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## CLSU INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI GROUP (CIAG)



### CIAG PRESIDENT CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

President Rodrigo Dioso, Jr. was ecstatic on the scheduled CIAG meeting last October 22: he was celebrating his birthday!

The get together was almost typical. Where normally about 15 officers and members participate, this time the meeting was attended by almost 30, counting the non-member guests. Furthermore, Rod's first cousin, Roger Alsasua (A.A.E., Class 1957) was present for the first time. It also was not a potluck meeting – Rod and Frances took care of the scrumptious food and fine drinks.

Yours truly was asked to offer a prayer and blessing of the food and after an hour and a half of eating and chatting, the business meeting started at 2:45 p.m. The Secretary, Nenita Perez, was not available due to some ailment and had to cancel her Friday (October 21) flight, so someone was asked to take the minutes of the meeting.

The CIAG 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Reunion in Las Vegas which is just 10 months away, was one of the major issues discussed in the meeting. To expedite matters, such as



*CIAG Pres. Rod Dioso, shown with CIAG'ers, celebrated his birthday on 10/22/11.*

selecting the venue, President Rod decided to amend the committee he formed last July and appointed Dr. Leo Abenes and Engr. Gerry Galinato to co-chair the new committee with the following members: Norma "Ohma" B. Viray, Angela "Geling" T. Gaetos, DG "Lakay" Elegado, Cornelio "Noy" Binoya, Jr., Gloria Tan and Susan Rodriguez as members.

The upcoming Christmas Party was also discussed. At first, the group decided that it will be held with a dinner/dance on December 17 (Saturday) from 5 to 11:00 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 2500 Masonic Drive, San Jose, CA. It was approved that each member contributes \$15.00 and music will be provided by *The Housekeepers* for \$400.00. President Rod was confident that this plan when presented to the Fil-Am Aggies meeting on November 5 will be confirmed.

During the Fil-Am Aggies meeting on November 5, the plan for the Christmas party was revised and finalized with the following details: Venue: Dioso Residence at 1506 Rue Avati, San Jose, CA, Date, December 17 (Saturday) from 1:00 p.m. Food will be provided by the Fil-Am Aggies Association, USA, and Music will be provided by the members via KARAOKE.

Going back to the CIAG October 22 meeting, after the group sang Rod a 'Happy Birthday', a member asked how old he is and he replied, "Maybe 56, I don't know, I stopped counting after I hit 50". - frg.

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## EDITORIAL

By: Floro R. Gutierrez



### Patriotism and Heroes

As I am writing this a week before Veterans Day, I recalled the National Heroes Day, probably its closest or equivalent holiday in the Philippines. In the 1950's, the latter was observed on November 30. It may be noted that the observance of holidays in our old country, except Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving, invariably changes and other or new holidays are created or revised by presidential decree or legislation. It may also be noted that in the United States, Veterans Day is celebrated proudly with all the noise and pageantry, the exploits and bravery of our men and women in uniform, many of whom have paid the ultimate sacrifice, while Memorial Day is observed solemnly on the last Monday of May, remembering the heroes and patriots who gallantly served their country so that all of us can enjoy that priceless treasure – freedom.

Patriotism is simply defined as the love for one's country. Paul R. Kach, a college student and former De Molay councilor who won last year in an Essay Contest aptly wrote that patriotism is more than blind loyalty. It includes following the high ideals of honor, goodness and freedom.

Having been colonized by Spain for three and a half centuries and later ceded to the United States for almost fifty years, it was quite natural that many of our early compatriots unite and fight the colonizers. In the process, many leaders and heroes emerged. Jose Rizal, Marcelo del Pilar and Mariano Ponce on the propaganda side, and Emilio

Aguinaldo, Andres Bonifacio and others in the armed revolution easily come to mind. They toiled, sacrificed and most of them gave their lives so that we and our posterity will be free.

