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Message from Editor-in-Chief



Happy New Year and welcome to 2017! I do hope that each and everyone of you had a **most joyful closure to 2016**. Indeed MAFFAA continues to soar in unprecedented ways year after year.

Today, I write to you with much excitement because of the many successes we've had to date. This past month, MAFFAA joined the Filipino-American community in its preparation for Christmas. From early morning masses in Arlington at St. Charles Borromeo to evening masses in Silver Spring, Oxon Hill and Rockville through the Filipino Choir of St. Jude, the spirit of Christmas shined throughout the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.

Furthermore, my Co-Executive Director, Dr. Lorna Imperial Seidel had the privilege of receiving the 2016 Philippine Banaag

Award, conferred by His Excellency Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte at the Malacañang Palace in Manila. She received this award on behalf of the Philippine Nurses Association of Metropolitan DC (PNAMDC). This prestigious award is conferred to Filipino individuals or organizations for their significant contributions to the advancement and promotion of the overseas Filipino community. Congrats PNAMDC!

May this year bring prosperity and continued success to you all!

Respectfully, Patrick Realiza Editor-in-Chief, The MAFFAA Journal

DECEMBER 2016 RECAP

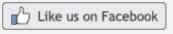
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