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LET'S JOIN THE CLSU GRAND ALUMNI HOME COMING !

Five months ago, more than 150 alumni, former CLSU faculty/staff and friends attended and immensely enjoyed the CIAG 2nd Grand Alumni Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada. The event started with an early arrivals dinner tendered by CIAG residents in the Las Vegas Area on September 17 co-chaired by Angela “Geling” Tolentino Gaetos and Dominador “Lakay” Elegado with at least a hundred in attendance. As reported in the preceding issue, the early attendees were so eager to update with former classmates, professors and friends that CIAG Regional VP and Homecoming / Reunion Committee Chair Gerry Galinato had to announce repeatedly that the party was over when it was already past the contracted time with the restaurant (5 to 8 pm) and the group would reconvene early the next day starting with the Registration, Welcome Program, and Business Meeting. The rest of the event is now history – Dinner and Dance on Saturday, the Sunday Brunch the following day and the Grand Canyon Tour on Monday which went flawlessly, thanks to the dedicated work of Gerry’s committee which is vice chaired by CIAG Treasurer Norma “Ohma” Bonzato Viray

and other CIAG officers and members. Another treat, albeit, more delicious and ecstatic awaits all CIAG’ers.

The CLSU 2011 Grand Alumni Homecoming is on April 15-17, barely two months away. If you have not scheduled your trip yet, now is the best time to do so. CIAG’s tireless Homecoming and Reunion Committee Chair and Vice Chair Gerry and Ohma, respectively, started planning and making preliminary arrangements and coordinating closely with CLSU’s Alumni Relations Office Director Dr. Zenaida “Aydz” Serna, the CLSU administration and a few others even before Thanksgiving Day! The inspiring and awesome result of their hard work is a well-balanced and productive schedule of events that every CIAG ‘er will surely want to attend and experience.

For starters, CIAG’ers may choose to join Tour No. 1, which is scheduled on April 9-12 to Boracay Resort in Aklan, the beach capital of the Philippines. Itinerary and other details will be provided in separate cover via email. Next to the pre-CLSUAAl Homecoming tour is the Early Arrivals Dinner on April 14 possibly inside the CLSU campus or in another venue at the Science City of Munoz. More details on this event will be forthcoming via email.

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Happy Valentine's Day



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2011 GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Theme: “Our Commitment: Making a Difference Through Pro-Active Engagement.”

Day 1 – April 15 (Friday)

- A. Pre-Homecoming Activities @ RET Cafeteria Luncheon with the CLSU President, Commencement Speaker, VPs, CLSUAAI, CLSUAFI, ARO, ADCO officials and early arrivals. Special Meeting of the CLSUAAI/CLSUAFI, ARO Director & Pres. R.C. Sevilleja (Presiding), and 4 VPs with CIAG Officers.
- B. “Balik-Tambayan, Balik-Kolehiyo, Balik-CLSU” at their Respective SO Park. Participation of Recognized CLSU Student/alumni Organizations: College based, Non-College based, Fraternities/Sororities.
- C. Welcome & Fellowship Program at the Executive House.

Day 2 – April 16 (Saturday)

CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming @ Multi-Purpose Gymnasium

- Registration from 7:00 am to 9:30 am, followed by the Opening Program and General Assembly Meeting.
- Dinner and Recognition Program in the evening.
- The Honorable Governor of Nueva Ecija, Aurelio Umali, will be invited as the Guest Speaker.
- Hon. Dr. Emmanuel D. Pacquiao, Congressman of Sarangani Province and Honorary life Member, CLSUHIA, due to his upcoming fight with Mosley in May, most likely would not be able to attend the Homecoming as originally planned.

Day 3 – April 17 (Sunday)

- Worship Service, Breakfast & Campus Tour
- Lunch and Fellowship. During the luncheon program, the CIAG Scholarship Program will be discussed including the introduction of its selected recipients/ scholars.
- Free time in the afternoon.
- Evening from 6 pm to 12 pm – **DINNER/DANCE**
- Installation and oath taking of new set of elected officers of the CIAG for 2011 and 2012.
- CIAG plans to invite Engineer Edgardo Alfonso,

member of the CLSU Board of Regents, as its Guest Speaker.

- The Sunday activities will be officially hosted by CIAG.

April 18 to 23 – Post Reunion Tour No. 2

- Six-day tour starting from CLSU initially travelling Northbound via Cagayan Valley to visit Nueva Vizcaya State University in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya to Banaue, to Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte, to Baguio via Laoag/Vigan, to Olongapo via Urdaneta (PUNP), Tagaytay, to Manila and back to CLSU. Details on hotel accommodations will be provided at a later date by email.

During the CIAG Reunion in Las Vegas in 2010, Dr. Romy Padilla, President and owner of PUNP has offered his university bus and drivers for us to use during the Luzon tour.

So, as all of us can see, tons of joy await every CIAG'er who attends the Grand Homecoming: To set foot once more to the alma mater where we earned our high school, college or for some even graduate degrees and to others worked or taught – that is almost comparable to setting one foot in heaven! To meet and fellowship with former classmates, professors and friends – that too is heavenly! Finally, to see firsthand how CLSU is fulfilling its mission – leading the country's institutions of higher learning excel in instruction, research and extension is simply glorious, but most importantly, to feel in our heart the strong desire to give back something to our alma mater and respond positively – is the ultimate joy any attendee can experience.

If you are planning to attend the 2011 CLSUAAI Grand Alumni Homecoming or have suggestions about the tours, please contact any of the CIAG Homecoming/Reunion Committee members.

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EDITORIAL**BY: FLORO R. GUTIERREZ**

What Can I Give/ Do for my Alma Mater?

