



## CLSU INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI GROUP (CIAG)



Let me begin, once again, by saying thank you to all members, committees and officers who gave me the helping hands in implementing my programs during my administration and making my vision into reality.

As we all perform our various tasks, great or small, I pray that we will be much more self-fulfilled and certainly better off as we constantly reflect on, as well as affirm, the fact that we share the common, principled determination and moral courage in extending our helping hands to our beloved Alma Mater. We should, likewise, promote harmony among us, with the hope that we will achieve universal peace and harmony.

September is upon us soon. I am looking forward to the Grand Reunion in Las Vegas. This event is very special, exciting and full of activities, so join us and send your registration fee early to our treasurer, Ohma Viray, preferably before August 7. Also, make

reservations to the hotel as soon as possible. I am also looking forward to all regional vice-presidents to coordinate with all members within their jurisdictions regarding this event. We have more delegations from the Philippines compared to our previous reunion. We must welcome them by our attendance to the event.

"Grow or die", is a great law of nature. We feel a need for continued growth of our organization. Guided by our mission and vision for the future, we line up numerous programs to address current concerns in membership and finances. Therefore, I am encouraging members to look for more members. I am soliciting more donations for our scholarship funds and contributions to our endowment funds.

**MABUHAY AND SEE YOU IN LAS VEGAS!**

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Meeting of the CIAG Las Vegas Group (L-R): Gerry Galinato (Boise, ID), Manny and Olympia Ruiz, Norma and Cesar Caindec, & Lettie Galinato (inset).

### REUNION COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO PLAN ACTIVITIES

#### Meeting in Las Vegas

Reunion Committee Co-Chair Gerry Galinato met with the CIAG members and supporters of the Las Vegas Group on March 2, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the meeting was to apprise them about the status of the planning efforts for the upcoming 3rd CIAG Reunion in Las Vegas. It was also an  
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### CIAG EDITORIAL TEAM

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## EDITORIAL

By: Floro R. Gutierrez

### The Lenten Season and the CIAG'ERS



As CIAG secretary for two and a half years starting in July 2008, I refrained from sending/forwarding religious or political email. And in the few occasions that I did, I always included some kind of disclaimer like, "whichever is your political

or religious inclination, you may find the email below worth reading," or something to that effect. But now as the Press Relation Officer, I think that it is not altogether taboo to share some religious/political thoughts, as long as these will not bring divisive arguments that result to an undesirable discord. In fact, I believe becoming more zealous in one's religious beliefs is healthy. Our current CIAG secretary, a successful realtor, for instance, is now an ordained clergy after responding to God's incessant call for her to join the pastoral ministry (see related story on page 3). Also, our regional vice president in the Mid-west who is an agricultural engineer heard God's call earlier and is leading his flock of followers in Chicago for several years now.

At this juncture, the reader may be wondering what connection Lent has with a CIAG'er, and this can be seen shortly.

The Lenten Season, as we all know, is observed by

Christians beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 22, this year) up to Easter which is a total of 40 days, not counting Sundays. The forty-day period is symbolic of the 40 days of fasting that Jesus went through before starting his three-year public ministry.

Roman Catholics and Protestants vary in their rituals and observance of Lent, but have some common traditions. In general, both believe that Lent is the best time to imitate the life of Jesus and this involves acts of penitence, fasting and giving up some things like ice cream, chocolate, etc. The early Christians during Lent fasted everyday till sunset; nowadays, fasting is observed by missing a meal or abstaining from eating meat on Fridays. Others give up more substantial things like expensive clothes, purses, vacation trips/cruises, etc. not only during the Lenten Season but throughout the year.

Now this is the connection I have in mind between the Lenten Season and the CIAG'ers. This Lenten Season, as we endeavor to live like Jesus, sacrifice and give up some of the material things and comfort we are used to, can we donate the unexpected savings from this 'fasting' or at least a part of it to worthwhile projects like the CIAG Endowment Fund?

