

Martinez picks 'power team' for PIDCI board

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Fe Martinez (photo above), who herself has a power packed resumé, has recruited a powerhouse team to back her run for the presidency of the Philippine Independence Day Council, Inc. (PIDCI) for 2011-2012, according to a statement to this paper.

Aside from being PIDCI vice president this year, she also chaired the Philippine Independence Day parade, whose success was in bringing the world-famed Dinagyang “Queen of Philippine Festivals” from Iloilo City, and the 100,000 participants and celebrators that turned out for Independence Day as reported by the New York Police Department (NYPD), the statement claimed.

Martinez also served as two-term president of the Federation of Philippine Societies of New Jersey (FOPSNJ), Inc., the premier umbrella organization of the state, with well over 40

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organizations as members.

She was also grand marshal of the Philippine Day Organizing Council (PDOC) Philippine day parade in Passaic, N.J. in 1993, and the year after, she was elected overall chair of PDOC.

Later Martinez was chosen by PIDCI to be the grand marshal of the Philippine Independence Day parade commemorating the 105th anniversary of the declaration of Philippine Independence in 2003.

Martinez is a successful business entrepreneur and divides her time between her business and her volunteer community endeavors.

She picked these candidates for her team:

- Irra del Rosario — a teacher by profession, Irra is a kabalen and a community organizer in her own right.

She has been and is the president of several community organizations peopled by co-alumnus or other kabalen.

She hails from Bacolor, Pampanga.

While new to the PIDCI scene, Irra has built an extensive network of contacts and community volunteer organizations.

- Albert Diala — has concentrated his volunteerism with the Lions Clubs — where he is a repeat president of the New York Manila Lions Club.

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In PIDCI, he was chairman of the membership committee.

He has also chaired the commemorative program committee and had been chairman of the Independence Day parade reviewing stand committee.

- Rey Flores — his real name is Enrique from Lubao, Pampanga.

He leads the New York chapter of Alpha Kappa Rho.

A FEATI engineering graduate, he specializes in infrastructure design.

He is involved in "give-back to the Philippines" projects like Lapis at Papel (donating pencils, paper and other school supplies to schoolchildren in the Philippines), and "Feed the Hungry" projects, such as a Philippine version of "Meals on Wheels."

Rey and his brothers also embark on ecological projects such as an extensive tree-planting program in the Greater Manila area.

- Angie Molina — a registered nurse, Angie is also active as a volunteer community leader.

She and her brother have led the Narvaquenos East Coast USA.

She ran for the PIDCI board last year but her group's presidential candidate and candidates for the board withdrew the day before the elections.

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Angie anyway ran and ended up outside the seven that needed to be elected.

However, she was appointed to the board later to complete the board term of Joji Jalandoni who was elected president.

This time Angie is running for a full two-year term.

- Jenny Vi Niguidula — a true-blue La Sallite is a whirlwind of a community volunteer.

She has been a director of the De La Salle Alumni Association (DLSAA)-East Coast since 2009, president of the Organisasyon ng Mga Pinoy sa Micropower (OPM-NY) from 2007 to 2009, where she is now a consultant.

She co-chaired the parade committee of the Philippine-American Friendship Committee, Inc. (PAFCOM) for the years 2008-09 and 2009-10.

She was with the National Association of Filipino Americans-NJ from 2007 to 2010.

In PIDCI, she was co-chairman of special projects this year.

- Romy Somodio — is the founding president of the Connecticut Association of Filipino and American Families, Inc.

A U.S. Postal Service retiree, Romy has officiated boxing matches in Olympic Games, the World Cup, World Championships and World Invitational.

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Before that, he was the secretary general of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines (ABAP) and was head coach of the Philippine National Boxing Team.

In his early days in boxing, he was an amateur boxing regional champion.