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## INDUCTION & TURNOVER CEREMONIES



GUEST SPEAKER  
**MR. DEXTER F. ORTEGA**  
SENIOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR, PICPA STAR

GUEST SPEAKER  
**HON. ERIC B. AFRICA**  
MAYOR, CITY OF LIPA

INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER  
**HON. JAY M. ILAGAN**  
VICE MAYOR, MUNICIPALITY OF MATAASNAKAHAY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**MR. GERARD B. SANVICTORES**  
PICPA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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On July 26, 2024, PICPA Lipa held its Induction and Turn-Over Ceremonies at Casa Ysabel, Solano Hotel and Resorts, Lipa City. The event, themed Modern Filipiniana and Barong Tagalog, was a significant occasion marking the induction of new Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) and the transition of leadership for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

The evening began with the opening ceremonies, featuring distinguished guests who delivered inspiring messages. Mr. Dexter F. Ortega, the Senior Regional Director of PICPA StaR, gave a brief but impactful speech. Following him, Hon. Eric B. Africa, Mayor of Lipa City, provided an engaging discussion on the latest developments in Lipa City. Hon. Jay M. Ilagan, PhD, Vice Mayor of the

Municipality of Mataasnakahoy, shared an inspirational message. The program also included an AVP message from Atty. Roland C. Pondoc, the PICPA National President, and a keynote message from Mr. Gerard B. Sanvictores, the PICPA National Executive Vice President.

The second part of the program focused on the induction of new CPAs and the turnover ceremonies for the incoming leadership for FY 2024-2025. The outgoing Lipa President for FY 2023-2024 delivered a heartfelt valedictory address, reflecting on the accomplishments of the past year. Dr. Lalaine V. Manalo, the outgoing president, conducted the turnover ceremonies, officially

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*Did you know?*

Lipa City is known as the "Little Rome" of the Philippines. The nickname came from its numerous miraculous and magnificent religious sites that withstood years of blessings as well as important events in history. Lipa City, through the years, has been one of the many religious tourist spots from all over the country, attracting thousands of devotees, hoping for a peaceful tomorrow for everyone.

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Then, Presentation of Awards from PICPA Lipa recognized the outstanding contributions of distinguished members, including Ms. Rosaly Remo, Ms. Judy Macasaet, Mr. John Kenneth Cosa, Mr. Rey Fernan Refozar, Mr. Marvin Gray Lazo, Ms. Merlita Durana, and Ms. Lalaine Manalo. Special recognition was also given to Past President Mr. Alberto Aranda for his remarkable performance as Chapter President for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and to Mr. John Evan Raymundo Besid, who was recognized by the National Office, qualifying him for election to the CPA Presidents Diamond League. Additionally, Past President Ms. Lalaine Manalo received multiple awards and recognitions from the PICPA National Office, including for achieving the highest percentage of Members in Good Standing (MIGS) registered in Membership Events and Learning System (MELS) for Category B, the highest level of participation in PICPA online elections, contributions to the E-Journal, and for her exemplary leadership as

President of the PICPA Lipa Chapter.

The induction of the PICPA Lipa Executive Board was led by the inducting officer, Mr. Gerard B. Sanvictores. Ms. Rosaly Remo then delivered her inaugural address, outlining her vision and goals for the coming year. Following this, Mr. Dexter F. Ortega inducted the new members of PICPA Lipa. The formal proceedings concluded with closing remarks by Mr. Jan Michael D. Maglinao, the Executive Vice President of PICPA Lipa.

The final part of the program was a fellowship night, which featured a lively band performance and dancing. This segment provided an opportunity for attendees to unwind, network, and celebrate the evening's successes in a more relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

In conclusion, the event underscored the spirit of camaraderie and professional excellence within PICPA Lipa. The event celebrated the achievements of the past year, welcomed new members, and set the stage for continued growth and success under the new leadership. ✨



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# FY25 KICKOFF

To formally kickoff the new fiscal year, officers and members attended a thanksgiving mass at the San Sebastian Cathedral then proceeded to pay a courtesy visit to the RDO of BIR Lipa after. A planning meeting was also held after to lay out plans for the first month of the new fiscal year.



## Thanksgiving Mass

On July 01, 2024, at 7:00 AM, the officers and members of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) gathered for a solemn mass to celebrate and inaugurate the new set of leadership for the years 2024 and 2025. This significant event marked the beginning of a new chapter in the organization's journey, fostering a spirit of unity, faith, and commitment among its members. The ceremony was attended by esteemed members of

the PICPA community. The mass was conducted with reverence, highlighting the values and principles that guide the organization. It served as a moment of reflection and gratitude for the accomplishments of the past year and a hopeful look towards the future.



## Courtesy Visit to BIR Lipa

On July 1st of 2024 in the afternoon, the PICPA Lipa paid a courtesy visit to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) at RDO 59 Lipa City, Batangas. The delegation from PICPA Lipa Chapter led by PICPA President Ms. Rosaly Remo, and warmly welcomed by the Revenue District Officer Mr. Stimson Cureg. The purpose of the visit was to strengthen relationship of the organization and the BIR, discuss development on tax regulations, and explore opportunities on improving tax compliance and education.

# Teambuilding/Leadership Trainings

## Enabling Workshop and Planning Activities

On July 6, 2024, an Enabling Workshop and Planning Activities session was held at the Accounting Room of Lipa City Colleges. This event was a significant part of our ongoing efforts to enhance professional development and strategic planning within the organization. The workshop was designed to equip attendees with essential skills and tools for effective planning and implementation of organizational activities. The focus was on enabling participants to contribute more effectively to our shared goals and objectives.

Throughout the morning, the workshop featured a series of interactive sessions, including group discussions, brainstorming activities, and hands-on exercises. These sessions were aimed at fostering collaboration and encouraging creative thinking among participants. The facilitators provided valuable insights into best practices for planning and execution, drawing

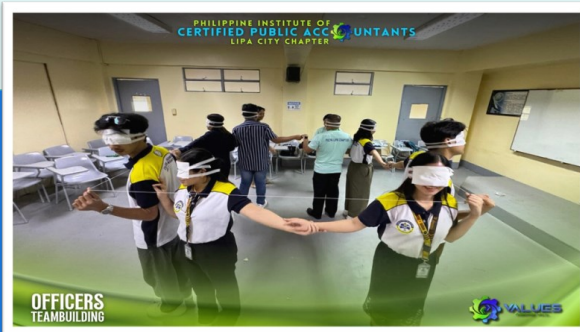
from their extensive experience in the field.

Following the workshop, the officers transitioned into the planning activities for the fiscal year 2024-2025, led by the newly elected President, Ms. Rosaly Remo. The planning session focused on setting clear objectives and strategic initiatives for the upcoming year. Each officer contributed to the development of action plans, ensuring that every aspect of the organization's goals was covered comprehensively.