Finally, one lasting thought on Lent. In the observance of Lent, many of us might have asked the question, "what should I give up?" A theologian remarked that the question to ask should be "How worthy is Jesus? What is Jesus' worth?" I don't know about you but to me my answer is found in a simple Sunday School song we used to sing back in the early 1950s and runs thus: "Jesus is all the world to me..."

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE! -frg.**

## CIAG OFFICERS PLEDGE DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CIAG President Rod Dioso, Jr. recently pledged to donate \$100 to the Scholarship Fund and challenged everyone to join him and do the same. In response to this challenge, Ohma Viray (CIAG Treasurer) and husband, Lito quickly responded to the challenge and made a \$100 pledge. Ohma remarked, "To keep the ball rolling, Lito and I are pledging to donate \$100 as well."

It was then followed shortly by Gerry Galinato (VP for the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West Region) and wife Lettie, who also committed to match the \$100 pledge made by the other two officers. "Our goal is to gradually increase the number of student scholars we are supporting who pursue bachelor degrees in various colleges at the Central Luzon State University, our alma Mater," Gerry noted.

Gerry, who is also the Chairman of the CIAG Scholarships, Education and Awards (SEA) Committee added "I believe that if we can increase the Scholarship Funds with the help of our co-alumni, friends and supporters within a reasonable and achievable level, we can support perhaps one or two more scholars at CLSU annually at a sustainable rate until we have enough earnings from our Endowment Fund which we are also trying to build and grow."

According to Ohma's latest financial status report (see

page 8), the balance of CIAG's Scholarship Fund to date is \$2,270. This amount already excludes the \$600 which was recently delivered personally by Ohma to the CLSU Alumni Association to support two CIAG scholars for the School Year 2012-2013.

Ms. Gillianne G. Gantioque, one of the two current CIAG scholars is expected to graduate in April 2012 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. The CIAG SEA Committee will again work with the CLSU Alumni Association in identifying and selecting a new scholar for the School Year 2012-2013.

The key source of funding for the CIAG Scholarship Fund is derived from the net proceeds of the Souvenir Program Book Projects undertaken in conjunction with the previous CIAG Grand Reunion in 2010 and the upcoming 2012 Reunion. Both Souvenir Program projects are chaired by Ohma. Past donations also came from the CLSU Agricultural Engineering Graduates Group (CIAG members) and the Galinato Brothers.

If you are interested to make a pledge and/donate to the CIAG Scholarship Fund, please contact, Ohma Viray, CIAG Treasurer at (916) 897-9001 or email address: [ohmaviray@aol.com](mailto:ohmaviray@aol.com). (Contributed by Gerry Galinato).

## KNOW YOUR CIAG OFFICERS

By: Floro R. Gutierrez

We planned to feature our association's secretary and the three regional vice presidents of Southern USA. in this issue. Our hope is in the next two issues (May and July) we would have featured all our current officers. And as an advance tip to everyone, once we are incorporated, which our task force headed by Engr. Johnny Raniel is fervently working on, in the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grand CLSUIAG, Inc. reunion, we will be electing the members of the Board of Directors. Some of the information we have shared about these officers may help us make up our minds as to whom to nominate and vote for this coming September.



Ms. Nenita Garcia Perez, our energetic secretary hails from Murrietta, CA. Nenet or Neth to some of her close friends is a natural born leader, scholar, writer and editor. In her student days, she was a Cocofed scholar (President Ferdinand Marcos Coconut Federation scholar) and editor-in-chief of the CLSU *Collegian*, the university's official student organ.

Nenet is a successful realtor affiliated with the Brady Harris Real Estate. She heard the call to Christian ministry a few years ago. Favorably responding to God's call, she studied at the Calvary Bible College by actual classroom setting and at the Open Bible Institute and Theological Seminary by distant-learning and earned a master's degree on Biblical Counseling. In October 2011, she was ordained as a clergy and thereafter was actively engaged in mission work in Toronto, Canada. As of this writing she is still there in a three-week mission. Nenet says they also have an on-going mission work in Pangasinan and in the Bicol region but for now is concentrating in their mission work in Canada.

