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DR. RUIZ TOPS CLSUIAG ENDOWMENT FUND DONORS LIST

During his inspirational speech as the Guest Speaker at the CLSUIAG Grand Reunion's Dinner-Dance and Recognition Program, Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, current president of the CLSU Alumni Foundation, Inc. and former CLSU President, fulfilled his pledge to donate significant amount to the CLSUIAG Endowment Fund (EF). He announced during his speech that he is making a down payment of his pledge and handed a \$10,000 cashier's check to the CLSUIAG Treasurer Ohma Viray.

His donation, to date, is the biggest amount that a CLSU alumnus donated to the EF. Dr. Ruiz indicated that his initial donation of \$10,000 is just the start of fulfilling his pledge to donate a total of



Dr. Eliseo L. Ruiz

\$100,000 to the Endowment Fund. He felt optimistic that he could complete his pledge within the next couple of years.

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DADO BANATAO TO ADDRESS CLSUIAG GATHERING

Engr. Diosdado P. Banatao has accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker of the CLSUIAG Induction of Officers/10th Anniversary/Christmas Party on December 15, 2012. The good news which was sent by email, was received by Engr. Johnny Raniel who was designated by the Board of Directors to extend the invitation, just minutes before the newsletter was to be released, Tuesday evening, October 23.

Engr. Banatao, who is popularly known as "Dado" is an electrical engineer and a

highly successful entrepreneur. He co-founded Mostron, Chips and Technologies, and S3 Graphics. His success story is a good example of the classic rags to riches story.

Banatao started from humble beginnings. He was born on May 23, 1946 in the little barrio of Malabbbac, Iguig, Cagayan, Philippines.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***By: Rodrigo S. Dioso***

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve CLSUIAG, Inc. as President for two years. According to Max Dupree, “The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you”. I humbly say that during my administration with the support of the officers and members, we

were able to continue to transform the vision of the founders of the organization into reality.

In April 2011, we had good representation at the CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming at the Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija. One memorable event in this gathering was the Hawaiian Night which was hosted and sponsored by CIAG (now CLSUIAG, Inc.) in partnership with CLSUAAI and CLSU.

Briefly, the following summarizes the significant events as well as my accomplishments during my term as the President of the group with the help of the officers and members:

- ⇒ Dr. Fiorello Abenes and Ms. Loretta Santiago-Malonzo each received Gintong Butil (Golden Grain) Award, the highest award that can be given to an alumnus/alumna from the CLSUAAI.
- ⇒ Mr. Val Pascual, Mr. Johnny Campos and Engr. Johnny Raniel each received the Achievement Award from CLSU.
- ⇒ The organization donated substantial amount for the completion of the CLSUAAI hostel project. Also some CLSUIAG, Inc. members donated (\$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00) for a room named after them. Among these are Engr. Gerry Galinato and his brothers, Damian, Tino and Noli Galinato;
- Engr. Johnny Raniel, Mr. Johnny Campos and I, Engr. Rodrigo Dioso.
- ⇒ The first CLSUIAG, Inc. scholarship grant was launched in 2011, initially with two grantees, namely: Jody M. Lagat and Gillianne G. Gantioque. In 2012, another scholarship grant was added and awarded to Mariejoy Gonzales.
- ⇒ Membership and Endowment Fund have significantly increased. In 2012 CLSUIAG grand reunion in Las Vegas, Dr. Eliseo Ruiz who was our guest speaker, donated \$10,000 towards his \$100,000 pledge to the Endowment Fund and promised to donate more in the near future.
- ⇒ We had a good attendance to the CLSUIAG, Inc. 3rd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas on September 21-23, 2012 and we were able to raise substantial funds for our various events and scholarship program.
- ⇒ But most of all, I consider this the most significant project in my administration: the registration of CLSUIAG, Inc. as a non-profit organization in the State of California which enables the organization to conduct more fundraising activities and the approval of CLSUIAG's 501(c)3 status by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) declaring all contributions to CLSUIAG tax exempt which I believe will encourage more donors to contribute to the Endowment Fund.

Finally, “Thank You”. Special thanks to Engr. Gerry Galinato, Dr. Fiorello Abenes, Engr. Norma (Ohma) Viray, Mr. Floro Gutierrez, Engr. Johnny Raniel, Dr. Edison Cabacungan, Engr. Rob Bugawan, Mr. Johnny Campos, Engr. Lito Viray, and to all officers and members.

RODRIGO A. DIOSO, JR.
President, CLSUIAG, Inc.

EDITORIAL**By: Floro R. Gutierrez**

***All Saints/Souls Day:
How Can We Lovingly
Honor Our
Departed ?***

About this time last year, in a casual conversation my wife asked why in the Philippines we commemorate All Saints Day on November 1 while

All Souls Day is observed on November 2. I answered and dismissed the question with a simple, "I don't know."

As we are about to observe these two holidays this year, I did a little quick research and let me share some information I have gleaned.

All Saints Day is observed mostly by praying for the departed saints which begs the question of what or who is a saint. A bishop in Sweden defined saints as those who make it easier to believe in God. In his letters to the Corinthians, Ephesians and Philippians, Paul writes and includes any one who named Jesus is Lord as a saint. In the Wesleyan (Methodist) tradition, a saint is anyone who has received the grace of justification which is the first step to salvation. John Wesley acknowledges that all of us are dead spiritually from the original sin simply because we are born into the family of Adam, rather than from sinning. He further asserts that justification is the pardoning of our sin by our loving God, making us

righteous and just before Him. This step is followed by sanctification and then glorification.

After the All Saints Day, we observe All Souls Day on November 2 as we remember and pray for our faithfully departed whether they are considered saints or not. In his blog, Andrew Jones writes that "This is more of a Roman Catholic holiday because it requires a belief of Purgatory to fully participate. The celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins cannot attain the beatific vision in heaven, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Mass."

