



# CIAG NEWSLETTER

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## CLSU International Alumni Group 2nd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas- HIGHLIGHTS

Only two and a half years old as a formally organized non-profit organization, the CLSU International Alumni Group (CIAG) seems to have grown a dozen years as it held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Reunion last September 18-19 in Las Vegas. This can be attributed to the outstanding and untiring efforts of the Homecoming/Reunion Committee chaired by Regional Vice President **Gerry Galinato**, vice chaired by Treasurer **Norma 'Ohma' Viray** in planning, coordinating and implementing the proceedings of the reunion, as well as the strong support and cooperation of many CIAG officers and members.

Of the more than 150 who attended the event, more than fifty are new faces. Although this by itself is an important leap forward, the more significant happening is the greater interest and participation of the younger alumni. The new president, **Rodrigo Dioso, Jr.**, who is relatively young, leads a set of officers about half of which is comparatively young. Also, with more participation from more regions including three from Canada and nine from the United States, CIAG now has 13 regional vice presidents in 12 areas and a regional vice president at large. Only the Las Vegas region has two regional vice presidents.

CLSU President **Dr. & Mrs. Ruben C. Sevilleja** led the dignitaries who attended the reunion. Also present were **Dr. Zenaida Serna**, Alumni Relations Office Director in CLSU, **Dr. Eliseo Ruiz**, former CLSU President and currently, President of the CLSU Alumni Foundation, Inc., **Dr. Romeo Padilla**, Founding President and Owner of the PanPacific University, and **Dr. Nestor Alvarez**, former Mayor and currently the City Administrator of the Science City of Munoz.

### Early Arrival Reception

The event started with a dinner for the early arrivals on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the **Kusina ni Lorraine** in Las Vegas tendered by the Local Arrangements Committee, co-chaired by **Angela T. Gaetos** and **DG Lakay Elegado**. More than 80 attended the dinner and although the restaurant was contracted only from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., many of the alumni, like long lost brothers/sisters had a long time saying farewell causing **Gerry Galinato** to announce several times that the party had to end and the reunion would convene the next day with the Registration and General Assembly meeting.



### The General Assembly Meeting

Saturday, September 18 started with the registration of the reunion participants at 8:30 a.m. followed by Remarks/Presentations by CLSU officials and the General Assembly meeting. **Gerry Galinato**, welcomed all the delegates followed by an invocation given by **Floro Gutierrez**, CIAG Secretary. CLSU President **Sevilleja**, spoke personally and officially extended his warm greetings to everyone and shared a summary of CLSU's accomplishments since he assumed the presidency in May of 2007. He also shared CLSU's goals and future programs. This was followed by remarks and presentations from **Dr. Eliseo Ruiz**, **Dr. Zenaida Serna** and **Dr. Romeo Padilla**.

Outgoing CIAG President **Val Pascual** rendered his report to the general assembly followed by **Norma B. Viray's** Treasurer's Report and reports from the various committees. **Johnny Raniel**, Elections committee Chair conducted the election of officers.

## Dinner and Dance Night

As customary, the gala event is the dinner dance in the evening. **Gerry Galinato** and **Norma B. Viray** co-emceed the affair. The National Anthems of the USA and the Philippines was led by **Tara Jose and Paul Bonzato**, respectively while the CLSU Hymn was led by **Dr. Zenaida Serna**. Other parts of the program included Introductory Remarks by **Gerry Galinato**, Invocation by **Francisco Carpio**, Welcome Address by CIAG President **Val Pascual**, Brief Recognition of All Delegates and Attendees by the Regional Vice Presidents or their proxies, Recognition of Visiting CLSU Officials by **Floro Gutierrez**, CIAG Secretary; Surprise Musical Number from **Dr. Zenaida Serna**; Introduction of the Guest Speaker by **Dr. Fiorello Abenes**; Inspirational Message by CLSU President **Dr. Ruben Sevilleja**; Presentation of Plaques and Certificates by **Dr. Ed Cabacungan**, CIAG Adviser **Juanito Campos** and CIAG President **Val Pascual**; Presentation of the Newly Elected Officers by **Johnny Raniel**; Induction of Officers by **Dr. Sevilleja**; and Closing Remarks by **Rodrigo Dioso, Jr.**, CIAG Outgoing 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Incoming President.

The newly inducted officers for the ensuing years 2011 and 2012 are:

President	-	Rodrigo Dioso, Jr.
Vice President		Juanito Campos
Regional Vice Presidents:		
At Large		Fiorello Abenes
Central Canada		Lun Mateo
Eastern Canada		Manny Buado
Western Canada		Florentina Alcos
Hawaii		Jesus Guirao
Las Vegas		DG Lakay Elegado
		Lilia D. Lopez
Los Angeles		Cornelio Binoya, Jr.
Midwest		Gil Valenzuela
Northeast Coast		Renato Cuizon
Northern California		Lorie S. Malonzo
Pacific NW Inter-Mountain		Gerry Galinato
San Diego		Annie A. Silva
Southeast Coast		Gilbert Sigua
Secretary		Nenita G. Perez
Treasurer		Norma B. Viray
Auditor		Rey Osoteo
Press Relations Officer		Floro R. Gutierrez
Business Manager		Bart Cinense

## The Sunday Brunch

The Sunday Brunch and Fellowship attended by over 100 alumni, former faculty/staff and friends was held at the Silverado Ranch Community Park, Las Vegas and started at 10 a.m. on September 19. CIAG Secretary **Floro Gutierrez** emceed the affair which included brief remarks by **DG Lakay**

**Elegado**, Regional VP and co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee and Invocation by **Magdalena Elegado Mercado**. Aside from the scrumptious brunch that everybody enjoyed tremendously, they also had a blast celebrating birthdays which included **Rene Cuizon's 50<sup>TH</sup>** on that day as well as all those born in September.







## The Grand Canyon Tour.....

Many attendees joined a side trip to the Grand Canyon in Arizona the following day on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. En route to that great national park, the group toured the Hoover Dam and ByPass Bridge in the Nevada-Colorado border.

Many of the delegates continued the reunion activities with the mini-reunion on September 22<sup>nd</sup> held at the residence of **Annie Silva**, Incoming Regional VP and husband Nestor in Escondido, CA.

From comments heard during and after the reunion, the event was very successful exceeding most everyone's expectations. Will the next reunion be as grand?

That remains to be seen, but in the meantime, CIAG is stepping up efforts for more donations to the CLSUAAI's Hostel Project and drumming up wider participation in the 2011 CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming.

## MABUHAY ANG CLSU !!!

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*Pictures provided by Bart Cinense and Ohma Viray*



Pictures taken during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Reunion in Las Vegas will be posted on the CIAG website. If interested to get a CD of the pictures, please email to order to the CIAG Secretary or Treasurer. A donation of (\$5-\$10) will cover the costs & the postage.



**The Grand Canyon Bus Tour**  
was attended by: **Dr. Ruben & Giselle Sevilleja, Dr. Ely Ruiz, Dr. Zenaida 'Ayds' Serna, Val & Beulah Pascual, Floro & Zeny Gutierrez, Senen & Florentina Alcos, Johnny & Auring Baguyos, Drs. Ed & Nenet Cabacungan, Gerry & Lettie Galinato, Lito & Ohma Viray & Willie Bonzato.**