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CIAG MEMBERS DONATE TO CLSUAAI HOSTEL PROJECT

By: Floro R. Gutierrez & Gerry D. Galinato



Gerry D. Galinato

CIAG members, friends and supporters responded to the solicitations made by the Central Luzon State University Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUAAI) and the CLSU Alumni Foundation, Inc. (CLSUAFI). During the CIAG September 2010 Reunion in Las Vegas, Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, President of CLSUAFI briefed CIAG members and supporters, and gave an inspiring summary of the developments of the CLSUAFI Hostel Project. He also encouraged CLSU alumni all over the world to provide generous financial support for the completion of the Hostel Project.

During his briefings, Dr. Ruiz indicated that so far P12 million pesos have been spent on the project and approximately an amount of P5 to P6 million pesos more is needed to complete everything. He indicated that when the building is eventually finished, it would be the biggest, the tallest and the most beautiful building on campus.

Dr. Ruiz also explained during the Las Vegas Reunion that if any CIAG members/supporters would be able to contribute an amount enough to build and furnish a room, said room will be named after the donor and he/she including immediate members of his/her family will have free use of the room except telephone bills, laundry and internet connections charges for lifetime. However, each stay shall be for maximum of ten (10) days in any month of the year.

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CIAG President, Engr. Rod Dioso, Jr., met with the key officers and members of CIAG on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 1:00 pm. The meeting was hosted by Professors Juanito & Julia Campos at their new home at Acacia Creek, Union City, California, located on a beautiful 305-acre site with excellent amenities, one of which is a large conference room where CIAG held its meeting as shown in the picture below.



Counterclockwise from left: Nenita Perez, Ohma Viray, Vicky Raniel, Floro Gutierrez, Zeny Gutierrez, Beulah Pascual, Rod Dioso, Jr., Val Pascual, Johnny Raniel, Loida Osoteo, Rey Osoteo, Rob Bugawan and Johnny Campos. Julia Campos and Lito Viray, were also present but not in the picture.

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EDITORIAL

By: Floro R. Gutierrez



ON CIAG MEMBERSHIP

*I*t is gratifying to note from the Treasurer's column last issue that CIAG has 76 members who are current in their \$10 annual membership dues including nine life members (those who paid \$100).

Our current roster of membership lists more than 180 members and most of these are couples. Counted separately, we can safely assume that we have more than 300 alumni, former faculty/staff and CLSU friends. For an organization which is only a few years old, having 25.3% of its base fairly active is a decent figure. Undoubtedly the Las Vegas grand reunion last September was a big factor for this positive outlook. Can this level be sustained, or even be improved? That remains to be seen.

A couple of years ago our web master, Rob Bugawan started maintaining the membership roster along with the Secretary and the Treasurer with further good suggestions from one of the newly elected regional vice presidents, Rene Cuizon. It is also common knowledge that during national events like our recent Las Vegas grand alumni reunion, we were able to gather more information. Word of mouth from fellow alumni and friends also has proven to be effective.

Other ideas can be explored. To help maintain and expand our roster of members, how about the Membership Committee delineating the boundaries of the regions and listing the current members. Perhaps once that is done, CIAG can put up annual contest and award a prize to the region with the highest percentage of new members recruited.

Some alumni organizations that experienced a high success in maintaining their membership have utilized strategies that 1) kept the members sufficiently interested and involved, aside from paying their annual membership dues, and 2) continued consistently to maintain and expand the membership roster. One example that I have observed was from my sister's nursing college alumni association. In addition to their international alumni group, they organized sub-chapters in the major U.S. cities with complete set of officers in those local sub-chapters. They hold leaders annual meeting for their local presidents and vice presidents aside from their biennial general membership meetings.

