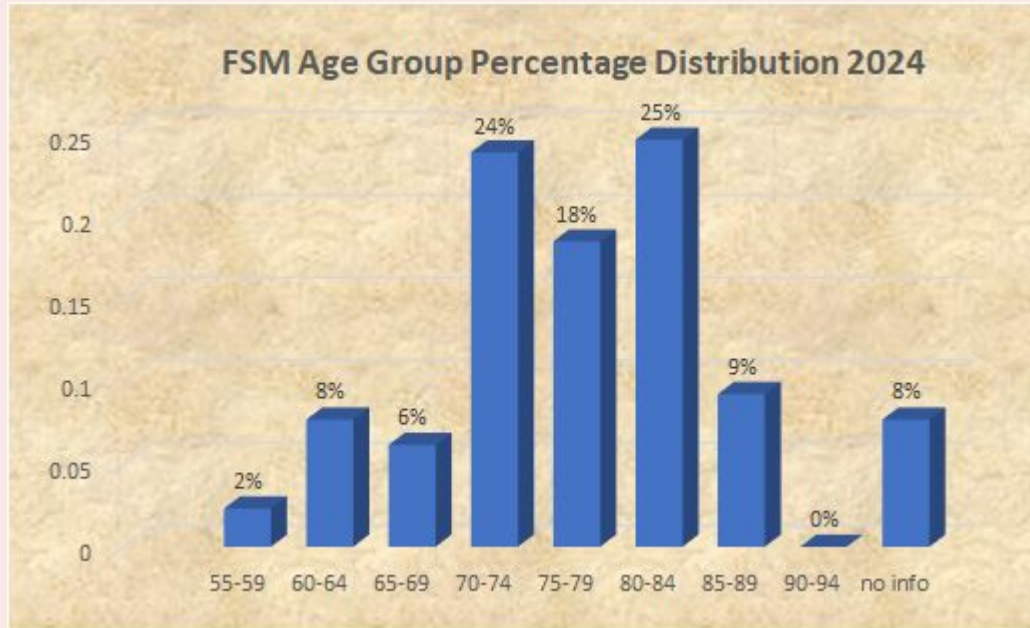
Cesar Cruz
Auditor, Filipino Seniors of Mississauga

Filipino Seniors of Mississauga		
A Not for Profit Organization		
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS		
Profit and Loss		2024
Unaudited		
GL Code		
REVENUES:		
8000	Fundraising	\$1,356.30
8000	Gala Night/X'mas/DD	\$0.00
8000	Dance	\$6,083.90
8000	New Year's Eve	\$0.00
8000	Donations	\$4,181.50
8000	Membership fees	\$2,400.00
8000	Trips	\$5,320.55
8000	Other Income	\$750.00
8089		\$20,092.25
EXPENSES:		
9284	Community Programs	\$3,125.06
8520	Donations*	\$3,946.00
	Includes the Payables	
8520	Gala Night, X'mas	\$1,681.79
9200	Trips - Fallsview, Fatima, Others	\$0.00
8520	Advertising	\$815.00
8523	Food	\$4,755.00
9284	Bank Charges	\$0.00
9284	Office and General	\$231.76
9284	Fundraising Expenses	\$0.00
9284	Mortuary Fund	\$200.00
9284	Miscellaneous Expenses and Subsidies	\$754.58
	Professional Fees	
9368		\$15,509.19
9369	EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$4,583.06
<p>The Contract rendered by the City of Mississauga to the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga is undeniably financially helpful in its ability to provide services to the city's Seniors. FSM expresses it's heartfelt gratitude and thanks for this priceless gesture. This amount would have cost FSM \$8600.</p>		

Cash Flow					
Cash Beginning of the Fiscal Year					\$6,671.89
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures					\$4,583.06
Cash End of the Year September 30, 2024					<u>\$11,254.95</u>
Adjustments done on the entry					
Cash Beginning of the Year October 1, 2024					<u>\$11,254.95</u>
Cash on hand September 30, 2024					\$129.05
Grand Total Available Funds					<u>\$11,384.00</u>

