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BANATAO SHARES HIGH HOPES FOR THE PHILIPPINES

By: Floro Gutierrez

Engr. Diosdado “Dado” Banatao delivered an inspiring speech during the Induction of Officers/10th Anniversary/Christmas Celebration of CLSUIAG, INC. last December 15 at the Masonic Hall in Los Gatos, CA.

Banatao, dubbed “Bill Gates of the Philippines” is an inventor and a highly successful entrepreneur. He graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering, *Cum laude* from Mapua Institute of Technology and started his career as a Pilot Trainee in the Philippine Airlines but was pirated by Boeing and worked as a designer for the company’s new commercial airliner and cargo transport aircraft, Boeing 747 in the United States. With the opportunity of working in the United States, he studied in Stanford University and graduated with a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He co-founded Mostron, Chips & Technologies, and S3 Graphics. He is also Managing Partner of Tallwood Venture Capital, but most importantly, he is engaged in projects that promote science and engineering and have sponsored many scholars in these fields.

Engr. Banatao mentioned in his speech that he learned about CLSU only five years ago when he was



Engr. Diosdado Banatao

working with ERDT (Engineering Research, Development and Technology) with eight universities and CLSU was one of the participants. Through the Ayala Foundation which was later changed to Philippine Development Foundation, he has channeled \$10 million to the program. His thesis and vision was to help accelerate the Philippine economy and increase the GDP 3 or 4 times and has introduced the strong need to bring about innovation through research and technology.

After his inspiring talk, Engr. Banatao inducted the officers (some in absencia). It was the

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EDITORIAL

By: Floro R. Gutierrez



CLSUIAG, INC. MARCHES ON !

Happy Valentine's Day to all! And as a history buff and unofficial historian of the CLSU International Alumni Group, Inc. (CLSUIAG, INC), this writer wishes to greet all

the alumni, former CLSU faculty and staff, supporters and friends, a Happy 11th Anniversary too.

The original idea to organize an international alumni association was conceived in 1999 by two alumnae, Ms. Loretta Santiago Malonzo and Ms. Norma Bonzato Viray. These two ladies and their husbands were attending a Masonic function as guests of Mr. Juanito Campos, now the newly installed president of CLSUIAG, INC, when he was given the coveted Hiram Award aboard the aircraft carrier, Hornet, in Oakland, California (See related story on page 6). It took a couple of years of meeting informally with other alumni notably, Ray Peralta, Val Pascual, Johnny Raniel, Marciano Estioko, Romy Castro and a few others, and conversations with then CLSU President Dr. Rodolfo C. Undan before the idea came to fruition. And so was born the CLSU Organizing Committee when Dr. Undan created it in 2002. It was the forerunner of CIAG which eventually evolved into the CLSUIAG, INC. Led by Ms. Malonzo and Mr. Ray Peralta as President and Vice President, respectively, the CLSU Organizing Committee has accomplished much in five years. To mention a few,

- 1) It spearheaded four Grand homecoming/reunions to CLSU all in the month of February coinciding with the CLSU Liberation Day except the Grand Centennial celebrations in April 2007;
- 2) Jointly with the CLSU administration it raised more than \$67,000.00 for the Centennial Fund;
- 3) In general, has created a positive spirit and strong linkage of the alumni with their Alma Mater.

Re-organized on February 2, 2008, the CLSU Organizing Committee was re-named, Central Luzon State University International Alumni Group (CIAG).

CIAG was led by Mr. Val Pascual and Engr. Rodrigo Dioso, President and Vice President, respectively. They were followed by the election of new officers in September 2010 with Engr. Dioso as President and Mr. Juanito Campos as Vice President. Finally in September 2012, our current set of officers was elected. During the Dioso administration, the association was registered as an incorporated non-profit Association in the State of California and was granted 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. Moreover, the Endowment Fund which was conceived by Dr. Edison Cabacungan and initially started during the administration of Mr. Val Pascual continued to grow and by the end of 2012 has received a total donation of \$30,210.00 from a pledged amount of \$128,010.00 from 52 donors/pledgers.

What lies ahead for our association? Now led by its new President, Mr. Juanito Campos and Vice President, Engr. Gerry Galinato, PE, it is an understatement just to say the association is in good hands.

