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Former CLSU Professor Receives President's Volunteer Service Award

By Floro R. Gutierrez



Dr. Jorge P. Juliano, Sr. was recently bestowed the President's Volunteer Service Award. The prestigious award was given in recognition of his many years of volunteer and extension service in the national and international scene after his retirement. A renown authority in the commercial as well as small scale culture and production of mushroom, his services and expertise are always sought by different countries and non-government organizations. Even at the time of this writing, he is on a five-week volunteer assignment in Lebanon in partnership with The American University in Beirut.

Interestingly, Dr. Juliano was awarded the same Service Award by President George W. Bush many years ago. Recently at Facebook, he quipped, "So I am now given the President's Volunteer Service Award by both the Republican and Democratic parties." Many friends, former colleagues and students sent their kudos and congratulations to which he simply answered, "To God be the glory..."

The older CLAC and CLSU alumni may recall that Dr. Juliano taught Plant Pathology in the 1950's, 1960's and up to December 1971. A UP Los Banos graduate with a BSA, *Cum laude*, his tenure was interspersed with a couple of sabbaticals for an M.S. at UC Berkeley, and a Ph D at Pennsylvania State University.

Professor Juliano was a strong advocate for excellence and fairness. Thus, both faculty members and students, alike, thrust him to various positions of responsibility. As president of the faculty club, he led a movement that sought to improve the classification of academic ranks of the newly converted university by using a standard similar to that of the University of the Philippines.

Students saw the direction of his vision and elected him Adviser of the Student Body Organization for many years.

When Dr. Hilario J. Santos retired from the CLAC/CLSUIAG presidency on December 31, 1969 after eight years at the helm of the institution, the short list of candidates for the vacancy included Dr. Juliano's name, even if he did not actively seek the CLSU presidency.

Dr. Juliano is happily married to Dr. Amelia Tuazon, now a retired dentist and reside in Salem, Oregon. They are blessed with a son and two daughters, all grown-ups and with families of their own.

Drs. Jorge and Mely Juliano are attending our 3rd Grand CLSUIAG, Inc. Reunion this coming September in Las Vegas! -frg

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CLSUIAG INVITES CLSU OFFICIALS AND ALUMNI

CLSUIAG, INC. has extended open invitations to all CLSU Alumni residing worldwide including former faculty and staff members, former students, friends and supporters to attend the upcoming 3rd CLSUIAG Reunion in Las Vegas. The general letter of invitation has been sent directly to everyone included in the CLSUIAG's email data base, was printed in previous CLSUIAG Press Releases, and also posted in CLSUIAG's website.

However, through the special request of Dr. Zenaida Serna, Alumni Relations Director of CLSU and other alumni, more formal letters of invitation have been sent to various individuals who have indicated initial interest to attend and participate in the Reunion. Such letters of invitation would be useful in obtaining a travel visa to come to the USA from the American Embassy in Manila or other appropriate embassies in other countries. The invitation letters were signed by Engr. Gerry Galinato and Dr. Leo Abenes, Co-Chairs of CLSUIAG Reunion Committee, and Engr. Rod Dioso, Jr., CLSUIAG President.

Formal invitations were sent to the following CLSU officials, faculty members and staff, and other alumni residing out of the USA and Canada:

Name	Organization/Unit	Name	Organization/Unit
Dr. Ruben Sevilleja	President, CLSU	Dr. Mannit Klavpiyapramorkul	Professor, SCA&T, Thailand
Dr. Eliseo Ruiz	President., CLSUAFI (Invited Guest Speaker)	Dr. Romeo Saplaco, Jr.	VP for External Affairs, CLSUAAI
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Dr. Nestor Alvarez	Former Mayor, Science City of Munoz, RP	Dr. Rose Marie Cabanilla	Medical Doctor, Cabanatuan City
Dr. Rolando D. Dollete	President, CLSUFC, Inc.	Dr. Estrelita Gamit	College of Home Science and Industry, CLSU
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EDITORIAL

By: Floro R. Gutierrez



A Harbinger of Greater Things to Come?

The other day President Rod Dioso happily announced in an email that we have just received our articles of incorporation and are now registered as an incorporated non-profit organization in the State of California. Since the re-organizational meeting in February, 2008, our association has always been known as CIAG (Central Luzon State University International Alumni Group). Now, its legal name is CLSUIAG, INC. (CLSU International Alumni Group, Incorporated).

