

## MARIA EVERILDA (MARILDA) FRANCISCO KANE, B.A.

**President of St. James Financial Services Corp.**  
**A Commissioner for Oaths in and for Province of Alberta**  
**Member of Association of Accredited Small Business Consultants**  
**Recipient of The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers**

*(Presented to Maria Kane in March, 2017 by The Hon. Diane Lebovitch, Minister of National Revenue and The Hon. Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities)*



Marilda was born in the Philippines, but moved to Pakistan shortly after. Her father came to Pakistan as a missionary dentist for the Holy Family Hospital. Later he was assigned to a hospital as the company dentist for an American company (Guy F. Atkinson) and an Italian Company (Impregilo) building Mangla Dam and Tarbela Dam.

Marilda graduated from High School at the International School of Islamabad, Pakistan, where she was on the Honor Society. She was very active as a Cheerleader and many of the sport teams. She also won trophies for her art work.

A scholarship was granted by Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, California, USA, where Marilda graduated with an **Associate in Arts** degree.

Later, Marilda graduated from the University of the East (Philippines) with a **Bachelor of Arts** degree.

She has modeled for FINA Magazine, Avon, Philippines Airlines, Rough Rider and Wrangler Jeans and also entered the movie industry briefly with Diamond Productions.

Later, Marilda joined one of the first Pre - schools established in the Philippines with Mrs. Sonia Roco as the Director.

In the field of Import/Export she was the Office Manager and Marketing Assistant of a large embroidery firm for children's wear.

She also taught at Miriam College (formerly Maryknoll College) as a Language and Reading Teacher and also taught Hawaiian Dancing and Art.

Marilda is an author of a series of books for National Book Store which pays ongoing royalties.

Before coming to Canada she taught at the International School in Jakarta, Indonesia. In Canada, Marilda first worked as a Liaison Worker for the ESL Centre, Edmonton Catholic Schools. Marilda assessed the English language capabilities, as well as the native tongue of new Filipino children entering into the Canadian school system. Marilda also worked with Catholic Social Services, at the Millwoods Welcome Centre for Immigrants, Millbourne Market Mall, Millwoods site for approximately 10 years. There she worked as a Settlement Counsellor for Immigration and Settlement Service, in Edmonton, Alberta.

In 2003, Marilda was nominated for the “Citizenship Citation Award.” She received the HIYAS Award of Excellence for Community Service, also in 2003. In 2004, Marilda was nominated for the first “RISE Awards”- Recognizing Immigrant Success and Endeavors. In 2007, Marilda was nominated again and received the RISE Award.

In 2005, Marilda twice received the Alberta Centennial Medal.

From 2007 to 2012, Marilda was the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for Westlawn Courts, a self-contained 199 Suite Senior’s Complex in the City of Edmonton.

In March, 2017, The Hon. Diane Boutheillier, Minister of National Revenue and The Hon. Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities presented Marilda with **The Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers** on behalf of the Government of Canada.

Marilda’s many extracurricular activities include her business as an Events Planner, Coordinator and Consultant with her own corporation called **Paradise Magic Inc.** supplying tropical themes and tours for any Event, with great success.

She also serves as President of **Filipino Support Services Society** as well as Association of Batangenos of Alberta and United Bicolanos of Alberta, and is current President of **St. James Financial Services Corp.** Marilda is a registered member of **Association of Accredited Small Business Consultants.**