GPC Members Meeting 2018: Building Trust for Philanthropic Impact

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Corazon Soliman received a degree in Social Work, from the University of the Philippines; an MPA from Kennedy School, Harvard, and is a Littauer and Mason Fellow. Social development professional with over 30 years of experience as a leader in Philippine civil society and a practitioner of community organizing and people empowerment through involvement in different local and international NGOs. Currently, Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD); spearheads projects for poverty-reduction, social protection and disaster relief operations. National Project Director: KALAHI-CIDSS (Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan or Linking Arms to Combat Poverty - Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services); Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, investing in the health and education of poor households; National Household Targeting System, which identifies who and where the poor are in the country, and helps determine which social interventions best suit their needs. Also has steered the Department's actions and services for disaster victims, such as relief distribution, temporary housing and livelihoods. Recognized as one of Ten Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) in the field of Agrarian Reform and Community Development (1992).

Ernesto D. Garilao is the President of the Zuellig Family Foundation, whose mission is to reduce health inequities to improve health outcomes of the poor. He was a faculty member at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) from 1999 to 2010, founding Executive Director (2004-2009) at the AIM-Team Energy Center for Bridging Societal Divides and Associate Dean of the AIM Center for Development Management (CDM). He served as Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) from 1992- 1998 under the administration of former President Fidel Ramos and Vice-Chairperson of the Social Reform Council, the highest policy-making body for the Philippines' anti-poverty programs from 1994-1998. He also served as Project Officer (1971) and Executive Director (1978-1992) of the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP).

He was an instructor at the Notre Dame of Jolo College (Sulu) in 1968-1969. He took his Master in Public Administration at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (1988) and Master in Management (with Distinction) from the Asian Institute of Management (1982).

Peggy Dulany is Chair of the Synergos Institute, a global nonprofit organization helping solve complex problems of poverty and inequality by promoting and supporting collaboration. Drawing from her experience living and working in Rio de Janeiro as a young woman, she realized that the people most affected by adverse living conditions also have the greatest energy and motivation to solve their problems. The resources they lack are connections to the economic and political realms where necessary changes can affect whole communities.

Peggy founded Synergos in 1986 to facilitate relationships among grassroots groups and government or business leaders and organizations, people who otherwise would not have access to each other, so that they can develop long-term relationships and forge new paths in overcoming poverty. In 2001, she co-founded Synergos' Global Philanthropists Circle with her father, David Rockefeller, to support philanthropic families in using this approach.

Her career has included heading a public high school program for drop-outs and consulting with the United Nations and the Ford Foundation on health care and family planning, and with the National Endowment for the Arts on nonprofit management and planning. She was Senior Vice President of the New York City Partnership, where she headed the Youth Employment, Education and Community Affairs programs.

Peggy is an honors graduate of Radcliffe College and holds a Doctorate in Education from Harvard University. She has sat on over thirty nonprofit and corporate boards including Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Africa-America Institute, among others. She runs two socially responsible businesses: a grass-fed beef and guest ranch in Montana and an ecotourism operation in Namibia. Through Synergos, she also guides wilderness retreats that offer participants a safe space in which to reflect on their deepest purpose in life.