The colonial days are gone, but we still need heroes who follow the high ideals of honor, goodness and freedom. Shifting our global gaze from our country to our alumni group, we can see in the horizon modern day heroes in our association that its future leaders may consider to emulate. They, too, volunteered many hours and a portion of their material resources for the association. To mention a few, we can begin by naming the presidents (or chairperson): Lorie S. Malonzo, (2002-2007), Val Pascual, (2008-2010) and currently, Rod Dioso. Working closely with them were their vice presidents, Ray Peralta, Rod Dioso and Johnny Campos, respectively. We can see also in the horizon Gerry Galinato, ably assisted by his vice chair, Norma B. Viray, who spent endless hours planning, coordinating and implementing the alumni reunion last year; Ed Cabacungan who conceptualized the Endowment Fund which is steadily growing. We also see others who share their expertise in teaching and research, like Leo Abenes in Philippine state universities (and also Co-chairs the upcoming CIAG 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Alumni Reunion); and Dr Eliseo Ruiz, the first CLSU alumnus to become a CLSU President, now retired, who, last April, pledged to donate \$100,000 to the CIAG Endowment Fund payable in three years. (We can easily name more than a dozen individuals who unselfishly served the association in significant ways but will remain anonymous due to space limitations – hope they understand).

It is great to have trailblazers such as these in our midst. But it would be greater if each of us will realize that we, too, can step up and be patriots and heroes in our own way – by simply actively supporting CIAG in its projects and activities. –fig.



## CLSUIAG AND FIL-AM AGGIES ASSOC., USA JOINT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**When:**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011  
1:00 PM

**Where:**

THE DIOSO RESIDENCE  
1506 RUE AVATI  
SAN JOSE, CA

**Catered**

**Dinner:** FREE (to be provided by Fil-Am Aggies Assoc., USA)

**RSVP:** On or before December 10<sup>th</sup>

**PLEASE CONTACT:** Rod Dioso (408) 510-9969

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: RODRIGO DIOSO, JR



I thank everyone in extending his/her helping hands in implementing our programs during my administration. We must put in our mind that nothing is gained without effort and our earnest desires and our willingness to work.

This year, I believe that we had a good delegation and actively participated in the CLSU Alumni Grand Reunion in the Philippines. We gave significant donations to the Hostel Project at CLSU and launched our first scholarship grants. We now have two scholars. (See related story on Page 9)

My goal, of course, with your help, is to increase membership. Lately, I recruited five additional members: Pol Bulaong, former professor of the College of Engineering and his wife, Julita, who graduated in CLSU with a master's degree in the 1990s. They now reside in Santa Clarita, CA; Philip Cruz, Agri-business 1990, residing in American Canyon, CA. He informed me that there are more

CLSU alumni in his area; Roger Dalit, BSAEn 1983, residing in San Jose, CA and Blanca Nugal, BSA Education 1997, residing in San Jose, CA. I am in the process of coordinating with Engr. Carlos Carriaga, BSAEn 1978 and other CLSU alumni in Arizona. I have been informed that there are more than 10 CLSU alumni residing in Arizona.

In August, I started my campaign to meet CIAG members outside Northern California for my fundraising activities. I met with the members in San Diego, CA and they pledged support for the scholarship fund. Next year, I will launch more fundraising activities that will generate more income for our organization.

You are invited to our Christmas Party on December 17, 2011 at our residence at 1506 Rue Avati, San Jose, CA. It is a joint party with FIL-Am Aggies USA (I am also the President of this Association). Through the generosity and kindness of the Fil-Am Aggies, they will provide the food.

Finally, please mark in your calendar the forthcoming Grand Reunion in Las Vegas, Nevada on September 22, 2012.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY &  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**



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



*Ed Cabacungan*

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

**A JOYOUS HOLIDAY GREETINGS—THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!**

**T**his is the happiest holiday season of the year and we would like to be the first to wish you the best in everything this Holiday Season.

May the Almighty Father continue to extend His Divine blessings of good health, good fortune, success and happiness to you and your loved ones not only during this Holiday Season but through all the coming years.

In the spirit of the Holiday Season, we would like to ask you to make a donation to the CIAG Endowment Fund. The fund was established three years ago to enable all CLSU alumni and friends to make a lasting legacy to CLSU. Any amount will be appreciated. But before you give, we would like to ask you to reflect what your education and experiences at CLSU means to you and then give whatever it is your heart tells you to do.

