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I am sure everyone has heard about the Fourth CLSU Grand Reunion to be held on February 1, 2014 at the Manila Hotel in the Philippines. Our Homecoming/

Reunion Committee Co-Chairs, Dr. Leo

Abenes and Engr. Gerry Galinato have been moving heaven and earth to make sure we shall have a very successful and memorable reunion with fellow alumni, current and former CLSU faculty/staff, and friends.

Actively supporting this endeavor is CLSU ARO Director Dr. Zenaida Serna, our CLSUIAAI Directors Norma B. Viray, Loretta S. Malonzo, Gloria De Vera, Annie A. Silva and a few others. It is interesting to note that as of this writing, the minimum for the guaranteed attendance agreed with the Manila Hotel for the locally based alumni has already been surpassed, but a lot of vouchers still need to be issued for the expats.

I cannot overemphasize the fact that especially for our fellow alumni in the U.S., Canada and other countries, this is an extraordinary chance to have a glamorous and once in a lifetime CLSU reunion. Furthermore, the expats' dinner ticket which costs \$100 each was intentionally priced to subsidize the dinner tickets of our fellow alumni who are locally based. On these two reasons alone, I encourage everyone to join this event. I hear that the Homecoming/Reunion Committee is also planning a dinner cruise in Manila Bay on the evening before the main Reunion event on February 1. Moreover, the Committee is also coordinating with the CLSU

Alumni Relations Office the possibility for expats and local alumni desiring to visit CLSU for a couple of days' visit/tour to their beloved alma mater on Feb. 3-4, 2013. These are treats, I'm sure no one wants to miss. Watch out for details which will be forthcoming as plans firm up either from our newsletter, website or directly from the Co-chairs themselves.

In the event that, although this forthcoming reunion which has been planned for many months, unfortunately conflicts with your schedule, the association welcomes your donation to the event itself, General Fund, Scholarship Fund or Endowment Fund. Let me mention to those who may not know that our association, during its annual meeting in Las Vegas last month, has agreed to participate in the 2014 CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming by being a co-sponsor to the Fellowship/Dance/Program on April 5, 2014, and pledged to make a cash donation for such event.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to remind you all that our Pre-Thanksgiving and Pre-Christmas Party will be held jointly with the Fil-Am Aggies Association, USA at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Val & Beulah Pascual in Santa Clara, CA on November 9, 2013 starting at 2 pm. Val is the newly installed president of the Fil-Am Aggies and also the former president of CLSUIAAI. Also the brief CLSUIAAI bi-monthly meeting will be held at the Feathers Falls Casino while our association is co-sponsoring a Casino Fundraising trip on November 16, 2013. For those in the Bay Area, I strongly urge your participation.

Wishing you all pleasant, warm and blessed holidays!

JUANITO E. CAMPOS

President and Chairman of the Board

EDITORIAL

By: Floro R. Gutierrez, Secretary

**CHANGES AND MORE CHANGES...**

By now, some of you may have a surfeit seeing the word 'Change'. This is the third and final time I'll mention the word – nay, the last time I'll write a simple and brief editorial.

One may or may not agree that change, any change, is good. But I will bet my bottom dollar that everyone will agree to the idea that change maybe good, depending on who, when, where, why, how and what it is about, and its effect to individuals and institutions.

But rather than talk on change itself, let me just think with you some novelties in and around the CLSU International Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUIAAI). First of course, is the fact that we have now a functioning Board of Directors (BOD) which took over the functions of the former Executive Board. The latter was re-created as the Executive Committee to help carry out the functions of the BOD. On its meeting last September 7, the Board of Directors approved some amendments to our bylaws, foremost of which is the change in our association name from CLSU International Alumni Group, Inc. to CLSU International Alumni Association, Inc. This was followed by the General Membership meeting where the approved amendments were ratified and adopted, and urgent issues about the 2014 CLSUIAAI and the CLSUAAl Alumni Homecoming /Reunions were discussed and

certain proposals approved.

Related to the first, for the first time in its brief history, the association will hold a grand reunion in the Philippines, at Manila Hotel to be exact, on February 1, 2014, where expats and locally based alumni will gather and mingle freely and dine and dance with style in a completely different setting. For those wondering how this event is going to take place, the original idea came from a dream of one CLSU alumnus, who when still a poor young student wondered how it feels to dine and sleep in one of the hotel rooms of the historically famous hotel.

Third, it is also the first time that the association will sponsor a casino fundraising trip. This project will be held on November 16, 2013 and jointly with the Fil-Am Aggies Association, USA. Incidentally, the next bi-monthly meeting of the association will also be held this same day at Feathers Falls Casino.

Finally, there will be a change in the newsletter team. This team member who was Editor-in-Chief for the past three years, has decided to step down due to increasing demands in the care of his disabled youngest daughter. He offered to step down last year but the team suggested that he stays on, so he decided to extend for a year. Nevertheless, he offered to remain in the team and proposes to write a column, "From the Secretary's Desk" and some news articles in the next twelve months.

Yes, change, indeed is good. But there is one thing, everyone, it is hoped, never changes – our alumni's love and loyalty to CLSU, unless, of course, if the change is for a stronger love and loyalty to CLSU.

Mabuhay ang CLSU!!!

ONCE IN A LIFETIME REUNION

By: Floro Gutierrez

When the original proposal of Vice President at Large, Director Leo Abenes for a once in a lifetime alumni reunion was approved last September 7 during the General membership Annual meeting in Las Vegas, many alumni showed great interest and enthusiasm. So much so that after just six weeks, the subsidized 100 tickets of P1,000 for the locally based alumni were literally snatched and those who acted a little late now have to shell out P2,000, and even then, the interest, based on the actual vouchers being paid, is still going strong. The expats, 50 of whom are expected to attend are still lagging behind with 60% of the vouchers paid so far at the time of this writing. Hopefully, before Thanksgiving Day those having serious issues about baby sitting, vacation time adjustment, etc., are able to resolve these and pay up the vouchers by then.

I wish to share a memorable school reunion I've attended recently. Last October 11-13, my high school, the Palaris Jr. College (now the Palaris Colleges), held its first ever alumni reunion at the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. The event was attended by 142, not bad for a first try. The first graduating class of 1946-47 has only one representative, a

physician from Vancouver, Canada and most of the other graduating classes had a representative of two or more. It was an ecstatic moment to see four former classmates (Cl '1958) of mine that I have not seen for more than 55 years.



The 1958 Grads: Amparo Valdez-Tayag, Pioquinta De Vera-Taino, Floro Gutierrez, Lily Paningbatan-Cayabyab and Salvador dela Cruz.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING**By: Floro Gutierrez**

This year's annual meeting last September 6-7 set a new trend in our international alumni association. Henceforth, CLSUIAAI (CLSU International Alumni Association, Inc.), CLSUIAAI, also known as CIAA, will convene every year in September, both for the Board of Directors meeting, as well as the General Membership or Assembly meeting. This is one of the consequences arising from our association's registration last year as a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation under the 501(c)(3) IRS code.

As one may recall, after being registered as an unincorporated non-profit organization in 2008, the CLSU International Alumni Group (CIAG) held biennial grand reunions: first in Vallejo, CA in 2008 when the first set of officers was installed, in South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas in 2010, and in Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas in 2012. It can also be recalled that earlier, from 2002 to 2006, the association then known as the CLSU Organizing Committee spearheaded annual CLSU homecomings (except 2003 because of SARS and the war in Iraq) in preparation for the CLSU 2007 grand centennial celebrations. CIAG also sponsored Grand CLSU Homecomings in 2008 and 2011.

The 2013 annual gathering began with the Early Arrivals Dinner and Fellowship at the Aloha Kitchen, Las Vegas on Friday, September 6, 2013 at 5 pm. This was followed by a visit to the Aloha Bar and Karaoke (next door) for after-dinner drinks, karaoke and dancing. The karaoke singing was led by Director Lorie S. Malonzo, President Johnny Campos and Engr. Juanito Del Rosario. Dancing started with a Hawaiian hula dance by Director Ohma B. Viray, followed by regular dance numbers. Dr. Ed Cabacungan who played the ukulele, was touched by Director Viray's performance that he added \$50 to the donation he made earlier to the Scholarship Fund.

The Board of Directors (BOD) meeting was held the following morning, Saturday at the residence of Director & Mrs. Leo & Luningning (who was later on elected a Director herself in the General Membership meeting that followed later). The meeting was preceded by a sumptuous breakfast at 8:30 am. Though intended for the Directors and their spouses, the benevolent hosts extended the invitation to all attendees of the annual meeting. Moved by the delicious and authentic Filipino cuisine served by Leo and Ning, Director Annie A. Silva pledged \$100 to the Endowment Fund.