Whatever religious leanings we have, it is notable that celebrating these two holidays evokes many happy and memorable moments when our beloved who departed were still alive and with us. It is commendable that we remember and pray for them.

What is your answer to the simple question above? Do you think we can honor and love them more when we make a pledge or donation to the CLSUIAG Endowment Fund? Doing this in loving memory of a father, mother, brother, sister, spouse or any loved one is an easy way to leave a good legacy to our posterity. It is perhaps the best way to acknowledge with gratitude and pride that CLAS/CLAC/CLSU, our beloved Alma Mater has helped us immensely and molded us into what we are today. Please see Page 12 and listen to what your heart says. *Thank You !*

DADO BANATAO TO ADDRESS CLSUIAG GATHERING (From Page 1)

It is said that he walked barefooted to a dirt road just to reach Malabbac Elementary School everyday. He pursued his secondary education in a Jesuit run school, Ateneo de Tuguegarao. After high school, he enrolled in Mapua Institute of Technology where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and graduated cum laude.

Banatao started his career first as a pilot trainee in the Philippine Airlines but was pirated by Boeing and worked as design engineer for the company's new commercial airliner and cargo transport aircraft, Boeing 747 in the United States. With the opportunity of

staying in the United States, he then took his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science in Stanford University and finished in 1972 in order to enhance his craft. This was followed by other jobs and business opportunities.

Engr. Banatao is married to the former Miss Maria Cariaga and are blessed with three children, Rey, Desiare and Tala. More interesting facts about him will be shared when he is properly introduced during the event. *(Contributed by Johnny Raniel and Floro Gutierrez)*

122 DELEGATES JOIN THE 2012 GRAND REUNION

According to the Registration Committee Chair Ohma Viray, 122 delegates from the USA, Canada and the Philippines participated during the CLSUIAG Grand Reunion held in Las Vegas from September 21-23, 2012. This is the 3rd Grand Reunion held in Las Vegas which is biennially sponsored by the association. The previous grand reunion of the association was held in September 2010.

Majority of the delegates came from Southern California which encompasses the Los Angeles area and San Diego area and its vicinity. The participants from Southern California were formally introduced by the VP for the San Diego Area, Ms. Annie Arcinue-Silva. A total of 47 delegates came from southern California.



Some delegates from the San Diego area with Dr. Z. Serna and Ms. J. Alamon both from CLSU.

The second largest group came from Northern-Central California which covers the Bay area and Silicon Valley (San Jose, Sunnyvale, etc.) and Central California (Fresno area). The Northern and Central California delegates were introduced by Prof. Johnny Campos, CLSUAIG VP and the newly elected President. A total of 33 delegates came from this region.

The third group represented was the local delegates from Nevada and Las Vegas area. They were introduced by Engr. DG "Lakay" Elegado assisted by Engr. Pablo Baldazo. There are 10

delegates introduced during the Dinner/Dance/Recognition Program. However, three (3) additional local delegates participated in the Sunday Brunch and Fellowship Program.

Engr. Gerry Galinato, VP for Pacific Northwest and Inter-Mountain West, introduced the delegates from his region and other regions in the USA including the Midwest. Twelve (12) delegates came from these regions. He also introduced the lone delegate (Enriqueta Abenes-Bellosillo, M.D.) from Southeastern USA (Florida). There were no delegates from the Eastern, Northeastern USA, Hawaii and US Territories.



Mr. Manny Buado, VP for Eastern Canada (as shown above), introduced the delegates from his region. Six (6) delegates came from two provinces of Canada including British Columbia and Ontario: Manny & Letty Buado, Senen & Florentina Alcos, and Vic & Marietta Abenes Solano.

There were 11 guests who came from the Philippines and were introduced by Dr. Zenaida Serna, CLSU ARO Director. Eight delegates came from CLSU and three from other institutions. The following are the guests who came from the Philippines:

Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, President, CLSU Alumni Foundation and former CLSU President
 Dr. Firma Viray, President-elect, CLSU Faculty Association *(Turn to page 15)*

Dr. Ruiz Tops CLSUAIG EF Donors List *(From Page 1)*

He also shared his vision and optimism with the members, officers and supporters of CLSUIAG that the association's target to raise \$1 million dollars for the Endowment Fund is an attainable goal. He even challenged the members of the association that whatever the members would donate from now on (after he made the donation), he would match those donations in the future. He related the story of the great philanthropist and founder of Microsoft Bill Gates, that he would normally challenge matching the donations given by other donors for specific project or cause by doubling the donations of those donors.

Some participants in the program immediately dubbed Dr. Ruiz as the "Bill Gates of CLSU".

As a result of his benevolent action and the great challenge put before the participants, many members responded by making pledges, contributing for the first time and adding more donations by previous donors to the Endowment Fund. Dr. Ed Cabacungan, EF Committee Chairman and Ohma Viray were busy collecting cash and checks donated by members, officers and supporters.

Dr. Cabacungan sighs "This is indeed a great fund raising event. Our co-alumni, former faculty and staff, friends and supporters were truly inspired by Dr. Ruiz and got them energized. I would not mind staying awake all night collecting EF donations from these nice folks."

Dr. Ruiz also adds "Manong Ed, I am quite optimistic we will reach your goal of raising \$1 million in due time."

Dr. Ruiz also made a suggestion that the Group's name should be changed to an "Association" rather than a "Group." He believes that the name Group is fine but if

the Group is already dealing with funds in the \$1 million range, it would be more appropriate to have a more formal name as an association rather than a group. Several officers agree with Dr. Ruiz and may propose an amendment to its by-laws in the near future to make such revision.