During the planning activities, a thorough discussion was held regarding the duties and responsibilities of the officers. This included a detailed review of scorecards for chapters, regions, and GAOs, ensuring that everyone understood their

roles and the metrics by which their performance would be measured. The use of scorecards was highlighted as a key tool in tracking progress and achieving the organization's objectives efficiently.

The Enabling Workshop and Planning Activities session concluded with a summary of the plans and a reaffirmation of the commitment from all participants to work collaboratively towards the set goals. The event was a resounding success, with participants expressing their enthusiasm for the upcoming year and their appreciation for the well-structured and engaging sessions.



*"Don't be a Parrot in Life, Be an Eagle,"*



## Aim High, Soar High and Be a Leader

On July 06, 2024, a transformative leadership training session was conducted by Mrs. Norma Mapalad-Recinto for the student leaders of the CBA Department of Lipa City Colleges and the officers and members of the PICPA Lipa Chapter. The theme of the event aimed to inspire and empower attendees to embrace visionary leadership. The training included several interactive sessions where participants engaged in group activities and discussions. These sessions allowed them to apply the concepts learned and share their insights and experiences.

The leadership training was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees. Her powerful message, "Don't be a Parrot in Life, Be an Eagle," resonated deeply, inspiring the student leaders and officers to strive for excellence and lead with vision, confidence, and positivity. This event not only enriched leadership skills but also fostered a sense of community and shared purpose among the future leaders.





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**Accountancy Week Celebration** July 14-20



**Spiritual Start:**  
Eucharistic Mass Opens  
Accountancy Week

The Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) inaugurated Accountancy Week 2024 with a solemn and inspiring Eucharistic Mass on July 14, 2024, at the PICPA National Office. This spiritual commencement aimed to set a reflective and purposeful tone for the week's upcoming activities, fostering a sense of unity and gratitude among the accounting professionals in attendance.

Different chapters of PICPA were represented, demonstrating their support and camaraderie for forthcoming events. The participants prayed for wisdom, strength, and ethical fortitude in their professional lives. The prayers also extended to the community at large, hoping for prosperity and guidance for all. [↗](#)

**PICPA Lipa Joins Bowling Tournament**

On July 14, 2024, the much-anticipated bowling tournament took place at SM North Edsa, bringing together various organizations in a lively and spirited competition. The event commenced with a vibrant parade of organizations, each proudly showcasing their unique yells and chants. The enthusiasm and energy were palpable as participants and spectators alike immersed themselves in the festive atmosphere.



Each organization was represented by a muse and an escort, adding a touch of charm and elegance to the event. The organizers took the opportunity to remind everyone that the primary goal of the tournament was to promote sportsmanship and strengthen the bonds among colleagues. This message resonated well with all participants, setting a positive tone for the day. As the tournament progressed, the players displayed remarkable skills and strategies, all while ensuring they had fun. The camaraderie and friendly competition were evident, with teams cheering each other on and celebrating every strike and spare. The players' enjoyment was infectious, contributing to an overall sense of unity and excitement.

The bowling tournament was a resounding success, with everyone having a blast. It not only provided an opportunity for friendly competition but also fostered a sense of community and teamwork among the participants. The event concluded with smiles all around, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating the next gathering. [↗](#)

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**AWC Opening Ceremony and MMR Day**

On July 15, 2024, esteemed advisor and member of PICPA, Ms. Norine G. Recio attended the much-anticipated AWC Opening Ceremony which took place at the elegant Ballroom of EDSA Shangri-La. The event was a grand success, marked by the attendance of guests and distinguished professionals from the accounting field.

The ceremony featured a series of intelligent and insightful resource speakers who discussed a wide range of topics. These discussions were designed to enhance the perspectives and strategies of accounting professionals, providing them with valuable insights and practical advice to navigate the ever-evolving landscape of the accounting industry.

The speakers covered various crucial subjects, from the latest industry trends to best practices in accounting. Their expertise and knowledge equipped attendees with new strategies and approaches, essential for staying competitive and effective in their roles. [↗](#)



**AWC 2024**

## Thanksgiving Mass



On the morning of July 15, the Accountancy Week Celebration 2024 began with a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass held at the historic Lipa Cathedral. Diverse group of students from Lipa City Colleges, members, and officers of PICPA came together to start the week-long celebration. The congregation joined in heartfelt prayers and hymns, creating a reverent atmosphere that echoed with shared purpose. It set a positive tone for the days ahead, reminding the values and the importance of coming together in gratitude and celebration. ✨

## Courtesy Visits



### Hon. Mayor Eric Africa of Lipa City

On July 15, 2024, a courtesy visit with members and officers of PICPA-Lipa was made to Mayor Eric Africa at Lipa City Hall. The meeting began with a discussion of the recent activities undertaken by both Lipa City and the visiting organization.

Mayor Africa then delved into the topic of Lipa City's booming economy and the potential for substantial growth in the coming years. He emphasized Lipa's potential to become a top choice for investors, highlighting the city's strategic advantages and future prospects. Additionally, Mayor Africa addressed various

challenges faced by Lipa City and proposed potential solutions to overcome these obstacles. This candid discussion underscored the city's commitment to continuous improvement and development.

This visit served to strengthen the relationships and connections between the organization and the local government, fostering a collaborative spirit aimed at the sustained progress and prosperity of Lipa City.

### Hon. Vice Mayor Jay Ilagan of Mataasnahoy

At 10:00 AM of July 15, a courtesy visit was made to Vice Mayor Jay Ilagan at the Sangguniang Bayan office. The

participants consisted of PICPA-Lipa members and officers. The meeting commenced with a brief "kamustahan" session, fostering a warm and cordial atmosphere.

The discussion then proceeded to cover the recent improvements in Mataas na Kahoy. One of the key highlights was the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies that have significantly expedited various transactions, enhancing efficiency and service delivery in the municipality. Vice Mayor Ilagan emphasized his commitment to focusing on safety and environmental sustainability. He articulated a vision for ensuring that these initiatives would benefit future

generations. Furthermore, he outlined a potential collaboration with Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) to assist in making informed financial decisions and effectively budgeting funds for upcoming projects. The Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) organization assured their support for the local government unit, expressing their willingness to contribute to the financial planning and implementation of the municipality's development projects.

The meeting concluded with all parties looking forward to a productive partnership aimed at advancing general welfare. ✨





**AWC 2024**

## Courtesy Visit

**Ms. Paciencia Mendoza, esteemed member**

On the warm afternoon of July 15, 2024, members of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) - Lipa chapter made a courtesy visit to Mrs. Pacencia Mendoza, our

oldest and one of the most esteemed member. The visit, held over lunch, was a delightful and heartwarming occasion, filled with laughter and fond recollections of past PICPA events.

