

MESSAGE

The Philippine Consulate General congratulates the Philippine Golf Association of New York (PGANY) on its 40th Anniversary, a milestone celebration.

It is indeed notable that since its founding in 1973, PGANY has recruited many Filipino-American golfers from various professions in pursuing its goal of fostering sportsmanship among its members. This association has also engaged in various philanthropic projects that has made it both golf-centered and community-oriented.

PGANY's assistance to our underprivileged *kababayans* in the Philippines, especially those affected by natural calamities, is truly laudable. Among its grateful beneficiaries are the San Ildefonso Parish Church in Bulacan and the Knights of Columbus Local Council in Mindanao. A family in Zamboanga City has also benefited from PGANY's act of kindness.

I sincerely hope that PGANY will continue to play its dual role of being both a sports and charitable organization. While you all enjoy playing golf, you also impact positively on the lives of the needy and less fortunate.

I wish PGANY more success in the years to come.

Mabuhay ang Philippine Golf Association of New York!

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