Mr. Campos, a former CLSU faculty member who immigrated to the U S A in 1971 is a veteran and tested leader. In his eight years as President of the Filipino-American Senior Citizens of Solano County in Vallejo, CA, the association's fund doubled, almost reaching a six-figure amount.

Engr. Galinato, likewise, is a high caliber leader. A recipient of many professional awards, he garnered the highest votes when the 14 directors of the CLSUIAG, INC Board of Directors were elected last September in Las Vegas during the CLSUIAG, INC 3rd Grand Reunion. He is probably known by all the CLSUIAG'ers because of his manifold duties and responsibilities being the Vice President and Chairman of the Home/Reunion, Scholarship, Education, and Awards Committees.

Finally, though the association is blessed with these dedicated leaders, the need for the strong support and cooperation of the members cannot be overemphasized. As Mr. Campos put it in his acceptance speech last December 15, "Theoretically, we are all in one big boat. As Captain, I ask that each of us performs our respective duties to the best of our ability, for we either float or sink." -*frg*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**By: Juanito E. Campos**

Fellow Members,
Fellow Alumni and
Friends:

Greetings to everyone.
A belated Happy New
Year and Happy
Valentine's too!

During the first meeting
of the Executive
Committee on January
27, 2013, the report of

our hardworking Treasurer, Engr. Norma B. Viray indicated that our association is in good shape. Mr. Val Pascual, the first President (2008-10) and Mr. Rodrigo Dioso, Jr. (2011-12), the second President, did a good job of turning our alumni association to its ship-shape condition. I admire and appreciate their unselfish efforts in making our association thrive successfully. As the new President, I salute them for all their efforts and dedication to make our alumni association worth joining.

I will try to maintain the present status of our association. Although I have my limitations, I will strive, with your support and cooperation, to increase

the number of our members. I have also in mind, holding more social events in order to generate more funds for scholarships and to foster stronger harmony among our members.

Our first social event is the Hawaiian Dance Party which will be held on May 18, 2013. This will be our first fund-raising event. It will be held at the Moose Lodge in Vallejo, CA. Donation tickets for the affair which are priced at \$35.00 will be distributed during the March meeting in Southern California. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Tag along your relatives and close friends. Let's all have some fun – enjoy the music and dance to our heart's desire. Hear also the lovely songs of our songstress, Mrs. Lorie Santiago Malonzo.

Let's always be unitedly engaged in making our association a "great family" and always maintain that "UNITY SPIRIT."

Finally, let me share with you my personal motto: "Enjoy the day as though it is your last, for tomorrow may never come."

JUANITO E. CAMPOS*President***Drs. Edison I. and Nenita B. Cabacungan — *The Couple of the Hour***

There seems to be a
commonality
among the highly
successful alumni of the
Central Luzon State
University. Think for a
moment about the first
three alumni who became
CLSU presidents: Dr.
Eliseo L. Ruiz, Dr.

Rodolfo C. Undan, and Dr. Ruben C. Sevilleja.

What is the common thread that binds these great alumni? How about, a humble beginning and remaining humble even after reaching the pinnacle of their

careers? Add to that their unending search and insatiable thirst for excellence.

A couple in our midst at the CLSUIAG, INC. may be included in the short list of super achievers mentioned above. With great pride, allow us to present them to you in this issue.

Edison I. Cabacungan, Ph.D., is a graduate of the Central Luzon Agricultural College (CLAC) with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education in 1959 and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1966 and 1969, respectively.

Here is an interesting story on how Edison pursued his studies in CLAC (Now CLSU).

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Drs. Edison I. and Nenita B. Cabacungan — *The Couple of the Hour*

(From Page 3)

When Edison was a high school freshman at the Sinait National High School, the late Mr. Riley H. Allen, Editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin visited the high school. A short welcome program was given in his honor. In the program Edison recited a poem and Mr. Allen must have been impressed and gave Edison his business card and asked him to write to him, which he did.

A few years later, Edison was about to graduate from high school. Mr. Allen asked the Principal of the high school how Edison was performing academically and where he planned to go to college. The Principal told Mr. Allen that Edison was graduating as Valedictorian of the class of 1954 but unfortunately, his parents were very poor and could not afford to send him to college.

