



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## CONSUL GENERAL ATTENDS FILIPINO COMMUNITY EVENTS IN CHICAGO

On the occasion of the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Philippine Independence, Consul General Gina Jamoralin attended the first of a series of Filipino community-organized commemorative events, an Awards and Coronation Gala Night which was organized by the Philippine Week Committee (PWC) on June 2, 2018 at the Diplomat West Banquet in Elmhurst, Illinois. Six (6) outstanding Filipino-American leaders received recognition award same evening for their significant contributions in different areas such as entrepreneurship, financial achievement, business, civic and humanitarian services, nursing and international relations.

Consul General Jamoralin delivered her keynote message enjoining the Filipino-Americans to exercise their political and civic responsibility to vote in forthcoming general elections in the United States in November and for Filipino citizens to register as overseas absentee voter for Philippine senatorial elections in 2019. She also encouraged them and their children to visit the Philippines to renew kinship ties and to rediscover their roots. Consul General Jamoralin ended her speech by saying, “in this yearly ritual of remembrance and renewal, I hope we will all come to embody the spirit of heroism and sacrifice of our heroes”.

Earlier, Consul General Jamoralin also attended the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and induction of officers of the Chicago Nightingales on May 5, 2018 at Drury Lane Theater, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. Chicago Nightingales has a number of humanitarian projects in the Chicago area such as feeding program, program for homeless veterans, relief assistance during disasters. They also support projects such as medical missions and free vocational training programs in the Philippines.



Consul General Jamoralin with PWC officers and Filipino-American awardees

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Consul General Jamoralin inducting the incoming officers of the Chicago Nightingales



Consul General Jamoralin speaking before the members and guests at the Chicago Nightingales Induction and Dinner Ball