Some of us may recall that in December 2008, CIAG was registered in the State of California as an unincorporated non-profit association. And in the past three years, the Endowment Fund Committee chaired by Dr. Ed Cabacungan has steadily stepped up its fundraising campaigns. One major setback experienced by the committee was, donations received were not tax deductible and many would-be donors promised to donate generously if the donations will be tax deductible. So last year, the CIAG president appointed Engr. Johnny Raniel to chair the taskforce to work for the incorporation of CIAG and obtain a tax exempt status in the Internal Revenue Service under code 501(c)3. Johnny recommended hiring a lawyer for the purpose. The Executive Board approved the recommendation and the process is positively moving forward. There is a good chance CLSUIAG, INC. will get its tax exempt status before our grand reunion in

Las Vegas this September.

Obviously, there are some ramifications to our new name and status. Our lawyer had to prepare the articles of incorporation based on our Constitution and Bylaws but had to include the necessary provisions to ensure that IRS will grant us the tax exempt status. For instance, we have now an interim Board of Directors (BOD). In our business meeting in Las Vegas, the general membership will vote for the first set of BODs. Our just approved articles of incorporation sets the number of directors from 5 to 15, so in the first election, the term of office of the directors will be staggered and in three classes based on the number of votes received. Our current Executive Board which is a mixture of the interim directors and the officers needs to have a long meeting to determine many significant matters like: we normally hold a biennial rather than an annual general assembly meeting, what officers should be elected/appointed by the Board of Directors?, etc.,

In retrospect, our association is doing great. Even with the recent economic melt-down, the attendance during our 2nd grand reunion in Las Vegas in 2010 went beyond our expectations and those who attended recall that the dinner/dance tickets were \$100 each! The souvenir program was also a big success in terms of subscription, excellent layout and general content. Our Endowment Fund is steadily growing and we have already started our scholarship program with two grantees, initially, last school year.

Back to our being incorporated, will this herald a big leap forward along with the nice on-going projects of the CLSUIAG, INC? My simple answer is a resounding YES! -frg

CLSUIAG INVITES CLSU OFFICIALS AND ALUMNI

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CLSUIAG has also developed a self-generated invitation which was posted in CLSUIAG website so it can be printed and used by any party interested to join the event including securing travel visas from their respective countries.

According to Dr. Serna, approximately 10 alumni from the Philippines are definitely coming to the US to attend the reunion. The other invitees are still working on their travel papers or have not firmed up their plans. Dr. Serna indicated that as soon as the number of participants from the Philippines is confirmed, she will let us know. *(Contributed by Gerry Galinato).*

MEET TWO PROSPECTIVE LEADERS IN THE CLSUIAG, INC.

By: Floro R. Gutierrez

It is my pleasure and privilege to introduce two prospective leaders in our association. They hail from Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada and are neighbors to our regional vice president Florentina Osoteo Alcos and Advisers Artemio 'Tem' and Lourdes 'Lulu' Abenes Rodriguez. Both were former CLSU professors and one is a CLSU alumnus.

Dr. Thelma Santos Cruz taught in CLSU for almost 20 years. She started her career there in January 1967 as an Assistant Instructor in the University Agricultural School. She steadily rose in the academic ranks and was given sensitive additional responsibilities such as Chief, CLSU Technology Dissemination and Utilization System, Consulting Editor, Scientific Journal, Faculty Member, Institute of Graduate Studies, etc. In January 1987, she worked in Kuwait as Consultant in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP Kuwait) on a special project. This was followed by her appointment as Educational and Informational Services Manager of The British Council, Kuwait. In this job, she was directly responsible to the Country Director for the Educational and Informational Services programme and budget.

Thelma graduated with a Ph. D. at the University of the Philippines in Los Banos, Masters in Education in Auburn University, Alabama, USA and BS in Education, *Magna cum laude* at St Joseph's College, Quezon City, Philippines.

Dr. Emmanuel M. Cruz has several years of research, development work and practical experience in fish culture in several countries. He has a very rich and varied work history which includes: Research Scientist, Mariculture and Fisheries Department (MPD) Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research; Consultant, Fish Nutrition, American Soybean Association, Singapore, Researcher, Small Scale Fisheries Project, (SEAFDEC), Iloilo, Philippines, Consultant, USAID/Government of Indonesia-supported Aquaculture Development, Oregon State University, Oregon, USA; Researcher, Freshwater Aquaculture Center (FAC) and Associate Professor, College of Inland Fisheries, CLSU, Philippines, etc.