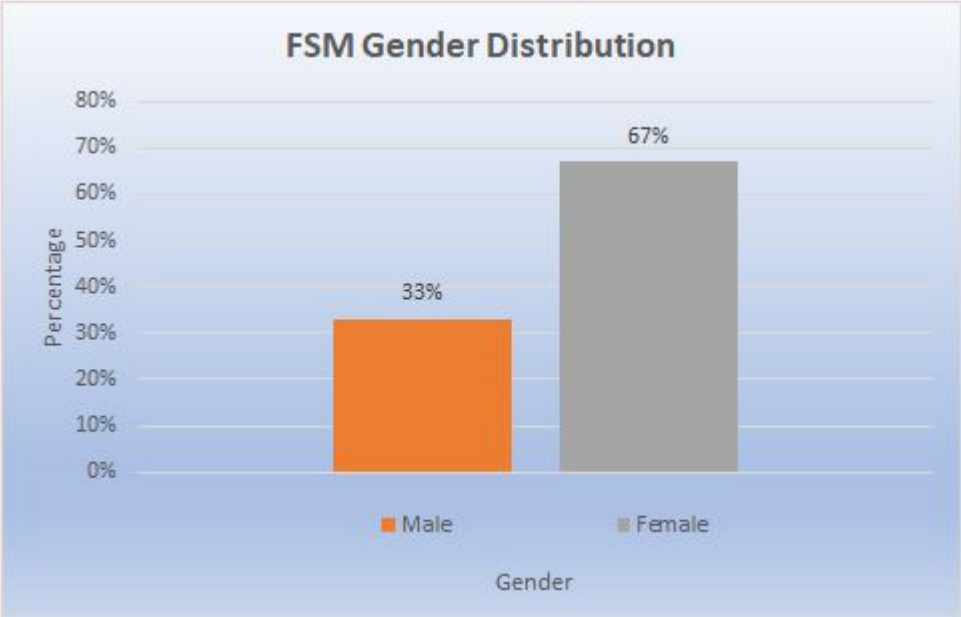
FSM Membership Profile by Age Group 2024

Age Group	%	How Many
55-59	2%	3
60-64	8%	10
65-69	6%	8
70-74	24%	31
75-79	18%	24
80-84	25%	32
85-89	9%	12
90-94	0%	0
no info	8%	10
	100%	130



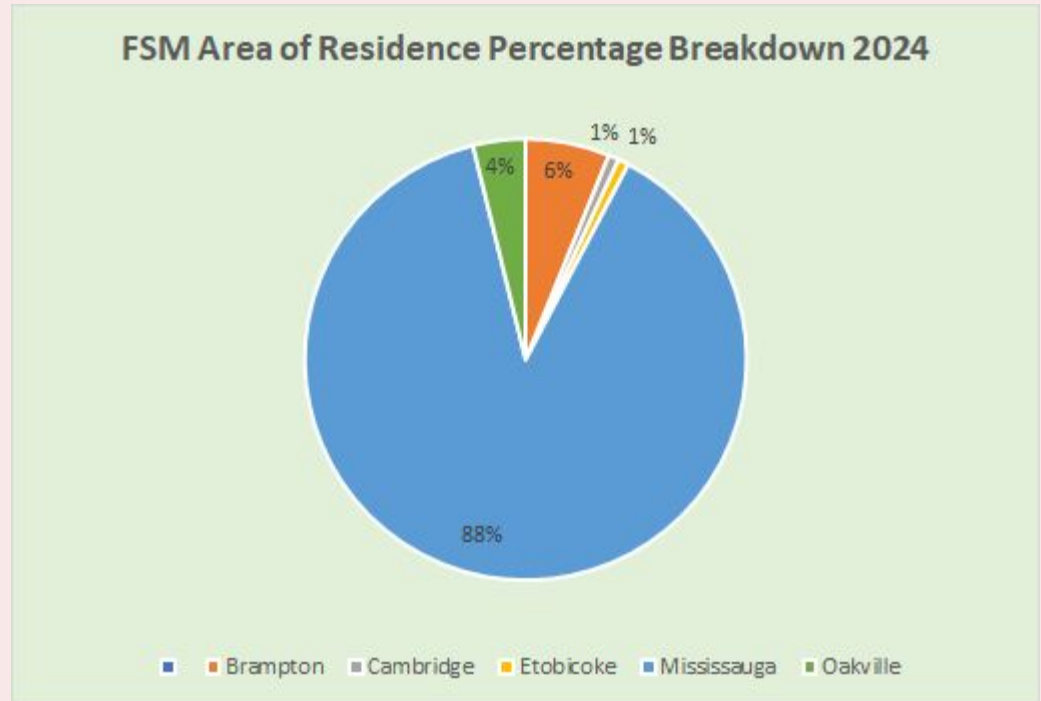
FSM Gender Distribution 2024

Gender	%	How Many
Male	33%	43
Female	67%	87
	100%	130



FSM Area of Residence 2024

Residential Area	%	How Many
Brampton	6%	8
Cambridge	1%	1
Etobicoke	1%	1
Mississauga	88%	115
Oakville	4%	5
	100%	130



**FSM Activities and
Community
Engagements in
2024**

FSM Saturday Drop Ins and Birthday Celebrations at MVCC



Opportunity in meeting our government officials



We go for picnics, a walk, casino trips, some dancing ...