A week or so later, Edison received a letter from Mr. Allen with the information that he is giving him a scholarship and should go to the Central Luzon Agricultural College in Munoz, Nueva Ecija. He also said that he knew Mr. Arcadio G. Matela whom he requested to give Edison a part-time job to supplement his scholarship and Mr. Matela agreed. Edison worked as a Student Assistant in the Horticulture Department right after his enrolment. While in college Edison served as Editor-in-chief of the Plowman, the student organ of the college at that time. He also took the advanced course in Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and served as Company Commander, Battalion Commander and later as Deputy Corps Commander. Edison graduated at the head of his class in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education.



While in college, Edison met a beautiful young student from Badoc, Ilocos Norte, Nenita Torralba Baldonado.

Nenita graduated from the Narvacan Provincial High School in 1954 as class Valedictorian, in CLSU (then CLAC) in 1959 with the degree of BSHEd, *Magna Cum Laude*, M.S. in Human Nutrition from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1968, and Ph.D. in Human Nutrition from Colorado State University in 1972. After graduation from college, she taught for a few years at CLSU. In 1966, she received a scholarship at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where her husband was then working for his doctorate in Agricultural Economics.

Both Edison and Nenita were tenured full professors at the California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, popularly known as Cal Poly Pomona for 35 years and are now Professor Emeritus after retiring a few years ago. In addition to teaching, Edison also served as Chairman of the Agricultural Business Management/Agricultural Education Department, at Cal Poly Pomona for many years. He also organized an Advisory Board for the Department which consisted of 28 CEOs of various corporations in California. In addition to helping the Department develop a comprehensive strategic plan, the Advisory Board was very helpful in raising funds for scholarships and providing students with internships and jobs after their graduation.

Like Edison, Nenita loved the teaching profession. She also served in many committees at various levels, taught and developed a wide range of courses in foods and nutrition, directed the research of undergraduate and graduate students, as well as advised local and international students.

Edison and Nenita had two children: Allen (who died a few years ago at age 47 from heart failure) and Edita and they are the grandparents of six lovely children. Allen's family live in Downey, California and Edita's family live in Palo Alto, California. They both love to babysit their grandkids – their “apostolic” duty – whenever they are invited to do so.



Edison and Nenita were elected advisers, among others when the first CIAG set of officers was elected on February 2, 2008. And as most everyone knows, Edison is the “Father of the Endowment Fund”, for conceptualizing the establishment of an Endowment Fund when he gave an inspirational talk during the induction of officers on July 19, 2008 in Vallejo, CA. He chairs the Endowment Fund Committee. (Contributed by Floro R. Gutierrez)

BANATAO SHARES HIGH HOPES FOR THE PHILIPPINES**BY: FLORO GUTIERREZ***(From Page 1)*

second induction for the members of the Board of Directors because they were already inducted into office by former CLSU President Dr. Eliseo L. Ruiz who was the guest speaker during the 3rd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas last September. Inducted into office by Engr. Banatao were: President - Mr. Juanito Campos, Vice President - Engr. Gerry Galinato, Secretary - Mr. Floro Gutierrez, Treasurer - Ms. Norma B. Viray, Auditors - Engr. Cornelio Binoya, Jr. and Engr. Johnny Raniel, Press Relation Officer and Webmaster - Engr. Rob Bugawan and the Regional Vice Presidents: Dr. Fiorello Abenes - At Large, Dr. Lun Mateo - Central Canada, Mr. Manny Buado - Eastern Canada, Ms. Marietta A. Solano - Western Canada, Engr. Pablo Baldazo - Las Vegas, Ms. Angela T. Gaetos - Las Vegas, Ms. Loretta S. Malonzo - Northern California, Mr. Brigs Mandia - Los Angeles, Mr. Gil Valenzuela - Midwest, Engr. Renato Cuizon - Northeast Coast, Engr. Francisco

Carpio - Pacific NW Inter-Mtn, Ms. Annie A. Silva - San Diego and Dr. Gilbert Sigua, Southeast Coast. Also inducted into office were the Directors: For Two years, Engr. Gerry Galinato, Mr. Floro Gutierrez, Mr. Val Pascual, Engr. Rob Bugawan, Dr. Fiorello Abenes, Mr. Johnny Campos and Engr. Rodrigo Dioso; for One Year - Ms. Loretta S. Malonzo, Ms. Annie A. Silva, Ms. Nenita G. Perez, Ms. Norma B. Viray, Engr. Johnny Raniel, Engr. Cornelio Binoya, Jr. and Ms. Gloria A. De Vera.

