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Ruiz Pledges \$100,000.00 to CIAG Endowment Fund



Dr. Eliseo L. Ruiz, the first CLSU alumnus to serve as CLSU President, pledged to donate the whopping amount of \$100,000 in three years! He made the pledge while

delivering his brief remarks during the Hawaiian Night on April 17, 2011. As many CIAG'ers may recall, CIAG sent a big delegation to the 2011 CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming on April 15-17, 2011.

CIAG Endowment Fund Committee Chair Dr. Ed Cabacungan was jubilant to hear the good news. He said that now that CIAG has started its scholarship program initially with two scholars for the school year 2011-2012, there is no turning back. Moreover, raising his optimism that Dr. Ruiz's gargantuan pledge will encourage and motivate like-hearted generous and loyal alumni to step up their pledges and donations, Ed predicted that the EF will continue to grow in a much faster pace.

Interested alumni may contact CIAG Treasurer Engr. Norma B. Viray at P.O. Box 582713, Elk Grove, CA 95758 to pledge or send donations to the Endowment Fund. You may also reach her on telephone no. (916) 897-9001 or online at ohmaviray@aol.com.

All donations to the CIAG Endowment Fund will be deposited by the CIAG Treasurer in a safe interest-bearing account, like a Certificate of Deposit, 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, 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.*

By: FRGutierrez

CIAG Las Vegas Group Holds Summer Get-Together

Members, former faculty and staff, friends and supporters of the CIAG-Las Vegas Group recently held a Summer Get-Together and No-host Dinner on Sunday, August 7, 2011 at the Aloha Kitchen and Bar located at 2605 South Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was conducted from 6:00 to 10:00 o'clock in the evening. This the first time the Las Vegas Group met since the CIAG Grand Reunion was held in Las Vegas in September 2010.

The main purpose of the meeting was to update the group concerning the status of CIAG's Endowment Fund. Dr. Edison Cabacungan, Chair of the CIAG Endowment Fund Committee, discussed the Endowment Fund, its purpose, significance of this program and how each of the CIAG members,

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Rod Dioso, Jr. Elected Fil-Am Aggies President



In their annual picnic and general membership meeting held last June 18, the Fil-Am Aggies Association, USA, elected Engr. Rod Dioso, Jr. President for 2011-2013. Rod was the Vice President prior to his elevation to the helm of the association.

The election of officers had a little dramatic twist. Some members of the Board of Directors comprising of all the past presidents of the association thought that Rod having been elected president of CIAG (CLSU International Alumni Group) last year and just assumed office at the beginning of 2011, remained Fil-Am Aggies Vice President and be elected President later so he can concentrate his current efforts with CIAG. So an agricultural engineering graduate from Salinas, CA was nominated for President and a motion to close the nominations was made on the floor. However, the nominee's wife strongly begged to excuse her husband due to health reasons, and the election process continued.

There was also a little surprise in the elections: Mike Achas, an alumnus of the Central Mindanao University in Musuan, Bukidnon who joined the association two years ago was elected

Vice President, and Tessie Francisco, an alumna from the same university as Secretary. Another welcomed surprise is a comeback from one of the original founders of the Fil-Am Aggies, Cid Guerrero, who was elected a Press Relation Officer. Outgoing president Floro Gutierrez joins the Board of Directors and was elected a Press Relation Officer also. The association's dynamic secretary, Vicky Raniel was re-nominated but she asked to step down due to added family and church responsibilities; she remains Secretary of the Board of Directors (BOD) when the Board elected its officers last February.

The association elected or re-elected the following other officers: Julie Hidalgo, Treasurer, Zeny Casuga, Asst. Treasurer, Vicky Siruno, Asst. Secretary, Rey Osoteo and Johnny Raniel, Auditors, Bert Casuga and Val Pascual, Business Managers and Juanito Campos, Roxes Garcia and Mar Estioko, Advisors.

The Fil-am Aggies Association, USA, which used to be Fil-Am Aggies of California was formed in 1989. One of its primary goals is to provide full tuition scholarships to undergraduate students in agricultural colleges and universities in the Philippines. To date it has awarded 102 scholarships. On August 27, its newly elected officers will be inducted into office at a dinner/dance to be held at the Masonic Hall, 131 E. Main Street, Los Gatos, CA from 5 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

By: Fil-Am Aggies Press Release Team: Robert Bugawan, Rose Estioko, Cid Guerrero, Floro Gutierrez and Vicky Raniel.

CIAG AG EN GRADS DONATE TO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Several CLSU Agricultural Engineering graduates who are CIAG members based in USA recently donated some amount for the CIAG Scholarship Program, according to Gerry Galinato, Chair of the CIAG Scholarship, Educational and Awards (SEA) Committee. This amount was part of the total funds donated by the Ag Engineering group during the advertisement campaign in sponsoring a page for the April 2011

CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming Souvenir Program. The total amount of funds donated by the Group was \$250 which is approximately 83% of the financial support given by CIAG to one CLSU student scholar.