We are pleased to report that since its establishment, the CIAG Endowment Fund has grown to \$11,775 with a total pledge of \$119,975. We wish it is more but this is just a modest beginning. We are certain that more CLSU alumni and friends will join the bandwagon of donors—please see attached list-- as they learn about this noble cause. Sooner or later, we will reach our goal of raising \$1,000,000 for our beloved CLSU. In recognition of their generosity, all donors will be presented with a "Humanitarian Award" during the CIAG Gala Dinner/Dance Reunion to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Saturday, September 22, 2012.

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

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

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Tel No. (916) 897-9001

Email: [ohmaviray@aol.com](mailto:ohmaviray@aol.com)

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

We would love to hear from you and all CLSU alumni, former faculty / staff and friends in your area. Please email pictures /news items to Rob Bugawan, CIAG Website Director, at: [rbugawan@comcast.net](mailto:rbugawan@comcast.net)

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

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

Again, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year to you and your loved ones!

**MABUHAY ANG CLSU!**

Regards and God bless,

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

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

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**Leo Abenes – Montclair, CA**  
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## CIAG ENDOWMENT FUND as of 10/31/11

<u>ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS</u>		<u>PLEDGES</u>	TOTAL PLEDGES & OTHER CASH <u>DONATIONS</u>	DONATIONS RECEIVED TO <u>DATE</u>
<b>1</b>	Abenes, Leo & Ning		\$400	\$400
<b>2</b>	Alcos, Senen & Florentina		\$200	\$200
<b>3</b>	Baguyos, Johnny & Aurora		\$100	\$100
<b>4</b>	Briones, Marianito & Lourdes		\$100	\$100
<b>5</b>	Bugawan, Rob & Dory	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,025	\$625
<b>6</b>	Cabacungan, Ed & Nenet-in memory of our beloved son, Allen Caan Cabacungan	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$2,050	\$1,050
<b>7</b>	Cabalsi, Bert & Julia		\$50	\$50
<b>8</b>	Cielo, Digna Malong	\$500/yr (2 years)	\$1,000	\$250
<b>9</b>	Cinense, Bart & Luisa	\$100/yr (2 years)	\$200	\$200
<b>10</b>	Cuizon, Rene & Rezie	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$400
<b>11</b>	De Jesus, Marc & Josie		\$150	\$150
<b>12</b>	Dioso, Rod & Frances	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$300
<b>13</b>	Donnelly, Jeff & Edita Cabacungan		\$1,800	\$1,800
<b>14</b>	Elegado, DG and Ellie	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$200
<b>15</b>	Escoto, Ador & Flor		\$50	\$50
<b>16</b>	Estioko, Mar & Rose		\$50	\$50
<b>17</b>	Flora, Winston & Consuelo V - In memory of Prof Juan P. Viray	\$100/yr (5 years)	\$500	\$500
<b>18</b>	Gaetos, Rizalino & Angela		\$100	\$100
<b>19</b>	Galinato, Gerry & Lettie	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$600
<b>20</b>	Gutierrez, Floro & Zeny	\$250/yr (4years)	\$1,000	\$600
<b>21</b>	Malonzo, Loretta & Opry		\$100	\$100
<b>22</b>	Mamaclay, Gerry & Hennie	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$400
<b>23</b>	Osoteo, Rey and Loida		\$1,000	\$100
<b>24</b>	Pascual, Val & Beulah	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$1,000	\$250
<b>25</b>	Peralta, Ray & Carmen		\$150	\$150
<b>26</b>	Puzon, Wenceslao & Maxima S., In Memory of Son, Peter Simon Puzon		\$300	\$300
<b>27</b>	Raniel, Johnny & Vicky		\$100	\$100
<b>28</b>	Rinon, Jr, Johnny & Amelia	\$200-Year 2009	\$200	\$200
<b>29</b>	Rodriguez, Artemio & Lulu		\$200	\$200
<b>30</b>	Ruiz, Eliseo & Zenaída	(3 years)	\$100,000	\$0
<b>31</b>	Siapno, Ed		\$200	\$200
<b>32</b>	Solano, Vic & Marietta		\$300	\$300
<b>33</b>	Tiangco, Elito & Hermelina		\$600	\$600
<b>34</b>	Viray, Lito & Norma	\$200/yr (5 years)	\$2,050	\$1,150
			<b>\$119,975</b>	<b>\$11,775</b>
<b>TOTAL EF Fund (exclusive of interest \$196)</b>			<b>\$11,775</b>	



## REMEMBERING "THE GREAT RAID" – A GREAT VISIT By: Gerry Galinato

On November 11th of every year we celebrate Veterans Day in America. In general, Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor those who served in the military while Memorial Day is for remembering and honoring those who died in service. In a way, they are related. In the Philippines, there is also a national holiday called "Araw ng Kagitingan" also known as "The Day of Valor" celebrated every April 11<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the heroism of Filipino and American troops during World War II. I would like to share our experience visiting a place close to our alma mater which is a significant part of historic military event in the Philippines.