At the BOD meeting, President Johnny Campos thanked Director Leo Abenes and lovely wife Luningning, and the minutes of the previous BOD

meeting was read and approved. The President also made a brief report while Director Viray rendered a detailed Treasurer's report which was approved with gratitude subject to audit.

Some amendments were approved by the BOD which include: 1) Change of the association name from CLSU International Alumni Group, Inc. to CLSU International Alumni Association, Inc.; 2) Change of the Principal Office Address from 1506 Rue Avati, San Jose, CA 95131 in Santa Clara County to 4524 Elwell Court, Elk Grove, CA 95758, Sacramento County; and 3) Defining the Composition of the Executive Committee to include all the elected and appointed officers, as well as Committee Chairpersons appointed by the BOD. Other highlights in the BOD meeting were the updates reported by VP & Director Gerry Galinato relative to the 2014 CIAA and the 2014 CLSUIAAI Grand Alumni Homecoming from his visit in CLSU last April, as well as a power point presentation of VP At Large and Director Leo Abenes about his proposal for the 2014 CLSUIAAI Grand Reunion to be held at the Manila Hotel in the Philippines. Time ran out due to lengthy discussions so the issues were continued in the General Membership Meeting that followed half an hour later.



The General Membership Meeting was convened by President Campos at 11:30 a.m. at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino starting with registration followed by a brief program emceed by Dr. Nenita B. Cabacungan. Director Malonzo led the singing of the Philippine national anthem, while Director Viray, the US national anthem followed by the CLSU Hymn. Director Val Pascual gave the Invocation, after which luncheon was served.

When the meeting resumed, Director Floro Gutierrez read the minutes of the previous General Membership

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING *(From Page 6)*

Meeting recorded and written by then Secretary, Director Nenita G. Perez, which were approved. President Campos rendered the Chairman of the Board report narrating the highlights of the first year of his presidency up to the present. He thanked all the officers and members of the association for their dedication and untiring efforts. Director Viray rendered the Treasurer's Report which was approved with deep appreciation and thanks, subject to audit.

The Secretary presented the amendments approved by the BOD for ratification and adoption. The general membership ratified and adopted them unanimously.

What may be the main event in the General Membership Meeting, the election of the seven Directors to replace/retain those whose term expires, followed. Engr. Joselito Viray, Elections Committee Chair, read the rules and appointed tellers on a voluntary basis: Dr. Nenita B. Cabacungan, Engr. Juanito del Rosario, and Ms. Zenaida Gutierrez. Results of the election process in order of votes received :

Leo Sicat, Ph.D.
Loretta S. Malonzo
Norma B. Viray
Luningning M. Abenes
Annie A. Silva
Gloria A. De Vera
Eliseo Rana

Dr. Edison Cabacungan who chairs the Endowment Fund Committee, explained for the benefit of those attending the annual meeting for the first time what the

Endowment Fund is all about and emphatically stated that donating to the fund is the best legacy an alumnus/alumna can leave as a grateful gesture to our alma mater.

Engr. Gerry Galinato who chairs the Scholarship, Educational and Awards (SEA) Committee, in a power point presentation explained the committee's function and presented the past and current scholars of the association.

Going back to the update Engr. Galinato reported earlier at the BOD meeting, he asked the general assembly's decision on the participation of our association in the 2014 CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming. It was decided that the CLSU International Alumni Association agrees to the suggestion that it co-sponsors the Fellowship/Dance/Program (April 5, 2013) and will send an official representative who will also deliver a cash donation for that evening event.

Dr. Leo Abenes' proposal to hold a 2014 Grand Reunion at Manila Hotel in the Philippines on February 1, 2014 was also approved. To date, the agreed minimum with the Manila Hotel, 100 locally based alumni was already surpassed, but the 50 expats still need to be filled. Readers of this article who have not yet signed up or paid their tickets for the 2014 Manila Hotel Grand Reunion (\$100 each) are enjoined to register now Please make your check payable to **CLSUIAG, INC.** and mail to the address shown below:

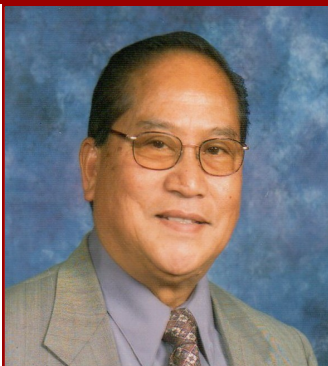
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Shown are the authentic Filipino dishes served during the breakfast meeting at the residence of Dr. Leo & Ning Abenes.



CLSU ALUMNUS HEADS THE FIL-AM AGGIES ASSOCIATION, USA



Val Pascual (BSAE, 1959 and MSAE 1968) from Santa Clara, CA took over the reins of the Fil-Am Aggies Association, USA recently. He was

inducted into office as President of the association last October 5 by Milpitas Mayor Jose Esteves during the dinner/dance program held at the Ramada Inn in Sunnyvale, CA.

Val succeeded outgoing president Rodrigo Dioso, Jr., also a CLSU alumnus. His term of office, as well as the other officers, is two years.

Also inducted into office were Zeny Casuga, 1st Vice President, Rey Osoteo, 2nd Vice President, Victoria M. Raniel, Secretary, Nancy Castro, Asst. Secretary, Julie Hidalgo, Treasurer, Carmen Peralta, Asst. Treasurer, Johnny Raniel and Edgar Gagno, Auditors, Floro Gutierrez, Press Relation Officer, Bert



Outgoing Fil-Am Aggies president, Engr. Rod Dioso, Jr. and Mr. Val Pascual, newly installed Fil-Am Aggies president and CLSU former president.

Casuga, Business Manager and Johnny Campos, Mar Estioko, and Roxes Garcia, Advisors.

Officers and members of the Board of Directors were also inducted into office by Mayor Esteves: Romy Castro, Chairman, Nancy Castro, Secretary, and Directors Roxes Garcia, Lucino Hidalgo, Ray Peralta, Johnny Raniel, Vic Somera, Floro Gutierrez, Zeny Casuga, and Rodrigo Dioso, Jr.

One of the Advisors, Johnny Campos who is the current CIAA president, assisted by Mayor Esteves presented plaques of appreciation to three former FIL-Am Aggies presidents, Johnny Raniel, Rose Derro and Floro Gutierrez. They also handed plaques of appreciation to the Secretary, Vicky M. Raniel, and the Treasurer, Julie Hidalgo and two other officers for their hard work and dedication to the association's projects and activities.



Founded in 1989, the Fil-Am Aggies is a socio-professional association of graduates of agricultural, home economics and related field and their spouses. It seeks to promote unity, leadership, welfare, and aims to ensure good fellowship among its members. It also raises funds through social functions to support worthwhile projects such as sponsoring scholarship grants to needy and deserving agricultural and home economics students in the Philippines. To date, it has awarded scholarship grants to more than 100 students who have now graduated and started their careers in their chosen field.

By: Floro Gutierrez

CLSU ALUMNI RECEIVE ADVANCED DEGREES

By: Gerry Galinato

Dr. Ofero Caparino, a former member of Board of Directors of the CLSU Alumni Association, Inc. (CLSUAAI) and currently the Chief of the Bioprocess Engineering Division, Philippine Center for Post Harvest Development and Mechanization based at the campus of CLSU, recently received his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from Washington State University, Pullman, WA. Dr. Caparino's graduate program at WSU focused in the field of biological and agricultural engineering. His dissertation involved the investigation of using different drying systems in the production of mango powder.

Dr. Caparino completed his graduate studies at WSU's Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering under the Ford Foundation International Scholarship Program for the first three and one-half years of his studies. His financial grant was also supplemented with additional funds under the graduate research assistantship program given by the Bio & Ag Department of WSU for additional one and one-half years.



Dr. Ofer Caparino during graduation at Washington State University.

Dr. Caparino said that technically he finished his graduate program in June 2012 after defending his dissertation. However, the official graduation ceremony at WSU was May 2012 so he was not able to meet the graduation requirements. In order to join the next graduation exercises, he has to come back on December 2012, which was not a workable option to him. However, with the recommendation of his graduate committee, he was allowed by the Graduate School to march during the May 2012 commencement ceremonies without the formal hooding. According to WSU Graduate School, this is unusual for a Ph.D. candidate to join the ceremonies ahead of his final defense but they were convinced through the recommendation of his committee and in consideration of

his other personal concerns.