As we arrived at Mrs. Mendoza's residence, we were greeted with her ever-welcoming smile and warm hospitality. The atmosphere was light and joyous, with everyone eagerly engaging in conversations and sharing stories.

Throughout the lunch, Mrs. Mendoza regaled us with anecdotes from previous PICPA events, recalling both the challenges and triumphs.

Her vivid memories and detailed storytelling brought those moments back to life, reminding us of the camaraderie and dedication that defines our organization. Her wisdom and experience provided valuable insights and served as an inspiration to all of us.

As the lunch concluded, we expressed our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Mendoza for her time, hospitality, and invaluable contributions to PICPA. Her status as the oldest member of our chapter brings with it a wealth of knowledge and a living history that enriches us all. The visit left us all with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to our professional and personal growth.



COURTESY VISIT  
MS. PACIENCIA  
MENDOZA

## AWC ACPAPP Day

Held on July 16 at the Isla Ballroom of Edsa Shangri-La Manila, AWC's ACPAPP Day focused on the theme "Spotlight on Public Practice," drawing a significant audience from the accounting profession. Representing the PICPA Lipa chapter, Ms. Margaret Garachico and Ms. Roxanne Alday of LGA & Co. attended the event, underscoring the importance of this occasion for their chapter and the wider professional community.

The keynote address was delivered by Atty. Chel Diokno, whose

speech was both insightful and inspiring, setting a strong foundation for the day's discussions. Following the keynote, a series of technical sessions were held, addressing several critical topics relevant to auditors and practitioners: Expectations from Auditors and



Practitioners, AI in Modern Auditing, EPR Law, and the 5 Principles of Teamwork.

The insights and knowledge gained from these sessions were immensely valuable, equipping attendees with advanced understanding and practical approaches to enhance their professional practices. Overall, the ACPAPP Day during Accountancy Week 2024 was a remarkable event, offering a comprehensive exploration of contemporary issues in public practice.





# AWC 2024

## Feeding Program And Gift-Giving to Less Fortunate Kids

On July 17, 2024, the PICPA- Lipa Chapter organized a heartwarming event at Pabahay Ni EBA in Lipa City, Batangas. This event is aimed to bring joy and support to the less fortunate children in the community through a feeding program and gift-giving activity. One of the sponsor of this event is Ms. Norine Recio who is dedicated to share her birthday celebration with this compassionate event.

The event kicked off with a series of fun games that brought laughter and smiles to the faces of the children. Activities such as the boat is sinking, bring me, and a mini-talent show allowed the kids to showcase their talents and enjoy themselves. The games fostered team-

work and camaraderie among the participants, and the children eagerly participated, displaying their enthusiasm and energy.

Adding to the fun, a face painting station was set up where children could choose their favorite de-



signs. The colorful and creative face paintings transformed the kids into their favorite characters, adding an extra layer of joy to the day. Additionally, a clown entertained the children with magic tricks and playful antics, keeping them engaged and delighted throughout the event.

Following the games and activities, the children were treated to a delicious meal prepared by the organization. The menu included a variety of nutritious dishes, ensuring that the kids received a balanced and satisfying meal. The

feeding program promoted the importance of proper nutrition for their overall well-being.

One of the highlights of the day was the gift-giving segment. Each child received a toy, bringing immense joy and excitement. The

children's faces lit up with happiness as they unwrapped their gifts, a testament to the success of the event in bringing joy to their lives. The feeding program and gift-giving activity not only met the immediate needs of the children but also left a positive impact on their lives. [🔗](#)

## Webinar Collab: Harness, Value, Maximize: The Power of Leadership, Teamwork and Vision

In celebration of the 2024 Accountancy Week, PICPA Cavite Chapter, in collaboration with the Southern Tagalog Region (STaR) and its affiliated chapters, including PICPA Lipa, successfully organized a webinar titled "Harness, Value, Maximize: The Power of Leadership, Teamwork, and Vision." The webinar was attended by more than 300 participants from different chapters and held on July 17, 2024, this event brought together members and leaders from Southern Tagalog Region to examine the vital roles of leadership, teamwork, and vision in professional and organizational settings.

The highlight of the event was the keynote session delivered by Mr. Howell V. Mabalot, a motivational

speaker and leadership coach. Mr. Mabalot introduced the HVM (Harness, Value, Maximize) Model, a framework designed to help individuals bring out the best in themselves and others. He emphasized the significance of coaching as a tool to unlock potential, both personally and professionally.

Through his engaging presentation, Mr. Mabalot discussed practical strategies for creating a Culture of Excellence, Leadership, and Loyalty within organizations. He underscored the importance of leadership for organizational success, the value of teamwork in achieving shared goals, and the need for a clear and

compelling vision to guide collective efforts.

The event was a resounding success, leaving attendees inspired and better equipped to lead with purpose, work effectively in teams, and pursue a shared vision for the future of their profession. [🔗](#)





# AWC 2024

## NACPAE Day

On July 18, 2024, the NACPAE Day was held at Far Eastern University in Manila. The event centered on the theme of "Charting a Sustainable Path for Accounting Education: Competence, Skills, and Values in Action," and it provided a platform for in-depth discussions on advancing the field of accounting education.

The program commenced with induction and turnover ceremonies, setting a formal and celebratory tone for the day. Following this, the technical session began, featuring a series of distinguished speakers who shared their expertise on various relevant topics.

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First, Hon. Noe G. Quinanola provided crucial updates from the Board of Accountancy (BOA), offering insights into recent developments and future directions in the accounting profession.

Next, Mr. Lucky L. Cimatu delivered an engaging presentation on "Driving Sustainability: The Future of Accounting with ESG Reporting." His discussion highlighted the importance of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in shaping the future landscape of accounting, emphasizing the need for accountants to integrate sustainability into their practices.

Mr. Niccolo Ian then spoke about "Auditing: Educating Students for a Tech-Driven Audit Landscape." He focused on the evolving role of technology in auditing and the necessity for educators to prepare students for a future where digital tools and techniques are integral to audit processes.

Prof. Jose M. Ireño concluded the technical session with a talk on "Ethical Leadership in Accounting: Building Trust and Legacy." He stressed the importance of ethical conduct in the accounting profession, advocating for leadership that prioritizes integrity and trustworthiness.

The lessons learned from this seminar were invaluable, particularly for professionals in the education sector. The discussions provided actionable insights into enhancing accounting education to meet contemporary challenges and opportunities, ensuring that future accountants are well-equipped with the necessary competencies, skills, and values. 🌟



## Seminar for MSMEs: BIR Compliance

As part of the AWC Week, the chapter aimed to provide valuable information to professionals and business owners by organizing a seminar on BIR compliance for MSMEs. The event was held on July 18, 2024, at the Auditorium of Lipa City Colleges in Lipa City, Batangas.