Manny or Boy as he was called by his friends when he was young, graduated with a Ph.D. in Aquaculture (Fish Nutrition), Auburn University Auburn, Alabama,

USA, M.S. in Agriculture (Animal Husbandry) from Araneta University, Philippines and BSA from CLSU, Philippines. He has written 47 professional papers and 13 technical reports.

I have invited them to attend our Grand CIAG reunions in 2010 and this coming September but they had earlier commitments. In September 2010 they were booked for a Philippine trip to celebrate Thelma's Mom's birthday. This year they originally planned to attend our 3rd Grand CLSUIAG, INC. reunion but had to give way to an Australian cruise that their youngest daughter had booked earlier. We are optimistic they will join us in our next grand reunion and actively participate in our projects.

Below are some pictures of the Cruzes, -frg



CLSUIAG'ERS Attend St. Joseph School Students Reunion

Many CLSUIAG, INC members attended the 5th Grand Reunion of the St. Joseph (San Jose City, Nueva Ecija) School Students Association held in Las Vegas last April 28-29. Venue of the dinner/dance gala affair was the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino located in 4000 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV.

Interestingly, three of the 11 Jubilarians are CLSUIAG, INC. members. They are: Dr. Fiorello Abenes who attended with Ike Tan in lieu of Leo's wife, Luningning who was indisposed, Dr. Thelma Santos Cruz with Dr. Emmanuel M. Cruz, both former CLSU professors (see related story on Page 4), and Cecilia Torres Evangelista (CLSU grad, BSHE, 1967). Other CLSUIAG, INC members who attended include Isidora Torres Briones, a CLSU 1964 BSAE grad, and Floro & Zeny Gutierrez.

The Jubilarians were presented with award certificates during the dinner/dance on April 28 and honored with a sumptuous lunch the following day along with the other reunion participants at the *Kusina ni Lorraine*.

According to the reunion coordinator, Dr. Rogelio Guico, the 6th Grand Reunion will be held in April 2014, most probably at the same venue. *-frg.*



CLSUIAG'ERS Emmanuel (Manny or Boy) Cruz, Floro Gutierrez, Isidora Torres Briones, Cecilia Torres Evangelista, Thelma Santos Cruz, Zeny Gutierrez, Leo Abenes and Ike Tan.

President's Corner

By: Rodrigo S. Dioso



GREETINGS!

The time is passing by rapidly. As always, we encourage members to come and share in our meetings and events. It would be nice to see members bring new recruits to our organization.

Our commitment to our CLSU in general and to CLSUIAG, Inc. in particular, is taken very seriously. As many of you know, Floro Gutierrez, Johnny Raniel and I met with the attorney who is preparing our registration to IRS and State of California. We are informed that our organization is now registered to the State of California. The attorney is now working with our tax-exempt status.

MABUHAY to the noble acts of Dr. Edison and Dr. Nenita Cabacungan, and Engr. Johnny Raniel for their pledges of \$10,000 each. Our lawyer

informed us that with these donation pledge letters, IRS will look at our application for tax exempt status under code 501c3 much sooner than the usual 3-5 weeks and can expedite the approval.

MABUHAY to Floro Gutierrez and Norma B. Viray for their unselfish assistance to Engr. Raniel for the preparation of the documents.

MABUHAY to the Grand Reunion Committee with the leadership of Engr. Gerry Galinato and Dr. Fiorello 'Leo' Abenes for their dedication and efforts to make our reunion successful.

Please try to attend to our meeting on June 23, 2012 at the residence of Mr. Opry and Mrs. Lorie Malonzo at 1:00 pm. Their address is 178 Sheppard Street, Hercules, CA 94547, tel. no. 510 799-7700. This is an excellent time to discuss our plans to the incoming Grand reunion at Las Vegas.

Please start paying your registration fees and submit advertisement for the grand reunion now.

MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT!

Know Your CLSUIAG, Inc. Officers

By: CLSUIAG Editorial Team

This may be the last article on this series. Last month, we wrote and reminded the dozen or so officers that we have not featured yet for their bio data or a summary of the highlights of their life/career but for a reason only they know, they have not responded at this time. In our July newsletter, we will concentrate on the issues about the 3rd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas this September, but if any of the officers alluded to send their bio data, we will still feature them.