He explained that mango is one of the finest tropical fruits in the world with about 75% of world production coming from Asia. In the Philippines, mango ranks third among fruit crops after banana and pineapple based on export volume and value. However, he added "Huge harvest losses of up to 85% have been experienced due to inadequate preservation technologies and improper handling and storage." In his research, more stable product such as mango powder was investigated using a more novel technology called Refractor Window® drying and other methods namely freeze drying, drum drying and spray drying and their influence on the physical and microstructures of mango powder.

Dr. Caparino obtained his BS in Agricultural Engineering degree at CLSU in 1985 and MS in Agricultural Engineering focusing on crop drying also at CLSU in 1999 with a graduate thesis entitled "Mango Powder Production by Freeze Drying Process."

Before returning to the Philippines, he presented the result of his research at the International Food Technology Conference in Las Vegas in June 2012. He was planning to join the CLSUIAAI's 3rd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas in September 2012 but because of scheduling conflict, he as did not have the opportunity to participate.



Dr. Caparino with Engr. Gerry Galinato while visiting at WSU in 2012

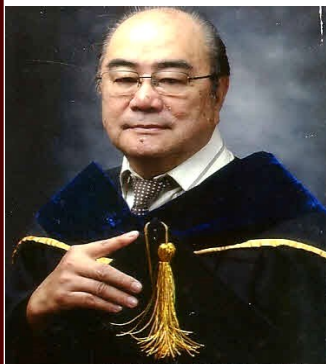
He and his wife, Editha, have been supporters of CLSUIAAI. In fact, Editha, participated in the association's 2nd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas in September 2010. Editha visited Dr. Caparino while working on his graduate program at WSU in that year. They are blessed with three children, namely Kathleen Iris, Don Miguel and Ralph Angelo. Incidentally, Editha is the sister of Engr. Renato Cuizon, the CLSUIAAI Regional Vice President for the Northeast Coast.

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CLSU ALUMNI RECEIVE ADVANCED DEGREES

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Another CLSU alumnus was recently conferred an advanced degree by the Central Luzon State University under the Open University Graduate Program (see related article CLSU-OU on Page 19).



Dr. Leo S. Sicat, a current member of the CLSUIAAI Board of Directors, recently received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Central Luzon State University – Open University's Degree Program in November 2012. Dr. Sicat's graduate program at the Open University focused on rural development with emphasis on planning, implementing, and evaluating rural development programs in the local, regional, national and international levels.

The Open University offers the degree program through the use of distance education model and online. Hence, Dr. Sicat completed most of his academic courses by enrolling online. He completed the required dissertation by conducting his research studies in the Philippines. Specifically, the title of Dr. Sicat's dissertation was "Medical and Dental Missions – Perceived Effects on the Social Well Being of Beneficiaries in Selected Areas in Central Luzon."

In his arduous quest to further his knowledge on higher education and the continuing challenge to himself, he initially contacted the University of Santo Tomas in Manila since he started his undergraduate education there. However, UST does not offer a PhD program on-line so he was referred to check with CLSU. He then approached Dr. Emmanuel Sicat, a distant relative and professor at CLSU College of Engineering and was eventually directed to Dr. Flor Amor Monta, Dean of CLSU-Open University. The rest was history. He started his PhD program in October 2007 and successfully completed his degree in November 2012.

Prior to completing his PhD degree, Dr. Sicat obtained an MA degree in Real Estate from the Sacramento International University (SIU), Sacramento, CA in 2000, with greatest distinction (*Magna Cum Laude*). He also received a BA in Business Administration and Management degree with greatest distinction (*Magna Cum Laude*) also from the same institution in June 1990. He has an Associate degree in Science with emphasis in Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health (*Cum Laude*) from Merritt Colleges, Oakland, CA. He also finished some undergraduate courses on Human Resources Management at Pepperdine University's External Degree Program in 1978-79.

Prior to joining the US Navy as a serviceman in 1966, Dr. Sicat completed undergraduate studies at the University of Santo Tomas leading to a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. (See related stories of Dr. Sicat on page 8).

KNOW YOUR CLSUIAAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: Gerry Galinato

In past issues of the CLSUIAAI newsletter, the elected association officers were featured so members and supporters would know them better. As stated in the association by-laws, the Board of Directors crafts and approves policies of the organization. Within the BOD structure, key elected officers including the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer are elected within the BOD membership and constitute as members of the executive committee which in turn manages the organization and implements various programs and policies. Association members can help influence setting up policies or programs by talking to any member of the BOD's.

For the current year, there are 14 elected members of the BOD's. Four newly elected members of the BOD's are featured in this issue. The rest of the 10 directors were already featured in previous issues of the newsletter.

The first officer featured in this column is **Director/Engr. Gloria Arcinue de Vera**. Director de Vera was previously elected as a member of the Board of Directors last year to serve a one year term. She was reelected as a member of the BOD's during the CLSUIAAI's General Assembly

Meeting held in Las Vegas on September 7, 2013 to serve a two-year term. She hails from Escondido, CA and the younger sister of another CLSUIAAI Director Annie Arcinue Silva.



Engr. de Vera obtained her BS in Agricultural Engineering degree from CLSU in 1983. During her student days at CLSU she was a Cocofed scholar (President Marcos Coconut Federation Scholarship). As a Cocofed scholar, her tuition fees were paid for and also received a monthly allowance of P300 from freshman until she completed her undergraduate degree in agricultural engineering. Soon after graduation, she took and successfully passed the Board Examination for Professional Engineers given by the Philippine Regulatory Commission.

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Prior to immigrating to the USA in 1988, she worked as Statistician at the Pangasinan State University in Lingayen, Pangasinan. During the early part of her career, she developed an interest in Information Technology. Shortly after immigrating to San Diego, California she enrolled at the University of California-San Diego to take Data Mining courses.

Engr. de Vera was employed as data analyst at Mitchell International in San Diego. Prior to that, she was employed by the Naval Hospital-Camp Pendleton and the Aetna US Healthcare.

By her own initiative, she launched the CIAA Facebook Group account and became the initial administrator. She is very proud to say that there are now more than **300** members of the CIAA Facebook Group who have the ability to communicate with each other to address issues and topics of interest to the Group. (See related article on page 5.)

She is becoming fully engaged in worthwhile activities of the association. She recently volunteered to host an informational meeting of the CLSUIAAI San Diego Group at her home to discuss the status of the upcoming 4th CLSUIAAI Grand Reunion to be held in Manila Hotel on February 1, 2014. (See related article of the meeting in page 18). Another sign of her continued support and interest in the association's activities was recently signing up to attend the reunion at the Manila Hotel. She has been working tirelessly in the dissemination of announcements and information about the Manila Hotel Reunion being the key administrator of the CIAA Facebook Group and in encouraging fellow expats to sign-up for the big event. She is also a member of the 2014 Reunion Committee.

Gloria is happily married to Larry de Vera, a Registered Nurse, working in a San Diego hospital. They are blessed with three beautiful children, Gabriele, Giselle and Gerald.



Dr. Leo S. Sicat is a newly elected member of the Board of Directors during the recent General Assembly Meeting on September 7, 2013 to serve a two-year term. Dr. Sicat is a relatively new alumnus of Central Luzon State University since he just obtained his PhD degree from CLSU under its Open University Program (See related articles on CLSU-OU on page 19 and Alumni Receive Advanced Degrees on page 7). However, even if he was not yet an alumnus, he was already an ardent supporter of

CLSUIAAI's activities and programs. He participated in the association's 3rd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas in September 2012 and supported the fund raising program by advertising a full page in the souvenir program book and other fund raising activities.

After becoming a full-pledged alumnus by receiving his PhD degree in November 2012 he immediately showed enthusiasm in continuing to support the organization and in providing leadership by agreeing to be nominated and eventually elected as a new member of the Board of Directors to serve for two years.

Dr. Sicat is a seasoned community and civic leader in his own right. He founded the San Diego County Metropolitan Lions (SDCML) Club in 2005. He is currently serving as President (second term) of the Club. As president of the SDCML Club, he recently spearheaded the 2013 Humanitarian medical mission in several municipalities in the Philippines including Mayantoc, Tarlac, San Jose City and Jaen, Province of Nueva Ecija. Their medical mission included distribution of 2,400 reading glasses to benefit local residents. He has also organized and led previous annual Medical and Dental Missions in past years from 2005 to 2012.

He became a "Lion" in October 1999 and that was the start of his "Lionism Career." For his outstanding services as Lion, he has received various awards and accolades from the Lion Club organizations and from local and congressional awards and recognitions in the Philippines. The most recent one was receiving a congressional award in Humanitarian Services given by the Congress of the Philippines through the office of Congressman Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Magsaysay in August 2011.