The seminar featured esteemed speakers representing the BIR Lipa, each addressing crucial topics relevant to business registration and compliance. The seminar commenced with an introduction and overview of the topics presented by Mr. John Christopher C. Ilaog, MBA. His insightful presentation set the tone for the event, providing a clear roadmap of the day's discussions.

Ms. Precious Q. Vergara took the stage next to delve into the intricacies of business registration. Her de-

tailed explanation of the step-by-step process, including the necessary requirements, was both informative and engaging, ensuring that attendees understood the vital steps needed for proper registration. Following Ms. Vergara, Ms. Carmel Marie S. Carandang, MBA, discussed the ORUS process and its components. Her presentation highlighted how this process could streamline legal procedures within the BIR, making them more efficient and manageable for business owners. The seminar's highlight was presented by Ms. Lalaine A. Petinio, CPA, MBA, who discussed the new Revenue Regulations published under the EOPT Law, focusing on invoicing requirements. Her comprehensive coverage

of this topic provided critical updates and insights, ensuring that participants were well-informed about the latest regulatory changes.

After the presentations, the program transitioned to an open forum, allowing participants to ask questions directly to the guest speakers. The speakers addressed each question clearly and thoroughly, fostering an interactive and informative discussion.

The seminar was a resounding success, equipping MSMEs with essential knowledge on BIR compliance and fostering a spirit of learning and collaboration among the participants. 🌟



### Annual Business Meeting

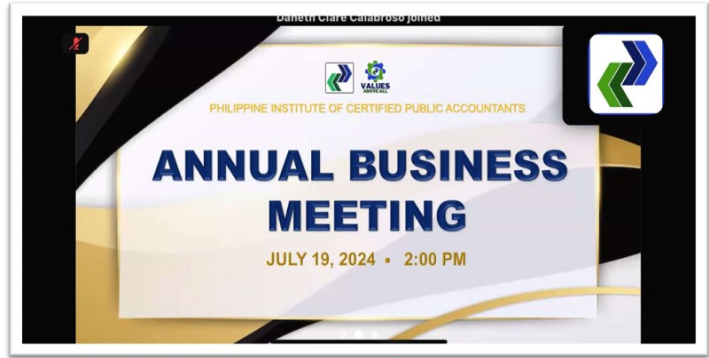
On July 19, 2024, PICPA Lipa Chapter held its Annual Business Meeting at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City. The meeting commenced at 2:00 in the afternoon, with officers and members attending in person, by proxy, and virtually through remote communication. The program began with a solemn prayer, setting a reflective tone for the gathering. Following the prayer, the agenda for the meeting was presented.

The key items on the agenda included the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous Annual Business Meeting held on July 21, 2023. The minutes were read aloud and subsequently approved by the attending members. Discussions were held on the matters arising from

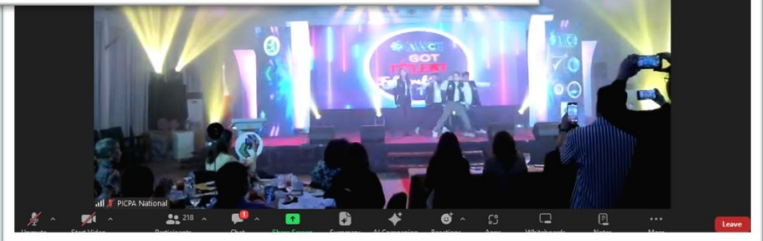
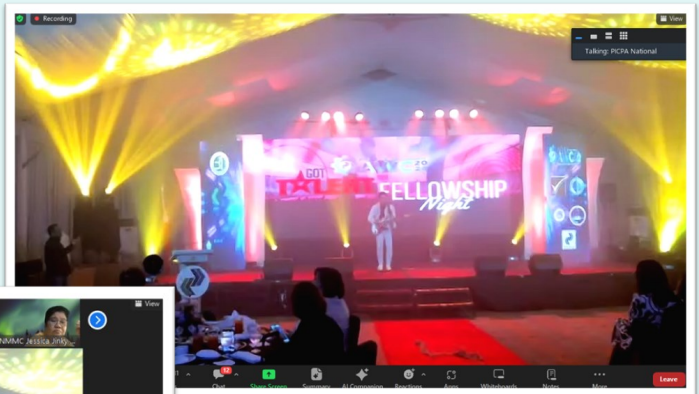
the previous meeting, ensuring that all pending issues and actions were addressed. The President delivered a comprehensive report, detailing the chapter's activities, achievements, and challenges over the past year. This was followed by the Treasurer's financial report, which provided an overview of the chapter's financial status, income, and expenditures for the year. The Board Resolutions passed from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, were then presented for ratification, with members reviewing and ratifying these resolutions.

Additionally, the location for the next Annual Business Meeting was dis-

cussed and decided upon by the members. Other pertinent matters were also addressed, ensuring that all concerns and suggestions from the members were considered. The meeting was conducted efficiently, with active participation from all attendees, whether in person or virtually, ensuring that the chapter's business was addressed comprehensively and effectively. &



## AWC 2024



### 2024 Accountancy Week Fellowship Night - Got Talent

On July 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM, the Marquee Tent at EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City, was abuzz with excitement for the AWC Got Talent event. The event was not only a time for gathering but also a platform to showcase the remarkable talents of PICPA members. Representatives from AC-PACI, MMR, CLR, STAR, and GACPA participated, each displaying their unique talents. The atmosphere was vibrant and festive, with attendees eagerly anticipating the diverse perfor-

mances. Participants delivered impressive acts, demonstrating a wide range of talents and skills, much to the delight of the audience. The special participation of Randy Santiago and Noy Volante added a touch of star power to the evening, captivating everyone with their outstanding performances and significantly enhancing the celebratory mood. In the end, the representative from CLR emerged as the winner, impressing both

the judges and the audience with their exceptional talent. After the talent competition, the event transitioned into a fellowship night. Members enjoyed the opportunity to sing, dance, and celebrate together, creating a joyful and memorable experience for all. Overall, AWC Got Talent was a resounding success, fostering a sense of community and pride among PICPA members while highlighting the diverse talents within the organization. &





# AWC 2024

## Book Donation Drive

As part of the annual Accountancy Week celebration, a Book Donation Drive was conducted at Abundio Torre Memorial Elementary School on July 20, 2024. This initiative, a collaborative effort between PICPA-Lipa and Sangguniang Barangay ng Balintawak, aimed to provide valuable educational resources, inspire young minds, and foster a lifelong love for reading.

The event began early in the morning

with volunteers from both PICPA-Lipa and Sangguniang Barangay ng Balintawak gathering at the school premises. A short program featuring opening remarks from key organizers emphasized the importance of education and community support. Bundle of books, ranging from textbooks and reference materials to storybooks and



educational magazines, were donated to the school's library.