Engr. Cornelio Binoya, Jr., the newly elected member of the Board of Directors, briefly introduced Dr. Ruiz during the Dinner-Dance Program. A summary of Dr. Ruiz' curriculum vitae was initially published as part of the Souvenir Program. It is republished in this issue for the benefit of those who were not able to attend the Dinner-Dance Program. *See Page 14 (Contributed by Gerry Galinato).*



Dr. Eliseo Ruiz delivering his inspirational message and announcing his donation of \$10,000 to the Endowment Fund.

CLSUIAG ELECTS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During the General Assembly Meeting on Saturday morning, September 22, 2012 perhaps the most significant item in the agenda was the election of the members of the Board of Directors (BOD).

Engr. Lito Viray who was appointed Chairman of the Elections Committee supervised the elections. He was assisted by Engr. Francisco Carpio, Engr. Juanito Del Rosario, and Mr. Senen Alcos who acted as tellers who collected and tallied the ballots. Before opening the table for nominations, Engr. Viray read the rules for the election of the Directors that he proposed and were approved by the Executive Board earlier in the year. The most significant rules that he

read include the provisions that to qualify for the position of Director, a candidate must be an alumnus or alumna of CLAS/CLAC/CLSU (for other offices, CLSU former faculty/staff and friends qualify), must have been a member for at least one year and is current in his or her membership fee.

Engr. Viray also announced that 14 directors will be elected by secret ballot and those receiving the seven highest votes will serve for two years while those receiving the second seven highest votes will serve a year. Next year and thereafter, seven directors will be elected and will serve a term of two years. *(Turn to Page 15)*

“SALAMAT” TO DONORS OF REUNION EVENTS BY: GERRY GALINATO



In order to minimize the overall cost of sponsoring the various program events and lessen the registration fees, the association solicited financial help from CLSUIAG members and supporters. Several members kindly responded to the call and their generosity are being recognized and acknowledged.

Donors in hosting the Get-together for Early Arrivals

Key CLSUIAG officers from California initially offered to host the get-together dinner at Kusina ni Lorraine. However, due to the logistic and challenges encountered during the collection process for voluntary contributions, it was decided by the Executive Board to ask everyone to donate \$15 each to cover the basic costs of dinner, tax and gratuities. Nevertheless, several kind hearted donors never beat the bushes, contributed early without reservations and went beyond what was asked for. They are listed below with their respective donations.

• Ohma and Lito Viray	\$100
• Drs. Ed and Nenet Cabacungan	\$100
• Rod and Frances Dioso	\$100
• Bart and Luisa Cinense	\$100
• Val and Beulah Pascual	\$ 50
• Lorie and Opry Malonzo	\$ 50
• Aida Ventura Rull	\$ 50
• Leo Sicat	\$50

A net proceed of approximately \$361 from the Early Arrival Food Fund was deposited to the Association's Scholarship Fund account. See the Treasurer's report.

Donors of Registration Fees for Guests from the Philippines

As noted in an article elsewhere in this Press Release, eleven guests from the Philippines attended the 3rd CLSUIAG Grand Reunion in Las Vegas. Recognizing that the guests from the Philippines used their own personal funds to travel to the USA to join the CLSUIAG's grand reunion activities, the Executive Board decided to waive their registration fees of \$75 per person. However, the association did not have money in its operating budget to cover such expenses so the Executive Board explored various options how to raise the funds. Again, in order to

minimize the cost of registration fees for everyone, the Board launched a mini-fund raising effort to come up with the money and asked donors to contribute to the fund. The following members responded to the solicitation effort and the amount donated:

• Rod and Frances Dioso (for 2 guests)	\$150
• Rey and Carmen Peralta (for 2 guests)	\$150
• Gerry and Lettie Galinato	\$ 75
• Ohma and Lito Viray	\$ 75
• Ed and Nenet Cabacungan	\$ 75
• Floro and Zeny Gutierrez	\$ 75
• Val and Beulah Pascual	\$ 75
• Renee and Rezee Cuizon	\$ 75
Total	\$750

Dr. Elisa Carlos and Atty. Marius Carlos gracefully declined the offer to waive their registration fees and willingly paid the total registration fee of \$150 for the two of them.

Donors of the Lechon during the Sunday Picnic

The total amount paid by the participants for registration fee includes the Dinner, Dance and Recognition Program, and the Sunday Picnic and Fellowship Program. However, the budget for lunch during the picnic only includes the main dish, fruits, desert, bottled water and pop. To minimize the cost of contribution by the participants and add a traditional Filipino dish during the picnic, the Reunion Committee solicited contribution from willing donors to provide "Lechon Fund." The following officers and members are being recognized for contributing funds for ordering the lechon.

• Leo and Ning Abenes	\$50
• Gerry and Lettie Galinato	\$50
• Ed and Nenet Cabacungan	\$50
• Ohma and Lito Viray	\$50
Total	\$200

Donors of Picnic Site Fee and Miscellaneous

During the initial Planning in selecting a picnic site in Las Vegas, local coordinators Leo Abenes and Gloria Tan made arrangement with the City to reserve a site. The initial reservation fee was \$250 with a projected cost of \$500 for using the facility for 4 hours. However, there was no money at the association's treasury during the planning period so another solicitation effort was launched to come up with the funds to make the necessary

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"SALAMAT" TO DONORS OF REUNION EVENTS (FROM PAGE 6)

payment and for other miscellaneous expenses in holding the picnic. The donors include:

- *Ed and Nenet Cabacungan* \$50
- *Rod and Frances Dioso* \$50
- *Rob and Dory Bugawan* \$50
- *Daniel and Nida de la Cruz* \$50
- *Gloria Tan* \$20
- *Adoration Liwanag Mejia* \$20
- *Miscellaneous donors-group singing* \$24
- Total** **\$264**

There were also several members and supporters who contributed and made pledges to the association's Endowment Fund and Scholarship Fund. They are listed separately in this press release.