We celebrated Christmas a few weeks ago. A simple Christmas song but with a profound meaning still lingers. "What can I give you this Christmas?... "I've searched all the Christmas shop windows, and now I know 'tis true..What can I give you this Christmas? Not a thing I've seen will do. "I'll give you my heart and my own true love, that will last a whole year (life) through.."

What can we give to our alma mater that impacted our life immeasurably? We do not need to shop much to really be able to offer our own true love to CLSU. Let me suggest the manifold ways we can do this directly or indirectly:

- 1) We can subscribe a page of advertisement/greetings in the souvenir program of the 2011 Grand Alumni Homecoming or ask a friend to subscribe a page –

deadline is February 15 .

- 2) Join the homecoming;
- 3) Donate or add to your donation to the CLSUA AI Hostel Project which still needs more funds for its finishing touches;
- 4) Donate or add to your donations to the CIAG Endowment Fund; all the needed information to do any of these are easily available by browsing our website, clsuiag.org And finally,
- 5) Pledge your love and promise that CLSU is always in your heart the NATO way (No Action, Talk Only). The fifth way is not recommended but unfortunately, a few of us still use it.

Please, let us use any of the first four or a combination of them. That makes that part of our CLSU Hymn, "*Will (we'll) prove to you our love and loyalty, so oh hail, hail to thee Alma Mater*" real and meaningful.

THANK YOU. *-frg.*

Trivial Question of the Month:

Answer: "b,"

Who said "'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all?"

- a) Mark Twain b) Alfred Tennyson c) Rudyard Kipling d) William Shakespeare d) None of the above



Gerry Galinato, Chair
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THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM & PROPOSED GUIDELINES

This project is called the CLSUA AI – CIAG Scholarship Grant Program.

The sources of funds to support the CIAG's Scholarship Grant Program will come from earnings of the CIAG's

Endowment Fund and net proceeds from special scholarship fund-raising projects and activities approved by the Executive Board. One example of this scholarship fund raised from special project was the dedication of the net proceeds from the Souvenir Program Book during the 2010 2nd CIAG Reunion in Las Vegas.

CIAG scholarship grants will be awarded to deserving and needy undergraduate students at the Central Luzon State University through the CLSU Alumni Association, Inc.'s Scholarship Program.

CIAG will start awarding scholarships during the School Year 2011-2012. It is anticipated that CIAG will

maintain and fund its Scholarship Grant Program annually depending upon the availability of fund.

CIAG will transmit the funds electronically or by other means to the CLSUA AI's Scholarship Account for the anticipated amount of scholarship grant few months prior to the beginning of each school year.

CLSU students desiring to apply for the CLSUA AI-CIAG Scholarship Grant must meet all the requirements set by the CLSUA AI under its Scholarship Program, Section A. Scholarship Assistance Program with additional conditions set forth in the CIAG Scholarship Program Guidelines.

CIAG plans to maintain the scholarship awards granted to successful recipients until graduation provided the students meet the various requirements and conditions set forth by CIAG's Scholarship Program.

Undergraduate students with courses leading to a bachelor's degree from any of the colleges are eligible to apply for the CLSUA AI – CIAG Scholarship Grant after completing at least four (4) full semesters at CLSU. This means that the grantee is considered a regular junior student when he/she receives the initial scholarship award.

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GIVE TO THE CIAG ENDOWMENT FUND

The CIAG Endowment Fund was established in 2008 to provide a means by which CLSU Alumni and Friends can make a long and lasting legacy to CLSU.

All donations of CLSU alumni and friends to the CIAG Endowment Fund will be deposited by the CIAG 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 CIAG Endowment Fund. Hence, all donations will always increase and never decrease through the years—forever.

Edison Cabacungan, Chair
Endowment Fund Committee

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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The student applicant must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least **2.25** or better. Successful grantee (s) must maintain a cumulative GPA of **2.25** or better to continue eligibility of receiving the scholarship award until graduation.

The student applicant must not be currently receiving any form of scholarship grant or financial assistance from local and national level.

Before any CLSUAAI-CIAG Scholarship Grant is officially awarded to a successful candidate, such candidate(s) must be approved by the CIAG Executive Board per recommendation by the CIAG Scholarship and Educational Programs Committee.

For the School Year 2011-2012, CIAG plans to provide a scholarships for two (2) students in the amount of \$300 (P13,050) @ \$43.5/\$1 exchange rate) per year per student .

This Guidelines is subject to the approval of the CIAG Executive Board during its next regular meeting in California.

Scholarship and Educational Programs Committee

Gerry D. Galinato, Chair
Ray Peralta, Vice Chair
Norma Viray, Member
Celia Sigua, Member
Floro Gutierrez, Member

From the Treasurer's Desk.....

The CIAG roster of members has currently 76 members in good standing (members who are current in their annual membership dues of \$10/year or \$100 Life Membership). CIAG has 9 life members and other members pay their dues annually. Once a member has paid a total of \$100 towards membership, she/he will be considered a "Life Member". Annual dues is due January 1st each year.

At inception in December 2008, CIAG had no money and no bank account. After a period of little over two years, as of January 31, 2011, CIAG's bank account balances at Wells Fargo totaled to \$15,024, which can be broken down into:

- ⇒ \$9,575 Endowment Fund (from 30 donors) will remain in deposit and untouched.
- ⇒ \$2,000 Seed money for the CIAG Scholarship Program to start in 2011.
- ⇒ \$2,000 Funds raised from the Las Vegas Reunion in Sept 2010 to be donated to the Hostel Project of CLSU.
- ⇒ \$1,449 General Fund to cover operational and miscellaneous expenses.

Lastly, Kudos to the officers and members for dedicating their time and wisdom to help CIAG prosper and reach its goals and objectives. Bye for now and expect to see more updates in the next issue of CIAG Press Release. Follow yours dreams!

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