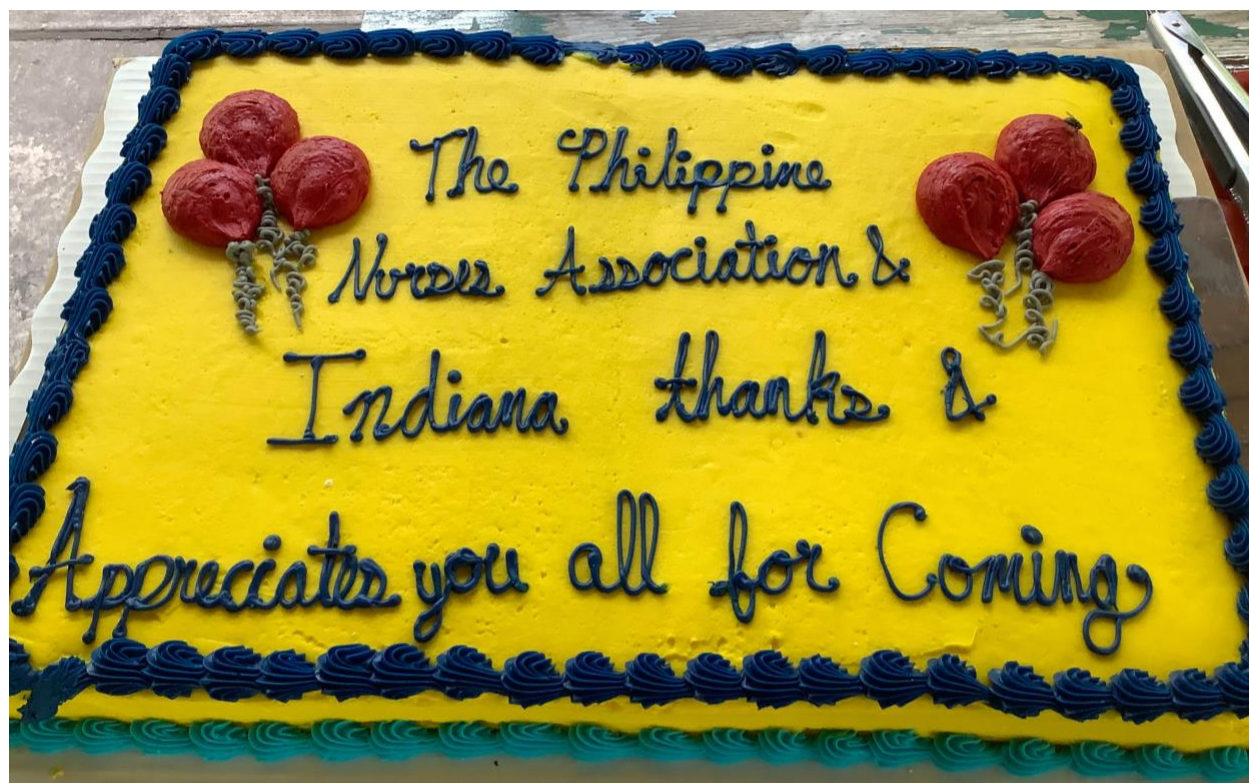


PNA-IN's First Appreciation Summer Picnic
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For the first time in the Philippine Nurses Association of Indiana's (PNA-IN) history, an appreciation summer picnic for members (current and new), families and supporters was held on July 30, 2023 at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis, Indiana. The attendance of 130 plus nurses with families, children, and friends from the community including administrators of Brickyard Healthcare more than met expectations.





The relaxed ambience of warm greetings to old and new acquaintances was accented by catching up after the restricted COVID-19 years. An array of meat and vegetable dishes— pork BBQ, adobo, fried chicken, Pancit, pizza, pinakbet, salad and a generous spread of desserts— PNA-IN commemorative cake, pies, pastries, chips with dip, and a variety of fruits was a welcome sight.





The picnic was prepared with hard work and diligent preparation by the members of the Executive Board led by President Mattie Upano including food donations from members and supportive friends. The need of having an appreciation gathering was recommended by this writer to thank our members and supporters.



The memories of our picnic's resounding success will linger especially in the minds of the young children who participated in breaking the 2 piñatas. Their excitement and the looks on their faces from candies bursting out of the piñata was palpable and priceless!





There's a joyful anticipation for next year's summer gathering and years to come.
Hats off to PNA-IN for commemorating the first ever appreciation summer picnic!





