Dr. Sicat said "I hope my experiences as a civic and community leader would be useful to my participation in the leadership of CLSUIAAI to attain its goals and objectives."

On a professional basis, Dr. Sicat is a very successful real estate broker in the State of California. He also retired from the US Navy after 24 years of active military service with specialty in preventive medicine and environmental health.

He and his wife, Norma, currently live in Oceanside, California. They have three children, namely: Christopher, an artist; Christensen, an oral surgeon in the US Army with a rank of Colonel; and Christianson, a civil engineer with an electric utility company. Dr. Sicat frequently visits their daughter in Fort Knox, Kentucky and do some "apostolic" work although Norma stays there on a long term basis. "This gives me a break from my Lions work," he quipped.

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Ms. Maria Luningning Muerong Abenes, known to everyone as “Ning” is another newly elected member of the CLSUIAAI Board of Directors during the General Assembly Meeting on September 7, 2013 to serve a two-year term. Director Ning is the amiable wife of another Director Dr. Leo Abenes, who in the past has been

operating under the shadow of Dr. Leo A but giving all the necessary support needed to fulfill his function as an officer of the association. However, with her election as a new member of the BOD, they will now be on the same level serving and operating both as officers of the CLSUIAAI.

Director Ning is not new to serving in a leadership capacity for civic and community organizations. She previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of Munozonian, USA, Inc. based in Los Angeles. Both Director Ning and Dr. Abenes were very active in that organization prior to their relocation of official residence to Las Vegas few years ago.

Director Ning graduated from CLSU both in High School (1965) and in College with a degree of BS in Home Economics in 1969 receiving an Area Award in Foods and Nutrition upon graduation. She taught at the Munoz Provincial High School for two years prior to immigrating to the USA in 1972 to join her husband Dr. Leo while pursuing his PhD degree at the University of Connecticut. Director Ning also enrolled some graduate courses on Food Technology at the U of Connecticut. During her working career, she worked for Marriott Management Services and also became a licensed stock broker in California.

As the newly elected member of the CLSUIAAI Board of Directors she said “I want to help in encouraging full participation in our programs and activities of all CLSU alumni expats scattered all over the world.” With the current position of Dr. Leo as Vice-President-at-large and with their frequent travel overseas, Director Ning can easily make this happen.

Director Ning is now retired and enjoying life. She has been busy lately traveling with Dr. Abenes in various parts of the world while he is on break doing research work in the Philippines under a fellowship or grant program (e.g. Fulbright Fellowship) or under the Balik-Scientist Program offered by the Philippine Department of Science and Technology. They recently came back from a cruise in Northern Europe.

Director Ning and Dr. Leo have two children; Phillip, a retired Communication Specialist in the US Army with last assignment at the White House and Hans, who has a BA degree in Business Management and a licensed stock broker in California working for an international investment firm. They also enjoy visiting their three grandkids (Darian, Christian and Marcidona) in Virginia.



Mr. Eliseo Rana from Henderson, Nevada is another elected CLSUIAAI member of the Board of Directors. He will serve as a Director for two years. This is his first elected position since he became an active member of CLSUIAAI.

Director Rana graduated from CLSU in 1960 with the degree of BS in Agricultural Education. While a student at CLSU, he took advanced ROTC becoming a cadet Battalion Commander

during his senior year. After graduation from CLSU he taught vocational courses at a public school in Cubao, Quezon City from 1960-68. He hails from Badoc, Ilocos Norte.

In June 1968, he immigrated to the USA and initially settled in San Francisco, CA where he found work as a claim expeditor for an insurance company. Concerned about the frequent occurrence of earthquake events in the San Francisco area, he moved to the Governor Island in New York City in 1973 and worked as a civilian employee for the US Coast Guard. He also became a Public Health Inspector with the Department of Health in the City of New York. Prior to his retirement in 1998, he was the sales manager of the Lawn and Garden Supplies Department of Sears Roebuck and Co. in Paramus, New Jersey.

While this is his first elected position in the association, Director Rana has been very active in other civic and community organizations. He was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine American Community of Bergen County, NJ in 2005-2006. As an officer of that organization, he was involved in raising scholarship funds to support gifted students of Filipino descent in Bergen County.

He is also involved in various community organizations and ministries in Henderson, Nevada raising funds to support community events to keep the Philippine customs and traditions alive.

Asked what his goal as an officer/member of the Board of Directors, he responded “I would like to cooperate and assist whatever I can to improve the management and accountability of the association and attain its goals.” He observed that there were only few officers and members who participated during the General Assembly Meeting in Las Vegas on September 7, 2013 and added “The officers, as well as members, should be more active in participating in all activities of the association.”

Director Rana is happily married to former Minda Tolentino, a town mate of Dr. Ed Cabacungan, Chair of the CLSUIAAI Endowment Fund, from Sinait, Ilocos Sur. She is a graduate of Doctor of Dental Medicine from National University and a fellow in Pediatric Dentistry. She worked as research assistant in various organizations in NYC including Columbia University, Rockefeller University and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. They have two grown up children; a son who has degrees in Psychology and Computer Science and a daughter who has a degree in Human Resources, Management and Marketing.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN MANILA

By: Gerry Galinato

Manila Hotel will be the CLSUIAAI's 4th Grand Reunion Headquarters. The Reunion Committee Co-Chair Dr. Leo Abenes successfully negotiated a discounted price of accommodation for the participants of the Grand Reunion at the Manila Hotel in Manila on February 1, 2014. The management of Manila Hotel agreed to offer a discounted price of P6,500 pesos inclusive of government tax and service fees. This price is good for one superior deluxe room twin or superior deluxe king and includes a buffet breakfast for two at one of its restaurants – the *Café Ilang-Ilang*. A complimentary WI-FI is also included.

For those with Filipino senior cards, Manila Hotel confirmed that the senior card cannot be applied to the discounted price of P6,500 offered to CLSUIAAI Reunion participants. The senior card discount rates can only be applied to its rack rates which is approximately P 9,445 as shown in the Manila Hotel website.

If you are interested to stay at the Manila Hotel during the event and want to avail with the discounted price, you can fill out the Manila Hotel Booking Form (see page 12), send it to Manila Hotel and make the necessary payment using your credit card as shown in the form. You can also download the form (Excel format) in the CLSUIAAI website: www.clsuiag.org, fill it out electronically and make the necessary payment with your credit card. Please note that the Hotel Booking Form shows a payment of



The elegant Manila Hotel at One Rizal Park, Manila, Philippines

\$163.00. According to Manila Hotel, this amount is based on the dollar/peso exchange rate on September 9, 2013. The actual amount of dollar charged will be based on the prevailing exchange rate at the time you make your payment. Be sure to check with your credit card issuer if a foreign transaction fee is also charged in addition to the accommodation charges.

The hotel did not give any deadline for registration but it is assumed that the price is good until the event if rooms are still available. To be sure that a room is reserved for

you during the event, it is suggested that you make your reservation early. To find out more about Manila Hotel and its amenities, visit their website at: www.manila-hotel.com.ph.

ALTERNATIVE HOTELS IN MANILA

For those participants who are not planning to stay in Manila Hotel during the reunion event, there are several hotels that are in proximity to Manila Hotel with three to four star ratings. Taxis are the best way to commute from the other hotels to Manila Hotel with fares that could range from P75 to P150 depending on where the other hotel is located. You can also check with various hotel consolidators for potential discounts they offer.