Finally, there is truth that there is superiority in number and in quality for even if we have a membership of 1,000 but only 5 or 10 are very active and the rest are spectators, or if we have a very active group of alumni but there are only 30 or 35 members, projects like our Endowment Fund will not fly. We do need both, a robust amount of quality and quantity, -frg.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

By: Norma B. Viray



As of March 10, 2011, CIAG's bank account balances at Wells Fargo Bank totaled to \$13,717 and broken down into:

Endowment Fund (EF)	\$10,175
Interest earned (EF)	\$ 78
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,000
General Fund	\$1,464

The fundraising activities during the CIAG Second Grand Reunion held in Las Vegas, Nevada last September 2010 generated close to \$4,000 in net proceeds. Once again, our sincere thanks and appreciation to over 150 alumni/friends from USA and Canada for their overwhelming support, without whom, the reunion would not have been a great success. And more importantly, the presence of dignitaries from the Philippines (Dr. & Mrs. Ruben Sevilleja, Dr. Zenaida Serna, Dr. Ely Ruiz, Dr. Romeo Padilla and Dr. Nestor Alvarez) made the occasion extra special and memorable. Thank you!

The officers and members present during the December 2010 CIAG Meeting in Santa Clara, CA unanimously voted to donate \$2,000 (PhP 86,384) to the CLSUAAI Hostel Project. The resulting account balance of CIAG after the \$2,000 donation to CLSUAAI is \$13,717, which amount decreased from \$15,024 in January 2011. The remaining fundraising proceeds (\$2,000) have been set aside to fund CIAG's Scholarship Program commencing

this year with scholarship awards to two students at \$300 per student per year.

With respect to the CIAG Endowment Fund, I am pleased to report that this Endowment Fund has increased by \$2,150 since the beginning of Year 2011, from \$8,025 to \$10,175 as well as the number of donors, which increased from 26 to 30.

Notably, Dr. Ed Cabacungan (Endowment Fund Committee Chair) and his lovely wife, Nenita recently completed their pledge of \$1,050 (in memory of beloved son, Allen Caan Cabacungan) and have pledged another \$1,000 payable in the next five years. New donors like Wayne and Maxima Simon-Puzon (in memory of their son, Peter Simon Puzon) have donated a total of \$300 to CIAG EF. Also, from non-alumni like Jeff and Edita Cabacungan-Donnelly, donations totaling \$1,800 have been received; and Tony & Ging Viray-Flora (in memory of beloved father, Prof. Juan P. Viray), a total of \$500. Alumni from Canada (Marietta Abenes-Solano, Lulu Abenes-Rodriguez and Florentina Alcos) have continuously sent their donations to CIAG. We have a long list of generous donors globally that is kept current and published on CIAG's website: <http://www.clsuiag.org>. Again and again, I would like to thank our EF donors and benefactors for their continued support to CIAG's endeavors.

And remember: **"Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns."** Thank you all and may God shower you and your family with more joy and blessings! Fondly, *Ohma Viray*

CIAG Members to Receive CLSUAAl 2011 Awards

By: Gerry D. Galinato and Floro R. Gutierrez

The Central Luzon State University Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUAAl) recently approved and confirmed several CIAG members to receive various achievement awards for 2011. The confirmation letters sent to the awardees were signed by Dr. Romeo S. Cabanilla, President and Board Chairman of CLSUAAl and Dr. Quirino D. Dela Cruz, Board Secretary and Chairman, CLSUAAl Awards Committee.

The Achievement Award is given annually to alumni who have excelled in various fields and created an impact in their chosen specialization or nature of work and who have contributed to the development and promotion of the glory and honor of CLSU, in particular and that of our country (Philippines), in general.

The CIAG members who were confirmed to receive the CLSUAAl Achievement Awards in 2011 are the following:

- 1) Dr. Fiorello B. Abenes - 2011 Gintong Butil Award for Science and Technology
- 2) Loretta S. Malonzo - 2011 Gintong Butil Award for Entrepreneurship
- 3) Valeriano M. Pascual - 2011 Achievement Award
- 4) Juanito E. Campos - 2011 Achievement Award
- 5) Engr. Juan C. Raniel - 2011 Special Recognition Award.

The awards will be given to the recipients during the Grand Alumni Homecoming and General Assembly Meeting on April 16, 2011 at the University Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, Central Luzon State University, Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. It is expected that all the CIAG-member recipients will attend the CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming to personally receive their awards.

According to CLSUAAl, the Gintong Butil Award is the highest award bestowed by CLSUAAl to CLSU alumni. Previous CIAG member-recipients of the Gintong Butil Award include Engr. Gerry D. Galinato for Professional Achievement in 2006, Engr. Norma B. Viray for Professional Achievement in 2006 and Ray Peralta for Entrepreneurship in 2010.