This meaningful event underscored PICPA-Lipa's commitment to supporting education and fostering community growth. Through the collaborative efforts with Sangguniang Barangay ng Balintawak, the Book Donation Drive was a remarkable success, inspiring young minds and promoting a culture of reading among the students of Abundio Torre Memorial Elementary School. The success of the Book Donation Drive reflects the organization's collective dedication to making a positive difference in the community. 🌟



## Badminton Tournament

On July 16, 2024, a thrilling and enjoyable badminton tournament took place at Netplay Badminton Court, Brgy. Balintawak, Lipa City, Batangas, as part of the celebration of Accountancy Week 2024. The event was held from 5:00 to 8:00 PM and featured participants from PICPA-Lipa (Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants), RBA Accounting Office, and JPIA (Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants).

In an exciting series of matches, JPIA clinched **FIRST PLACE**, showcasing exceptional skill and teamwork. PICPA-Lipa earned **SECOND PLACE**, demonstrating remarkable agility and strategy on the court. RBA secured **THIRD PLACE** with com-

mendable effort and sportsmanship. The day was filled with spirited and friendly competition, fostering camaraderie among all participants.

This event not only highlighted the athletic talents of the participants but also recognized the immense dedication and hard work that accountants bring to their profession and community. The tournament underscored the importance of teamwork, mutual support, and the strong community spirit among accounting professionals, making the celebration of Accountancy Week 2024 both memorable and inspiring. 🌟





## Connecting with Filipino CPAs abroad

### PICPA with its international affiliates:

By Roland Cafe Pondoc

Firstly, allow me to share key points on the PICPA's involvement in various global accountancy professional organizations and its strategic directions in international affairs for FY 2024-2025.

Let me start with PICPA's Leadership Footprints in the Global Accountancy Bodies:

- 1) PICPA is the founding member of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), Confederation of Asian and Pacific of Accountants (CAPA), & ASEAN Federation of Accountants (AFA).
- 2) PICPA produced office bearers, namely 1 IFAC in the person of Washington Z. SyCip, 2 CAPA Presidents in the persons of Eduardo Villanueva & Carlos R. Alindada, and 4 AFA Presidents in the persons of Eugenio Reyes, Mariano Lerin, Antonio Acyatan, & Estellita C. Aguirre.
- 3) Currently, we have PICPA representatives with seats in the global accountancy bodies, namely, International Affairs Chair Jill Santos as Professional Accountancy Organization Development and Advisory Group Member of IFAC, EVP Gerry Sanvictores as Board Member of CAPA, and yours truly, Pres. Atty. Roland C. Pondoc as Council Member of AFA.

PICPA is dedicated to supporting and empowering its members worldwide. Through PICPA's International Affiliate Program, PICPA aims to connect Filipino CPAs abroad and foreign CPAs with the national organization, fostering a global community of accounting professionals. This international affiliate policy outlines the guidelines and procedures for establishing and managing these vital international affiliates, ensuring seamless collaboration and the continued growth of the accounting profession globally. PICPA's strategic directions in the space of international affairs for PICPA FY 2024-2025 include the following: 1.) Implementation of the PICPA International Affiliates Policy; 2.) Creation of more affiliates; and, 3.) Increase in affiliate membership standing.

PICPA finally approved the International Affiliates Policy on 6 March 2021, during the term of then 2020-2021 President Lope "Jun" Bato, where several individuals of that administration were involved in the successful work plans and activities, namely past AFA president Estellita C. Aguirre, as then the Executive Director, myself as then VP for Government, Jill Santos as then the VPO, and PICPA Past President Sonia Golez as then one of the three presidential advisers. This year marks the full-blown implementation of the international affiliates policy. On 30 July 2024, PICPA held a historic virtual town hall meeting to kick off the "touching base" initiative to reach out to our affiliates abroad and to seek comments and reactions to the policy, which is for implementation and execution during this fiscal year. There were mixed emotions in that meeting, and it was full of gratefulness to PICPA and the current PICPA administration for reaching out and making things happen. The cascading of the policy and the eventual implementation are our foundational execution as we embark on strengthening our global reach to PICPA members abroad. To date, we have 18 international affiliates, namely: PICPA-Saipan, California, Los Angeles, Vancouver, Canada, Silicon Valley, USA, New York, Tristate, Calgary, Canada, East Coast, USA, Papua New Guinea, Saudi (KSA, Eastern Province), Jeddah (KSA Western Province), Riyadh (KSA Central Province), Bahrain, Dubai, UAE, Brunei, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Qatar, and Northern Emirates.

Our challenge is to keep the momentum of the active affiliates and to revive the inactive ones. But we will never stop here, we will endeavor to create more affiliates and increase affiliate membership in good standing. I am happy to bring the news that groundworks are already being done to establish PICPA Chicago and PICPA Florida.

Strengthening the Global Network is a milestone project of this administration. Collaboration, Recognition, and Expansion are our 3 pillars for this particular endeavor. On collaboration, PICPA encourages International Affiliates to work closely with the National Office and other chapters, fostering a global network of accounting professionals who can share knowledge, resources, and best practices. On recognition, PICPA's annual national awards program acknowledges the outstanding contributions of CPAs from its International Affiliates, ensuring their efforts and achievements are celebrated on a global stage. And on expansion, PICPA actively supports the establishment of new International Affiliates, aiming to expand its reach and serve a growing community of Filipino and foreign accounting professionals worldwide.

The following are the upcoming PICPA International Conferences: 1. PICPA Middle East Conference, 9-10 November 2024, Dubai; 2. AFA-PICPA & CAPA-PICPA International Conferences, November 2024, Davao City, Philippines; 3. PICPA Davao International Conference, 16-21 February 2024, South Korea.

Our upcoming mega event, a 3-in-1 event in Davao City is going to be exciting. For the very first time in the history of PICPA our 4-day event is dubbed as PICPA ANC, CAPA-PICPA, and AFA-PICPA International Conferences. We are expecting at least 100 foreign dignitaries to include the CAPA and AFA President and we awaiting confirmation from the IFAC President to grace our event as our keynote speaker. PICPA will continue to forge good working relationship with Filipino CPAs abroad, as we put a stamp as laudable professional accountants, taking pride of our abilities and capacities as global Filipino CPAs. (Roland Café Pondoc is a Commissioner of COA)

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## First Friday Holy Mass

# August Activities



On August 02, 2024 at PICPA National Office, Room 401, PICPA Special Events & Presidential Affairs and CSR Committee hosted the First Friday Holy Mass at 12:00 noon, an event that brought together the PICPA community in a moment of spiritual reflection. The Mass was led by Rev. Fr. Marc Will Lim, SDB, whose insightful homily

centered on Jesus' rejection in his hometown and the challenges of faith.

The event was organized and hosted by the PICPA Special Events & Presidential Affairs and CSR Committee. Sponsorship for the Mass was provided by the same committee, along with the

centered on the Gospel of Matthew

13:54-58,

which reflects on Jesus' rejection

PICPA Southern Tagalog Region, PICPA Batangas Chapter, and PICPA Lipa Chapter, demonstrating the collective support of these organizations.