The Reunion Committee co-chair Gerry Galinato and the Treasurer Ohma Viray disclose, *"We tried*

to exercise due diligence in listing all the financial donors. In spite of these efforts, some people might have been missed and we would like to apologize. Please let us know if anybody was missed in the process so we can properly recognize them during the next issue of the Press Release."

Non-Financial Donors

There were also many members and supporters who contributed their time and efforts in the planning and implementation of the 3rd CLSUIAG Grand Reunion in Las Vegas who are too numerous to mention. They are the members of the Reunion Committee, Souvenir Program Committee, Registration Committee, and the Local Arrangement Committee. The members of these committees are listed in the Souvenir Program Book.

"Marami pong salamat sa inyong lahat." (Article contributed by Gerry Galinato and Ohma Viray).

MY RANDOM THOUGHTS...

By Nenita Perez



On Reunions, Generosity & Fond Memories...

It's always a blessing to attend our Reunion: you gather fond memories with different sets of alumni each time you go; and I treasure every opportunity to be with them, thinking that I might never meet them ever again. I'm thankful that my CLSU family gets bigger every time I go. Do plan to always come.

Generosity is definitely NOT about money alone; taking the time to get to know our fellow alumni and encouraging them with our kind words go beyond all forms of monetary initiatives. Many dotting alumni from Northern California made my stay with them unforgettable for these very same reasons.

Age does matter: the older the alumni get the better dancers & the more generous they become. Their smiles and thoughtfulness draw me even closer to them even if I hardly see them. I'm both humbled & privileged by their kindness. When you're with them, you're with family.

"EF stands for Endowment Fund but with the great response of our alumni; it can also mean, "Effective Fundraising" or better still, "Empowering Filipinos". Hats off to Dr. Cabacungan & all the generous donors.

What can be a better legacy than a tax-deductible donation that can also change the future of many

families in the nation we still call our own? Putting up a business & employing them may be better but if you're here & can't do that, funding the education of a student whose parents can't afford to send him/her to school is a good start. One student, one family, at a time.

While still up around 2 am at Gold Coast Hotel; a conversation with my batch mate, Marinette, unintentionally turned to hot flushes. I realized, that in College, we used to talk about hot crushes, instead. Oh, how time flies, indeed.

"Goodbyes" can be very hard for me so I try to stay in a "Hello" mode by just praying for people & leaving them without notice. Actually, "Til we meet again, my Beloved friends" is my hope & prayer for all.

The day of the Election of the 14 members of the CLSUIAG Board of Directors was momentous & exciting for me; not because I got elected as one of them but more so because that was my last time taking down the Minutes of the Meeting as the Secretary of the Group. Now, I don't have to keep asking Floro to do my job whenever I can't fly to Northern California. So, for the last time, may I gratefully say, "I thank you, my brother in Christ, Floro & and all of you who cared for me during my stay."

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PROF. JUANITO E. CAMPOS ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT



In its first meeting on September 23, 2012 at the close of the Sunday picnic and fellowship held at the Senior Center Park, Las Vegas, the Board of Directors (BOD) elected Prof. Juanito “Johnny” E. Campos Chairman and President for the years

2013 and 2014.

Eleven of the 14 elected directors were present in the meeting. When current President Rod Dioso opened the table for the nominations, Directors Campos, Lorie S. Malonzo, Gerry Galinato, Leo Abenes, and Floro Gutierrez were nominated for Chairman and President. The latter three nominees declined the nominations so the secret balloting went on and Dir. Campos garnered six votes and was elected while Dir. Malonzo obtained five votes.

Interviewed later on his election, Professor Campos said, “I have been a member of the CLSU International Alumni Group, Inc. since its inception four years ago, a graduate of CLAS in 1944 and CLAC in 1964 with a BSA degree and some graduate work, and I was also President of the Filipino-American Senior Citizens of Solano County, Inc. for eight years from 2004 to 2011. I believe above considerations must have played when the Board of Directors elected me.

“I am very grateful to the members of the Board for giving me the privilege of serving as Chairman and President. Am now in the twilight of my life and this gives me the chance to lead the Association before I travel to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns. Offhand, there are two things I propose to do: 1) recruit new members and 2) generate more funds. With the cooperation and assistance of the officers and members, I am positive we can make a significant difference.

“Finally, I wish to address all our fellow alumni that hypothetically, we are in one boat. Your participation and input are crucial to the success of our ‘voyage’. We either float or we sink.”

The Board of Directors also elected a secretary. Dir. Gutierrez who was the lone nominee was declared elected by the Chair. The BOD appointed a Treasurer, Dir. Norma B. Viray.

Other officers appointed are: Vice President – Dir. Gerry Galinato and the Regional Vice Presidents namely, At Large – Dir. Leo Abenes, Pacific NW/Intermountain – Engr. Francisco Carpio, Northeast Coast – Engr. Renato Cuizon, Southeast Coast – Dr. Gilbert Sigua, Las Vegas – Engr. Pablo Baldazo and Mrs. Angela T. Gaetos, Midwest –Engr/Pastor Gil Valenzuela, Northern California – Dir. Lorie S. Malonzo, Los Angeles – Mr. Brigs Mandia, San Diego – Dir. Annie Arcinue Silva, Central Canada – Dr. Lun Mateo, Eastern Canada – Mr. Manny Buado, Western Canada – Mrs. Marietta A. Solano, Hawaii – Pending (Mr. Bartolome Cadamia and Dr. Arsenia Cagauan are being considered), Auditors – Dir. Noy Binoya and Dir. Johnny Raniel, Press Relation Officer – Dir. Rob Bugawan. Appointed to assist the PRO – Dir. Rev. Nenita G. Perez.