My son Dennis and I visited the Philippines few years ago. It was Dennis' first visit to the Philippines because he was born in Boise. It was my third visit to our homeland since immigrating to the USA in 1972.

We both read the book "Ghost Soldiers" written by Hampton Sides and a similar book "The Great Raid" by William Breuer. We became seriously interested in visiting the notorious POW Japanese campsite near Cabanatuan City where the great raid took place as described in these books. The movie "The Great Raid," based partly from these books was premiered in US cinemas few years ago.

The great raid dramatizes the true story of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ranger Battalion under the command of Lt. Col. Henri Mucci (played by Benjamin Bratt) who undertook a daring rescue mission against all odds. The US Army rangers, backed by Alamo Scouts and Filipino guerrillas, raided the prison camp in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, resulting in the liberation of more than 500 Bataan and Corregidor POWs – all American soldiers. Captain Juan Pajota (played by Filipino actor

Cesar Montano) and Captain Eduardo Joson (who eventually became the Governor of Nueva Ecija) commanded two Filipino guerrilla groups that provided support to the army rangers during the raid.

The army rangers suffered two casualties, while the Filipino guerrillas suffered 25 casualties, but killed or wounded more than 300 Japanese soldiers. The Rangers liberated all the 512 POWs. None of the prisoners was injured during the rescue.

The raid took place on January 30, 1945. I was not yet born at the time of the raid, but I remember lots of horror stories from my older relatives about the atrocities of the Japanese military against the American prisoners. The site is only about 20 miles from Munoz, N.E. my old hometown.

The Philippine government developed the site as a modest gated park with a lot of local fruit trees, including mangoes and star apples known locally as kaimitos. There is also a museum built with bamboos, coconut and "cogon" leaves inside the compound. The museum displays lots of pictures on the wall and war paraphernalia recovered at the Cabanatuan POW campsite after the raid.

Outside the museum is a replica of a rebuilt tower guardhouse made of bamboos and cogon grass. Several farm carts are also displayed. These carts, pulled by "carabaos," were used by the army rangers with the help of Filipino guerrillas and villagers to transport the newly rescued and weak American prisoners from the POW campsite to a friendly territory in Guimba about 30 miles.

**A memorial marble stands at the site prominently with the following engraving:**

**"ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 30, 1945, FILIPINO GUERRILLAS UNDER CAPTAINS JUAN PAJOTA AND**

**EDUARDO JOSON EFFECTIVELY PREVENTED JAPANESE REINFORCEMENTS AT PANGATIAN CONCENTRATION CAMP IN CABANATUAN. THE BATTLE OF CABU BRIDGE AND THE BLOCKADE AT BANGAD RESULTED IN THE LIBERATION OF 516 ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR. THE JOINT OPERATION OF THE GUERRILLAS, ALAMO SCOUTS AND THE U.S. RANGER BATTALION WAS UNDER LT. COL. HENRI MUCCI. THIS EVENT IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE SUCCESSFUL RESCUE MISSIONS OF ITS TYPE IN THE ANNALS OF U.S. MILITARY HISTORY."**

A memorial wall of white marble lists the names of 2,656 American soldiers who perished at the Cabanatuan POW camp during their detention.

On Jan. 30, 2005, the Provincial Government of Nueva Ecija commemorated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the successful raid and rescue mission in the concentration camp.

I was deeply saddened to watch some of the dreadful scenes of the movie because they reminded me of the stories I heard when I was growing up in the Philippines about the atrocities and cruelties of the Japanese Military Forces during their occupation in the Philippines and their treatment of the American POWs.

The movie reminds us about the ugly and horror side of war, especially if prisoners are captured and not treated humanely.