Newly inducted President Juanito Campos accepted the responsibilities of President and Chairman of the Board of Directors both with pride and humility. He joked that the reason he was elected president was perhaps because of his old age (89). But seriously, he said he will draw from his experience as former president of the Filipino-American Senior Citizens of Solano County for eight years, and will lead the CLSUIAG, INC. with the same level of dedication.



Engr. Rodrigo Dioso, Jr. , Outgoing Pres, welcomes the alumni and guests.



Engr. Johnny Raniel—Introduces the Guest Speaker, Engr. Diosdado Banatao.



Mr. Juanito Campos accepts the positions of CLSUIAG President and Chairman of the Board of Directors.



Engr. Diosdado Banatao congratulates the newly installed CLSUIAG Officers for 2013.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – DECEMBER 15, 2012

BY FLORO GUTIERREZ

To help instill the spirit of Christmas and as a reminder that the Christendom Savior's birth is about to come, some members of the association led in the singing of Christmas carols. This group was led by Ms. Loretta S. Malonzo and Ms. Norma B. Viray.

The program was co-emceed by Dr. Nenita B. Cabacungan and Engr. Cornelio Binoya, Jr. Other parts of the program included the Blessing of the Food by Mrs. Julie Campos, Welcome Remarks by Engr. Rodrigo Dioso, Invocation, again by Mrs. Julie Campos, Singing of the National Anthems, *Star Spangled Banner* by Ms. Norma B. Viray and *Pambansang Awit* by Ms. Loretta S. Malonzo, Introduction of the Guest Speaker by Engr. Johnny Raniel, a Musical Number rendered by Ms. Malonzo, Presentation of Plaques to Engr. Diosdado Banatao, Dr. Edison Cabacungan and to Engr. Rod Dioso by Engr. Gerry Galinato. (See related story on Page 7). Mr. Ray Peralta gave the Closing Remarks and the rest of the evening was devoted to, you guessed it, *DANCING*.



RECOGNITION OF THE CLSUIAG, INC. FOUNDERS

In commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the association, Mr. Floro Gutierrez, Director and Board Secretary, narrated a brief history of the association emphasizing the untold story of how the original idea to form an



international alumni association was conceived (See related story on Page 2). Gutierrez presented the first set of officers of the CLSU Organizing Committee, the forerunner of CIAG and CLSUIAG, INC. They are: President – Ms. Loretta S. Malonzo, Vice

President – Mr. Ray Peralta, Secretary-Treasurer – Ms. Norma B. Viray, Auditor – Engr. Robert Cabalsi, Public Relation Officers – Ms. Digna Cielo-Malong and Mr. Floro Gutierrez, Business Managers – Engr. Johnny Raniel and Mr. Romeo Castro, Advisers – Mr. & Mrs. Juanito and Julie Campos, Engr. Mar Estioko, and Mr. Val Pascual. (Contributed by Floro Gutierrez)



CLSUIAG BESTOWS ACCOLADES

BY GERRY GALINATO

Several plaques of appreciation and recognition were given to three individuals during the CLSUIAG's 10th year anniversary celebration and installation of the newly elected and appointed officers on December 15, 2013 in Los Gatos. It has been the tradition of the organization to give a plaque of appreciation to its guest speaker in major occasions such as the 10th year anniversary celebration, to immediate past president of the association who has successfully completed his tenure of office and to other members and officers of the organization who have significantly contributed to the betterment of the organization.



Engr. Banatao waits to receive the plaque of appreciation to be given by the CLSUIAG officials.