Suggested list of hotel consolidators and their websites:

Asia Travel: www.asiatravel.com (click Balikbayan Center for additional discount offered)

Agoda Travel: www.agodatravel.com

Hotels: www.hotel.com

Mango Tours: www.mangotours.com

Orbitz: www.orbitz.com

Expedia: www.expedia.com

Travelocity: www.travelocity.com

Suggested list of hotels in Manila that are relatively close to Manila Hotel and contact information:

Bayview Park Hotel, 1118 Roxas Blvd.,
www.bayviewparkhotel-manila.com, +63 2 247 9000

The Pearl Manila Hotel, Cor. Taff Ave and UN Ave,
www.pearl-manila.com, +63 2 400-0088

Manila Pavilion Hotel & Casino, Corner United Nations Ave and Ma. Orosa St., www.waterfronthotels.com.ph, +63 2 526-1212

Diamond Hotel, Cor. Roxas Blvd. and Dr. Quintos St.,
www.diamondhotel.com, +63 2 528 3000

Orchid Garden Suites, 620 Pablo Ocampo St.,
www.orchidgardenhotel.com, +63 2 523-9870

Aloha Hotel, 2150 Roxas Blvd., www.alohahotel.net.ph, +63 2 526-8088

Riviera Mansion Hotel, 1638 Mabini St.,
www.revieramansion.com, +63 2 523 4511

City Garden Suites, 1158 Mabini St., www.citygardensuites-philippines.com, +63 2 536-1451

Las Palmas Hotel, 1616 Mabini St.,
www.laspalmashotel.com.ph, +63 2 521-1000

Lotus Garden Hotel, 1227 Mabini St.,
www.lotusgardenhotelmanila.com, +63 2 522-1515

The Bayleaf Intramuros, Corner Muralla and Victoria Streets, www.thebayleaf.com.ph, +63 2 318-5000



HOTEL BOOKING FORM

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Delegate and Organization details:Category (Please tick) ☐ Seller ☐ Buyer ☐ Media

First Name : (Mr / Mrs / Ms) _____ Family Name : _____

Company Name : _____ Email : _____

Address : _____ Country : _____

Telephone : _____ Fax : _____

Arrival Flight : _____ Arrival Date : _____ Arrival Time : _____

Departure Flight : _____ Departure Date : _____ Departure Time : _____

Accompanying persons

(1) First Name : (Mr / Mrs / Ms) _____ Family Name : _____

(2) First Name : (Mr / Mrs / Ms) _____ Family Name : _____

Hotel Accommodation USD Equiv. (USD 1 = Philippine Peso 40, rate as of September 15)

Check-in Date : _____ Check-out Date: _____ No. of Nights : _____

Room Type : ☐ Twin ☐ Single ☐ DoubleSpecial Request : ☐ Smoking Room ☐ Non-Smoking Room

Hotel Name	Room Type	Room Rates (Peso/USD Equiv.) inclusive Taxes & Breakfast(s)	Contact Details
MANILA HOTEL Address: One Rizal Park Manila Philippines www.manila-hotel.com.ph	Superior Deluxe Room	<input type="checkbox"/> Single room:PhP 6500/USD 163.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Twin room:PhP 6500/USD 163.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Triple room:PhP 8250/USD 207.00	Mr. Jomari Lim j.lim@manila-hotel.com.ph T:+632 527 0011 loc. 1113

Total Amount Payable : _____

** Rates are inclusive of breakfast(s), all service charges and government tax.

** USD rate is approximate and subject to the exchange rate on your check-out date.

** Distance from official hotels to/from convention venue are approximately 15-30 minutes drive

First night non-refundable deposit is required upon reservation.

Credit card guarantee required, payment upon check in.**Credit card details (Guarantee)**Type of Card : ☐ Visa ☐ AME ☐ MasterCard

Name of Card Holder : _____ Credit Card Number : _____

Expiry Date : _____ Authorized Amount : _____

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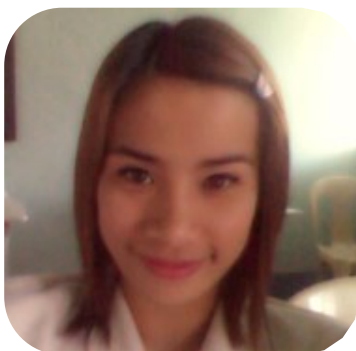
** All cancellations and changes should be sent in writing to the hotel directly.



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UPDATE OF CLSUIAAI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM By: Gerry Galinato, Chair, SEA COMMITTEE

CLSUIAAI APPROVES TWO NEW SCHOLARS

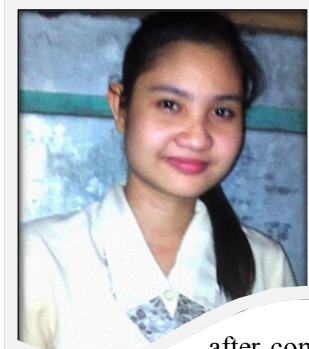


Ms. Liezel Marie Vergel, a junior student pursuing BS in Education at CLSU is one of the two new CLSUIAAI scholars for School Year 2013-2014. Ms. Vergel has garnered an average GPA of 2.0 during her sophomore year and a cumulative GPA average of 2.12 during her 1st

and 2nd year as BSEd student.

She hails from San Jose, Nueva Ecija. After receiving the scholarship grant, Ms. Vergel said "First of all I would like to say thank you to each one of you for the opportunity that you had given me to become one of your scholars. Your scholarship program will help me a lot because I'm not capable of continuing my study because of our financial difficulties. My father left us and my mother cannot find and have a job because she has disabled arm caused by an accident. I'm so grateful that you have a program that will give me a chance to pursue my dreams."

She continued "I will focus, give much attention and make my study my number one priority. After I finish my degree in Education I will immediately look for a job to help my family and I also want to help other students who will need financial assistance."



Ms. Maricar L. Villano is the second newly selected CLSUIAAI scholar for the School Year 2013-2014. She is a junior student also pursuing BS in Education. Ms. Villano obtained an average GPA of 2.05 during her sophomore year and a cumulative average of 2.09 after completing her 1st year and 2nd year

as BSEd student.

She is from Talugtog, Nueva Ecija and graduated with honors in elementary school (First Honor) and High School (Honorable Mention). She expressed her gratitude for receiving the scholarship and said in a poetical manner "Tulong nyo sa tulad kong hikahos, Laking bagay upang ako'y makapagtapos."

Translated to English, "Your help to underprivileged like me - would be a great thing for me to finish." Ms. Villano added, "I chose this profession not because of money or ambition but to create a better youth of this nation."

Mariejoy B. Gonzalez Maintains Scholarship

Dr. Romeo B. Cabanilla, Chair of the CLSUIAAI Scholarship Committee recently notified the CLSUIAAI-SEA Committee that Ms. Gonzales, a current CLSUIAAI scholar pursuing BS in Education was able to maintain the scholastic grade requirement of the Scholarship Program. According to Dr. Cabanilla, Ms. Gonzales obtained an average GPA of 1.69 during her junior year and has a cumulative average of 1.77 since freshman. The CLSUIAAI Scholarship Program



requires a student scholar to maintain a GPA of 2.25.

Ms. Gonzales is now a regular senior student in the school Year 2013-2014 and will continue to receive the \$300 scholarship grant from CLSUIAAI. She expects to graduate in April 2014.

Jody M. Lagat Graduates



The second awardee of the CLSUIAAI Scholarship Program since it was launched in 2011 is Jody M. Lagat. She received the scholarship grant starting the School Year 2011-2012 and successfully maintained the academic requirements of the Scholarship Program which made her eligible for the following School Year 2012-2013. She successfully finished her 4th year and graduated in April 2013 with a degree of BS in Hotel and Restaurant Management.

Ms. Lagat garnered a cumulated GPA of 1.70 and received an academic honor of *cum laude*. In addition to the academic honor she received, Ms. Lagat was also a recipient of a cash incentive award of P10,000 given by the CLSUIAAI. According to Dr. Cabanilla, it is the policy of CLSUIAAI to give graduation incentive awards to their scholars to encourage them to strive even better in their studies. Ms. Lagat is a scholar under the umbrella of CLSUIAAI so Ms. Lagat was also eligible for the award.

Dr. Cabanilla also apprised CLSUIAAI that Ms. Lagat is now employed by the Manila Hotel organization in Manila. She was recommended by Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, former CLSU president and the current president of the CLSU Alumni Foundation, Inc. to the Manila Hotel management.

Congratulations Ms. Lagat and good luck to your new career at the Manila Hotel! (Turn to page 13 for the status of CLSUIAAI Scholarship Fund as of 10/31/13).

CIAA FACEBOOK GROUP CREATED**BY GERRY GALINATO**

Engr. Gloria de Vera

To enhance communication among the CLSU alumni scattered all over the world, Engr. Gloria Arcinue de Vera, a member of the CLSUIAAI Board of Directors, recently created a CIAA Facebook Group. This group account is different from the CIAA Facegroup Page set up in 2011 by another CLSUIAAI BOD member and webmaster Engr.

Rob Bugawan. According to Facebook, a Group is a virtual area where members of specific interest connect, share and collaborate on specific topic, idea or issue.

Director de Vera explained that the CIAA Facebook Group was set up as the official group account of the CLSU International Alumni Association, Inc. with an official acronym of CLSUIAAI. CIAA was used in the Facebook Group account for ease of posting messages. She noted, "The overall goal of the CIAA Facebook Group is to engage in activities that will encourage, enhance and strengthen our love and loyalty to our Alma Mater." She added, "The members of the CIAA Facebook Group include the Expat alumni, former students, supporters and executives of the Central Luzon State University."