In attendance were Ms. Rosaly Remo, Ms. Cristina Tolentino, and Ms. Norine Recio, who joined the celebration in person, alongside other PICPA members who participated via Zoom.

The Holy Mass was a time of prayer and contemplation, and it reinforced the bonds of faith within the PICPA, marking yet another successful event that brings together its members for spiritual growth and communal harmony. ☺

## 2024 Outstanding Professionals of the Year Award

The 2024 Outstanding Professionals of the Year Awards, held on August 02, 2024, at The Conrad Hotel, Manila, was a prestigious event recognizing the exceptional achievements of professionals across various industries. Organized by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), the event highlighted individuals who have made significant contributions to their respective fields and demonstrated leadership, dedication, and excellence.

Representing PICPA Lipa Chapter were three esteemed members: Ms. Rosaly Remo, Ms. Cristina Tolentino, and Ms. Norine G. Recio. Their presence at the awards ceremony underscored the chapter's commitment to fostering professional excellence within

the accounting community. Through their participation, the PICPA Lipa Chapter showed solidarity with the broader professional sector, embodying the values of integrity, excellence, and service.

This event not only honored the achievements of individual professionals but also served as a platform for celebrating the contributions of organizations like PICPA in ele-

vating industry standards. The participation of the PICPA Lipa Chapter members highlighted their dedication to the continuous growth and development of their profession, while also inspiring future generations to strive for excellence in their own careers. ☺



The 2nd Chapter Council Meeting of PICPA-Lipa was held on August 5, 2024, at Brgy. Homes Subdivision, Lipa, Batangas. The meeting commenced at 6:00 PM and concluded at 9:30 PM, with the participation of six officers and three advisors.

Agenda and key discussions in-

cluded the chapters' August activities as well as upcoming events such as LGAO and STAR Joint Induction & Turnover Ceremony, LGAO Conference and the Enabling Workshop for Officers.

Financial reports were also presented. ☺



# AUGUST ACTIVITIES

## Donation Drive: Together We Stand

The "Together We Stand" Donation Drive, held on August 10, 2024, across various locations including Guinyangan San Mateo, Balanti Elementary School, Sta. Ana San Mateo, and Rodriguez, Rizal, was an exemplary initiative aimed at extending support to underserved communities. This event was a product of collaborative efforts among several key organizations, notably the PICPA STAR, Rizal Chapter, and the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Industry Inc.

One notable contribution came from Mr. Ronald B. Alvarez, Past President of PICPA Lipa, who generously donated Php 5,000, reflecting his unwavering support for community service

initiatives. PICPA Lipa Chapter, represented by its President, Ms. Rosaly Remo, was also actively involved and hands-on committed to the event's overall success.

The event stood out for its ability to unite a diverse group of volunteers, sponsors, and local government units. Together, they distributed essential supplies to students and families, demonstrating a collective effort that reached hundreds of individuals. This act of generosity and collaboration reinforced the values of social responsibility and community engagement, making a tangible difference in the



lives of those who received aid.

The spirit of unity among participants, sponsors, and the broader community amplified the impact of this initiative, proving that collaborative efforts can create significant positive change. Through this donation drive, not only were the immediate needs of communities addressed, but a message of compassion and solidarity was also sent, inspiring continued generosity in future endeavors.



## Cultural Heritage Tour

On August 17, 2024, the PICPA Lipa Chapter organized a Cultural Heritage Tour, visiting historical sites in Lipa City including Lipa Cathedral, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, and Casa De Segunda. This initiative was part of the chapter's commitment to community and social improvement projects, with a focus on fostering cultural appreciation and social awareness among its members.

With seven active participants, the tour aimed to enhance the members' understanding of Lipa's rich histori-

cal and cultural heritage. By exploring these landmarks, the members gained a deeper appreciation for the city's historical significance and the contributions of past generations. This event was more than just a historical tour; it was a meaningful experience that reinforced the idea that community and social awareness begin within the organization.





**Enabling Workshop: Igniting Leadership: Transforming Values Into Actions”**



**Day 1**

On August 30, 2024, the PICPA Lipa Chapter hosted an enabling workshop titled "Igniting Leadership: Transforming Values into Actions" at Solano Hotel, Lipa City, Batangas. The workshop aimed to empower local leaders by providing practical knowledge and actionable strategies to enhance chapter management and professional growth. The first speaker, Mr. Jaypee Lagman, introduced the GARCA Scorecard, where he shared valuable tips on compliance and best practices for local chapters. His discussion emphasized the importance of aligning chapter activities with organizational goals. Following Mr. Lagman, Ms. Anna Lissa Chua-Dycaico which provided a detailed briefing on national office policies and the assistance available to local chapters. She highlighted ways local chapters could collaborate more effectively with the national office. Then, Mr. Jerry Baklayan, covered PRC-CPDAS, explaining the role of the Professional Regulation Commission’s Continuing Professional Development Accreditation System both as a professional and as a training provider. His session underscored the importance of ongoing learning and professional development in maintaining the highest standards within the accounting profession. The workshop provided attendees with

essential tools to enhance leadership skills, transform values into meaningful actions, and strengthen local chapter operations.

**Day 2**

The second day of the Enabling Workshop “Igniting Leadership: Transforming Values into Actions” was held on August 31, 2024, at Solano Hotel, Lipa City, Batangas. The workshop aimed to deepen leadership skills and enhance chapter management within the PICPA community.



The day began with a session led by Ms. Mildred Velasco, who introduced participants to the PICPA Membership Events and Learning System (MELS). She demonstrated how to efficiently navigate the platform to manage events, access valuable professional development resources, and utilize the system to support local chapters' growth. Ms. Ma. Elma L. Ilagan-Ame followed with an in-depth discussion on Conducting Meetings, Dispute Resolution, Time & Financial Management, and effectively utilizing the membership database. Her insights provided

participants with practical tools to improve the organization and resolve issues within their chapters.

Next, Ms. Bernadette Jao covered the topic of Accomplishments to Bid Book, teaching attendees how to effectively document and showcase their chapter’s achievements for evaluation and recognition in the prestigious PICPA Awards. This session highlighted the importance of proper documentation in gaining visibility and acknowledgment at a national level. Ms. Michelle Santos then delivered a thought-provoking presentation on unleashing the Power of Multigenerational Leadership, focusing on Generational Mastery. She emphasized the need for understanding and leveraging the unique strengths of different generations to create a more inclusive and dynamic leadership environment.

The workshop concluded with Closing Remarks by Dexter F. Ortega, who expressed his gratitude to the participants and speakers for their active involvement. He

encouraged everyone to put the lessons learned into action and continue to lead with purpose.