All the 2011 recipients were recommended by the CIAG Scholarship, Educational and Awards Committee Chaired by Engr. Gerry Galinato, with Ray Peralta as Vice Chair; and Ohma Viray, Floro Gutierrez, and Celia Sigua as members. Although the SEA Committee did not request nomination materials from Dr. Abenes, since he was nominated by another party, the CIAG SEA Committee provided support to his nomination.



Juanito E. Campos



Loretta Santiago-Malonzo



Fiorello B. Abenes



Juan C. Raniel

**CONGRATULATIONS CIAG MEMBERS
AWARD RECIPIENTS IN 2011**

We are proud of you!



Val M. Pascual

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2011 CLSU GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING**April 15-17, 2011****Theme: "Our Commitment: Making a Difference
Through Pro-Active Engagement."**

Day 1 April 15 (Friday)	PRE-HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES @ RET CONFERENCE HALL
12:00 Noon	Luncheon with the University President, Commencement Speaker, VPs, CLSUAAI, CLSUAFI, ARO, ADCO officials and early alumni arrivals.
3:00 pm	Special Meeting of the CLSUAAI/CLSUAFI, ARO Director & CLSU Pres. R. C. Sevilleja (Presiding), and 4 VPs with the CIAG officers, in order to discuss among other things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Future CIAG Scholarship •Alumni Hostel •Support for other projects "BALIK-TAMBAYAN-KOLEHIYO-CLSU" at their Respective SO Parks *Participation of Recognized CLSU Student Organization Alumni <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College based - Non-College based - Fraternities/Sororities
5:00 pm	WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AT THE EXECUTIVE HOUSE To be attended by the CIAG from USA, Canada, and CLSU Deans & other University Officials , early alumni arrivals and officials of CLSUAAI, CLSUAFI, and ARO Coordinators.
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Overture: CLSU Gintong Ani Rondalla (Mr. Adonis Villanueva In-Charge)
Welcome Remarks:	Dr. Ruben Sevilleja, University President
Messages:	Dr. Romeo S. Cabanilla, CLSUAAI President Dr. Eliseo L. Ruiz, CLSUAFI President
Intermission:	CLSU Gintong Ani Rondalla
Messages:	Engr. Rodrigo Dioso, Jr., CIAG President Dr. Fortunato A. Battad, President Emeritus
Power Point Presentation: Highlights of 2010 CIAG Reunion in Las Vegas, Grand Canyon Tour, 2010 CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming, Update on the Alumni Hostel, etc.).	
Ms. Annie A. Silva, CIAG & Mr. Joel M. Torres, CLSU Masters of Ceremonies	

Day 2 April 16 HOMECOMING @ MULTI-PURPOSE GYMNASIUM (MPG)

Part I	
6:00 am	DIANA (Band Parade) - Mr. Carlos Lamson, Jr. (In-Charge)
7:00 am	MOTORCADE REGISTRATION
9:00 am	OPENING PROGRAM @ THE MPG
10:30 am	ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING. Dr. Romeo S. Cabanilla, Presiding
12:00 Noon	LUNCH BREAK
Part II	
1:00 pm	SOCIALIZATION, GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP
3:00 pm	"Balik Kolehiyo/Balik Dormitoryo"
6:00 pm	Dinner - Multi-Purpose Gymnasium
Part III	
7:00 pm	RECOGNITION PROGRAM (Attire: Semi-Formal) Recognition of the 1986 Silver & Golden 1961 Jubilarians & other participants. Presentation of Alumni Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Service Award •Special Recognition Award •Achievement Award •Gintong Butil Award To be awarded by: Dr. Romeo Cabanilla, Dr. Eliseo Ruiz and Dr. Quirino Dela Cruz to be assisted by Dr. Ruben Sevilleja. Response on behalf of the Awardees Dr. Fiorello B. Abenes (Gintong Butil Awardee) Intermission Number: Mr. Marvin S. Dumlaog Awarding of Honorary Membership: Dr. Ruben Sevilleja, Dr. Romeo S. Cabanilla, Dr. Romeo L. Saplaco, Dr. Quirino Dela Cruz.
Introduction of Main Speaker	Dr. Romeo S. Cabanilla
Inspirational Message	Hon. Aurelio M. Umali Governor, Nueva Ecija
CLSU Hymn	Prof. Mila S. Ringor
Exit of the Color	ROTC-CLSU
Ms. Karyll Angelie G. Abon & Dr. Rodolfo P. Estigoy Masters of Ceremonies	
Part IV	
9:00 pm	BALLROOM DANCING/SHOWCASE OF "TALENTADONG ESTUDYANTE AT MANGGAGAWA NG CLSU" (note: 5 min/group—in between the Ballroom Dance) (Turn to Page 5)