By default on how the Facebook Group process works, Director de Vera became the key administrator because she

initially created the CIAA Facebook Group. However, she also appointed other administrators who include BOD Directors Rob Bugawan, Dr. Leo Abenes, Floro Gutierrez, Rod Dioso, Annie Arcinue Silva, Gerry Galinato, former Director Nenita Perez and ARO Director Dr. Zenaida Serna.

The Group administrators can enlist members, approve members requested by other members, post messages and pictures, edit postings and other information. Members of the Group can basically do the same thing except they cannot enlist a member without an administrator's approval.

Using her initial database of CLSU alumni Facebook friends residing all over the world, Director de Vera enlisted them as members. Additional members were also added directly by other administrators. Any member can request to add more members but they must be approved by any of the Group administrators. The CIAA Facebook Group is a closed group which means that anyone can see who is in it but only members can see the posts.

According to Director de Vera, as of the date of printing this press release, there are now more than 300 enlisted members. She asserted, "The CIAA Group includes young and vibrant expats from the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom and other countries. Hopefully, we can make a real interest from all over the world."

STATUS OF CLSUIAAI SCHOLARSHIP FUND AS OF 10/30/13**BY: GERRY GALINATO****Total Revenue Earned from Net Proceeds and Donations**

Net Proceeds from CLSUIAAI LV Reunion 2010	\$2,000
Net Proceeds from CLSU Homecoming 2011	663
Net Proceeds from CLSUIAAI Reunion Sept. 2012	2,281
Net proceeds from Hawaiian Night June 2013	573
Net Proceeds from Sept 6, 2013 General Assembly Meeting	82
Group Donation from CLSU Agric. Engr. Grads. 2011	250
Donation from the Galinato Brothers 2011	300
Donation from Rod and Francis Dioso 2012	100
Donation from Ohma and Lito Viray 2012	100
Donation from Gerry and Lettie Galinato 2013	100
Donation from Ed and Nenita Cabacungan 2013	200
90% of Interest Income from Endowment Fund	601
Total	\$7,250
<u>Total Scholarship Grants Awarded</u>	< \$ 2,100>
<u>Net Amount on Hand</u>	\$ 5,149
<u>Years of Funding Availability @ 3 scholars per SY</u>	5.7 years



4TH INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRAND REUNION
JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1, 2014
PRE-CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLSU AS A UNIVERSITY
PRE-CELEBRATION OF 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLSU ALUMNI Association

Tentative Schedule and Program

January 30, 2014 (Thursday @ 5:30pm): Early Arrivals Get-Together/Dinner (KKB)

Kamayay Restaurant at corner Padre Faura and Adriatico, Tel. (632) 528-1723 TO 24.



January 31, Friday: Pre-Reunion 5-hr Tour in Manila. Binondo Chinatown Culinary Walking Tour. Book directly at www.city-discovery.com/manila/tour.php @\$58 per person (KKB).



January 31, Friday Evening: Pre-Reunion Group Dinner Cruise at Manila Bay @ 6:15-7:30 PM
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February 1, Saturday Night (6pm – 12mn) Dinner Program and Dance, Pandanggo Hall, Manila Hotel, One Rizal Park, Manila, Philippines



February 2, Sunday 7:00am to 9:30am Sunday Group Breakfast at Café Ilang-Ilang, Manila Hotel (KKB or use your breakfast ticket as part of the accommodation). Sunday Breakfast is followed by a short BOD/Executive Committee Meeting at the restaurant and/or continue at the Hotel Lobby.



February 3-4 (Monday –Tuesday): Reunion @ CLSU – Part 2. See tentative program on another sheet. If planning to participate, contact Gerry Galinato of CLSUIAAI for expats or Dr. Zenaida Serna of CLSU for local alumni.



Note: All CLSU expats, local alumni and guests are welcome to attend any of the above events. All KKBs.

Contact any of the following Reunion Committee members for any questions:

Dr. Leo Abenes, CIAA Reunion Committee Co-chair, lbabenes@csupomona.edu, (702) 900-9609

Engr. Gerry Galinato, CIAA Reunion Committee Co-chair, galinatoid@aol.com, (208) 409-3100

Engr. Ohma Bonzato Viray, Committee Member, ohmaviray@aol.com, (916) 897-9001

Ms. Lorie Santiago Malonzo, Committee Member, lsmalonzo@comcast.net, (510) 799-7700

Ms. Annie Arcinue Silva, Committee Member, inspector70@hotmail.com, (858) 336-8157

Engr. Gloria Arcinue de Vera, Committee Member, gloria.arcinue@yahoo.com, (760) 885-4947

Dr. Zenaida Serna, CLSU ARO Director and local alumni reunion coordinator, zmserna@yahoo.com, 0908-895-1416

CLSU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DONATE TO MANILA REUNION EVENT **BY: GERRY GALINATO**

Several CLSU alumni, both expatriates and local alike, friends and supporters expressed interest in joining the 4th CLSUIAAI Grand Reunion in the Manila Hotel on February 1, 2014 but are unable to attend due to various reasons such as inability to take or reschedule vacation from work, conflict of schedule with other events, taking care of family members while they are out of the country, health or medical issues and other reasons. However, in spite of their inability to participate in the great reunion event, they are showing their support to the association by donating some funds.

The donors have various options to choose where to specifically channel their donations such as Endowment Fund, Scholarship Fund, General Fund or for the 2014 Manila Hotel Reunion Fund. All the donors elected to have their donations be used for the 2014 Manila Hotel Reunion to encourage and help subsidize the registration fees of local alumni participants in the Philippines and to pay for other costs in sponsoring the event.

Leading the pack of donors are Dr. Ed Cabacungan and his wife, Dr. Nenet Cabacungan of Walnut, California, both CLSU alumni and emeritus Professors from California State Polytechnic University-Pomona. Dr. Ed is also the Chair of CLSUIAAI Endowment Fund. They recently donated \$1,100 to be used for the reunion; \$1,000 specifically for the cost of hiring a live band during the evening program at the Manila Hotel and \$100, to subsidize the attendance of local alumni. Dr. Cabacungan stated "We just want everybody to be happy and have lots of fun during the CLSU Grand Reunion on Feb. 1, 2014 at the Manila Hotel." At press time, the Reunion Committee has been exploring various musical bands based in Manila to provide live music during the event. "It is our pleasure to be of some help to our association and Alma Mater," he added.

Dr. Leo Abenes, Co-chair of the CLSUIAAI Reunion Committee remarked "With the donation of Manong Ed and Manang Nenet, we can now offer the Best Food, Best

Music and Best Venue to our alumni and guests.)

The names of CLSU Alumni and non-alumni donors who contributed to the Manila Hotel Reunion as of the printing of this press release include the following:

- **Drs. Ed and Nenet Cabacungan**, Walnut Creek, California, USA, \$1,100
- **Alex and Jean Almazan**, San Diego, California, USA, \$75
- **Proc Bacquel**, Toronto, Canada, \$100
- **Dr. Gabriel Gurango** (non-alumnus expat), Los Angeles, California, USA, \$100
- **CLSU Alumnus** (Anonymous Donor) aka "Batang CLSU", Canada, \$100 (Canadian dollars)
- **Engr. Pablo Baldazo**, Las Vegas, NV USA, \$100
- **Engr. Christopher de la Cruz**, New Guinea Expat, P4,500

***"A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY OF
THE ABOVE DONORS"***

Manila Hotel Reunion Sponsors

In addition to the donors who directly contributed donations to the CLSUIAAI Manila Hotel Reunion Fund, several CLSU alumni expats also helped defray registration of local alumni and guests. They include the following:

- **Engr. Paqui Carpio**, Colorado Springs, Colorado USA, \$275 (5.5 FTE)
- **Engr. Gerry Galinato**, Boise, Idaho USA, \$65 (1.3)
- **Galinato Brothers**, USA, P3,000 (2 FTE)
- **Engr. Ohma Viray**, Elk Grove, California USA, \$85 (1.7 FTE)
- **Mrs. Annie Arcinue Silva**, Escondido, California USA, \$125 (5 FTE)
- **Dr. Leo and Ning Abenes**, Las Vegas, Nevada USA, P5,000 (3 FTE)
- **Jean & Alex Almazan**, San Diego, \$25 (1 FTE).
- **Mrs. Gloria Tadeo Liwanag**, non-alumna, Canada \$50 (2 FTE).

