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PGH Director's Cup Golf Tournament swings through...

The 7th Annual Golf Tournament- dubbed the PGH Directors' Cup swings through last November 8, 2010 at the Orchard Golf and Country Club in Cavite.

A shotgun tee-off started the tournament at 8am and ended at around 1pm. A short program and awarding ceremonies followed a sumptuous luncheon which was hosted by Ms. Cory R. Quirino and co-hosted by Dr. Telesforo E. Gana-tournament Director.

Dr. Gregorio T. Alvior delivered a short message who thanked everyone for their support to the PGHMFI. The proceeds of this event will benefit the Charity Patients Medical Fund. This was followed by PGH Director Rolando Enrique Domingo who likewise acknowledged the Foundation for its support to the hospital.

The affair was honored by the presence of the Ambassador of Thailand and other prominent guests who joined in the spirit of sportsmanship.

The exciting prizes, raffle prizes and give-aways were awarded that made the event more memorable.



(L-R) Mrs. Sally B. Maluanag, Mme. Lolita Escobar-Mirpuri, Dr. Gregorio T. Alvior, Jr., Dr. Rolando Enrique D. Domingo, Over-All Champion Mr. Glen de Leon and Ms. Cory R. Quirino

PGHMFI Selected as one of Gift Solutions' Beneficiaries

The PGHMFI was chosen as one of the institutions to be offered reward options under the Christmas Reward Catalog by Gift Solutions - an exclusive service provider for American Express Members Rewards Program. Gift Solutions Inc. allows its card members under this Program to choose either a merchandise, a gift certificate or a donation voucher for a selected beneficiary in exchange for the points they have earned whenever they spend using their American Express credit card. This Program may entitle the PGHMFI a Php 1,000 donation voucher from the period November 2010 to June 2011.

Generika Drugstores supports PGHMFI "Save a Life" program



Generika Drugstore agrees to help the PGH Medical Foundation, Inc. in its noble cause to assist the Philippine General Hospital by supporting the "Save A Life" program in deploying coin canisters "Alkansya" in their stores all over Luzon and expanding nationwide.

This project will support the PGH Charity Patients Medical Fund which provides free medicines, medical and surgical supplies and special laboratory test to indigent patients.

(L-R)PGHMFJ President Dr. Gregorio T. Alvior, Jr., and Generika Drugstore Operations Manager Mr. Robert Maling during MOA signing

A Christmas Message
"It's Christmas and we just want to say 'Thank you' and we look forward to a fruitful year.
Hope you and your family will have a wonderful yuletide seasons"
PGHMFJ

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From the President



*Dr. Greg Alvior
President*

On this occasion, the most important holiday of the year. I would like to greet our officers and members of the foundation, donors and supporters, a very merry Christmas. As the year draws to a close, we are happy to report that 2010 has been a fruitful year for the foundation.

We were able to continue our advocacy, and initiate new projects at the Phil. General Hospital. We provided to indigent patients, medicines and their other needs, donated equipments to the hospital, and engaged in infrastructure projects. Ongoing is the renovation of the outpatient dept. comfort rooms. And before the year is over, we plan to start a 17million project which is a 2 storey building for the Primary Reproductive Health Care Center. The latter which will increase the service capability of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as offer additional trainings for our health personnel, in and outside PGH.

At this time of the year we enjoin our donors to continue their support; and we invite more people to do the same.

Our desire to help PGH and its patients remains firm and fervent; but this can only be achieved with the help of our supporters. We are encouraged and hopeful for the incoming year.

To all of you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gregorio T. Alvior, Jr., MD
President PGHMFJ



THE WIND BENEATH OUR WINGS

OUR OFFICER:



Dr. Antonio M. Montalban

There is much to be thankful for to Dr. Antonio M. Montalban. His vision for the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) to maintain its stature and tradition of excellence in health care delivery led him to seek a solution to achieve this formidable task. As the PGH Director during the dawn of the new millennium characterized by an increasing challenge of a rapidly growing population that inevitably brought a greater demand for medical services but lamentably not coupled with corresponding fiscal resources, he saw a compelling need to create a yolk to assist in

meeting the demand. This led to the birth of the PGH Medical Foundation in 1997.

Before his assumption to the helm of the PGH, he had quipped himself with several academic degrees: Doctors of Medicine-1969, Masters in Public Health-1987, Masters in Hospital Administration -1984 and Masters in Education for Health Professionals- 1997, all from the academic institution he committed to serve for 37 years.