AN INSIDE LOOK OF THE NEW CIAG ADMINISTRATION— By Floro R. Gutierrez

Loretta “Lorie” Santiago Malonzo and **Val M. Pascual** led the International Alumni Group from 2002 to 2010 with huge successes and how well do we know them? For instance, aside from being an accomplished Real Estate Broker, how many of us knew that Lorie who graduated in CLSU with Bachelor’s and a Master’s Degree, and blessed with a melodious voice, was a full scholar as our University Orchestra’s crooner? That Val, also a highly successful realtor in California, maybe dubbed an authentic native son, having attended and graduated in high school, college and a Master’s degree in CLAS, CLAC, and CLSU?



Engr. Rod Dioso, Jr.

In this and in the future issues, we will feature our CIAG officers so we can know them a little better. Our new President, **Rodrigo A. Dioso, Jr.** was born in Puncan, Caranglan, Nueva Ecija. He graduated from CLSU with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering in 1982. Rod worked in the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) from 1982 to 1990 starting as a Research Assistant and gradually moved up until he was promoted Senior Engineer, the last position he held in that agency. In 1991, Rod married Frances and they were blessed with two daughters, Joana Paola and Frances Angelica. Their daughter Joana got married to Todd Newland with whom she gave birth to Rod’s grandkids, Josiah Roman and Jessa

Bella, now 4 years and 10 months old, respectively.

In the 1990’s, Rod immigrated to the United States in search of that proverbial “greener pasture”. While in the States, he tried to improve himself professionally. In 2004, he graduated with a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from San Jose State University, San Jose, CA. Before that, he studied in California State University in Hayward, CA where he earned a BA in Political Science, *cum laude*.

Currently, Rod works with one of the biggest automobile, homeowner and commercial insurance companies as Special Liability Claims Adjuster. He is very active in community service and is a regular volunteer as a Poll Inspector in Santa Clara County during local and national elections. He also served as Worshipful Master in 2009 at the Integrity Masonic Lodge No. 479 in San Jose, CA. Rod’s basic leadership philosophy is to boost morale, improve results and have fun. He declares, **“Happy people treat others well; Fun leads to creativity; Enjoy life at the fullest; Having a good time is healthy; and Work becomes a reward, and not just a way to rewards.”**

Rod aims to continue the activities of the previous administration and help strengthen the Tax Exempt project, Scholarship and Endowment Funds, Membership Recruitment, etc. He plans to pursue travels to Canada, Hawaii, Chicago, New York and Africa to meet and recruit new members and solicit donation for scholarship grants; request CLSU to increase the number of awardees and help search deserving prospective awardees.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2011 CLSU GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING (April 15-17, 2011)

Day 3 April 17

(Sunday) TO BE SPONSORED BY CIAG

Part I

8:15 am Worship Service (Respective House of Worship)

8:30 am Breakfast @ BFAR Floating house
(Coffee, pandesal, carabao’s milk, tinapa, fried rice, egg, tuyo, corned beef, nilagang saging, etc)

9:30 am Campus Tour—use Trambia of the PhilRice & other University vehicles. Tour of various Research Centers & other interesting projects & landmarks of CLSU.