In this issue, we are featuring two CLSUIAG, Inc. officers, namely Engineer Gerry D. Galinato and Mr. Floro R. Gutierrez.



Gerry D. Galinato, P.E. is our Regional Vice-President for the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West. Gerry was born in Munoz, Nueva Ecija, Philippines and completed his BS degree in Agricultural Engineering at CLSU in 1967. He graduated with honors at the top of his class and garnered 7th place in Board Examination for Registered

Professional Agricultural Engineers given by Board of Agricultural Engineering, Professional Registration Commission in Philippines in October 1967.

He worked at the Menzi Agricultural Corporation, Seed Corporation of the Philippines-Irrigation Division and the Philippine Sugar Institute. He immigrated to the US in 1972 with a plan of establishing a career in the engineering field and follow the "American Dream". He first settled in Hawaii. He wanted to witness the place where his father worked as a sugarcane plantation laborer for 15 years before going back to the Philippines to start a family. Gerry also investigated the opportunity to work in the sugarcane industry in Hawaii since most of his professional experience in the Philippines was in sugarcane agricultural production and research. However, the sugarcane industry in Hawaii at that time was already in decline so he moved to Los Angeles, California.

Gerry, to his sadness, like many new immigrants with foreign degrees, faced many challenging, difficult, and painful experiences seeking a technical job in Hawaii and California. In February 1973, he relocated to Idaho to pursue an advanced education. He received his Master of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Idaho in 1974. He also obtained his Professional Engineer (P.E.) License from the Idaho Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers in the same year.

After obtaining his MS in engineering degree and his P.E. license, more professional job opportunities opened up for him and decided to establish his career in Idaho, an

agricultural state famous for raising the world renowned "Idaho Potato", which matched his initial professional interest in water resources planning and development.

Gerry devoted his entire professional career in public service for the state of Idaho. He started his work at the Idaho Department of Water Resources in 1974 as an engineer-trainee and progressed to various technical positions (Water Resource Engineer, Senior Water Analyst, Principal Energy Specialist) and administrative/management positions (Engineering Section Supervisor, Renewable Section Manager, Resource Bureau Chief, Team Consultant), in several Idaho state departments and divisions. Currently, he is a Technical Engineer with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

During his professional career, he received six leadership and achievement awards, and six project and program awards recognizing the excellent projects/programs under his management and directions. In 2011 he was cited in the publication "Who's Who in the Filipino-American Community in Idaho."

Gerry is married to the former Leticia Jacinto, a Registered Nurse, from Bayombong, Nueva Viscaya. They were married in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where she worked as a RN at the Chattanooga Memorial Hospital during Gerry's Christmas break while a graduate student at the University of Idaho in 1973. It was a simple no-frills type wedding because Gerry travelled to Chattanooga in a Greyhound bus, showed up for the wedding, stayed with the new wife for few days then travelled back to University of Idaho via the Greyhound bus, an exhausting but interesting four-day travel each way. Lettie currently works as staff nurse at the VA Medical Center in Boise.

They have two grown up children; Dennis who has a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Idaho and works as a consulting engineer in Boise, and Sarah who has a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Washington in Seattle and is completing her 3rd year of residency in family medicine in Boise in June 2012. Gerry and Lettie have three grandchildren, two from Dennis and one from Sarah. The Galinato families enjoy living and working in Idaho especially in Boise which is considered by various prestigious magazines with national circulation as one of the best cities to live in the USA.

Gerry has also unselfishly dedicated voluntary services to CLSUIAG as Chairman of the Scholarship, Education and Awards Committee, Chairman of the Homecoming and Reunion Committee, and Associate Editor of the CLSUIAG's newsletter. He enthusiastically responds to various charitable calls for financial help/donations for the benefit of CLSUIAG and his beloved alma mater-CLSU which include the CLSU Centennial Endowment Fund, CLUSAAI/CLSUF 3-Story Guestel Project, CLSUIAG Endowment Fund and the CLSUIAG Scholarship Fund. Gerry states, "I am very grateful to CLSU for the education I obtained from the university both in college and in High School which prepared me to survive, compete and excel in my chosen profession. I am also proud to be able to give back to the university through my active participation with CLSUIAG and financially contribute to its programs eventually benefiting the university."