The first person receiving the award was the honored guest speaker during the event—Engr. Diosdado Banatao. The plaque of appreciations says in part:

“With deep gratitude this Plaque of Appreciation is presented to Engr. Diosdado ‘Dado’ P. Banatao Co-owner and Co-Founder of the Mostron, Chips and Technologies, and S3 Graphics, and Managing Partner of the Tallwood Venture Capital for setting time aside from his busy schedule and accepting CLSU International Alumni Group’s invitation to be its Guest Speaker during the Induction of Officers, 10th Anniversary and Christmas Dinner/Dance Celebrations on December 15, 2012, as well as the immeasurable inspiration from the message he brought and the incomparable real life story he shared as an engineer, inventor, entrepreneur and philanthropist whose example will definitely serve as a guiding light and beacon to our budding science and engineering students and professionals.”



Outgoing Pres. Rodrigo Dioso, Jr. is congratulated by incoming Pres. Johnny Campus while Engr. Galinato makes comments.

The second person who received an award was Engr. Rodrigo Dioso, the association’s immediate past president for all the hard work and leadership he provided during his term of office. The association

believes that he deserved to receive a plaque of recognition which says in part:

“With deep gratitude this Plaque of Appreciation is presented to Engr. Rodrigo A. Dioso, Jr., outgoing President of the CLSU International Alumni Group for his visionary and dedicated leadership. During his term of office in 2011 and 2012, CLSUIAG was registered as an incorporated non-profit and tax exempt organization, the Endowment Fund started by his predecessor has grown tremendously, and the CLSUIAG 2012 Grand Reunion in Las Vegas as well as the active participation of CLSUIAG during the 2011 CLSU Grand Alumni Homecoming were very successful. He also contributed generously to the association’s numerous projects, Scholarship Fund, Endowment Fund and the CLSUAAI Hostel.

The third Plaque of Recognition was bestowed to Dr. Edison Cabacungan, Chairman of the Endowment Fund

Committee for his very dedicated and extraordinary work in initiating and growing the EF. The Plaque of Recognition reads in part:



Dr. Edison Cabacungan receives his award from outgoing President Rod Dioso.

“With deep gratitude this Plaque of Recognition is presented to Edison I. Cabacungan, Ph.D., Chairman of the Endowment Fund (EF) of the CLSU International Alumni Group for his vision and dedicated leadership. While delivering an inspirational speech during the induction of the first set of CLSUIAG officers on July 19, 2008, he conceptualized how a modest One-million dollar Endowment Fund could be established. He followed this up immediately and currently this project is well underway and getting strong support from CLSU alumni, former faculty/staff and friends. Dr. Cabacungan not only was the first donor of the EF but was also very generous and always leads in making contributions to all worthy projects of the organization.”

Presentation of the various accolades during the program was led by Engr. Gerry Galinato, Chairman of the Scholarship, Educational and Awards Committee and assisted by the incoming president Mr. Johnny Campos and outgoing president Engr. Rodrigo Dioso, Jr. Giving the awards to these recipients was approved by the Executive Board during its regular meeting on December 2, 2012 in Elk Grove, CA.

UPDATE OF CLSUIAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BY: GERRY GALINATO

Number of Scholars Increased

With the recommendation of the CLSUIAG Scholarship, Educational and Awards (SEA) Committee chaired by Engr. Gerry Galinato, the Board of Directors approved increasing the number of scholars at CLSU from two to three during its meeting held on December 16, 2012 in San Jose, CA. Starting the School Year 2013-2014, three student scholars will be funded.

During the present school year, two scholars are actively supported by the association namely Ms. Jody M. Lagat and Ms. Mariejoy Gonzales. Ms. Lagat is a senior student pursuing B.S. in Hotel and Restaurant Management. She is expected to graduate in April 2013. Ms. Gonzales is currently a junior student pursuing a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. Assuming that she maintains a GPA of 2.25 or better after completing the second semester ending in March 2013, Ms. Gonzalez will be eligible to continue receiving the scholarship grant from CLSUIAG.

Since Ms. Lagat is already graduating this coming April, her scholarship slot will be open for another student during the School Year 2013-2014. With the addition of another scholar to be funded by CLSUIAG as previously approved by the Board of Directors, two new scholars will be supported starting next school year.

The SEA Committee will start coordinating with the CLSUAAl Scholarship Committee to start the process of identifying and screening applicants for the two open scholarships starting the School Year 2013-2014. It is expected that solicitation of interest from student applicants will commence as soon as the final grades for second semester of the current school year are officially recorded at the Admissions Office. Students who are preliminarily selected by the CLSUAAl Committee will be reviewed by the SEA Committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee for final approval.