12:00 noon LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP

1:30-3:00 pm Special CIAG Meeting

3:30-5:00 pm REST

Part II DINNER –PRESENTATION OF CIAG OFFICERS- DANCE PROGRAM

(Attire: Hawaiian Motiff)

5:30 pm Social Hour

6:00 pm Call to Order/Welcome

Mrs. Loretta S. Malonzo, Chair, CIAG Prog Comm

Dr. Zenaida M. Serna, ARO Director

National Anthems

Philippines CLSU Admin Choir

USA Engr. Norma B. Viray

CLSU Hymn Ms. Anabelle B. Corpuz

DINNER

BLESSING OF THE FOOD Mr. Opry Malonzo

Featuring: CLSU’s popular native Filipino buffet menu

7:00 pm

Introductory Remarks

Invocation

Welcome Remarks

Intermission Numbers

(Conducting)

Presentation of CIAG Officers

Presidential Address

“CIAG Going Forward”

Intermission Numbers

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Message of the Guest Speaker

Closing Remarks

Engr. Gerry D. Galinato

Mr. Opry Malonzo

Dr. Romeo L. Saplapo

Dr. Eliseo L. Ruiz

Mr. Val M. Pascual

CLSU Admin Choir

Mr. Elpidio Dizon

Pres. Ruben C. Sevilleja

Engr. Rod A. Dioso, Jr.

CIAG President 2011-2012

Mrs. Lorie S. Malonzo

Mr. Marvin S. Dumlaog

Dr. Romeo S. Cabanilla

Engr. Edgardo A. Alfonso

Dr. Rodolfo C. Undan

8:00pm–12:00mn Dance-Dance-Dance

Music by: REMAKE DUET

Official Photographers: Mr. Bart Cinense, CIAG; Mr. Elito V. Circa, CLSUAAI; & Mr. Gerry Gantioque, CLSU

Dr. Zenaida M. Serna and Mrs. Loretta S. Malonzo
Masters of Ceremonies

CIAG Members Donate to CLSUAAI HOSTEL PROJECT

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In recognition of the donor's contribution, a plaque bearing his/her name or the association/organization with brief citation will be hung or secured at the backside of the main door.

To date, CIAG individual members and supporters, and CIAG Groups have contributed a total of PHP868,794 pesos or approximately \$19,972 (assumed average rate of PHP43.50 per US dollar. The Galinato Brothers namely: Engr. Gerry Galinato (Idaho), Engr. Damian Galinato (Texas), Noli Galinato (South Carolina) and Tino Galinato (Texas), individually and collectively opted to donate an amount of PHP515,800 pesos (\$12,000) to fully complete 3 rooms on the second floor. Architect Manny Ruiz of Las Vegas also pledged to fund one room in the second floor. A CIAG US-Canada Group also elected to support the completion of one room and has contributed an amount of PHP65,038 pesos.

Other members responded by donating various amounts in cash and in checks ranging from \$100 to \$300 and given to Dr. Serna before leaving Las Vegas. Such donations will be used to support various hostel project components such as fences, and general construction items. CIAG members and supporters continue to give donations direct to CLSUAAI.

The list of CIAG-member donors are listed in the following table. Please note that utmost care and accuracy were observed in listing the names of donors. However, if you find discrepancies in the list, please let the editorial staff know so appropriate corrections are made.

Dr. Ruiz also mentioned during his briefing that CIAG previously requested former CLSU President and CLSU Centennial Foundation, Inc. President Dr. Rudy Undan to turn over the remaining amount of the Centennial Funds to the CLSUAAI for the Hostel Project. A total amount of P428,040 pesos was officially transferred to CLSUAAI Hostel Project to support the completion of the project.

The CLSUAAI is still continuing to solicit donations from CLSU alumni, supporters and friends to support the completion of all the rooms of the Hostel Project. If you have not done so yet and are interested to support the cause, please make the necessary donations to CLSUAAI.

For additional donation information, please contact:

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Dr. Ely L. Ruiz, CLSUAFI President at elruiz_1229@yahoo.com.

Dr. Romy S. Cabanilla, CLSUAAI President at info@clsualumni.org.