Overall, the second day of the workshop successfully provided participants with valuable insights, practical skills, and strategies to transform their leadership approach, ultimately strengthening the overall effectiveness of PICPA chapters. 🌟





## 1stLuzon Geographical Area Office Conference Government Summit

### Day 1: PPE One-time Cleansing

The first day of the LGAO Conference, held on August 30, 2024, at Solano Hotel in Lipa City, Batangas, marked an important event focusing on "PPE One Time Cleansing," a specialized seminar for government agencies to meticulously review and update their property, plant, and equipment (PPE) records.

The day began with the registration of participants, followed by a solemn processional. The program officially started with the invocation, after which the assembly stood for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and the PICPA Star Hymn.

Ms. Rose Remo led the oath-taking of CPAs, ensuring that the profession's integrity was underscored. Ms. Victoria Logdat, in her welcome remarks, expressed her gratitude for the strong turnout of participants and emphasized the importance of the conference's theme.

Mr. Dexter F. Ortega, with his formal message, declared the official opening of the conference, encouraging all attendees to take part actively in the discussions that would follow. Special messages from key figures like Mr. Gerard B. Sanvictores further enhanced the learning experience for the participants, inspiring them to continue their dedication to accounting excellence and professionalism. Ms. Maria Rizza Guizzagan introduced the Guest of Honor, Hon. Hermilando Mandanas,

whose special message highlighted the critical role that accurate record-keeping and cleansing of PPE plays in ensuring transparency and accountability in government operations.

The conference then proceeded to its core focus, with a comprehensive discussion led by Atty. Kristine S. Cayetano. Her talk on "PPE One Time Cleansing" delved into the intricate processes involved in updating government agencies' PPE records. This crucial seminar provided participants with valuable insights on the technical and legal aspects of PPE documentation and management.

The first day concluded with fruitful discussions and high expectations for the sessions to come in the following days.

### Day 2: Appraisal and Disposal of Government Properties

The second day of the LGAO Conference, held on August 31, 2024, at Solano Hotel, Lipa City, focused on the critical topic of "Appraisal and Disposal of Government Properties." the day proved to be an essential continuation of the professional development program initiated on the first day.

The session commenced with the introduction of the main speaker, Engr. Maria Cecilia Alonzo, a renowned expert in the field of property appraisal and disposal. In her presentation, Engr. Alonzo discussed the importance of efficiently

appraising and disposing of government properties while ensuring compliance with legal frameworks and maximizing the value of assets. She provided comprehensive insights on the policies, procedures, and best practices related to the proper evaluation and disposal of government-owned properties.

Engr. Alonzo emphasized the importance of accurate property assessment and the need for government agencies to adhere strictly to regulations governing asset management. Her lecture included practical examples and case studies, which helped the participants gain a deeper understanding of the appraisal process, the identification of surplus properties, and the protocols involved in their disposal. The session also covered how to maximize the value of assets being disposed of, thereby contributing to financial accountability and better public resource management.

The session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer segment, where participants were able to clarify their concerns and receive expert advice from Engr. Alonzo. This further solidified the knowledge gained throughout the conference, fostering an environment of professional growth and competence among the attendees.

Day 2 of the LGAO Conference successfully met its objectives, empowering participants with the tools and knowledge to handle the appraisal and disposal of government properties efficiently. 🌟





## PICPA STaR & LGAO Joint Induction and Turnover Ceremonies

The PICPA LGAO and STAR Joint Induction and Turnover Ceremonies were held on August 30, 2024, at Solano Hotel, Sabang, Lipa City, Batangas. This grand event was hosted by the PICPA Lipa Chapter and served as a pivotal gathering for members of the Local Government Accountants Organization (LGAO) and the Southern Tagalog Region (STAR) chapters. The evening brought together various dignitaries, professionals, and PICPA members to witness the induction of new officers and celebrate the turnover of responsibilities.

The program commenced with a formal processional, followed by the National Anthem, a solemn prayer, and the PICPA STAR Hymn, marking the significance of the event. President Kevin Daan administered the Oath of CPAs. Ms. Norine G. Recio, Chair of Induction and Turnover Ceremonies, officially called the event to order, setting the mood for the evening's proceedings.



The Welcome Address was delivered by a representative of Hon. Eric B. Africa, who expressed his support for the professional growth and community engagement of PICPA members. This was followed by an Inspirational Message from Hon. Nicanor M. Briones, encouraging the newly inducted officers to uphold the values of integrity and service. The Guest Speaker, Hon. Edwin L.



Gardiola, shared valuable insights on leadership and responsibility, inspiring the audience to strive for excellence in their respective fields.

The event continued with a Message from the PICPA National EVP, Gerard Sanvictores, who highlighted the importance of strengthening regional and national partnerships within the organization. Hon. Maria Teresita S. Dimaculangan, representing the Board of Accountancy, delivered a heartfelt message, emphasizing the evolving role

of accountants in nation-building. A special moment was dedicated to the Awarding of a Plaque of Appreciation to distinguished guests, recognizing their invaluable contributions to PICPA. The keynote address was delivered by Hon. Sherwin "Win" T. Gatchalian, who underscored the significance of ethical leadership and professional excellence. Following the keynote, attendees enjoyed a delightful dinner accompanied by entertainment.

The second part of the program began with the Valedictory Address delivered by Manuel V. Mapoy, who reflected on his tenure and achievements as an

outgoing leader. The much-anticipated Induction of Officers was led by Hon. Sherwin T. Gatchalian, who administered the oaths of office to the incoming officers of LGAO and STAR. This was followed by the symbolic Turnover of the Gavel and Flag, signifying the official transition of leadership. Mr. Dexter F. Ortega, the newly inducted leader, delivered his Inaugural Address, outlining his vision for the chapter's future growth and development.

Gerardo Barcelona, the outgoing



director of PICPA STAR, then gave his Valedictory Address, expressing gratitude for the opportunities to serve and encouraging continued dedication from the members. The program culminated with the Induction of PICPA STAR Officers & Committee Chairs, again administered by Hon. Sherwin Gatchalian, followed by the Closing Remarks from Ms. Minette I. Ame, who thanked all participants and sponsors for their support and engagement throughout the event. The evening concluded with a lively Fellowship session, where guests had the opportunity to socialize and celebrate the success of the ceremony.

The PICPA LGAO & STAR Joint Induction and Turnover Ceremonies was a significant event, highlighting the importance of leadership transition and fostering a strong sense of camaraderie and collaboration among members. 🌟



# September Activities



3rd Chapter Council Meeting

The 3rd Chapter Council Meeting of the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) Lipa Chapter was held on September 06, 2024, at Ichirosan, Lipa City, Batangas.

The meeting was attended by eight participants: five out of the nine elected officers and three advisors of the chapter, which constitute quorum.

