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Be at Peace - Our Dear Friend

Extending our thoughts and prayers to the Enverga family for the loss of a loving father, a good husband, and an energetic community leader. Senator Tobias Enverga was the first Filipino-Canadian to sit in the Senate.

His untimely death while on parliamen-



tary trip to Columbia is surely felt by the Community. No one can question his dedication and commitment to his work.

In 1999, he was the press relations officer of KFCO as well part of the membership committee.

Get to know our KFCO Chairman: Eula Rulloda

Eula Rulloda's involvement with the center started 7 years ago when she was asked to be part of the Comelec during KCCC's annual general meeting but was instead voted as one of the member of the executive board as secretary and later VP – Programs Administration. She became a familiar face as officer and volunteer together with her husband Gerry at all functions of KCCC. When Gerry was elected to KCCC's board, Eula moved to KFCO where she became the Vice Chair to Rodel Meier. Prior to her involvement with KCCC, Eula and Gerry are actively involved with the Mapua Alumni group where she holds a Chemical engineering degree and he holds a Mechanical Engineering degree and was the president in 2000. Eula was also president in 2004. Mapua Institute of Technology now Mapua University honored the husband and wife team with The

Outstanding Mapuan award in alumni service.

Eula started her career in IT when she took a computer course at the National Computer Center in Camp Crame while waiting for the result of the engineering board exam. After completing the course she was offered a job as a computer programmer at the Philippine Bank of Commerce until she immigrated to Canada in 1975. She was employed by different Canadian companies such as Sears, CIBC, Indalex, and Northern Telecom where she was given the new thinking award trophy. She has worked independently in the past with her own company Info Logics serving companies such as Kmart, CCL, ERCO and Goodrich Landing Gear. She was offered a permanent position with ERCO where she retired in November of 2015.

Eula is a proud mother to Leilani, Jordan and

Juness who are all successful in their own endeavors and grandmother to three beauti-



ful children, Talia, Shane and Vanessa. She is also active in the faith community of St. Jerome's in Brampton where she is a lector. She is an avid 10 dance ballroom dancer with Dance Blue Silver where she learned her first ballroom dance steps more than 25 years ago.

Today, she keeps herself busy by being the chairman of Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization (KFCO) and continuing her church obligations. She is still a ballroom enthusiast and just recently started hula dancing aside from her 3 days taking care of her 93 year old mom.

Extending KFCO's well wishes and congratulations to the newly elected Filipino Seniors of Mississauga officers headed by Cesar Cruz, its current President—more power!

Filipino Seniors of Mississauga A New Beginning

The Filipino Seniors of Mississauga (FSM) held their election recently for the 2018-20 administration. After four years at the helm of the association, President Vangie Alcasid is passing the torch to the newly elected executive officers as required by its Constitution.

Founded in 1982, the association has been in the forefront of the Filipino community in helping the flight of the seniors. Its dedicated leaders and loyal members has made it achieved its aims of promoting camaraderie and providing for their recreational and social needs. Over the years, it has grown in membership numbers, new activities were added and new equipment acquired. Thanks to the city, it is affiliated with Recreation and Parks Mississauga and as such is entitled to privilage of using some of their facilities free of charge.

In honour of its achievements and success, it recently celebrated its 35th Anniversary at the Kalayaan Community Centre. It is hope that the new leaders and their administration will continue to maintain its goals and aspirations for the benefit of the seniors in the future.

Rudy Alcasid, P.R.O.

Photo by Rudy Alcasid



The newly elected Executive Officers. Seated (L-R) **Connie de Leon**, Asst. Treasurer, **Luz Aguilar**, 2nd Vice President, **Archie Ayala**, 1st Vice President, **Cesar Cruz**, President, **Carmen Leon**, Treasurer. Back row (L-R) **Chit Atienza**, Property Custodian, **Mayette Balbastro**, Auditor, **Brenda Pangantihon**, Property Custodian, **Jimmy Villamater**, Special Service Officer, **Peter Santos**, P.R.O., **Ben Santos**, Asst. Auditor, **Rudy Alcasid**, P.R.O. Not in the picture: **Elsie Fajardo-Paez**, Secretary.

Tribute to Senator Jun Enverga

by: Ruffy Romano

On behalf of the Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization, I would like to express our sincere and heartfelt condolences to our friend the faithful and loving wife of the late Sen. Tobias C. Enverga Jr. Rosemer to the three daughters, Rystle, Rocel and Reeze

May God give you and your Family strength during this very difficult time.

We were very shocked and saddened to lose a very caring, dedicated, sincere friend who showed extreme care for his family and to our community. It is a big loss to all of us to lose Senator.

Senator Tobias Enverga Jr. will always be in our hearts and always be in our memories and prayers and will be remembered....

Sen. Tobias C. Enverga Jr. was active in advocacies both at the international and domestic level. He was the founder of the “Philippine Canadian Charitable Foundation (PCCF)” in 2010, helping and donating monies for charity both in Canada and the Philippines.

He received his Bachelors of Arts in Economics at one of the leading universities in the Philippines, Letran College. Following his arrival in Canada, he pursued his graduate studies and earned his Masters Certificate in Project Management at Schulich School of Business, York University. He also studied at Centennial College in Toronto and received a Computer Studies Certificate. For over thirty years, he worked as project manager for the Bank of Montreal.

In 2008, he was the recipient of the “Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL)” presidential award given to him by the former president of the Philippines, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

He was elected as trustee for Ward 8 of the Toronto Catholic District School Board in 2010, which made him the first Filipino-Canadian elected to public office in the city of Toronto, and the first member of a visible ethnic minority elected to the Board. While serving on the Catholic District School Board, besides his many hours of volunteer work to several organizations serving the needs of different communities. In 2012, he was one of the recipients of the “Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal” for his exceptional and meritorious service. Seeing his generous character and ability to serve the common good, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appointed him to the Senate on September 2012.

Eternal rest on his soul and may perpetual light shine upon him.



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Our Pioneer Section:

A new practical provision of the Amended KFCO's CBL 2017 is:

Within twenty (20) days after the General Membership meeting where election of members for the KFCO Executive Council was held, shall be the effectivity date of their assumption into office. This will give ample time to put together things that needs to be turned over by the outgoing officers to those assuming their position with KFCO.

This gave ample time for outgoing officers to prepare accordingly what various items and information that needs to be turned over to incoming KFCO officers.

This is what happened on Nov 21, 2017 meeting where corresponding

parties were present to ensure a smooth handover and transition to incoming officers under the new Chairmanship of Eula Rulloda.

Some words of wisdom and valuable advice were shared by outgoing Chairman, Rodel Meier.

It was good to see an atmosphere of enthusiasm and optimism among those present in discussing things that needs to be done, as well as, planning of forthcoming events in 2018.