List of CIAG Members-Supporters Who are Donors to the CLSUAAI Hostel Project As of March 20, 2011

Name 1/	Amount (\$)	Amount (P)	
Gerry D. Galinato	\$ 4,000	173,000	2/,3/
Noli D. & Tino D. Galinato	\$ 4,000	172,832	3/
Dan D. Galinato	\$ 4,000	170,000	3/
CIAG	\$ 2,000	86,384	4/
Canada-US Group		65,038	4/,5/
Maxima Simon-Puzon		23,000	
Edwin and Nenita Perez	\$ 500	22,000	
Pete and Lilia Lopez		20,000	
Lito and Ohma Viray	\$ 300	13,000	6/
Marlie Ruba-Ayala	\$ 260	11,440	
Leo Abenes		10,000	
Rod and Frances Dioso	\$ 200	8,800	6/
Alex and Jean Almazan	\$ 200	8,800	
Annie and Nestor Silva	\$ 200	8,800	
Val and Beulah Pascual	\$ 200	8,800	
Ray Peralta	\$ 100	7,400	2/
Remedios Dioso	\$ 150	6,600	
Samuel Robeniol	\$ 150	6,600	
Gil Valenzuela	\$ 150	6,600	
Jesus Guirao		4,500	
Ed and Nenita Cabacungan	\$ 100	4,400	
Romy and Nancy Castro	\$ 100	4,400	
Digna Malong	\$ 100	4,400	
Florentina Alcos	\$ 100	4,400	
Pablo Baldazo	\$ 100	4,400	
Rosemarie Baldazo	\$ 100	4,400	
Floro and Zeny Gutierrez	\$ 100	4,400	7/
Johnny and Vicky Raniel	\$ 100	4,400	7/
Total Donations in Pesos		PHP 868,794	

Footnotes:

- 1/ Name of donors were taken from CLSU website, letter of acknowledgement from CLSUAAI, and other CLSUAAI Hostel donor records
- 2/ Includes donation made in 2007 in the amount of PHP3,000.
- 3/ Eligible to have room priorities and other privileges per CLSUAAI Hostel Guidelines.
- 4/ Eligible to have room priorities and other privileges if target total donation amount of \$4,000 is completed.
- 5/ Group includes Lun Mateo, Gilbert Sigua, Ramon Coloma, Manny Buado and other Toronto CLSU alumni & friends.
- 6/ Additional \$100 cash donation made on 3/20/11 to be delivered to CLSUAAI in April 2011.
- 7/ New \$100 cash donation made on 3/20/11 to be delivered to CLSUAAI in April 2011.



Picture showing \$4,000 cash donation of Engr. Dan Galinato to the CLSUAAI Hostel Project being received by Dr. Romy Cabanilla, CLSUAAI President and Board Chairman. L to R: Engr. Gerry Galinato; Engr. Dan Galinato; Dr. Romy Cabanilla; Tino Galinato and Pete Lopez, CIAG Homecoming/Reunion Committee Interim Member-Local Coordinator.

Picture of the CLSUAAI Hostel project taken during the recent visit of CIAG Officer Engr. Gerry Galinato in November 2010.

L to R: CLSUAAI Officers Prof. Mila Ringor, Sec. Gen.; Dr. Onofre Ringor, Membership Director; Dr. Romy Cabanilla, President and Board Chairman; Engr. Gerry Galinato, CIAG Homecoming/Reunion Committee Chair; Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, CLSUAFI President; and Engr. Gene Tolentino, Programs Director & former CLSUAAI Pres.

AN INSIDE LOOK OF THE NEW CIAG ADMINISTRATION (From Page 5)



Johnny E. Campos

Our new 1st Vice President, **Juanito E. Campos** was born in Ariston, Asingan, Pangasinan. He recalls that being born from a very poor share cropper family, he was able to go to high school in CLAS with the help of his late older brother who worked at the pineapple plantations in Hawaii. After high school, he joined the

Philippine Navy and through a competitive examination conducted by the US Navy, was sent to the Naval School Supply Command for a six-month study in storekeeping. He finished the course on top of his class of 30 students.

Manong Johnny, as he is fondly called by many of his friends, met his beautiful wife, Julia Magno, while in the States. He was at the Naval School Supply Command while Julia, who by the way, became the first Dean of CLSU College of Home Economics, was on a scholarship pursuing a master's degree in Oklahoma State University. After a whirlwind courtship, they got married in Oklahoma City in 1955. They were blessed with three children, Judy, Jun and Julius, now all grown up with their own families.