A 1981 BSA graduate in CLSU, Nenet is happily married to Edwin Perez and are blessed with a son, now a teenager.



Karlo, Annie & Nestor Silva

Ms. Annie Arcinue Silva is our regional vice president from the San Diego Area. She is one of the most active among our regional vice presidents organizing activities like Christmas celebrations, ably assisted by close friends Marlie and Gilbert Ayala as well as her sister Gloria Arcinue De Vera and her husband. Annie graduated with a BSA degree from CLSU

in 1981. She was an active member of the Students Cultural Society. After graduation she worked as a public school teacher in Pangasinan National High School in her hometown, Lingayen.

Annie married a fellow CLSU graduate, Nestor Silva after dating for ten years. Both Annie and Nestor are currently working as Agricultural Standards Inspectors with the County of San Diego Agriculture, Weights and Measures. One interesting note about the lovely couple is that Annie's work is to ensure accuracy of commercial weighing, measuring devices, inspect eggs for defects to prevent food-borne diseases and regulate organic growers, certified producers and certified farmers' markets to allow local marketing of fresh commodities. Nestor's work, on the other hand, is to ensure the safe use of pesticides and investigates illnesses and agricultural water quality. Nestor designed the logo which is now being used by the County of San Diego Agriculture, Weights and Measures.

Nestor and Annie are blessed with a son, Karlo who is now a college student hoping to pursue a degree in engineering.

Engr. Cornelio 'Noy' Binoya, Jr. is our regional vice president in the Los Angeles Area and is one of the early stalwarts in our organization. He is the eldest son of Professors



Cornelio Binoya, Sr. and Adela Binoya. He graduated from the CLSU (CLAC, then) high school department in 1956 as valedictorian. He continued his studies in UP/Diliman and graduated with the degree of Chemical Engineering in 1961.

After graduation, Noy worked at the Philippine Container Corporation in Quezon City as Process Engineer for two years. In 1963, he joined the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences in CLSU and taught Mathematics until 1969. During his tenure at the University, he was awarded an NSDB (National Science and Development Board) scholarship and earned the degree of M.A., Mathematics from the University of the Philippines. In 1970, Noy immigrated to the United States and worked as a Chemist at the Glaxo-SmithKline Pharmaceutical Co. from 1970 to 2000, and retired after serving there for 30 years.

Noy is happily married to Josie, also a CLSU graduate and are blessed with four children and eight grandkids.

The final CIAG officer we wanted to feature in this issue is Dr. Gilbert Sigua, regional vice president of the U.S. Southeast Area. Gilbert is currently on a Fulbright Scholarship Grant in the Philippines and declined to be featured at this time. He was presented among the Fulbright grantees in our previous issue. – *frg.*

## CENTRAL LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI GROUP (CIAG) ENDOWMENT FUND (EF) COMMITTEE



**D**ear Fellow CLSU Alumni,  
Former Faculty and Staff and  
Friends:

The CIAG Endowment Fund ("EF") is an investment fund established in 2008 for the purpose of providing scholarships to the underprivileged and deserving CLSU students and for research and educational programs. EF is being funded by voluntary donations from

CLSU Alumni, former staff/faculty and CLSU friends and supporters.

We are pleased to report that since its establishment, the CIAG Endowment Fund has grown to \$13,325 with a total pledge of \$119,975. We wish it is more but this is just a modest beginning. We are certain that more CLSU alumni and friends will join the bandwagon of donors (please see attached list on page 5) as they learn about this noble cause. Sooner or later, we will reach our goal of raising \$1,000,000 for our beloved CLSU. In recognition of their generosity, all donors will be presented with a "Humanitarian Award" during the CIAG Gala Dinner/Dance Reunion to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

All donations to the CIAG Endowment Fund will be deposited by Mrs. Norma B. Viray, CIAG Treasurer, in a safe, interest-bearing account, like a Certificate of Deposit, which is insured and guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) of the U.S. Government. Also, only 90% of the interest will be used for CLSU scholarships and educational programs and the remaining 10% will be re-invested in the Endowment Fund. Hence, all donations will increase and never decrease through the years. Your donation, regardless of the amount, will help make a difference in the lives of poor but deserving CLSU students and of various educational programs!

