

# KASAGIP News



## The official Newsletter of KASAGIP Charitable Trust

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- **KASAGIP IN REVIEW: 2012 Last Quarter Activities, and early 2013 achievements**

The last quarter of 2012 was devoted to planning for strategies to strengthen institutional linkages to the wider community in the hopes of attracting more partner organisations to help support the mission and vision of the Trust.

KASAGIP partnered with the Upper Hutt City Council Library for a monthly "hot seat" time slot occurring every 3rd Friday from 6-7 pm (might change to an earlier time pending confirmation from the Library community coordinator). The aim of this "hot seat" is to be available for new migrants who might be in need of assistance living in the Upper Hutt Community. The hot seat time slot started in March 2013.

KASAGIP has recently joined Pinoy Stop, a one-stop-shop hub of information about Philippines, Filipinos, Filipino culture and anything that is relevant to New Zealand in general. It is now one of the Filipino groups featured in this link below

<http://pinoystop.wordpress.com/>

KASAGIP also participated in the first Wellington Christmas Celebration "Pasko sa Welly" organised by the Office of the Philippine Embassy. The male volunteers headed by Mar Esparas (then Vice Chair of the BOT) comprised and lead in the parade of Colours.



- **First Quarter 2013**

KASAGIP joined many other local organisations at the Marae in Upper Hutt on the 6th of February 2013 to celebrate Waitangi Day. A booth was provided to KASAGIP to enable more interaction between the public in case of queries about KASAGIP.



BAB volunteers Neil and Arnie Martinez were also there to support the activity. (in photo are Rachel Pointon, Arnie Martinez and her mom Anna Orallo, with baby Nadine Martinez manning the KASAGIP Booth).

KASAGIP has been recently featured in a new Filipino newsmagazine and will endeavour to regularly feature articles of interest to the community. The Magazine is still unnamed and has just been launched this month of April.

KASAGIP also supported "Sound Check" Music Fusion, a concert among local Filipino bands/artists in Wellington. The concert was held at the St Bernard's College Gym in Lower Hutt.

### KASAGIP JOINS ST JOSEPH'S PARISH IN THE "BOAT LAUNCH"

Rachel Pointon attended this event on behalf of KASAGIP as a way of supporting the Parish's efforts to showcase various community groups and to make them visible to the community. Posters were put up around the church foyer and the attendees celebrated this event by sharing stories and introducing their organisations to the public. They also shared fish and chips at the said event.

## KHP News

- Edynell Tecson—KASAGIP through its various fund raising activities (garage sale, raffle, donor appeal efforts) have already sent him a cheque to help pay for his wife's hospitalisation in Dunedin due to cancer. We continue to pray for Edynell and his wife for her full recovery. Contact KASAGIP if you want to support Edynell some more.
- GOOD NEWS—congratulations to Amy and Joel Sison for having had their visas extended to a full working permit allowing them to stay longer in NZ.
- GOOD NEWS—congratulations to Yetz Beligon for having been able to find a job now aligned to his skills making it a step closer to his PR application.
- GOOD NEWS—Noreen Pineda found a job in Christchurch aligned to her Digital Media degree and HR experience.
- GOOD NEWS—Ryan Elizondo is now applying for PR after obtaining a job offer suited to his IT skills.
- GOOD NEWS—Barbie Lopez is now applying for PR after obtaining employment at Boulcott Hospital as a post-operative nurse.
- Other KHP support—advise in CV writing offered to Amor of Auckland; advise given to Lynne for her work visa application papers

## BAB Updates

- We welcome Noemi Ponferrada as one of our newest BAB members, helping us out in looking after beneficiaries who are in the South Island particularly Christchurch.
- We have yet to induct a number of new BABs so watch this space.
- The BABs had their first meeting of the year on 17 March 2013. Among the topics discussed were holding of a KHP training for would-be case officers, and to plan on assisting potential beneficiaries from Auckland.
- BAB to attract nurses who are in desperate need to pass their IELTS or OET exams. KASAGIP to organise review sessions in mid-May /early June.

## Golden Club Corner

- GC members are entitled to receive receipts at the end of the Tax year and these may be submitted to IRD for rebates.
- Reminder for GC members to update KASAGIP of their addresses, mobile numbers, home numbers if any of these changed.

KASAGIP is inviting those wishing to donate on a regular basis to consider KASAGIP as a recipient of their planned giving. We have been recently included in IRD's list of donee organisations whereby their employees can choose us from among the many that they can receive planned giving pledges. If your organisation wants to include KASAGIP, let us know so we can fill out the proper documents.

## Announcements

- New Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair— following the resignation of former Chair Allan Gierran in November 2012, we now confirm the appointment of Mar Esparas as the new BOT Chair. Congrats to Mar and more power!
- KHP Beneficiaries needing help—we are currently helping Donnabelle, Ayo, Benedict, Gary and would welcome any support you can give. For more details about their cases, contact Mimi or Jarvis Laurilla.
- KASAGIP now has GMAIL account: kasagipct@gmail.com and Facebook account — like us on Facebook!

## Contact Us! There are a variety of ways to reach us!

- To make a donation or ask for a receipt
- To become a member of the Golden Club (Donor Club)
- To become a volunteer (join Blue Angel Brigade)
- If you know of someone who needs help
- If you have skills that you can share

If you know of organizations who can support KASAGIP as a sponsor, donor or partner institution

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**KApatirang Kabalikat**  
**SA KaGIPitan, a**  
*Filipino phrase which*  
*means Community Partners*  
*in Times of Need.*  
*KASAGIP refers to people*  
*who help, deriving from the*  
*Filipino word SAGIP (a*  
*verb which means "rescue").*