Twenty-two Ag En graduates based in Canada and USA and its territories were initially identified during the campaign and were sent invitations to participate in sponsoring a page in the Souvenir Program. A voluntary contribution of \$10 per person interested to participate was suggested. Sixteen Ag En alumni positively responded. To sponsor a page in the Souvenir Program, \$60 was required. It was explained to the Group that the excess amount collected was going to be used for defraying the expenses in organizing and hosting a meeting/reunion of CLSU Alumni who are current and former members of the Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineers in conjunction with the CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming's "Balik Tambayan

Program." However, such planned event did not materialize due to inability of identifying a lead local organizer based in the Philippines. A default option was suggested to the Group that in case the PSAE-CLSU Chapter reunion could not be successfully organized, the remaining funds would be donated to the CIAG Scholarship Fund. Gerry Galinato, BSAEn '67 graduate who initially spearheaded the effort lamented - "While the planned reunion for PSAE members was not successful, the extra money intended for that purpose also went to an even better cause."

Scholarship donors voluntary contributed from \$10 to \$100 each. The CLSU Ag Engineering graduates (BSAEn) who made generous donations include Bernie Cagauan, Jr. ('60, \$100), Gerry Galinato ('67, \$50), Bert Cabalsi ('68, \$20), and Aida Rull ('62, \$20). Emma Puzon ('60), Ohma Viray ('68), Pablo Baldazo ('61), Rosemarie Baldazo ('96), Dominador "Lakay" Elegado ('61), Celia Sigua ('81), Rene Cuizon ('80), Johnny Raniel ('66), Mar Estioko ('59), Rod Dioso ('82), Rob Bugawan ('74), and Ray Asoteo ('61) - each contributed \$10.

According to Ohma Viray, CIAG Treasurer, with the recent contribution by the Ag En Group, the current balance of the CIAG Scholarship Fund is now approximately \$2,457. This Scholarship Fund is separate from the Endowment Fund which has a balance of \$11,725 at the end of August 2011. CIAG started supporting two CLSU scholars during the first semester of the School Year 2011-2012 with an award of \$300 for each scholar.

By: Gerry Galinato

Another Great News to All CIAG'ers ! By: Floro Gutierrez

Dr. Elito Tiangco, (BSAEd 1961, *Cum laude*) and Mrs. Mely Tabing Tiangco, both former faculty members of CLSU in the early 1960s recently donated \$600.00 to the CIAG Endowment Fund (EF). The good news follows an earlier great announcement made by a former CLSU President, Dr. Eliseo Ruiz last April of a \$100,000.00 pledge within three years to the EF.

The two very significant donations/pledges elated EF Chair, Dr. Ed Cabacungan who immediately contacted Johnny Raniel, Chair of the task force to work for the tax exempt status of the association and encouraged him to speed up the process. It maybe recalled that Ed originally conceptualized the establishment of the Endowment Fund during an inspirational speech he delivered during the induction of officers and dinner/dance held in Vallejo, CA on July 19, 2008. Former CLSU president Dr. Rodolfo C. Undan was the guest speaker and Inducting Officer in that momentous event.

Ed assumed that if 1000 alumni, former CLSU faculty/staff, and friends donate \$200.00 a year, at the end of each year, EF will have raised \$200,000.00 and in five years, the \$1 million goal will be attained. All donations to the CIAG EF will be

deposited by the CIAG Treasurer in a safe, interest-bearing account, like a Certificate of Deposit and only 90% of the interest will be used to fund CLSU scholarships, research and educational programs; the remaining 10% of the interest will be re-invested into the Endowment Fund. Hence, all donations will always increase and never decrease through the years – forever. To date, our Treasurer has received a total donation of \$11,725.00 and welcomes donations anytime. Her address and phone number are on the first page of our website, www.clsuiag.org.

Meanwhile, during the CIAG meeting held at the Lito and Norma Viray's residence in Elk Grove CA last July 24, it was strongly suggested that officers and members become life members (\$100 fee minus the membership fees paid earlier). It was also unanimously approved that members of the Endowment Fund Committee who have not yet made a pledge are strongly encouraged to make the suggested pledge of \$1,000.00 over a period of five years.

CIAG has already started to award the CIAG scholarships initially to two students in CLSU this school year, 2011-2012.

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friends and supporters can be involved and actively participate in reaching CIAG's goal. He shared the good news that Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, former CLSU President and now a successful entrepreneur, made a pledge to donate \$100,000.00 within three years to the CIAG Endowment Fund.

To appreciate Dr. Ruiz' generous pledge and financial commitment, the CIAG Las Vegas Group approved a motion to formally recognize his generosity in pledging to donate \$100,000.00 within the next three years to the CIAG Endowment Fund and acknowledge him as a role model for all CLSU Alumni worldwide.