The officers will be inducted into office on December 15, 2012 at the Masonic Hall in Los Gatos, CA. The event will also celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the association (initially as the CLSU Organizing Committee in 2002) as well as an early Christmas Party.



CLSU ALUMNI JOIN TOURS

As part of the CLSUIAG Reunion in Las Vegas, several tours were organized to have an opportunity for CLSU alumni to visit some tourist destinations close to Las Vegas.

Grand Canyon West Rim Tour

The first tour was the Grand Canyon West Rim Tour conducted on Monday, September 25, the day after the conclusion of the CLSUIAG 2012 Grand Reunion in Las Vegas. The tour included travel through the rugged desert wilderness en route to Americas' most spectacular natural wonder, the Grand Canyon.

Six alumni signed up for the tour that included Drs. Edison and Nenita Cabacungan, Val and Beulah Pascual, and Gerry and Leticia Galinato. The members of the Group also participated in the Grand Canyon South Rim Tour in 2010 which was a different stretch of the Grand Canyon.

The Grand Canyon West tour took the participants through 21 miles of spectacular site of one of the world's largest and oldest Joshua Tree Forests and enjoyed viewing the 3,500-foot cliffs cut by the mighty Colorado River snaking through the bottom of these cliffs.

There were also special viewing of magnificent sights of the Eagle Point and Guano Point. The Eagle Point is a natural rock formation resembling that of a huge eagle.

The designated viewing areas are located at the Hualapai Indian Reservation where the Native Americans presented their traditional dances. Various displays of their traditional dwellings and teepees were also exhibited in various places of the reservation. Of course the big treat was being served with an authentic Indian Barbecue lunch. *(Sorry, it was not a wild buffalo barbecue).*

While only six alumni joined the Grand Canyon West Tour, the tour bus was full of more than 50 other tourists who came from various parts of the world. Dr. Ed says "I am very pleased this tour was set up by the Reunion Committee. It was another opportunity to enjoy the vast natural beauty and spectacle of one of the Seven Wonders of the World located very close to Las Vegas. It is truly awesome."

Red Rock Canyon Caravan Tour

The second was a group tour of the Red Rock Canyon west of Las Vegas with a side trip to Silverton Casino in South Las Vegas. This was a local tour organized by the Reunion Committee with volunteer local tour leaders namely, Cesar Caindec of Henderson, NV and Engr. Pablo Baldazo, of Las Vegas. The tour was conducted on

Tuesday, September 27.

Ten alumni joined the tour that included Val Pascual, Gerry and Lettie Galinato, Cesar and Norma Caindec, Pablo Baldazo, Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, Dr. Zenaida Serna, Dr. Firma Viray and Dr. Fanny Kollin. Beulah Pascual was not able to join the tour because she needed a rest after the Grand Canyon West Tour a day before. One van and a SUV, owned and driven by Pablo and Cesar, respectively, were used to transport the participants during the tour.

The Group first visited the Red Rock Visitor Center where various educational items about the canyon were displayed including the desert tortoise and huge lizard. Due to scheduling issues, the Group was not able to view the slides show and film normally presented to tourists.

The Group viewed the famous Red Rock Canyon's Aztec sandstone escarpment, the limestone outcrops and cliffs thousands of feet high that have been exposed to weathering and erosion. Cement deposits of iron oxide and calcium carbonate are very evident which resemble a rainbow of colors from a vantage viewpoint. Various fauna and flora at the area were also observed. The Group enjoyed the 13-mile scenic tour drive stopping at various high point overlooks to take photographs and make closer observations.

After visiting the Red Rock Canyon, the Group proceeded to the Silverton Casino in South Las Vegas to view the "Best Free Attraction" in Las Vegas – the huge Silverton Salt Water Aquarium. The size of the reef aquarium is approximately 117,000 gallons which contains more than 4,000 tropical fish, and three species each of stingrays and sharks. The Group took a lot of photographs of these interesting creatures of the sea.

Before proceeding to the Red Rock Canyon tour, the Group had a hearty breakfast at the Port O'Call Restaurant in Gold Coast Casino. Then after the Silverton Salt Water Aquarium Tour, the Group proceeded to the Garden Restaurant in Southpoint Casino for late but heavy lunch. Both the breakfast and lunch for the Group were hosted by Cesar and Norma Caindec. It was indeed a very nice and bounty treat. *(Thank you very much Cesar and Norma).*

Dr. Serna adds "Red Rock Canyon is a great tour. It certainly offers another view of what Las Vegas has to offer in addition to the glittering shows at the Strip." *(Contributed by Gerry Galinato)*

SCHOLARSHIP FUND REACHES REASONABLE LEVEL

The CLSUIAG Scholarship Fund is an account (sub-account tracked separately) initially set up by the association in 2010 to start supporting student scholars at CLSU. This is an interim account to provide funds on a short-term basis while the Endowment Fund is being raised to a level where earnings from EF would be able to support student scholars at CLSU on a long term basis.

According to Ohma Viray, CLSUIAG Treasurer, the current balance of the Scholarship Fund is \$4,867. This includes the \$1,200 total amount disbursed to the CLSUAAI to support two scholars in School Year 2011-12 a SY 2012-2013. A significant amount was added to the Scholarship Fund as a result of fund raising efforts for various projects and events during the 2012 CLSUIAG Grand Reunion in Las Vegas.

Below is the financial summary of the Scholarship Fund showing net project revenues appropriated to the fund, group and individual donations made to SF, 90% of interest generated by the Endowment Fund and various scholarship grant disbursements.