I think the movie "Great Raid" depicted the very close relationship of Filipino and American soldiers fighting against the Japanese during the war. The Filipinos fought side by side and shoulder to shoulder with the American military forces for the whole duration of the war, which started on December 8, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor was attacked, until the end of the war in 1945.

We also visited other great historical places with military significance such the famous Island of Corregidor. The fortified island was Douglas MacArthur's last stand before he was ordered to escape to Australia. From Corregidor, one can see Bataan, the site of the infamous "Bataan Death March."

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## Remembering A Great Raid ... (FROM PAGE 3)

The Death March terminated in Camp O'Donnell, Capas, Tarlac. Some of the survivors of the March were transported to the Cabanatuan POW Camp.

While Corregidor was heavily bombarded by the Japanese during the war, the military ruins were neatly preserved and the island was beautifully landscaped for the Filipinos as well as foreign visitors to enjoy. It is only an hour boat ride from Manila.

We also toured the American Memorial Cemetery in Manila where more than 17,000 American soldiers who died in the Philippines in World War II were buried. This is one of the most beautiful memorial cemeteries in the world. The 152-acre neatly and spectacularly landscaped cemetery is being maintained by the U.S. government. US military personnel also guard the cemetery.

If you plan to visit the beautiful Philippines, consider any of these historical sites as one of your itineraries. They are part of our great Filipino-American history. Visiting the Cabanatuan POW Camp is a good side trip next time you

travel to CLSU. And don't forget to watch the movie "The Great Raid" which is available in your neighborhood movie rental stores or Netflix. It is a great movie, a great historical event and a great entertainment. I encourage everyone to see it and enjoy it."

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*Dennis Galinato in Corregidor Island, dubbed as the Gibraltar of the Pacific during World War II, close to the statue of Gen. Douglas MacArthur showing his famous phrase "I Shall Return". Scene at the background is Bataan, site of the infamous Bataan Death March.*



*Dennis Galinato climbing the reconstructed POW camp guard tower.*



*Inside the museum showing various historical pictures on the wall including Lt. Co. Henri Mucci (played by Benjamin Bratt), and Capt. Robert Prince (played by James Franco), first row, with Dennis Galinato.*



*American Memorial Cemetery near Fort Bonifacio.*



*Gerry Galinato at the compound of the restored Cabanatuan POW Camp.*



## GALINATO BROTHERS DONATE TO THE CIAG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In support to CIAG's objective in providing educational opportunities to deserving and needy students at CLSU, the Galinato Brothers, namely Noli Galinato from Goose Creek, South Carolina; Engr. Damian Galinato, from Spring, Texas; Tino Galinato from Houston, Texas ; and Engr. Gerry Galinato from Boise, Idaho recently donated an amount of \$300 to the CIAG Scholarship Fund. According to Gerry, Chairman of CIAG's Scholarship, Educational and Awards Committee, the amount of donation is significant because it will support one student scholar at CLSU for a year.

CIAG Treasurer Norma Viray recently reported that approximately \$2,489 is the current balance of the Scholarship Program. CIAG disbursed an amount of \$600 last April 2011 to CLSU Alumni Association, Inc. to start supporting two scholars during the School Year 2011-2012. Treasurer Ohma commented that the donation of the Galinato Brothers to the Scholarship Fund will strengthen our financial commitment to continue our support in providing scholarship grants to needy students at CLSU. With the \$300 donation from the Galinato Brothers, the total amount of the CIAG Scholarship on hand is now \$2,789.

The Scholarship Fund was specifically created by the CIAG Executive Board to provide an interim source of funding for the CIAG Scholarship Program. A more ambitious CIAG project known as the Endowment Fund (EF) is the major source of funding for scholarships, educational and research projects in the future. As specified in the CIAG By-laws, since this is an Endowment Fund,

the principal is preserved in perpetuity; only the earnings from the EF can be used for granting scholarships and related educational and research awards. To date the balance of the EF is \$11,795 and the earnings are not quite significant enough to tap for funding the CIAG Scholarship Program.

The Galinato Brothers are regular supporters of CIAG and the CLSUAAI. In November 2010, the Galinato Brothers collectively donated an amount of \$12,000 to support the construction and completion of the Hostel Project at CLSU, a joint project of the CLSUAAI, CLSU Alumni Foundation and the university.