Manong Johnny earned a BSE degree from Cosmopolitan Colleges in Manila in 1950, a BSA in CLSU in 1965 and a Master of Arts degree in 1954 from Far Eastern University. He immigrated to the United States in 1971 after teaching in CLSU for two decades. While in the States, he took an examination for Deputy Clerk in the San Francisco Municipal Court and placed among the top ten who passed. He became the only courtroom clerk who is not a lawyer. He is also very active in community service. Right now, he is serving his eighth year as President of the Filipino-American Senior Citizens of Solano County, Inc. He also served as Worshipful Master of Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 in 1981.

He expressed his basic leadership philosophy in just a few words: *"Never criticize and antagonize anyone. Be generous with praises and your smile."*



Ohma Viray

And finally our CIAG Treasurer, Norma **"Ohma" Bonzato Viray** (born and raised in Munoz, Nueva Ecija) is probably the most well known among the three officers we are featuring in this issue. This is primarily because she has been very active in all our major activities on her own as CIAG's Finance Chair and as Co-Chair of the Homecoming and Reunion Committee, as well as the Scholarship, Educational & Awards Committee.

Looking back, Ohma was elementary school Valedictorian and high school Salutatorian. (Interestingly enough, Lito Viray, whom she married seven years later, was then the Valedictorian). She completed her college education at CLSU—the only woman in the 1968 batch of Agricultural Engineering graduates and placed among the top ten who took and passed the Board Examinations for Professional Agricultural Engineers in 1969.

Ohma taught high school Mathematics and Chemistry for about one year at CLSU before she and Lito got married in 1970. Then in 1975, they decided to immigrate to the United States for a brighter future. After over 30 years of hard work and dedication, Lito & Ohma fulfilled their American dreams. They have been retired since 2007. Ohma retired as Vice President from the Commercial Real Estate Department of Bank of America in Sacramento while Lito retired as a Senior Bridge Engineer from the State of California Department of Transportation.

They are currently residing in Elk Grove, California and having the most wonderful time together. Since retirement, they have been very active in Masonic and community affairs. She and Lito are the Junior Past Royal Matron and Royal Patron of Beehive-Sacramento Court, Order of the Amaranth. They are also active members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Temple Chapter in Sacramento. Ohma currently serves as the Editor of The GDML Journal published monthly by General Douglas MacArthur Lodge #853 (GDML), Sacramento, California. Lito was the Charter Master and currently serves as the Worshipful Master of GDML. Ohma pursues her love for God and music by serving as a member of the Sunday Church Choir at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Sacramento.

In the next issue, we will feature the At Large and regional VPs, the Secretary, and all the other CIAG officers. *frg*

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GIVE TO THE CIAG ENDOWMENT FUND

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.

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, PhD.
Chair, Endowment Fund Committee

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN - CIAG Homecoming / Reunion Committee



On behalf of the CLSU International Alumni Group's (CIAG) Homecoming and Reunion (HAR) Committee, I would like to convey my warmest greetings to all CLSU alumni, friends and family members who are joining us in this year's Grand Alumni Homecoming with

an exciting theme ***"Our Commitment: Making a Difference through Pro-active Engagement."*** It is also a great honor for CIAG to be an active participant in this wonderful event.

The CIAG organization is still in its infancy. While a number of dedicated CLSU alumni informally started an International Group several years ago in preparation for the celebration of our alma mater's centennial year, CIAG was formally organized and registered as a non-profit organization in the State of California in 2008. Now, we are ready to move forward as an organization with solid footing to pursue our objectives.

CIAG has an ambitious goal of supporting our alma mater's mission by sponsoring worthwhile projects and other endeavors at CLSU. We have

started some modest projects such as creating an Endowment Fund, supported the CLSUAAI Hostel Project and initiated a CIAG Scholarship Grant Program to support deserving and needy students in CLSU. We are very proud, indeed, to have the opportunity to give something back to our beloved alma mater.

The CIAG HAR Committee coordinated very closely and worked diligently with the CLSUAAI, ARO and CLSU administration in planning and co-sponsoring various programs, encouraging participation from co-alumni abroad to attend the Homecoming, soliciting donations for the completion of the Hostel Project, and soliciting advertisements for the Souvenir Program. I hope CIAG's pro-active engagement would contribute to the success of our Homecoming activities.

I encourage everyone to participate fully in the Homecoming events and I hope you all experience pleasant and fulfilling memories.

God Bless the CLSU Alumni all over the World!

Mabuhay ang CLSU!

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