Please send your donation with a check payable to CLSU International Alumni Group--with the notation "For CIAG Endowment Fund" at the bottom of the check to:

Mrs. Norma B. Viray  
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Please visit the CIAG Website -- [clsuiag.org](http://clsuiag.org) -- which lists activities and donors with amounts pledged and paid. We also posted a bulletin regarding "Questions and Answers about the CIAG Endowment Fund".

We would love to hear from you and all CLSU alumni,

former faculty / staff and friends in your area. Please email pictures /news items to Rob Bugawan, CIAG Website Director, at: [rbugawan@comcast.net](mailto:rbugawan@comcast.net)

Kindly tell other CLSU alumni, former faculty and staff and friends about what we are trying to do for CLSU. Also, kindly help us build a directory of CLSU alumni, former faculty and staff and friends by sending their names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses to: Floro Gutierrez, Vice Chair, Endowment Fund Committee -- email: [gutz7797@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gutz7797@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you for your continued dedication, love and commitment to help CLSU—our beloved Alma Mater. Most of all, thank you for your generosity.

"Happy Easter to All! May the Good Lord continue to extend His Divine blessings of health, fortune and happiness to everyone."

**MABUHAY ANG CLSU!**

Regards and God bless,

**Ed Cabacungan, Chair, EF Committee, Walnut, CA**

**Floro Gutierrez, Vice-Chair, Fremont, CA**

**Endowment Fund Committee Members:**

**Leo Abenes – Montclair, CA**  
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## CIAG ENDOWMENT FUND as of 03/20/12

<u>ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS</u>		<u>PLEDGES</u>	TOTAL PLEDGES & OTHER CASH <u>DONATIONS</u>	DONATIONS RECEIVED TO <u>DATE</u>
1	Abenes, Leo & Ning		\$400	\$400
2	Alcos, Senen & Florentina		\$200	\$200
3	Baguyos, Johnny & Aurora		\$100	\$100
4	Briones, Marianito & Lourdes		\$100	\$100
5	Bugawan, Rob & Dory	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,025	\$625
6	Cabacungan, Ed & Nenet-in memory of our beloved son, Allen Caan Cabacungan	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$2,050	\$1,050
7	Cabalsi, Bert & Julia		\$50	\$50
8	Cielo, Digna Malong	\$500/yr (2 years)	\$1,000	\$250
9	Cinense, Bart & Luisa	\$100/yr (2 years)	\$200	\$200
10	Cuizon, Rene & Rezie	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$400
11	De Jesus, Marc & Josie		\$150	\$150
12	Dioso, Rod & Frances	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$300
13	Donnelly, Jeff & Edita Cabacungan		\$2,800	\$2,800
14	Elegado, DG and Ellie	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$200
15	Escoto, Ador & Flor		\$50	\$50
16	Estioko, Mar & Rose		\$50	\$50
17	Flora, Consuelo Viray- In memory of Prof Juan P. Viray & Winston B. Flora	\$100/yr (5 years)	\$500	\$500
18	Gaetos, Rizalino & Angela		\$100	\$100
19	Galinato, Gerry & Lettie	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$1,000
20	Gutierrez, Floro & Zeny	\$250/yr (4years)	\$1,000	\$750
21	Malonzo, Loretta & Opry		\$100	\$100
22	Mamaclay, Gerry & Hennie	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$400
23	Osoteo, Rey and Loida		\$1,000	\$100
24	Pascual, Val & Beulah	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$250
25	Peralta, Ray & Carmen		\$150	\$150
26	Puzon, Wenceslao & Maxima S., In Memory of Son, Peter Simon Puzon		\$300	\$300
27	Raniel, Johnny & Vicky		\$100	\$100
28	Rinon, Jr, Johnny & Amelia	\$200-Year 2009	\$200	\$200
29	Rodriguez, Artemio & Lulu		\$200	\$200
30	Ruiz, Eliseo & Zenaída	(3 years)	\$100,000	\$0
31	Siapno, Ed		\$200	\$200
32	Solano, Vic & Marietta		\$300	\$300
33	Tiangco, Elito & Hermelina		\$600	\$600
34	Viray, Lito & Norma	\$200/yr (10 years)	\$2,050	\$1,150
			<b>\$119,975</b>	<b>\$13,325</b>
<b>TOTAL EF Fund (exclusive of interest \$286)</b>			<b>\$13,325</b>	