Net Proceeds from CLSUIAG Fund Raising Projects:

2010 Grand Reunion Souvenir Program	\$ 2,000
2011 CIAG-CLSUA AI Homecoming Night	\$ 663
2012 Grand Reunion Souvenir Program	\$ 1,732
2012 Grand Reunion Mug Sales	\$ 188
2012 Early Arrival Dinner Donation Fund	\$ 361
<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>\$ 4,944</u>

Group and Individual Contributions:

Agric. Engineering Graduates Group Ad (2011)	\$250
Galinato Brothers Voluntary Contribution (2011)	\$300

Ohma & Lito Viray Voluntary Contribution (2012)	\$100
Rod and Frances Dioso Voluntary Contribution (2012)	\$100
<u>Sub-total</u>	<u>\$750</u>

Earnings from Endowment Fund:

Allocated Earnings (90%) from Endowment Fund (2012)	\$373
<u>Sub-total</u>	<u>\$373</u>

Total Proceeds, Earnings and Contributions	\$6,067
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Total Disbursement to CLSUAAI:

Disbursement for 2 Scholars (2011)	\$600
Disbursement for 2 Scholars (2012)	\$600
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>

Balance of SF (as of October 19, 2012)	<u>\$4,867</u>
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The two CLSUIAG scholars are currently funded until the end of the second semester, School Year 2012-13, in March 2013. The Scholarship, Education and Awards (SEA) Committee Chair Gerry Galinato asserts that the association can now support three concurrent student scholars at CLSU with an annual award of \$300 per student or a total of \$900 per year. At this rate of annual award per, the Scholarship Fund will be able to support the three students continuously and annually for five years.

The SEA Committee plans to make an appropriate recommendation during the next meeting of the Board of Directors to approve the plan of supporting three scholars starting the School Year 2013-14. *(Contributed by Gerry Galinato and Ohma Viray).*

DONATIONS TO THE CLSUIAG ARE NOW TAX DEDUCTIBLE !

Somewhere in this newsletter the reader might have noticed that donations to the Endowment Fund as well as any other donation to CLSUIAG are tax deductible. It bears repeating to proclaim the good news that as of February 6, 2012, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), after reviewing CLSUIAG's application, has determined that the association is exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are also tax deductible under section 170 of the Code. Furthermore, the association is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devices, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106, or 2522 of

the Code. And finally, the IRS has determined that CLSUIAG, Inc. is a public charity under the Code section(s) listed above.

This good news did not just happen without some disappointment and frustration. In early 2010, CIAG felt the need to change from an unincorporated non-profit to an incorporated non-profit organization and apply for a tax exempt status. The CIAG president appointed the vice president to undertake this project. Almost a year later and even with two follow up inquiries, the association was not able to receive a reply from IRS.

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CLSUIAG ENDOWMENT FUND AS OF 10/15/12

NAMES OF DONORS	Total Pledges & Cash Donations	Donations Received to Date	NAMES OF DONORS	Total Pledges & Cash Donations	Donations Received to Date
Ruiz, Eliseo & Zenaida	\$100,000	\$10,000	Elegado, DG and Ellie	\$1,000	\$200
Donnelly, Jeff & Edita Cabacungan	\$2,800	\$2,800	Cinense, Bart & Luisa	\$200	\$200
Viray, Lito & Norma	\$2,050	\$1,250	Rinon, Jr, Johnny & Amelia	\$200	\$200
Cabacungan, Ed & Nenet-in memory of our beloved son, Allen Caan Cabacungan	\$2,050	\$1,050	Siapno, Eduardo B.	\$200	\$200
Galinato, Gerry & Lettie	\$1,000	\$1,000	De Jesus, Marc & Josie	\$350	\$150
Bugawan, Rob & Dory	\$1,025	\$825	Peralta, Ray & Carmen	\$150	\$150
Gutierrez, Floro & Zeny	\$1,000	\$750	Carriaga, Carlos & Ellen Caparas	\$1,200	\$100
Tiangco, Elito & Hermelina	\$600	\$600	Osoteo, Rey and Loida	\$1,000	\$100
Rull, Marcel & Aida Ventura in memory of their beloved parents	\$1,500	\$500	Jose, Vince & Florian	\$300	\$100
Pascual, Val & Beulah	\$1,000	\$500	Baguyos, Johnny & Aurora	\$100	\$100
Campos, Juanito & Julia	\$500	\$500	Bernardo, Rody and Bituin	\$100	\$100
Flora, Winston & Consuelo V - In memory of Prof Juan P. Viray and Winston B. Flora	\$500	\$500	Binoya, Nonoy & Josie, In memory of Adelia Binoya	\$100	\$100
Cuizon, Rene & Rezie	\$1,000	\$400	Briones, Marianito & Lourdes	\$100	\$100
Mamaclay, Gerry & Hennie	\$1,000	\$400	Castillo, Jimmy & Gayle	\$100	\$100
Abenes, Fiorello & Ning	\$600	\$400	Dioquino, Jose, In memory of Daughter, Eva Lalaine B. Dioguino Dolor, MD	\$100	\$100
Rodriguez, Artemio & Lulu	\$400	\$400	Gaetos, Rizalino & Angela	\$100	\$100
Solano, Vic & Marietta	\$400	\$400	Heimbigner-Peralta, Ellen & Phil Crosno	\$100	\$100
Dioso, Rod & Frances	\$1,000	\$300	Juliano, Jorge & Amelia	\$100	\$100
Mandia, Brigido "Brigs", In memory of Father, Serafin			Malonzo, Loretta & Opry	\$100	\$100
Mandia, Mother-Juliana, Brothers- Marcelo & Rustico and Sister-Asuncion.	\$300	\$300	Nobbs, John	\$100	\$100
Puzon, Wenceslao & Maxima S., In Memory of Son, Peter Simon Puzon	\$300	\$300	Raniel, Johnny & Vicky	\$100	\$100
Silao, Andy & Elsie	\$300	\$300	Sicat, Leo, In memory of my mother	\$100	\$100
Cielo, Digna Malong	\$1,000	\$250	Viray, Firma	\$100	\$100
Alcos, Senen & Florentina	\$250	\$250	Cabalsi, Bert & Julia	\$50	\$50
			Castillo, Hiram & Amelita	\$50	\$50
			Escoto, Ador & Flor	\$50	\$50
			Estioko, Mar & Rose	\$50	\$50
			Oania, Januaria	\$50	\$50
			Dadag, Eddie & Esther	\$35	\$35
			TOTAL	\$126,860	\$27,060