OTHER DONORS ENCOURAGED

Several CLSU alumni expats also indicated that they are not coming to the Reunion but pledged to make their donations soon to the association. Any CLSUIAAI member or supporter interested to donate an amount is requested to use the donation form printed in Page 17 or download the form from the association website at: www.clsuiag.org, complete the form, attach the donation (check) payable to CLSUIAAI and mail it to the CLSUIAAI Treasurer, Engr. Ohma Viray, using the address noted in the form.



Dr. Nenet Cabacungan

Dr. Edison Cabacungan



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4th CLSU International Alumni Association Grand Reunion
Manila Hotel, One Rizal Park, Manila Philippines
February 1, 2014

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I am unable to attend the CLSUIAA 4th Grand Reunion at the Manila Hotel at the time. However, I am pleased to donate an amount to the organization.

Please check the specific fund where you want to put your donation and amount donated:

_____ CLSUIAA Endowment Fund Amount Enclosed: _____

_____ CLSUIAA Scholarship Fund Amount Enclosed: _____

_____ CLSUIAA 2014 Reunion Fund Amount Enclosed: _____

_____ CLSUIAA General Fund Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make your donation payable to: **CLSUIAA, Inc.**

Payment can be made by personal check, cashier's check, money order, etc.

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

Thank you. If you reside in the USA, your donation is tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor for any tax questions. Retain a copy of this form for your records. The treasurer will send you a confirmation letter as soon as your check is received.

Donor's Information:

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Email Address: _____

Telephone – Home: _____ Cell: _____

Year of Graduation (CLSU): _____ Degree(s): _____

Comments, if any: _____

SAN DIEGO CLSU ALUMNI MEET

The San Diego CLSU International Alumni members and supporters held an informational meeting and potluck get-together in Escondido, California on October 5, 2013. The informational meeting focused on the discussion of the upcoming reunion at the Manila Hotel on February 1, 2014.

Participants in the meeting include Annie and Nestor Silva, Alex and Jean Almazan, Gloria de Vera, Nenet Perez, Drs. Ed and Nenet Cabacungan, Dr. Leo and Ning Abenes, Dr. Leo Sicat, Juanito del Rosario and Gerry Galinato.

Dr. Leo Abenes and Engr. Gerry Galinato, Co-chairs, CLSUIAAI Reunion and Homecoming Committee led the discussions and updated the group about the status of the planning efforts including the total number of alumni and supporters, both expats and local alumni who indicated interest in joining the reunion in Manila Hotel. They also responded to various questions fielded by the meeting participants including reunion registration, issuance of vouchers, giving donations in lieu of attendance to subsidize more local alumni, sponsorship of local alumni and non-alumni by expats, hotel accommodations (Manila Hotel and other alternative hotels) and other issues and concerns.

The meeting was also an opportunity for participants to offer comments and suggestions concerning the design of the program (i.e. speakers, attire, band, dinner selection, offering raffled gifts donated by expats, etc.). The Reunion Co-chairs received the inputs with open mind and would consider all constructive comments in planning the overall program and make recommendations to the Executive Committee for final approval as appropriate. It was also proposed by the group to have a fund-raising component of the evening program by selling tickets to attendees. The prize for a single mega-winner would be one-half of the total proceeds from the sold tickets and the other half to be channeled to the association's fund for a good cause (e.g. CLSUIAAI Scholarship Fund).

In addition to the very serious meeting in Escondido about the Manila Hotel Reunion, the participants had also the opportunity to introduce themselves, recalled and shared their experiences while being students at CLSU at different time

frames. It was really a great fellowship for the group and got to know more about each other – both the “young and not-so-young” generations of CLSU alumni. All the participants had great fun recalling their good old days at CLSU without experiencing the generation gap phenomenon.

Director Gloria offered to volunteer her beautiful house in hosting the meeting and was assisted by her sister Director Annie Silva. The meeting attendees also participated in celebrating Director Gloria's daughter – Giselle, her birthday anniversary. *(Contributed by Gerry Galinato).*



San Diego Meeting Participants - Seating (L-R): Annie Silva, Ning Abenes, Gloria de Vera, Nenet Cabacungan, Jean Almazan, Nenet Perez. Standing (L-R): Gerald and Gabriel de Vera, Leo Sicat, Del del Rosario, Alex Almazan, Leo Abenes, Ed Cabacungan and Gerry Galinato. Not in picture:



Meeting participants in action –clockwise from middle of top of table: Gerry Galinato, Dr. Nenet Cabacungan, Alex Almazan, Jean Almazan, Annie Silva, Nestor Silva, Dr. Leo Sicat, Dr. Ed Cabacungan, Del del Rosario, Ning Abenes, Dr. Leo Abenes, Nenet Perez (partially hidden), and Gloria de Vera.

CLSU-OU OFFERS GRADUATE PROGRAMS OVERSEAS

By: *Gerry Galinato*

In addition to the regular on campus Colleges offering degreed programs at the Central Luzon State University (i.e. College of Engineering, College of Agriculture, etc.), it has also another academic unit called the Open University (OU) that offers undergraduate and graduate programs for non-traditional students. The CLSU-OU was created in 1997 by the CLSU Board of Regents to provide educational opportunities in degree and non-degree programs to individuals aspiring for higher education who are unable to avail of the traditional mode of instructions.



Dr. Amor Monta

Dr. Flor Amor Monta, Dean of the CLSU Open University, explained that distance education is a mode of education delivery whereby teacher and learner are separated in time and space, and instruction is delivered through specially designed materials and methods using appropriate technologies and supported by organizational and administrative structures and arrangements.

The current program offerings include doctoral programs in rural development and development education;

masteral programs in renewable energy, environment, management and business administration; and undergraduate programs in business administration and accounting technology.

Dr. Monta said "We have students enrolled from the different parts of the world including ASEAN countries (Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines), Middle East (Dubai and Abu Dhabi), Africa (Congo, Ivory Coast and Uganda) and North America (USA-California)."

Among many prominent local alumni and leaders include Dr. Nicomedes Eleazar, Director of Agricultural Research, Department of Agriculture; Dr. Robert Estioko, Retired Vice-Admiral of the Philippine Navy; and Mr. Ruben Miranda, former Acting Executive Director of the Philippine Rice Research Institute.

Dr. Leo Sicat, a newly elected member of CLSUIAAI Board of Directors is a recent graduate of the Open University Program. Dr. Sicat obtained his PhD degree in Rural Development in November 2012. (See related article on page 7). Another CLSUIAAI supporter Engr. Juanito del Rosario, P.E. from San Diego California is currently enrolled under the OU program and expects to finish his PhD degree in 2014. Engr. Del Rosario is a retired Commander of the US Navy and presently works as a consulting engineer for a southern California firm. He was also a former agricultural engineering student at CLSU before joining the US Navy in 1969.

On January 20, 2012, 35 students with BS in Business Management and BA degrees who are all residents of Macau graduated under the joint CLSU-OU and Macau Business Management Educational Centre. The graduation ceremonies were held in Macau.

According Dr. Monta, the vision of the CLSU-OU is to be a leading global distance education provider in teacher education, rural development, renewable energy, the arts, environmental management, the sciences, and business for the next ten years. He stated "The Open U will have the most number of working and functional international partnerships among the nine-degree academic units of CLSU as we celebrate CLSU's Golden Anniversary as a university in June 2014."

Dr. Monta has been the Dean of Open University since its inception. Dr. Monta was chosen as Outstanding Official for 2012 by the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee for meritorious leadership and accomplishments as Dean of the Open University.

REUNION @ CLSU – PART 2
PRE-50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT CLSU
PRE-75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF CLSUAAI

Tentative Program, February 2-4, 2014

Feb. 2 (Sunday) — Arrival at CLSU via University van (shared cost); check-in at CLSU Alumni Hostel (25% discounted price for alumni and at cost for room donors.



Feb. 3 (Monday) — 7:00 am - Attend Flag Raising Ceremony with the CLSU Community.
 8:00am – Breakfast @ Alumni Conference Room (Sponsored by CLSUAAI).
 9:00am – Campus Tour with Trambia from PhilRice.



12:00n – Lunch at RET Conference Hall (Hosted by CLSUAAI).
 1:00-5:00pm – Rest
 6:00pm – Welcome Dinner and Fellowship @ the Executive House.
 (Sponsored by CLSU Administration c/o Pres. Ruben C. Sevilleja).

