Jovencio Bautista, Jr. Profile

President, PASOC 2013-2014



A versatile community leader par excellence and has been serving the Filipino-Canadian community for over 25 years. He is currently working as a Power Engineer in Calgary, AB.

Prior to his sojourn to Canada, he worked for Meralco Industrial Engineering Services Corporation as a mechanical engineer.

He is a naturalized Canadian citizen having been born in Manaoag, Pangasinan, Philippines. He migrated to Canada in 1982. The ex-seminarian was at the Mary Help of Christians Seminary in the Philippines. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering also in the Philippines.

The outstanding, dynamic professional engineer turned community leader is, a mentor and a role model, serving the community at-large in Calgary area. His passion to serve people actually started since his grade school years. His father, the late Judge Jovencio Mejia Bautista impacted his life when he became a government official of his hometown. His mother, Marietta Sta. Maria Tiong inspired his aspirations with her support to the late Judge with love and devotion to public service.

Immigrating to Canada never altered his desire to help people in-need. His loving wife Flora Solis Madriaga was no different from his parents. She has shown significant support to Joven in every step of the way. Likewise, their children Mary Anne, a University of Calgary student and Robin, an Engineering Design and Drafting graduate are good back-up for him. The family remains intact with common direction, in terms of voluntary services to the community.

Thus far, he has many exemplary civic leadership and community service achievements impacting the ever growing, active and highly respected Filipino community in Alberta.

He is a highly dedicated volunteer/leader with a strong desire to serve with zeal and enthusiasm. His concern for peoples' welfare is unsurpassed by friends of his age bracket. The person whom the community always seeks in the "hour of need", has earned an outstanding appreciation and respect among all cross sections of the Filipino community. His impeccable contribution to the community is special efforts in serving the needy, irrespective of the people's origin, denomination including the senior citizens, women and youth.

He has been a crusader in a true sense and his contributions towards a strong, unified and prosperous Filipino-Canadian community through PASOC will be emulated by the next posterity.

Cognizant of the youths leadership potential, grants were extended to their following activities:

Educational:

- Youth Leadership Training, National Youth Conference, Winnipeg, 2012;
- Mt.Royal University Foundation, Calgary 2012;
- Renfrew Educational Service for Special Children, 2012;
- PASOC "Backpack Project" for school children in the Philippines, 2010;
- PASOC "Scholarship Program", Calgary
- Youth Enhancement Scholarship Foundation, Calgary since 2002.

Cultural:

- Kasayahan Dance Group, showcasing the best of Asian and North American culture;
- Senior's Talent Night since 2004.

Sports/Physical Fitness/Health and Wellness:

- Seniors Dance Lessons every Friday since 2010;
- Basketball Tournaments for adults and youths;
- Golf Tournaments in summer time; blood donation project annually.

Social Events:

- Christmas Celebration for seniors with their families:
- Summer picnic at the park with games and recreations.

Religious:

- Seminarians through Filipino Catholic Society of the Diocese of Calgary;
- Knights of Columbus projects since 2008. <u>Fundraising Drives</u> (<u>Volunteer</u>)
- CASINO since 1996;
- Bingo since 2010.

Joven's involvement in the following non-profit organizations deepened his commitment to serve more:

- PASOC Vice President-2011-2012 President-2000-2002
- Calgary Assembly of Filipino Federations & Associations-Auditor-1997-1998
- Cabletow Society of Calgary Charter Member-2002 Board of Director-2002-2008 President-2010-2011
- Filipino Calgarian Seniors Club Peace Officer-2006-2010 Adviser to the President-2010-2012
- Concord Lodge #124, Grand Lodge of Alberta (Freemasonry) Inner Guard-2004 Junior/Senior Deacon-2005-2006 Junior/Senior Warden-2007. 2008 Worshipful Master-2009 Immediate Past Master-2010

Joven was accorded the following recognition and awards for his decades of exemplary leadership skills and outstanding contributions to the community through PASOC and Cabletow;

- Most Outstanding Community Leader/Volunteer since 1998 by CAFFA;
- Pangasinan Society of Calgary-for his exceptional performance as an officer/leader;
- Alberta Legislature, for his achievements of distinction;
- Diamond Seniors Club of Calgary, for his strong support to the cause of the seniors;

- Wildrose Lions Club of Calgary, for his invaluable support to its projects/programs;
- Alberta Legislature-for his commitment and dedication to serve the needy;
- Calgary Filipino Lions Club-for his outstanding dedication and continued support to the projects of the Lions.

A man of principle with God at the center of their family's life, he believes that the *ultimate expression of generosity* is <u>not giving of what you have but in giving of who you are...</u>