## REUNION COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO PLAN ACTIVITIES

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opportunity to get some feedback and ideas from the group concerning the planned activities during the 3-day reunion event.

The breakfast meeting took place at the Ports O'Call Buffet Restaurant, Gold Coast Hotel and Casino at West Flamingo Boulevard in Las Vegas. The Gold Coast Hotel will be CIAG's 2012 Reunion Headquarters. Due to various scheduling conflicts and unforeseen circumstances, only 6 people were able to attend the meeting. Even with the few people that participated in the meeting, fruitful dialogue and discussions transpired with very good results. There were also ample opportunities to visit and share memories while being a student or staff at CLSU.

The Group focused its discussions on potential sites for holding the Lunch-Picnic and Fellowship Program on Sunday, September 23 and the options for conducting post-reunion tours close and around Las Vegas area. These include a repeat of the Grand Canyon National Park-South Rim Tour especially for those who have not yet visited the park, Valley of Fire, Red Rock Canyon, Scion National Park, Bryce Canyon, Hoover Dam and the Signature Bypass-Bridge, Las Vegas-By-Night Group Tour, Laughlin-Colorado River Day Tour (only \$5 each with free lunch and free bus transportation RT) and other tour options. These group tours can be conducted informally and would cover three days from September 24-26 (Monday through Wednesday) depending on the interest of participants.

Attendees at the meeting included: Manny Ruiz, former University Architect at CLSU and wife, Olympia; Cesar and Norma Caindec; and Lettie and Gerry Galinato, Reunion Committee Co-Chair (see photo). During the meeting, Architect Manny Ruiz confirmed that Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, CIAG's invited guest speaker, is welcome to stay at their house while Dr. Ruiz is in Las Vegas.

Engrs. Pablo and Marie Baldazo, initially planned to participate, but their daughter was rushed to the Hospital due to food poisoning a night before. Leo Abenes, Reunion Co-chair and wife Ning, Ike Tan and Geling and Riz Gaetos were visiting the Philippines during the meeting. Gloria Tan and Lita Angeles just arrived from the Philippines via Hawaii stop over and asked to be excused due to jet lag feeling but

promised to participate next time.

According to Gerry, he was able to identify 26 CIAG members and supporters in the Las Vegas area. All of them received the invitation about the meeting through email messages (those with email addresses), regular postal mails and/or phone messages. "Hopefully, they can all be encouraged and energized to attend and participate actively in future CIAG activities and other functions, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Reunion in September," Gerry added.

### Committee Meeting in Benguet

Dr. Leo Abenes, Reunion Committee Co-Chair, also conducted a meeting on February 18, 2012 in the other part of the world, specifically, in Yabyagan, Tuba, Benguet, Philippines. What an exotic place to conduct a committee meeting! The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the various planning issues identified by Gerry as part of his report to the CIAG Executive Board during its recent meeting in San Jose, California.

The Tuba Meeting was attended by Ning Abenes, Gloria Tan (Reunion Committee member) and husband Ike, Lilia and Pete Lopez (Local Arrangement Committee Members), and three guests. The Group discussed and subsequently made recommendations on addressing the issues affecting the reception for early arrivals, picnic site location/reservation, hosting local dinners during the post-reunion tours, lechon donation for the Sunday Picnic and Fellowship, and volunteering the use of vans/SUVs during the tour. Such recommendations were submitted to the CIAG Executive Board for additional consideration.