He rose from the rank of Resident Instructor at the UP-PGH Department of Surgery until he reached the peak of his academic career with his appointment in 2008 as Professor X at the Department of Orthopedics, the highest academic rank in the University until his retirement the following year. The crowning glory of this career was upon his conferment of the highly selective academic title of Emeritus Professor which is granted only to faculty members who had distinguished themselves throughout their career life.

During the interim period, he proved himself to be a very prolific writer who authored more than a hundred scientific papers, reports and instructional materials; an indefatigable administrator and clinician.

Dr. Tony lives a full and well-rounded life- a good family man, a just administrator, an inspiring mentor and a friend. These virtues transcend from his deep spirituality which he actualizes not only by serving God as a Eucharistic Minister but also by extending charity medical service to his fellowmen in a lower class community in Malate.

OUR UNSUNG HEROES

Have you ever asked yourself who your favorite heroes are? I am not referring to the popular ones but simple everyday heroes who you meet and had left imprints in your hearts and minds. Ordinary people who you believe would make a difference in this world.

We at the PGHMF are lucky to meet some of them. . . .

✔ There was this young doctor who truly lived the Oath of Hippocrates- caring for the sick with dedication and selflessness. He came to the PGHMF office to seek financial assistance for a 12 year-old patient assigned to him at the Pediatric ICU who developed tetanus infection after swimming in an estero. The family being poor who could hardly put food on their table had erstwhile ignored the prodromal symptoms. The boy was brought to PGH only after he was no longer able to swallow and had locked jaws.

The young resident took no time to seek financial assistance and came to the Foundation. Determined to keep the boy alive, he even had to dig from his own pocket to purchase the required medications.

✔ Another time, a modestly dressed couple knocked at the Foundation door. We thought that they came to seek assistance but to our surprise handed a handsome amount to donate to the needy patients. They requested to be led to the pediatric ward and selected two patients suffering from hydrocephalus. They opted to remain anonymous and even promised to return for more donations after they have again saved up from their hard-earned money.

PGHMF President Awarded For Excellence in Public Service

The UP Manila Grand Alumni Homecoming in celebration of its 33rd foundation held their Halloween Party last October 29, 2010 at the Ramon Magsaysay Center in Roxas Boulevard.

This year's affair was hosted by the UP College of Medicine Alumni Society and had as its objectives "to foster camaraderie and establish networking among UP Manila alumni".

The highlight of the program which was ushered by a welcome remark by Dr. Jaime Montoya, President of the UP Medical Alumni Society was the awarding ceremony of outstanding alumni. The awardees were PGHMF President Dr. Gregorio T. Alvior, Jr. for Excellence in Public Service , Dr. Alberto Roxas, UPCM Dean for Excellence in Education and Mr. Rico Gonzales for Leadership and Management. The most Outstanding Alumni award was granted to Dr. Esperanza I. Cabral.

Musical numbers and raffle prizes lent the jovial and exciting mood to the celebration.



(L-R) Dr. Ramon L. Arcadio—UP Manila Chancellor, Dr. Gregorio T. Alvior, Jr.—PGHMF President, Mr. Ponciano F. Aberin—UPMAA President

Kindhearted Souls



Little boy needs open heart surgery

A six year old boy Jun (not his real name), with a congenital heart defect, was referred by a foundation to facilitate an open heart surgery at the Philippine General Hospital. The family is indigent and was lucky that the Tan Yan Kee Foundation has chosen him to be a recipient of a donation. The PGH Medical Foundation is partnering with the Tan Yan Kee Foundation for the successful operation of this patient on the first week of January. You can just imagine the joy of the little boy's parents in knowing that he has a new lease on life. This is just one of the cases where the PGH Medical Foundation whose partnership with other foundation assists patients who can't afford an expensive operation.



A gift of sight

Rolly (not his real name) was suffering from a sight-threatening illness; unfortunately the family does not have the funds for an eye operation. They have looked around for good-hearted donors to sponsor the operation, but to no avail. Rolly wanted to see life and his family, but the risk of going blind was eminent if an operation was not done on his eyes. He came to the foundation to ask for help. Ms. Pia Reyes one of our regular donors has an oral agreement with the foundation to underwrite surgical procedures for sight threatening cases. The foundation has decided to make Rolly the first beneficiary of Ms. Reyes' donation. The family of Rolly was so grateful for the kind gesture extended to them. We thank Ms. Pia Reyes for the heart to help those who are in need.

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