The Executive Committee recently approved the release of \$900 dollars payable to CLSUAAl from the association's Scholarship Fund for three scholars in School Year 2013-2014. Each selected scholar will receive \$300 annually until graduation if he/she maintains all other conditions of the Scholarship Program.

Courtesy Visit with Current Scholars

While visiting CLSU in late October-early November 2012, Engr. Galinato coordinated with Dr. Romeo Cabanilla, current Chairman of the CLSUAAl Scholarship Committee and Dr. Zenaida Serna, CLSU ARO Director to find out if there is an opportunity to visit and discuss the progress of the student scholars. Unfortunately, his visit at the university coincided with the semestral break and most of the students went home to their respective hometowns to celebrate All Saints Day ("Undas").

Nevertheless, a former CLSUAAl scholar, Ms. Gillianne Gantioque was in the campus so it was an opportune time to meet her and had informal discussions about completing her undergraduate degree and future plans. Gilliane explained that she already finished all the requirements for obtaining a degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture majoring in animal science last summer but did not qualify to march during the regular Commencement Exercises in April 2012. At that time she was just waiting for the mid-year Commencement Exercises and officially graduated on November 23, 2012. She indicated that her overall GPA was 1.90, shy of the minimum points for receiving the traditional honors bestowed to graduates (e.g. cum laude). It is, indeed, a very impressive academic achievement. Gilliane says "I am very grateful to the CLSU International Alumni Group for giving me scholarship grant which helped tremendously during my senior year."

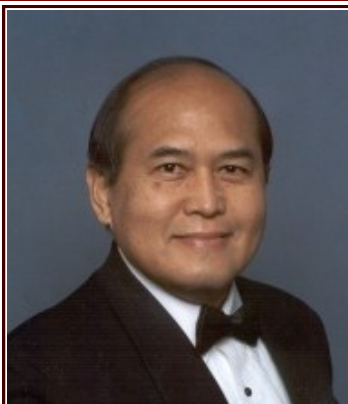


When asked about her future plans, she explained that after graduation she would launch into a rigorous review mode in preparation for the examination for professional agriculturists administered by the Professional Regulatory Commission. She plans to take the examination early this year. **Good luck, Gilliane!**

Gerry Galinato and former CLSUIAG scholar Gilliane pose in front of the Public Affairs Office, November 2012.

CLSUIAG VP MEETS CLSUA AI OFFICIALS

By: Gerry Galinato



Gerry Galinato, Vice President of the CLSUIAG visited the Central Luzon State University late last year and had the opportunity to informally meet some of the key members of the Board of Directors of CLSUA AI, CLSUAFI and officials of CLSU. The dinner meeting hosted by

the CLSUA AI took place on October 28, 2012 at the Conference Hall (3rd Floor) of the newly completed CLSU Alumni Hostel.

Participants during the dinner-meeting included Dr. Teotimo Aganon, President and Chairman of CLSUA AI; Dr. Romeo Cabanilla, former CLSUA AI President and currently the Secretary General, CLSU President Ruben and Mrs. Gisele Sevilleja; Dr. Eliseo Ruiz, President of CLSUAFI; Dr. Zenaida Serna, CLSU-ARO Director; Dr. Firma Viray, Director of CLSU Alumni Hostel and President of the CLSU Faculty Association; Dr. Onofre Ringor, Director of Intensified Membership-CLSUA AI; Engr. Gerry Galinato, CLSUIAG VP; and his two brothers Noli, also an alumnus of CLSU (HS 1964) and Tino, both supporters of CLSU Alumni Hostel Project and the CLSUIAG Scholarship Program.

Several issues were discussed and brainstormed some ideas affecting the interest of both the national/local alumni organization (CLSUA AI) and the international alumni organization (CLSUIAG). These include regular participation of CLSUIAG during local CLSU Alumni Homecomings; possibility of changing the period for locally hosting alumni homecoming events at CLSU in February rather than April as currently scheduled; official participation of CLSUIAG during the CLSU's 50th year anniversary celebration in 2014; co-hosting a special program of CLSUIAG reunion event to be held in Manila shortly after the key celebration of homecoming activities at CLSU; continued support for the CLSUA AI-CLSUIAG Scholarship/Partnership Program; improving better communication and coordination of activities between the two alumni organizations; and other items of common interest.