As part of group's brief report/recommendations, Dr. Leo confirmed that Ning and Leo are willing to match Lakay Elegado's one-half donation for the lechon during the Sunday picnic. The Reunion Committee is still waiting for Lakay's confirmation. Leo also offered their two vehicles for use during the tours.

Earlier, Drs. Ed Cabacungan and Nenet confirmed and sent \$50 to Ohma as their donation to help shoulder the total cost of approximately \$250 fees for reserving and using one of the parks in Las Vegas during the CIAG Sunday Picnic-Fellowship Program. Thanks Leo/Ning, Lakay/Ellie, and Ed/Nenet for your goodwill and donations. *(Contributed by Gerry Galinato)*

**C** IAG is holding its 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Alumni Reunion in the City of Las Vegas, Nevada on September 22, 2012. To mark this event, CIAG will be publishing a **souvenir program in magazine form**. We are therefore soliciting your help and support by advertising your business, your family photo, a congratulatory message or a piece of article or literature. The proceeds generated from this event will go to the scholarship fund established by CIAG for the deserving students of Central Luzon State University, Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija, Philippines.

**The following are the rates of advertisements: Available: Inside front page..\$150; Inside full page..\$100; Half page.. \$60**  
If you choose to advertise, please make your check payable to CLSU International Alumni Group and send to the address below, along with your picture or camera ready advertisement, either by mail or email **no later than August 10, 2012** to:

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P.O. Box 582713, Elk Grove, California 95758

*Open Invitation Letter to All CLSU Alumni, former Faculty, Staff and Students, Friends and Supporters*

## CIAG Homecoming and Reunion 2012

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The CLSU International Alumni Group is sponsoring a Central Luzon State University (CLSU) Global Alumni Reunion on **September 21-23, 2012** at the **Gold Coast Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA**. On behalf of the organization, we cordially invite you to attend and meet your old friends, classmates and acquaintances.

We will be able to reminisce memorable experiences and share stories of success and most specially to renew our commitment to the noble ideals of our beloved Alma Mater.

The reunion registration fee is **US\$75** per person payable in advance. The deadline for paying registration fee is **August 7, 2012**. Payment of the registration fee after the deadline or during the event is **US\$85**. The registration fee will cover attendance during the General Assembly Meeting, Dinner and Dance Program and Sunday Brunch/Picnic at a Las Vegas Park. Please make your check payable to CLSU International Alumni Group and mail your registration fee to:

#### CLSU International Alumni Group

c/o Norma Viray

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Elk Grove, CA 95758

You are responsible for your own accommodation arrangements. We have reserved a block of rooms at the **Gold Coast Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas** | 800-331-5334 | Website: [www.goldcoastcasino.com](http://www.goldcoastcasino.com).

The following are the discounted group rates:

**Standard Room rates:** \$29.00/day on Thursday and Sunday (September 20 and 23, 2012)  
\$78.00/day on Friday and Saturday (September 21 and 22, 2012)

**Premium Room rates:** \$39.00/day on Thursday and Sunday (September 20 and 23, 2012)  
\$98.00/day on Friday and Saturday (September 21 and 22, 2012)

Additional taxes and fees added to base rates: Clark County Room Tax-12%, Resort fee-\$3/night

To reserve rooms, please call 1-888-402-6278 and mention **Group Reservation ID: A2CLC09** or register online at <http://www.goldcoastcasino.com/groups>. Deadline of registration with the group rate is **August 21, 2012**.

Please check our website, [www.clsuiag.org](http://www.clsuiag.org) for other details of the event or contact the CLSU Alumni Group on Facebook.

Sincerely yours,  
Reunion & Homecoming Committee

Fiorello B. Abenes, Ph.D.  
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Co-Chairman

Rodrigo Dioso, Jr.  
CIAG President

## From the Treasurer's Desk

By: Norma B. Viray



**G**reetings! After the cold winter, comes the most awaited springtime and before we realize, it is that time for the 3rd CIAG Grand Reunion in Las Vegas on September 21-23. I hope you all are planning to be there physically to have fun and reconnect with your former classmates, professors and long lost and long time friends.