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Floro R. Gutierrez is our current Press Relation Officer. He was born in San Carlos City, Pangasinan. Formerly the CIAG Secretary, during the 2010 election of CIAG officers he asked to be excused when re-nominated saying that already 68 years old, he wanted to give more time taking care of his disabled and youngest daughter who was then 27 years old. At that time, he was also serving a two-year term as President

of Fil-Am Aggies Association, USA (2009-2011). But he accepted a nomination to become the P R O thinking that this will be less demanding, time-wise. Being who and what he is, getting involved here and there, albeit, even in small ways, he was surprised this is taking almost the same effort and time as his former position in the association.

Floro is the 7th son in a family of eight boys and two girls. He came from a family of a poor economic background, but through hard work and perseverance his father was able to study in UP Los Banos as a student laborer and graduated with a B.S.A. after seven years of sweat and blood. Similarly, Floro's mother was the daughter of a custodian of the earliest Methodist Church in Manila, and also through grim determination was able to study and graduate at the Philippine Normal School (PNS), now the Philippine Normal University.

Born of teacher-parents, education was a high priority in the Gutierrez-Rosario household and all the ten children earned at least a Bachelor's degree. Floro's older six brothers attended the University of the Philippines (two in Los Banos) and except one who transferred to another university, all graduated in U P. When it was Floro's turn to enter college in 1958, he wanted to go to UP and pursue a medical degree just like his 4th oldest brother who was then a junior. His Dad told him that with three sons in UP and another in CLAC, Floro had to take another course, but promised that he will send him to medical school in 3 or 4 years. So in 1958, Floro enrolled in CLAC joining his Dad who was then newly recruited by his former classmate, Pres. Arcadio G. Matela as a legal counsel and instructor. Floro graduated in 1962 with a BSAE. His first job was as a 4th grade teacher and Farm Manager of the Managok Farm School in Malaybalay, Bukidnon in the Bureau of Public Schools. His Dad did not forget his promise to support him to pursue a medical degree and wrote the College Secretary of the U P College of Medicine enclosing Floro's transcript of record. When the Medical College replied stating that it will take Floro two years to complete the pre-med course and there is no assurance he will be accepted in the college medicine proper, and this was attested by his older brother Romeo who was then already a surgery resident physician in the Philippine General Hospital, with a heavy heart, Floro gave up his dream of becoming a medical doctor.

The following year, 1963, Floro transferred to the San Carlos Rural High School as a Vo-Ag teacher, but after just three months, he was offered a teaching job at the University Agricultural School in CLSU (CLAC, then). Three years later, he was granted a SEATO

(Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) two-year post-graduate scholarship. Always in a hurry, Floro graduated with the M.S. in Agricultural Extension degree from Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand in one and a half years and returned to his teaching career in CLSU thus saving the university one semester. In 1971, he was awarded a nine-month UNDP (United Nations Development Program) observation and training fellowship under the auspices of UNESCO at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. True to form, he hurriedly convinced his adviser to use the limited time for a degree work. He graduated from the UW, Madison with a second M.S. degree (Cooperative Extension Education) in 1972.

Back at CLSU in September 1972, Floro resumed his teaching duties at the Extension Education Department in the College of Education and was designated a faculty member (youngest at that time) of the Graduate Studies Institute (by detail – that's the way CLSU did things then when they added responsibilities without corresponding remuneration because budget was very tight). His college dean also appointed him the College Secretary replacing Professor Belgrano T. Cajigal who was sent to U P Los Banos to pursue his Ph D. A couple of weeks later President Marcos proclaimed martial law and in less than a year later, the house of a faculty member just two houses away was robbed. In fear, Floro and his young wife and son decided to immigrate to the United States in 1973 and 1974, respectively.

Floro worked in three different places while in his newly adopted country while his wife worked as a pediatric nurse at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago for 30 years. In reverse chronological order, Floro worked at the General Board of Pensions in Evanston, IL as Pension & Survivor Benefits Analyst, at IBM/Science Research Associates in Chicago as a Test Processor and MacLean Hunter Publishing Corporation, also in Chicago, as a clerk and senior clerk. Now retired, Floro still works part time as a Tagalog Translator in the New Haven Unified School District in Union City, CA.