Noli, an alumnus of the CLSU (HS Class 64) is very appreciative of obtaining his secondary education from the university with a unique training experience that embeds to anyone that passes through its gate an attitude "for a will to survive." Noli appreciates the opportunity to pay back to his alma mater and supports CIAG's projects.

Dan is not an alumnus of CLSU but has very close ties with the university. In his younger days, he used to sell "bitso" as merienda of CLSU practicum students, ROTC cadets after military exercises at the parade grounds, student farmers and staff members. He also used to visit his two brothers, Gerry and Noli while they were both students at CLSU. Dan is proud to be one of the many donors of CIAG and the CLSUAAI Hostel project.

Likewise, Tino is not a CLSU alumnus but is proud to say that he was born and raised in Munoz where this remarkable educational institution was established. His uncles, brothers, cousins and friends who graduated in this university succeeded in their goals in life because they started their education at CLSU. He is proud and privileged to be one of many donors and supporters of the CIAG Scholarship Program and the CLSUAAI Hostel Project.



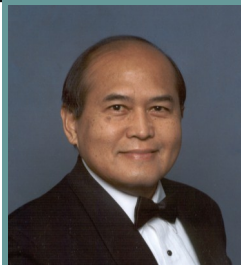
**"The Galinato Brothers" having breakfast with CLSUAAI President Dr. Romeo Cabanilla and Mrs. Cabanilla at the Lakewood Golf and Country Club, Cabanatuan City, N.E. in November 2010. L-R. Mrs. Cabanilla, Dr. Cabanilla, Engr. Gerry Galinato, Engr. Damian Galinato and Tino Galinato. (Note: Noli Galinato is not in picture.)**





## CIAG SCHOLARS AT CLSU ON THE ROLL

BY: GERRY GALINATO



In partnership with the Central Luzon State University Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUAAI), two scholars have been successfully selected as recipients of the CLSUAAI-CIAG scholars for the School

Year 2011-2012.

The first CIAG scholar is Jody Anne M. Lagat. Jody is currently a junior student at the Central Luzon State University pursuing a degree leading to Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management. She expects to graduate in April 2013. Jody has very impressive scholastic credentials maintaining a grade point average (GPA) of 1.57 to date. She was awarded \$300, equivalent to approximately P13,000, for two semesters. She will receive additional scholarship grant from CIAG during the School Year 2012-2013 assuming that she maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.25. According to CLSUAAI, this amount of support will be able to defray the total cost of tuition and matriculation fees at CLSU for two semesters. Jody hails from Malasin, San Jose, City, Nueva Ecija.

The second CIAG scholar is Gillianne G. Gantioque. Gillianne is a senior student at CLSU pursuing a degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. She expects to graduate in April 2012. Like Jody, Gillianne has also an exceptional academic record with a GPA of 1.79 when she was awarded the scholarship. She also received \$300 (P13,000) for two semesters during the School Year 2011-2012. Since Gillianne is expecting to graduate in April 2012, she will no longer be eligible to receive scholarship from CIAG when she finishes her degree. She lives in Osmena, CLSU, Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija.

During the next School Year 2012-2013, a new search will be launched because Gillianne is already graduating in April 2012. As part of CIAG's financial commitment and agreement with CLSUAAI, CIAG will maintain two scholars every year. Assuming that the current scholars maintain and satisfy the requirements set by CIAG and CLSUAAI, the CIAG scholars will be receiving annual financial grants until they graduate from college. At that point, CIAG will search for another

replacement(s). With the current balance of \$2,789 available from the CIAG Scholarship Fund, CIAG should be able to support two CLSU student scholars annually for another 4 ½ years.

The major requirements of the CIAG Scholarship Program supporting students at CLSU are: 1) The student applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.25 or better. Successful grantee(s) must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.25 or better to continue edibility of receiving the scholarship award until graduation; 2) Undergraduate students with courses leading to a bachelor's degree from any of the colleges are eligible to apply for the CVLSUAAI-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; 3) The applicant must be carrying no less than 18 units of academic load unless the applicant is in his/her final year; 4) The applicant must not have been involved in school troubles or conflicts, which subjected him/her to the student code of discipline; 5) A grade of 5.0 incurred at any semester/summer while enjoying the scholarship will automatically revoke the scholarship; and 6) The CIAG Scholarship Program is being offered to financially handicapped students, preferably to the children of CLSU alumni. A photocopy of the most recent Income Tax Return (ITR) filed by the parents and received by the local BIR Office is required. An annual family income of more than one hundred fifty thousand pesos (P150,000) will disqualify the applicant.