And speaking of family, it is with deep sorrow to inform you that we recently lost one of CIAG EF Donors, Winston "Tony" Flora (the husband of 47 years of Lito's only living sister, Consuelo "Ging" Viray-Flora). The families and friends were all surprised and saddened with his unexpected passing. Manong Tony, as we fondly called him, was a good man, loving husband, father and great "Lolo" to his grandchildren. He was very generous and truly a good Samaritan—well known and loved by the people in his parish community. He will be extremely missed by so many. Life is indeed beautiful but too short! So, let's enjoy life and live every minute of it.

Regardless, Lito and I had a wonderful time visiting with our families, former classmates and friends in the Philippines last February. Despite our tight schedule, we had the opportunity to visit briefly with Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, Dr. Romy Cabanilla, Dr. Romy Saplaco and Dr. Zenaida Serna. Dr. Ruiz has confirmed his acceptance to be the CIAG's Guest of Honor at its upcoming 3rd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas. Dr. Cabanilla, Dr. Serna and other CLSU dignitaries have plans to join us in September as well. Additionally, while there, I delivered in person the CIAG check for \$600 to Dr. Romy Cabanilla (CLSUAAI President) - the CIAG scholarship grant of \$300 each to two scholars for the school year 2012-2013.



Above picture was taken during the brief visit of Lito and Ohma Viray at CLSU on February 8, 2012. From left: Dr. Romy Cabanilla, Dr. Zenaida Serna, Ohma and Lito Viray.

Let us promote and spread the news about the 3rd CIAG Grand Reunion in Las Vegas this coming September (See page 7 for specific information), keeping in mind that the main goal of CIAG reunion/homecoming here and abroad is to enrich and sustain the culture, traditions and history of CLSU while providing all attending alumni and their families and friends a memorable opportunity to reconnect and celebrate. This occasion also provides a special opportunity for the alumni to show that they have great respect for the legacy of their Alma Mater and dedicate themselves to caring for CLSU with much the same passion and energy of yesterday.

I am glad to report that as of March 20, 2012, the CIAG's bank account balances at Wells Fargo Bank totaled \$17,142 and are broken down into:

<b>Endowment Fund (EF)</b>	<b>\$13,354</b>
<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,270</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 543</b>
<b>Reunion Collection</b>	<b>\$ 975</b>

The Reunion Collection above represents the monies collected to date from the registration fees for the dinner/dance and Sunday picnic, souvenir program sponsorships and donations from the Drs. Ed & Nenet Cabacungan of \$225 — (\$50 for picnic site, \$100 donation towards Reception for Early Arrivals on September 21st and \$75 sponsorship to cover the registration fee of one guest from CLSU for the dinner/dance on September 22nd and Sunday Picnic at the Park on September 23rd.) This wonderful couple has also volunteered to shoulder the expense on the humanitarian awards to be given to all Endowment Fund donors during the dinner/dance program on September 22nd. Thank you, thank you and thank you!

I recently received a \$400 check from Gerry & Lettie Galinato in fulfillment of their \$1,000 pledge to CIAG Endowment Fund. Our deepest appreciation to Gerry and Lettie for their generosity and never-ending support to CIAG.

On page 4 of this issue is a message from our energetic and ever-determined Endowment Fund Chairman, Dr. Ed Cabacungan. A complete list of CIAG Endowment Fund Donors and their respective pledges/donations is posted on page 5 for your information only.

A friendly reminder at the bottom of page 6 — please submit your Ad(s) for the souvenir program before the deadline date. The proceeds from the souvenir program project will be donated to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you all in advance for your continued support.

The end of Lenten season will be on Easter Sunday, which falls this year on April 8th. Easter is the most important Christian festival and the one celebrated with greatest joy. *"The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice."* ~Henry Knox Sherrill

Happy Easter to all and God bless!

Fondly, Ohma Viray

