



Accomplishment Report

2021 National Women’s Month Celebration: We Make Change for Women Work
 Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kaya!
 March 1-31, 2021

DATE	ACTIVITY	OBJECTIVE/S	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
March 8 (Monday)	Virtual Kick-Off Program of the CA month-long celebration of Women’s Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To support the International Women’s Month Celebration ▪ To officially commence the CA month-long celebration of Women’s Month in accordance to the 2017-2022 National Women’s Month Celebration Theme: WE Make CHANGE Work for Women / Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kaya! ▪ To present the CA-GAD Comm and PCW activities for the month of March 	<p>Announced the month-long activities for the month of March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ #PurpleMondays - Employees were encouraged to wear anything purple on all the Mondays of March starting March 8 to signify support for women’s empowerment and gender equality ▪ Placed the official 2021 NWMC banner ▪ Announced the distribution of GAD t-shirts, face masks, and hand sanitizers ▪ Si Juan at Juana sa Gitna ng Pandemya – A Virtual Sharing of Experiences of Men and Women During COVID-19 Pandemic ▪ Usapang Babae sa Babae: Rights of a Married Woman – A CA Virtual Forum ▪ Sharing of books about women’s lives, lifestyle magazines for women, and other related reading materials ▪ Gratitude Wall: #My Wonder Juana, #MySuperJuan

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Essay Writing Contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Babae sa Nababagong Panahon - Lalaki sa Nababagong Panahon ▪ PCW-organized Activities (online forum series, online advocacy, song writing contest)
March 9 (Tuesday)	<p>Essay Writing Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Babae sa Nababagong Panahon</i> - <i>Lalaki sa Nababagong Panahon</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide an opportunity for women and men employees of the Commission to demonstrate their writing talents and creativity 	<p>In line with this year's celebration of the National Women's Month with the theme, "We Make Change for Women Work – Juana Laban sa Pandemya: Kaya!" the Commission on Appointments' GAD Committee sponsored an essay writing contest with sub-theme "<i>Babae sa Nagbabagong Panahon, Lalaki sa Nagbabagong Panahon.</i>"</p> <p>The winner for the female category was Ms. Krizza Joanna Agregado with her piece entitled "Si Juana at ang Corona." In the male category, Mr. Dexter Umali bagged the first place with his essay "The Gender Box." Aside from receiving their certificates of recognition, the winners of the 2021 NWMC Essay Writing Contest received cash prizes of P3,000.00 each.</p> <p>On 09 March 2021, the CA-GAD Secretariat started accepting entries for the essay writing contest, the deadline of submission was on 18 March 2021. The mechanics/guidelines for the Essay Writing Contest was posted in bulletin boards and in conspicuous places within the premises of CA. The CA-GAD Secretariat received seven (7) entries: four females and three males.</p>

<p>March 11 (Thursday)</p>	<p>Honesty Book Booth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To encourage greater reading of literary materials about women’s lives and notable women in our history 	<p>The CA-GAD Comm Secretariat set up a small honesty booth for the sharing of reading materials related to stories of women’s lives, notable women in history, and lifestyle. Similar to the concept of an “honesty store” the booth was unmanned, allowing CA employees to choose and borrow the reading materials they want trusting that they will do the right thing and return the reading materials after reading it.</p> <p>Everyone was expected to be honest. A log-book was simply provided in the booth to write the title of the reading material borrowed, the date it was borrowed, name of borrower, signature of borrower, and the date the reading material will be returned.</p> <p>The honest book booth served as a space for CA employees to buy/sell used books, following the “honesty store” concept.</p>
<p>March 11 (Thursday)</p>	<p>Gratitude Wall: #My Wonder Juana, #MySuperJuan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide a venue for CA employees to reflect on what they are grateful for amidst the COVID-19 pandemic 	<p>The Gratitude Wall provided a safe space for CA employees to share their feelings, their insights, and the things they are grateful for amidst the negative effects of COVID-19 in daily lives. The Gratitude Wall had the theme: “Sa kabila ng pandemya, thankful ka because...”</p>
<p>March 18 (Thursday) 09:00 am to 11:00 am</p>	<p>Sina #WonderJuana at #SuperJuan sa Gitna ng Pandemya – A Virtual Sharing of Experiences of Men and Women During COVID-19 Pandemic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide a safe space for CA employees to share personal experiences, immediate needs, challenges, and lessons learnt in coping with the COVID-19 pandemic and the new normal. ▪ To provide mindfulness exercises and activities which can reduce stress and enhance individuals’ coping mechanisms during COVID-19 pandemic. 	<p>The two-hour webinar was a follow-through activity of last year’s GAD Webinar on “Building Mental Resilience During COVID-19 and the New Normal.”</p> <p>The resource speakers from myCORD, namely Ms. Majella Tumangan-Villaroman and Dr. Alyssa Kae Alegre, focused on coping and resilience of women and men employees of CA, and provided certain mindfulness exercises and activities which can be used by everyone, especially those who are overwhelmed by their circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the webinar tackled the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental, Physical, and Social Resilience ● Four Factors of Happiness and Wellbeing ● The Science of Mindfulness and its Benefits

<p>March 22 (Monday)</p> <p>02:00 pm to 04:00 pm</p>	<p>Usapang Babae sa Babae: Legal Rights of a Married Woman – A CA Virtual Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To enable women to become aware of their legal position inside a marriage ▪ To share personal experiences and lessons learned in life among married women 	<p>The resource speaker was Judge Sarmiento-Flores, the Presiding Judge of the Regional Trial Court, Branch 71, Pasig City.</p> <p>This virtual forum circled on Hillary Clinton’s quote: “Human rights are women’s rights, and women’s rights are human rights.” The following were explained by Judge Flores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RA 9710 – Magna Carta of Women ● RA 11210 – Expanded Maternity Leave Act ● The Civil Code of the Philippines ● E.O. 209 – The Family Code ● Women rights as a wife, mother, employee, and individual person <p>Participants were encouraged to share their personal experiences and lessons learned as wife to her husband, mother to her child/ren, and employee of CA.</p>
<p>April 28 (Wednesday)</p>	<p>Closing Ceremony</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To officially close the CA month-long celebration of Women’s Month ▪ To announce the winners and award tokens and prizes for all the activities 	<p>Announcement of winners for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Essay Writing Contest ▪ Surprise Award for #MyWonder Juana