If you have any questions about the CIAG Scholarship Program, please contact Gerry Galinato, Chair of the Scholarship, Educational and Awards Committee at (208) 409-3100 or [galinatoid@aol.com](mailto:galinatoid@aol.com).



CIAG CLSU Scholar No. 1 –  
Ms. Jody Anne M. Lagat



CIAG CLSU Scholar No. 2 –  
Ms. Gillianne G. Gantioque

# SAVE THE DATE

**SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2012**

## **3<sup>RD</sup> CLSU GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:**

- ♦ Early Arrival Reception on September 21st (Friday night)
- ♦ Assembly Meeting and Election of CIAG Officers for 2013 & 2014 on September 22nd (Saturday 8am-1pm), Gold Coast Hotel & Casino
- ♦ Dinner and Dance Night on September 22nd (Saturday 6pm—12mn) at Gold Coast Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas.
- ♦ Sunday Brunch on September 23rd from 9am to 2pm (Picnic venue to be determined).

### **REUNION AND HOMECOMING COMMITTEE:**

*Dr. Leo Abenes—Co-Chairman*

*Engr. Gerry Galinato—Co-Chairman*

#### **Members:**

*Noy Binoya*

*DG "Lakay" Elegado*

*Angela "Geling" Gaetos*

*Susan Rodriguez*

*Gloria Tan*

*Norma "Ohma" Viray*

**Details and updates of reunion activities will be announced in the  
CIAG website: [clsuiag.org](http://clsuiag.org) and future issues of Press Release.**





## CLSU International Alumni Group (CIAG)

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

The following are the rates of advertisements:

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## 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.

Ed Cabacungan, PhD  
Chairman, Endowment Fund Committee

## From the Treasurer's Desk

By: Norma B. Viray



As of November 10, 2011, CIAG's bank account balances at Wells Fargo Bank totaled \$15,041 and are broken down into:

<b>Endowment Fund (EF)</b>	<b>\$11,795</b>
<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$ 2,789</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 457</b>

Well, folks, 2011 is almost over - it just flew by us so quickly and seemingly, we have not accomplished anything—but we have done a number of wonderful things for CIAG. Recapping the Year 2011 activities and events:

- CIAG had a successful participation at the recent 2011 Grand Alumni Homecoming at CLSU.
- CIAG, in partnership with CLSUAAI, started this April its scholarship grants (\$300/student/year) to two CLSU junior college students.
- The CIAG Endowment Fund account has increased by **\$3,750** since the beginning of 2011 and the number of CIAG donors also has increased from 26 to 34.
- The change of CIAG's status to tax-exempt, non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is in the works under the leadership of Engr. Johnny Raniel. This project is anticipated to be completed by mid-2012. If CIAG can offer its donors the ability to make tax-exempt donations, hopefully, this can help bring in

more donations.

- Fundraising activities in 2011 brought in \$900+ and this amount was added to the CIAG scholarship fund.
- In addition, the Galinato Brothers (as indicated in the news article on Page 9) recently contributed \$300 to CIAG scholarship fund. Outstanding! Our heartfelt thanks to the Galinato Brothers for their generosity and continued support!

The last CIAG's big event—2nd Grand Homecoming in Las Vegas was a huge success and enabled our organization to donate half its earnings (\$2,000) to the CLSU Hostel project. And guess what! CIAG is again planning to hold another homecoming event in Las Vegas next year in September. We are hoping to enjoin a lot more alumni and friends to participate next year. The format will be the same I suppose but with some refinement to make this coming reunion more meaningful and enjoyable to all attendees.

Thanks again and again to our benefactors and EF donors. And for those who are still contemplating to be one of the EF donors, please do not hesitate anymore and send in your donations. We cannot and will not be able to attain our goals without your help.

So long, and .... *"Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege".*

Fondly, *Ohma Viray*