- Our Wednesday and Sunday schedules and use of the MVCC facilities greatly helped us to keep in touch with one another through the sharing of our food and meals together, programs like line dancing, Zumba, and the choral group singing, doing our part in some of the tasks that needs to be done like the setting up of the tables, preparing our food and coffee, decorations, cleaning after our meals, even cooking at home to bring some food for sharing makes us all engaged, active, happy, alive, enthusiastic, energetic, good and positive frame of mind, and we all have something to look forward to
- These encompasses the goals and aspirations of the Filipino Seniors of Mississauga in its Constitution and By-Laws hopes to accomplish and as a testament of what we are and have today, we all have been successful in giving and helping each one live a dynamic and healthy life and minimize our boredom.
- MVCC and the City of Mississauga have been successful in providing non-profit associations in extending the free use of Community facilities, what they provided associations is the environment to grow and attain what they might not attain through their programs

May I take this opportunity to extend our thanks to Ding Tesoro for making us realize on the approach to our financial reporting system, that we should be taking it from the point of view of a consumer and not just mimicking the entries on how the banking system does it. As a result of his persistence in trying to make us understand and what he was trying to show us, FSM realized where he was coming from and as a result FSM updated its financial reporting to Revenues and Expenses, terms which are more understood and relatable by our members.

Of course, with the help of our current Treasurer, Sonny Autea, and greatly supported by Cesar Cruz, our Internal Auditor, they work and coordinate together to come out with FSM monthly financial reports.

Thank you to the efforts and time shared by Diego Linan and supported by Minda Sayoc in coming up with our 2025 Calendar. It's a great gift for everyone to have especially with our pictures.

On behalf of the association, we are thankful to all those who plan, coordinate, facilitate, and prepare our various Casino trips, picnics, day tour and dance nights. Without your help and taking charge or taking part, our projects would not become a reality. We are all thankful to all our members who meet and bond together at food courts, restaurants, or picnic areas. We encourage welcoming other members into the fold.

The \$10 Friday Dance Night which was originally a program started by KCCC was an opportunity opened for FSM to try and undertake. On a personal note, I believe others also realize that this is part of FSM's contribution and engagement with the general community. We started with 140 attendees and as of our latest dance night have grown to 250 patrons. We are getting feedbacks that they are quite happy that there is a place they can go to and dance for only \$10. They are encouraging us to continue with the program and even wants it on a monthly basis. In view of the number of attendees, we had to try and experiment in having the dance night in a bigger place like the L C Taylor Auditorium at MVCC. The challenges and demands are a bit different and we will adjust accordingly to be at par with the public expectations from us. This is a community engagement by FSM that is on a successful note. We have gained the trust and confidence from the Community and we should always thrive to maintain and keep the respect that is afforded to the Association.

We did some fundraising and FSM turned over \$1700 to Trillium Foundation and we donated back to KCCC \$1000 for allowing us the free rental used of their Grand Hall for the \$10 dance night.

Moving forward, we will see what program we can continue for this will involve some monetary funding. We are looking into bringing in Tai Chi for at least 1 hour every Wednesday between 6PM to 7PM every Wednesday. The FSM BOD will discuss and decide on this. Part of our outlook is for the FSM Choral group hopefully can do a recital show. This will be in conjunction with other groups and performing artists. This might be around late May or June of 2025.

Let us continue to invite and welcome new members into the association. Other seniors within the community might be looking for a place or a group to join in. Let us help them and welcome them into our association.

We will try our best to expose other members to help us in our various undertakings. I think it is a good challenge, as well as, trying to keep one active and hold or undertake some responsibilities. It will lead to gaining self confidence and help the association as an organizational setup.

Thanks to all FSM members in making the association better in whatever role and part they play, each one of us compliment each other and an integral part of FSM. We are all together in the success of our association.



We are forging ahead to put in place amendments to the current FSM CBL to be in compliance with the new Ontario Not for Profit Corporation Act of 2010 as soon as feasible.

We have an FSM CBL Amendments Committee composed of 8 members which is headed by a very capable member with the ideal qualifications and background in the person of Luz Aguilar to head this undertaking.

They are working very hard on this project and as soon as the FSM BOD has reviewed these documents, they will be passed on to the rest of the FSM membership for your corresponding review and comments.

Eventually, once all things have been taken into consideration we have to vote on the amended FSM CBL in a referendum or AGM called for this purpose.

Camaraderie, companionship, enjoying, having fun