**CENTRAL LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI GROUP, INC.
(CLSUIAG, Inc.)
ENDOWMENT FUND (EF) COMMITTEE**

The **CLSUIAG, INC. ENDOWMENT FUND** is an investment fund that enables alumni and friends to make a lasting legacy to CLSU through scholarships and educational programs. All donations are deposited by the CLSUIAG, INC. Treasurer in a safe, interest-bearing account, like a Certificate of Deposit (CD) which is insured / guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) of the U.S. Government. Only 90% of the interest will be used for CLSU scholarships and educational programs and the remaining 10% will be re-invested into the EF. Hence, all donations will always increase and never decrease through the years. Your donation will be a gift that will make a difference in the lives of poor but deserving CLSU students and will keep on giving forever.

Please note that the CLSUIAG, INC. is duly registered by the U.S. Federal Government as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and all **donations are 100% deductible / tax exempt** under IRS Code Sections 2055, 2106 and 2522, effective February 6, 2012.

Thank you. Dr. Edison Cabacungan, Chairman, EF Committee
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DONATION FORM

NAME: _____ COURSE/YEAR GRADUATED _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NOS.: (HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

EMAIL: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE **CLSUIAG, INC. ENDOWMENT FUND**

THE AMOUNT OF: \$ _____ AND/OR PLEDGE: \$ _____

I WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE MY DONATION, AS FOLLOWS:

(PLEASE ENCIRCLE): (IN HONOR OF) OR (IN MEMORY OF)--

PLEASE MAKE YOUR **CHECK** PAYABLE TO: **CLSUIAG, INC.**

WITH A NOTATION IN THE BOTTOM LEFT: **FOR ENDOWMENT FUND**

AND SEND IT TO:

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CLSU INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI GROUP, INC. (CLSUIAG, INC.)

cordially invites you, your family & friends to attend its

- ◆ 10th Year Anniversary Celebration
- ◆ Christmas Party
- ◆ Induction of Officers &
- ◆ Dinner/Dance

When: December 15, 2012 (Saturday)
Happy Hour starts at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Program and Dance from 8:00 pm—11:00 pm

Where: Masonic Hall, 131 East Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

RSVP: Rod Dioso (510) 789-9105 email: rdiosojr@yahoo.com

Donation of \$30 per person— reservations by December 1, 2012.
Make check payable to CLSUIAG, Inc. and mail to:

CLSUIAG, Inc.
Attn: Norma Viray, Treasurer
P.O. Box 582713
Elk Grove, CA 95758

Music: Danny Ignacio **Attire:** Semi-formal



DR. ELISEO L. RUIZ

3RD GRAND REUNION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

A keen observer can equate Dr. Eliseo L. Ruiz with the Central Luzon State University. Both had humble beginnings but rose to utmost heights some might have not expected but glad they happened. The man and the institution have many common threads but the most obvious include their unending and unquenchable search and thirst for excellence.

CLSU alumni, former faculty, staff and friends are quite conversant with CLSU and its very colorful history but may not know much about Dr. Ruiz. He is a world class administrator and educator, scientist, inventor, entrepreneur, innovator and agriculturist. He was the first CLSU alumnus and Novo Ecijano to become CLSU president.

Even at the relatively young age of 43 when he became CLSU president, Dr. Ruiz has accomplished much. During his term, CLSU was identified as a zonal agricultural university of Luzon. He operationalized the CLSU Food Processing Center and strengthened the agri-business ventures of the university.

Dr. Ruiz is so versatile and it is impossible to list even a tenth of his major accomplishments on this page. Some of his areas of specialization include: Solid Wastes Recovery and Recycling Systems, Agro-industrial Wastes Treatment and Effluents Recycling Systems, Organic and Foliar Fertilizers Manufacturing, Organic Food and Feed Production and Processing, etc. He has received 19 Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards such as, Presidential Gold Medalist for Academic Excellence, Fulbright-Hays Scholarship, Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines Award (TOYM), Most Outstanding Son of Munoz Award, etc. He is also affiliated with 14 Professional, Honor and Civic Organizations and had written 50 publications and technical papers. Moreover, Dr. Ruiz has 38 inventions in his name some already patented and the others with patent pending.

Currently, Dr. Ruiz serves as a Consultant on Organic Agriculture and Environmental Management, Government and Non-Government Organizations (NGO's) Peoples' Organizations and Private Corporations. He is also President and Chairman of the ELR Trading Co., Inc., the Organiculture Innovators located in the Science City of Munoz, Nueva Ecija. He also serves as Chairman of the Villa Marthina Farms in Carson City, CA, Vice President of Bio-Organic Scientific Systems Corporation in Singapore, Technical Director of Benxi Bio-Organic Fertilizer in Benxi City, Liaoning Province in China.

To top it all, Dr. Ruiz' love and loyalty to CLSU are not only manifested by his exemplary service as a former CLSU president and currently CLSUAFI president, but also in his generosity. In two occasions during last year's CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming events, he challenged the alumni to give back something tangible to our Alma Mater and he himself, pledged to donate \$100,000.00 in three years to the CLSUIAG Endowment Fund.

