

Filipino Chapter

The chapter held its Summer Picnic on July 12, 2014 at Kildonan Park. This event provided opportunity for family members to join in the games for fun and prizes. During the networking portion, chapter members were divided into groups based on the field of practice for a discussion session. Topics include the registration process with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba and finding engineering-related work in Manitoba. One highlight of the event was the launching of the Bursary Program which would benefit the chapter's student members. The bursary can be used to defray costs associated with the pre-registration process.

The 2nd annual Golf Tournament was held on August 16, 2014 at The Players Golf Course, which was attended by 28 participants. The tournament was followed by a networking dinner which provided a venue for members to interact and share their knowledge and experiences with new members.

In November 15, 2014, a fundraising breakfast was held at Canton Food Gallery. The purpose was to generate funds for the chapter's bursary program, where recipients are selected chapter members who are currently in the pre-registration process with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba. More than 150 people attended the event, thus, while its main objective was to raise funds, it also boosted awareness of the chapter's existence in the Filipino community of various professions and trades.


The Christmas dinner was held on December 20, 2014 at the Canton Food Gallery. Guests came dressed in their best Hawaiian attire, and each member was welcomed with a colored lei representing an engineering discipline.

One of the highlights was the announcement and presentation of the chapter's newly registered Engineers-In-Training (EITs) and Professional Engineers (P.Engs). This is to recognize their achievement and to provide inspiration to student members and lay associates.

The chapter also granted its first "*Ako ang Susunod na Pinoy Inhinyero*" Bursary Award to two deserving student members – Robin Allan Banaag and Roy San Buenaventura who are both pursuing academic credentials recognition in Civil Engineering. It is the chapter's goal to provide financial assistance to its student members through fundraising and support of its sponsors.

The chapter hosted a technical conference on February 21, 2015 at Sir William Stephenson Library, which featured the following topics :

- "Protecting Yourself as a Gravity Pipe Engineer or Inspector" by Mafe Pinzon, EIT
- "Principles of Gas Turbine Engines" by Nancy Santoyo, P. Eng.
- "EIT/ GIT Progress Report Writing" by Arnel Oberez, P. Eng., Edgar Duroni, P. Eng., Nonie Generoso, P. Eng.



The Annual General Meeting immediately followed, where the chapter's financial and activities reports were presented by the VP - Finance and Chapter President, respectively.

A technical seminar was organized on May 30, 2015 at Sir William Stephenson Library which attracted over 50 participants. The topics and presenters were as follows:

- Home Inspection and Building Science by Norman Garcia, P.Eng.
- Geosynthetics in Infrastructure Construction by Alan Ocampo and Marolo Alfaro, Ph.D., P.Eng.

The "Life of Canadian PI" (PI stands for Pinoy Inhinyero or Filipino Engineer), a column in the news magazine Pilipino Express, was launched in June, 2014 with the aim of promoting awareness about the engineering profession among the Filipino community in Manitoba. Nine articles have been written to date on various topics about the Filipino Chapter and its members. The writer for this column, Ms Ethel Fernandez, is the current VP-Finance of the chapter.

Another way of introducing the chapter to the community is through participation in events. With this in mind, several members represented the chapter during the Opening Ceremony of the Philippine Heritage Week in June of 2015.