Agenda and key discussion points were: (1) the president's report where the previous month's activities were reviewed as well as compliance requirements, (2) September planned activities including: a civil society organization awarding, the 1st quarterly general membership meeting and a fellowship night. Other matter concerning the publication of the quarterly newsletter and its submission to the National Office was also discussed.

## 1st Quarterly General Membership Meeting



On September 27, 2024, the PICPA - Lipa City Chapter held its 1st Quarterly General Membership Meeting at Gerardo's Place, Lipa City. The meeting brought together chapter members to discuss ongoing initiatives, assess progress, and plan for the coming months.

The meeting began with opening remarks from Ms. Rosaly Remo, Chapter President, highlighting the importance of active participation in chapter activities. Members engaged in lively discussions on various chapter projects, ensuring that

all voices were heard in shaping future directions.

A significant moment during the meeting was the recognition

of members whose dedication was instrumental in the success of the recent 1st PICPA LGAO and STAR Conference, held on August 30-31, 2023. Their hard work and contributions were greatly appreciated.

The meeting wrapped up with a note of appreciation from the President, thanking everyone for their continuous support. The gathering was not only productive but also a great opportunity to strengthen the bond among members.



“Accounting is the art of turning chaos into clarity and confusion into financial wisdom.”

– Michael Carter



# SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

## Civil Society Organization Gawad Parangal



The PICPA Lipa City Chapter was honored to participate in the prestigious Civil Service Organization Gawad Parangal Awards Night held on September 27, 2024, from 1 PM to 4 PM at LASCA, Brgy. Dagatan, Lipa

City. The event, a celebration of dedication and excellence in civil service, highlighted the efforts of various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) across the region. The program commenced with a Prayer, followed by the National Anthem and the Lipeno Hymn, then a presentation on the CSO History and Project Highlights. Ms. Rosemarie Rosimo, CSO President, delivered the Opening

Remarks, and Vice Mayor Camille Lopez gave an inspiring message, acknowledging the vital role of CSOs.

One of the highlights of the event was the Presentation of the Plaque to the Accredited Civil Society Organizations, including the PICPA Lipa Chapter, in recognition of their steadfast commitment and contributions to various initiatives in Lipa City.

The event concluded with the Gawad Parangal Awarding and Closing Remarks from Ms. Gina Sy, former CSO President. The PICPA Lipa City Chapter is grateful for this recognition and remains committed to serving Lipa City and its community. 🌟

## Members' Fellowship Night

On September 27, 2024, the PICPA Lipa Chapter held its highly anticipated Members' Fellowship Night at Gerardo's Place in Lipa City, Batangas. The event brought together members of the chapter for an evening of camaraderie and fun, highlighting the chapter's dedication to fostering unity and strengthening relationships within the organization.

The venue, Gerardo's Place, provided the perfect venue for the night's activities. The comforting ambiance allowed members to relax and socialize in a more informal setting. Members

took turns on the dance floor, enjoying the music. The fellowship night also featured a dinner that delighted the attendees, further enhancing the overall experience.

The night was not only a celebration of friendship and collaboration but also

an indication of the spirit of fellowship that PICPA Lipa continuously upholds. Everyone left the event with fond memories and a renewed sense of connection. 🌟



Camaraderie doesn't happen by accident; developing a strong sense of trust, accountability, and togetherness around team goals requires intentional effort.  
-Don Yaeger




## Member's Amnesty and Reinstatement Program

Per Board Resolution No. 2024-06-012 Series of 2024-2025 dated July 2, 2024, members with delinquent accounts are now allowed to become members in good standing by paying current year's membership dues of P1,000.00 and amnesty fee of P1,000.00. The Member's Amnesty Program is from July 1, 2024 up to October 31, 2024.

Members with delinquent accounts failing to avail of the above Member's Amnesty Program, may avail of the Member's Reinstatement Program by paying a reinstatement fee of P2,000.00 on top of the current year's membership dues of P1,000.00. The Member's Reinstatement Program is from November 1, 2024 up to June 30, 2025.

The above provisions are posted on PICPA's website and MELS via ED Memo No. 002 FY 2024-2025. [↗](#)



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## Upcoming Activities

### 2nd quarter - October to December 2024

Seminar, "The Moral Compass of Accounting: Addressing Ethical Challenges"

PICPA-Tanim Project

Seminar, "Innovative Technologies Transforming the Accounting Landscape"

PICPA Annual National Convention

Seminar, "Enhancing Audit Quality through Best Practices"

PICPA Lipa City Year-End Party

Christmas Gift-giving at the Home for the Aged

2nd General Membership Meeting

### 3rd quarter - January to March 2025

Seminar, "Establishing Your Presence: Personal Branding Essentials for Accountants"

3rd LGAO Conference

Seminar, "Client Relationship Management: Key Tactics for Accountants"

Seminar, "Optimizing Internal Control Audit Processes"

3rd General Membership Meeting

### 4th quarter - April to June 2025

Seminar, "Protecting Financial Data: Cybersecurity Essentials for Accounting Professionals"

4th LGAO Conference

Seminar, "The Art of Clear and Persuasive Communication in Accounting"

PICPA Election

Seminar, "Advanced Excel Skills for Accounting Efficiency"

4th General Membership Meeting

# Special Feature



◀ About the author

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*Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.*

“Being a leader is a very hard yet very significant task. Why? Because when you are a leader, everyone is looking up to you, everyone is relying on you. So every decision that you make, you must remember your core values, Values Above All. Because your values will be the soul of your leadership.

I may be one of the leaders today, but I am sure that tomorrow will be much better taken care by your vision and leadership.”

- Rosaly C. Remo



Let's get to know our president ▶

Our inspiring and dedicated president is a seasoned public practitioner with more than 15 years of experience in audit, tax and advisory. In her years of service to PICPA, through her leadership, passion, and commitment, she not only helped steer the chapter to greater heights but she also has touched so many lives.

## Which Pot Do You Want To Be

Norine G. Recio

Nicky Gumbel, an English Anglican priest and founder of the Alpha Course, once wrote in one of his devotionals:

*A water-bearer in India had two large pots, both hung on the ends of a pole, which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot always arrived half full. The poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.*

*After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water-bearer one day by the stream: 'I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologise to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts.'*

*The bearer said to the pot, 'Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.*

We as professional practitioners can be either pot. We can be that perfect pot without blemish or we can be that old and rugged broken pot that is full of holes. Which pot should we want to be called? There is no right or wrong answer here. It is a matter of choice. Do we want to be an extremely successful professional but remain an individualist or, do we want to be an accomplished practitioner yet along the way we are able to touch the lives of many around us?

Let us have a mindset not as perfect practitioners but as professionals knowing that we have flaws; yet believing that we are able to function just as effectively and productively as we can be.

Today, let us think beyond the box and beyond numbers. Let us be relevant by touching the lives of many; building impact in the community we belong, and be a difference maker. ✍