Floro was quite active in church work. While in the Chicago Area, he served in many capacities such as Lay Leader, President, Methodist Men's Club, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair as well as the Christian Education Committee. After moving to California in 2002, he served his local church (So. Hayward UMC), first as Chair of the Board of Trustees for three years and then Chair of the Finance Committee for two years when the regular Chair had to step down temporarily to take care of her sick husband. He also served as Secretary of the California-Nevada Conference Commission of Religion and Race. Currently, he serves his local church as Chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and last year hired the new Church Choir Director and an ESL teacher of the church's Open Door Program, with the concurrence of the Church Council.

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CLSU Alumnus Completes Fulbright Research Program



Dr. Chito F. Sace, a CLSU alumnus, BS Agricultural Engineering batch '82, MS '99 and PhD '08, recently completed a post-doctoral research project in Arizona under the Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program (FPASP). Dr. Sace is currently an Associate Professor 3 at the College of Engineering, CLSU.

Dr. Sace conducted post-doctoral research at the Controlled Environment Agriculture Center (CEAC), Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at the University of

Arizona, Tucson, AZ. CEAC is actively participating in making sustainable agriculture an international priority. The center offers knowledge of cutting edge agriculture system technology that can be used to develop and expand sustainable agriculture practices not only in the United States, but also internationally. The center presently hones an agricultural revolution that would outpace various programs of the past. One of these is aquaponics which integrates aquaculture or fish farming with hydroponics or soilless gardening.

Dr. Sace has specific interest in this area so he selected CEAC at the University of Arizona to conduct his research entitled "Vegetable Production in a Recirculating Aquaponic System Using Nile Tilapia With and Without Freshwater Prawns." The various types of vegetables included in his research were lettuce (black-seeded Simpson variety), Chinese cabbage and pac choi (black summer variety).

These vegetables were chosen because of their economic advantage, short growing period and adaptability to soilless growing systems. Similarly, Nile tilapia was selected because of its economic importance as a high demand fish food and high tolerance to low water quality. Freshwater prawns were likewise added to maximize the potential of the system to produce additional crops.

Two sets of data for the three vegetables and one for tilapia and prawns were gathered after two 35-day growing seasons of the vegetables. The results of his research revealed that the vegetables demonstrated significantly better growth in the system with prawns. Among the three vegetables, pac choi had the highest growth, yield, and productivity followed by Chinese cabbage and lettuce. It was determined that integrating prawn culture helped stabilize and diversify the system to

improve harvest. It also confirmed that stocking density and component ratio were critical in designing an aquaponic system.

Dr. Sace started his post-doctoral research at the University of Arizona in the fall of 2011 and completed his project in March 2012. He commented "The Fulbright grant enriched my professional, social and personal life. It gave me a better understanding of working on and with different people. More evidently, it ignited a commitment to promote and share modern technologies." As this article was being written, Dr. Sace has already returned to CLSU. He added "I have started setting up my aquaponics here in my backyard. The project is solar powered with three raceways for vegetable production using tilapia-prawn-catfish-duckweed polyculture."

Dr. Sace had an opportunity to participate in the Christmas get-together of the CIAG Southern California Group in December 2011. Unfortunately, he could not attend the upcoming CIAG Reunion in Las Vegas this coming September because his Fulbright grant in the US was already completed.

The Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program (FPASP) was established on December 15, 1999 as one of the Fulbright programs that uses United States Public Law 480 Food for Peace Program funds to develop human resources from the Philippines. The primary aim of FPASP is to modernize the agriculture and fisheries sectors by developing their human resources base through bilateral educational exchanges between the Philippines and the United States.

It is managed by the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF). PAEF gives awards to Filipinos from the agriculture, forestry, and fisheries sectors. Since the Program started, about 1,700 Filipinos and 700 Americans enjoyed the Fulbright grants to pursue graduate degree study, teaching and research in the Philippines and the United States.

(Contributed by Gerry Galinato).