Dr. Ruiz graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering, *Cum laude*, in CLSU in 1965 and with a Master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, USA in 1970 and 1972, respectively. He is married to the former Ms. Zenaida S. Carpio, also a CLSU graduate (B.S.A.Ed.). They are blessed with three sons and a daughter, now all grownups practicing their respective professions.

122 DELEGATES JOIN THE 2012 GRAND REUNION

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Dr. Zenaida Serna, Director, CLSU Alumni Relations Office
 Dr. Flor Amor Monta, Dean, CLSU Open University
 Dr. Florentina Monta, CLSU Professor
 Dr. Eliza Carlos, Dean, CLSU Institute of Graduate Studies,
 Atty. Marius Carlos, CLSU alumnus and husband of Dr. Eliza Carlos
 Dr. Fanny Kollin, former Director, CLSU Public Affairs Office now retired
 Dr. Romeo Padilla, CLSUAAI BOD member and Owner/President, Pan Pacific U Northern Philippines, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Corazon Padilla
 Miss Julieta Alamon, ARO Coordinator, CLSU Open University



According to Gerry Galinato, Reunion co-chair, during the CLSUIAG's 2010 Grand Reunion in Las Vegas, six guests from the Philippines attended. This year there are 11 delegates, an increase of about 83%. **(Contributed by Gerry Galinato and Ohma Viray).**

Delegates from the Philippines (L-R): Dr. Ruiz, Dr. Viray, Dr. Kollin, Dr. FA Monta, Dr. F Monta, Ms. Alamon, Dr. Serna and Dr. Padilla. (Not shown are Mrs. Corazon Padilla, Dr. Elisa Carlos and Atty. Marius Carlos).

DONATIONS TO THE CLSUIAG ARE NOW TAX DEDUCTIBLE !

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In the spring of 2011, the association decided to cancel or stop payment on the filing fee check that was mailed to IRS and pursue the project again. This time, the president appointed Engr. Johnny Raniel to chair the taskforce. Engr. Raniel accepted the challenge on the condition that CIAG hires a lawyer to prepare the application forms and supporting papers before filing them to IRS. The rest of the story is now history.

The application for tax exempt status filed by our

lawyer was approved by IRS effective February 6, 2012, but it was not until the first week of October when our association received the approval or letter of determination. Similarly, IRS has assigned our association its new EIN (Employer Identification Number) on April 17, 2012, but it was only in September that the notice was received by our association. Nonetheless, this development is not only a good news, it is great news! **(Contributed by Floro Gutierrez)**

CLSUIAG ELECTS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Engr. Gerry Galinato got the honor of receiving the highest number of votes with Mr. Floro Gutierrez the 2nd highest vote and Mr. Val Pascual, the 3rd highest vote, followed by Dr. Leo Abenes, Mr. Juanito Campos, Engr. Rob Bugawan and Engr. Rod Dioso. They will serve for two years. The other seven elected Directors and who will serve for one year are Engr. Norma "Ohma" B. Viray, Mrs. Loretta "Lorie" S. Malonzo, Rev. Nenita G. Perez, Engr. Johnny Raniel, Mrs. Annie Arcinue-Silva, Engr. Noy Binoya and Engr. Gloria de Vera.



Dr. Eliseo Ruiz inducts into office the newly elected members of the CLSUIAG's Board of Directors.

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FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK**By: Norma B. Viray**

Greetings! I hope everyone who attended the recent CLSUIAG's 3rd Grand Reunion (Sept 21-23) in Las Vegas had a wonderful time. Our sincere thanks to all alumni and friends who took the time from their busy schedules and attended the reunion. Without you, it would not have been a big success. And to those who were not able to come, we'll see you next time.

The recent 3rd Grand Reunion gave us the opportunity to reconnect with our classmates/friends that we have not seen since graduation from high school and college. I had such a fun time just by looking at everyone enjoying each other's company.

This reunion certainly gave a big boost to the financial standing of CLSUIAG, Inc. The reunion events (Early Arrival Dinner, Dinner/dance Night, Sunday Brunch, Souvenir Program project, souvenir mugs sales and voluntary donations from the members) generated \$5,313 in net proceeds. In addition, the membership dues collected during the reunion totaled to \$530. We now have 22 "Life Members" including Dr. Eliseo Ruiz who headed the delegation of 11 from CLSU. He surprised us all during the main event of the reunion on the night of September 22nd and presented me a cashier's check in the amount of \$10,000, which is his initial donation toward his pledge of \$100,000. His

kindness and generosity touched everyone's heart. The Endowment Fund has increased by \$12,650 from \$14,410 to 27,060. The EF donors have significantly increased in number from 38 to 52. I have posted the updated list of EF donors on Page 11 and for those who wish to make a donation, please complete the 'Donation Form' posted on Page 12 of this issue. Thank You!

The CLSUIAG account balance at Wells Fargo Bank as of October 20, 2012 totaled to \$34,748 and is broken down as follows:

Endowment Fund (EF)	\$27,101 (incl interest)
Scholarship Fund	\$ 4,867
General Fund	\$ <u>2,780</u>
Total:	\$34,748

The reconciliation of the Scholarship Fund reflecting the previous balance plus the additional funds raised from the recent reunion, less of course the disbursements to date is shown on Page 10. Likewise, the list of Endowment Fund Donors including their respective donations to date is shown on Page 11.

A million thanks to all our benefactors for your generous donations. ***May God shower you with more blessings and happiness.*** Do take care and hope to see you all at our next event in December (see *Christmas flyer on page 13*).

Ohma Viray