Feb. 4 (Tuesday) – 7:00am – Fishing at BFAR (Bring your own fishing rod).
 8:00am – Filipino dishes for breakfast; includes gatas ng kalabaw, tuyo, pandesal, kakanin, puto, peche-peche, mani, nilagang saging, etc. (Sponsored by CLSUAAI).
 12:00n – Lunch @ BFAR Floating House; includes sinigang na baboy, buro, nilagang gulay, alamang, kamatis, bagoong, inihaw na tilapia/bangus. (Sponsored by CLSUAAI).



CLSUIAA, INC. ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS - AS OF 10/30/13					
NAMES OF DONORS	PLEDGES	Donations Received to Date	NAMES OF DONORS	PLEDGES	Donations Received to Date
Ruiz, Eliseo & Zenaida	\$100,000	\$10,000	Heimbigner-Peralta, Ellen & Phil Crosno	\$200	\$200
Donnelly, Jeff & Edita Cabacungan	\$3,800	\$3,800	Undan, Rodolfo and Berna	\$1,000	\$200
Cabacungan, Ed & Nenet-in memory of our beloved son, Allen Caan Cabacungan	\$2,150	\$2,150	De Jesus, Marc & Josie	\$350	\$150
Viray, Lito & Norma	\$2,000	\$1,450	Peralta, Ray & Carmen	\$150	\$150
Galinato, Gerry & Lettie	\$1,000	\$1,000	Osoteo, Rey and Loida	\$1,000	\$100
Gutierrez, Floro & Zeny	\$1,000	\$1,000	Jose, Vince & Florian	\$300	\$100
Mamaclay, Gerry & Hennie	\$1,000	\$1,000	Baguyos, Johnny & Aurora	\$100	\$100
Bugawan, Rob & Dory	\$1,025	\$825	Baraceres, Rey	\$100	\$100
Abenes, Leo & Ning	\$1,000	\$800	Bernardo, Rody and Bituin	\$100	\$100
Carriaga, Carlos & Ellen Caparas	\$1,200	\$600	Binoya, Nonoy & Josie, in memory of Adelia Binoya	\$100	\$100
Tiangco, Elito & Hermelina	\$600	\$600	Briones, Marianito & Lourdes	\$100	\$100
Rodriguez, Artemio & Lulu	\$600	\$600	Castillo, Jimmy & Gayle	\$100	\$100
Rull, Marcel & Aida Ventura in memory of their beloved parents	\$1,500	\$500	Del Rosario, Juanito & Fe Aleta	\$100	\$100
Pascual, Val & Beulah	\$1,000	\$500	Dioquino, Jose in memory of Daughter, Eva Lalaine B. Dioquino Dolor, MD	\$100	\$100
Campos, Juanito & Julia	\$500	\$500	Gaetos, Rizalino & Angela	\$100	\$100
Flora, Winston & Consuelo V - In memory of Prof Juan P. Viray	\$500	\$500	Juliano, Jorge & Amelia	\$100	\$100
Solano, Vic & Marietta	\$500	\$500	Nobbs, John	\$100	\$100
Raniel, Johnny & Vicky	\$482	\$482	Rana, Eliseo & Minda, in memory of parents (Loreto & Teodora Tolentino and Florencio & Inis Rana)	\$100	\$100
Cuizon, Rene & Rezie	\$1,000	\$400	Viray, Firma	\$100	\$100
Cielo, Digna Malong	\$1,000	\$350	Silva, Nestor and Annie Arcinue	\$100	\$100
Dioso, Rod & Frances	\$1,000	\$300	Oania, Januaria	\$50	\$50
Malonzo, Loretta & Opry	\$300	\$300	Estioko, Mar & Rose	\$50	\$50
Silao, Andy & Elsie	\$300	\$300	Escoto, Ador & Flor	\$50	\$50
Caindec, Cesar & Norma	\$300	\$300	Castillo, Hiram & Amelita	\$50	\$50
Puzon, Wenceslao & Maxima S., In Memory of Son, Peter Simon Puzon	\$300	\$300	Cabalsi, Bert & Julia	\$50	\$50
Mandia, Brigido "Brigs", In memory of Father, Serafin Mandia, Mother-Juliana, Brothers- Marcelo & Rustico and Sister-Asuncion.	\$300	\$300	Sicat, Rufino & Josie	\$50	\$50
Alcos, Senen & Florentina	\$250	\$250	Dadag, Eddie & Esther	\$35	\$35
Sicat, Leo, in memory of my mother	\$220	\$220			
Elegado, DG and Ellie	\$1,000	\$200			
Siapno, Ed	\$200	\$200			
Rinon, Jr, Johnny & Amelia	\$200	\$200			
Cinense, Bart & Luisa	\$200	\$200			
			TOTAL	\$131,162	\$33,262

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By: Norma "Ohma" Viray

The total balance of all accounts at Wells Fargo Bank as of October 30, 2013 amounts to \$45,161 and is broken down as follows:

Endowment Fund (EF) +Int	\$ 33,328
Scholarship Fund	\$ 5,149
General Fund	\$ 2,133
2014 Reunion Registration	\$ 5,728
(less deposit @Manila Hotel)	<u>(\$ 1,177)</u>
Total of all accounts:	\$ 45,161

Notably, 2013 has been a busy and exciting year for CLSUIAAI. We raised \$955 from the Hawaiian Dinner/dance in Vallejo early this year and from the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas last September. This has been allocated to CLSUIAA Scholarship Fund, the running balance of which since inception is shown on page 13. Engr. Gerry Galinato, the Chair of SEA Committee, writes an update on the CLSUIAA Scholarship Program (Page 12).

CLSUIAAI's total balance has increased by **\$8,788** from \$36,373 to \$45,161 since January 1, 2013. This is primarily due to the increase of **\$3,952** in the Endowment Fund. The income from fund raising activity, cash donations and interest income less \$900 (CLSUIAAI Scholarship grant to three (3) scholars for the school year 2012-2013), and other miscellaneous expenses generated an increase of **\$285** to total assets. This also includes the registration payments plus cash donations received to date totaling \$5,728 **less** PHP 50,000 (\$1,177) deposit made to reserve our reunion event at the Manila Hotel. So far, we have a total of 160 registered participants consisting of **33 Expats, 100 locally-based alumni and 27 local non-alumni**. Our sincerest thanks to our alumni and friends who made significant donations to the Manila Hotel event (please see related article on page 16). Kudos to the Homecoming/Reunion Committee co-chaired by Dr. Leo Abenes and Engr. Gerry Galinato for their leadership and organizing skills. Special thanks to Dr. Zenaida Serna for taking on a challenging job of coordinating the locally-based alumni and non-alumni who wish to join the CLSU Reunion at the Manila Hotel. If you are planning to join and have not yet registered, please do so as early as you can. That would be a great help to our Reunion/Homecoming Committee.

Another great news! The number of Endowment Fund Donors has increased this year. New donors are Former CLSU president, Dr. Rudy & Berna Undan who donated \$200 (through son, Roderick, residing in Woodridge, VA), as advance payment towards their \$1,000 pledge; Mr. & Mrs. Cesar & Norma Caindec from Las Vegas donated \$300; Engrs. Juanito & Fe-Aleta del Rosario donated \$100, Mr. & Mrs. Eliseo & Minda Rana donated \$100; Mr. & Mrs. Nestor and Annie Arcinue-Silva donated \$100; Mr. Rufino Sicat (brother of Dr. Leo Sicat) and wife, Josie, donated \$50 to EF. Additional donations were received recently from existing donors: Dr. Leo and Ning Abenes contributed \$200, total EF donation now \$800; Dr. Leo Sicat contributed \$100, EF donation increased to \$220; Drs. Ed & Nenet Cabacungan made \$100 donation, total EF donations, \$2,150; Engr. & Mrs. Johnny & Vicky Raniel made \$200 additional donation to EF now totaling \$482; Dr. Carlos Carriaga donated \$500 additional towards his \$1,200 pledge (total EF donation=\$600); Dr. Gerry & Hennie Mamacay recently sent \$400 to fulfill their pledge to EF of \$1,000. Our alumni from Canada, Mr. & Mrs. Artemio & Lulu Abenes-Rodriguez sent \$200 additional donation (total donation = \$600) and Mr. & Mrs. Marietta Abenes-Solano, \$100 additional increasing their total EF donation to \$500. A million thanks to all our benefactors for your generous donations. (Updated list of EF Donors on page 21 of this issue).

Press Release No. 16 put together by the Press Release Team contains pages of information regarding the upcoming Reunion at the Manila Hotel for your reference.

Meanwhile, take care all and enjoy the approaching holiday -Thanksgiving Day. The tradition of Thanksgiving is essentially an occasion to say 'Thank you'. A great man once said: ***"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them"***.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING
TO ALL!**

Ohma Viray