KNOW YOUR CLSUIAG OFFICERS (from Page 7)

Floro is happily married to the former Zenaída Ordoná, a 1964 BSN graduate from the University of Santo Tomas. After working in the Chicago Area, they re-located in Fremont, CA. They are blessed with three children: Manny, 41, who is currently the Sr. Systems

Administrator at Good Technology located in Sunnyvale, CA, married to Dorothy, 38, Project Engineer at Savvis, A CenturyLinked Company in Santa Clara, CA; daughter Vicky who was a Construction and Portfolio Manager in the First Republic Bank in San Francisco and has joined husband Kelly Brazil, Engineering Systems Manager of the Palo Alto Networks just last week in Singapore; and Christine, 29. They have three grandsons and the eldest, Jonathan will start college at the California State University at East Bay in Hayward, CA. this coming fall.



3rd GRAND REUNION

September 21-23 (Early Arrivals are Welcome)
Location: Gold Coast Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

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. 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.**

How to Participate: Please complete the registration form below and together with your payment, mail to CLSUIAG at the following address below:

CLSUIAG, Inc.
c/o Norma B. Viray
P.O. Box 582713
Elk Grove, CA 95758

Registration Fee:

- 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.
- Membership fee \$10/year and total cumulative payment of \$100 covers Life Membership.

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tel Nos: Home: () _____ **Cell:** () _____

Email Address: _____

_____ Will attend Dinner/Dance &/Picnic, Number in your party _____; Amount Enclosed _____

_____ Membership Fee: \$10/year or \$100 for Life Membership Amount Enclosed _____

_____ Will not attend (*if unable to attend, donation is most welcome*) Amount Enclosed _____

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CLSUIAG, INC. ENDOWMENT FUND

The CLSUIAG, Inc. 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.

All donations of CLSU alumni and friends to the CLSUIAG Endowment Fund will be deposited by the CLSUIAG Treasurer in a safe, interest-bearing account, like a Certificate of Deposit (CD), which is insured/guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) of the U.S. Government.

Only 90% of the interest will be used to fund CLSU scholarships and research and educational programs; the remaining 10% of the interest will be re-invested into the CLSUIAG Endowment Fund. Hence, all donations will always increase and never decrease through the years—forever.



Ed Cabacungan, PhD
Chairman, Endowment Fund Committee

From the Treasurer's Desk

By: Norma B. Viray



On February 6, 2012, the name change of CIAG was filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State of California. Hence, going forward, *CIAG* will be known as *CLSUIAG, Inc. (Central Luzon State University International Alumni Group, Inc.)*. The approval of its tax-exempt status by IRS hopefully will

follow soon. As recommended by our legal counsel, the existing accounts of CIAG at Wells Fargo, under the unincorporated tax ID number, have been closed and subsequently, new accounts have been opened under *CLSUIAG, INC.*

As of May 4, 2012, CLSUIAG, Inc. bank account balances at Wells Fargo Bank totaled \$16,772, broken down into:

Endowment Fund (EF)	\$13,555
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,387
3rd Reunion- Las Vegas collection	\$ 1,125
General Fund	\$ (295)

Since the last financial reporting in March 2012, the Endowment Fund has increased by \$200, from donation recently made by fellow CLSUIAG'ers from Abbotsford, Canada — Mr. and Mrs. Artemio Rodriguez (fondly known as Lulu and Tem).

The scholarship fund has increased by \$100—from payment of \$100 pledge to the scholarship fund by Lito and Ohma Viray.

We are more or less four months away from our 3rd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas. So far, I have received a few confirmation by payment of registration fees. The deposit of \$500 (advanced by Ohma in Nov 2011) for catering at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino was recently paid to her and deducted from CIAG as reflected under the line item - 3rd Reunion Las Vegas collection. The Gold Coast catering service requires 75% of total charges to be paid 30 days prior to the affair and the balance due on the night of the affair. I, therefore, encourage those who are planning to attend to complete the Registration Form on page 9 of this issue before the deadline date of August 7th or earlier.

The General Fund had a previous balance of \$555 in March 2012. A filing fee payment of \$850 was sent through our legal counsel to change the status of CLSUIAG, INC. to tax-exempt, resulting to a negative balance of **\$295** in General Fund. This forthcoming reunion in Las Vegas will at least help us raise funds to replenish our General Fund and Scholarship Fund accounts. Please send in your subscriptions to our souvenir program before the deadline date of August 10th. The net proceeds from the souvenir program project will go directly to the Scholarship Fund.

On Memorial Day, May 28th, we pay tribute to the memory of our brave military men and women who have given their lives for the defense of our great Nation that we may remain free and independent. Till next issue and God bless!

Fondly, Ohma