The other purpose of the meeting was to share some news about the recently completed April 2011 CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming. Gerry Galinato, Chair of the CIAG Homecoming/Reunion Committee shared the experiences of CIAG participants during the Homecoming events. There were lots of interests about the status of the CLSU Alumni Hostel Project and how CIAG members, friends and supporters could utilize the hostel facility even if they have not committed to specifically sponsor a room. It was explained to the group that CLSU alumni are eligible to use the facility with a 50% discount from the prevailing rack rates of the hostel plus a daily charge for the utilities during their stay.

Discussion of the 2011 CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming was supplemented with a slide presentation by Gerry on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of Dr. Leo and Ning Abenes in West Las Vegas. Leo provided the electronic projector using their flat screen TV. The slide presentation was hosted by Leo and Ning in conjunction with a "Halo-Halo and Merienda" Session at their residence. The slide presentation covered various Homecoming events including the Soft-Opening of the CLSU Alumni Hostel, Reception for Early CIAG Arrivals, Luncheon Program hosted by the Administration, Dinner

Program hosted by Pres. and Mrs. Sevilleja at the Executive House, CLSU Grand Alumni Recognition Program, and the CIAG-sponsored Recognition of Officers and Dinner Program.



Nineteen people participated in the Las Vegas Group meeting including, Leo and Ning Abenes, Ed and Nenita Cabacungan, Susan Rodriguez, Geling and Riz Gaetos, Gerry and Lettie Galinato, Pablo and Marie Baldazo, Gloria and Ike Tan, Manny and Olympia Ruiz, Vising-Cardona Panahon, Lita Llaneza, and Tino Galinato, a guest from Houston, TX. "Lakay" Elegado missed the Sunday meeting but joined the Group during the slide presentation and "Halo-Halo & Merienda" Session Monday afternoon.

The event was coordinated by Susan Rodriguez and Geling Gaetos. The Group was able to get a 20% discount on dinner orders through the courtesy of Susan whose daughter is the owner of Aloha Kitchen and Bar.

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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.

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From the Treasurer's Desk

By: Ohma Viray



As of August 31, 2011, CIAG's bank account balances at Wells Fargo Bank totaled \$14,394 and are broken down into:

Endowment Fund (EF)	\$11,741
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,457
General Fund	\$ 196

CIAG's financial health has been improving slowly but surely since inception in December 2008. The Endowment Fund, which is a huge endeavor spearheaded by our energetic leader, Dr. Ed Cabacungan, has now increased to \$11,741. Thanks once again to our generous and committed CLSU Alumni and Friends who continuously support this big project.

I am happy to report that we launched the CIAG's scholarship project this April 2011. The CIAG President, Engr. Rod Dioso, Jr. personally delivered the check in the amount of \$600 to Dr. Romy Cabanilla, President of CLSU Alumni Association, Inc. ("CLSUAAP"). This amount represents the annual grant to two CIAG scholars. Thanks to CLSUAAI for doing all the leg work and assisting CIAG in choosing the deserving CLSU students.

The 2011 Grand Alumni Homecoming was held at the CLSU campus from April 15-18, 2011. CIAG sponsored a "Hawaiian Night" on April 18th, which was graced by the presence of CLSU Officials, Faculty members & staff, and over 30 CIAG members from United States, Canada and Africa. The night was a great success and more so, when Dr. Eliseo Ruiz announced his commitment to donate

US\$100,000.00 to CIAG Endowment Fund. Wow!!

In summary, donations from 2011 Alumni Homecoming attendees from abroad amounted to \$2117, less the expenses on food and other miscellaneous expenses, generated a net excess of \$662.56. This amount was donated to the CIAG scholarship fund. In addition, the CLSU Ag Engineering Graduates based in USA pulled together to post an ad to the 2011 Grand Alumni Homecoming Souvenir Program. Voluntary donations ranging from \$10 to \$100 were received and the excess fund of \$250 (after payment of \$60 to cover the ad) was donated to the scholarship fund as well. As a result, the ending balance of scholarship fund after the \$600 check issued to CLSUAAI increased from \$2,000 to \$2,457.

Another good news as reported by Floro Gutierrez, CIAG PRO & Editor-in-Chief — Dr. & Mrs. Elito Tiangco donated \$600 to CIAG Endowment Fund. This was recently followed by a \$200 donation from Dr. Leo & Ning Abenes, whose total donations to date to EF amounts to \$400. Of the \$11,741 EF, the amount of \$10,071 is invested in a 48-month CD earning 2.15% /annum and the remaining EF, deposited in the savings account.

The CIAG general fund which is fast depleting is in need of replenishing. Engr. Rob Bugawan brought out a good point during the last CIAG meeting in July 2011. The general fund will grow from the dues collected from members. So, we encourage those members who have not yet paid, to pay the \$100 life membership to help with the CIAG expenses. So long, and always remember, *"Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns"*. Fondly, *Ohma*