There have been suggestions from CLSUIAG members that their preference in joining local CLSU Homecoming is in February rather than April due to weather conditions. Normally, the weather in February

in the Philippines is more pleasant and tolerable compared to visiting CLSU in April which is the second hottest month in Philippines (Manila, 84.5°F average) and February is the 3rd coolest month (Manila, 80°F average). The other reason is that in February, classes at CLSU are still on session and there will be an opportunity for some interested CLSUIAG members to share their expertise by giving short informal presentations or formal seminars dealing with technical topics.

According to Dr. Aganon, CLSUA AI By-Laws require that homecoming is specifically held in April to generally coincide with the commencement exercises. This timing may encourage more alumni to attend the alumni homecoming. He indicated, however, that the Board will revisit the issue and if appropriate, amend the CLSUA AI By-Laws so that future homecomings can also be held in February.

Dr. Aganon also commented that the Board of Directors would also investigate the concept of hosting local alumni homecomings biennially rather than annually. If this concept is approved by the Board, it will be presented during the next General Assembly meeting in April 2013 for final approval.

In reference to the celebration of 50th anniversary of CLSU as a university in 2014, President Sevilleja reminded the group that the actual date of proclamation as a university was circa June 1964. This means that it would be premature to celebrate the anniversary in February 2014 or April 2014. He cautioned the group that any activity related to the 50th anniversary prior to the actual date of proclamation can still be sponsored by any group but it should be labeled as "pre-celebration" or a "Count Down" type of affair and that the university reserves the right to sponsor an anniversary celebration on campus during the exact or close to the date coinciding the actual proclamation.

The concept of holding an international reunion event in Manila (e.g. Manila Hotel) that could potentially be hosted by CLSUIAG following a homecoming activity at CLSU was also discussed. No official comments were received from the CLSUA AI officials although there were various opinions voiced out concerning the pros and cons of holding such an event in Manila. This was just a brainstorming session concerning this issue. In fact, CLSUIAG has not officially formulated a plan for such kind of event.

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CLSUIAG VP MEETS CLSUA AI OFFICIALS

By: Gerry Galinato

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Dr. Eliseo Ruiz volunteered that if a final decision is reached in holding this type of international alumni reunion activity in Manila Hotel, he offered to solicit sponsorship from various business associates in Manila who could potentially shoulder half of the expenses in hosting the event. He also offered a proposition that he could provide some cash sponsorship in the event with the condition that this amount be deducted from the total amount of his "pledge" in the CLSUIAG's Endowment Fund. The CLSUIAG's Reunion Committee and the Executive Committee will continue discussing this concept.

To improve communication between the two organizations, Gerry also suggested that CLSUA AI's Board of Directors consider the idea of having the current President of the CLSUIAG an official ex-officio non-voting member of its Board. As an ex-officio member of the CLSUA AI, he/she can attend meetings and participate in the discussions but not necessarily be eligible to vote. The rationale behind this concept is that CLSUIAG is now a formal organization recognized by the State of California and the IRS as a non-profit tax-exempt organization. CLSUIAG also plans to operate in perpetuity and has basically the same mission as compared to CLSUA AI. Dr. Aganon promised that they will also look at this issue and may amend its by-laws if appropriate.



CLSUA AI Dinner-Meeting, Standing L-R: Dr. T. Aganon, Dr. O. Ringor, Dr. R. Cabanilla, CLSU First Lady G. Sevilleja and Dr. Z. Serna. Seating L-R: Pres. R. Sevilleja, Dr. E. Ruiz, Engr. G. Galinato, Mr. T. Galinato and Mr. N. Galinato. Dr. F. Viray, is not in picture.



The elegant Manila Hotel located near the Rizal Park, a potential venue for future international alumni reunion activities in the Philippines.

UPDATE OF CLSUIAG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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Status of Scholarship Fund

According to the most recent report by the CLSUIAG Treasurer Ohma Viray, the current balance of the Scholarship Fund is approximately \$4,935 as of January 31, 2013. This amount is able to support three scholars receiving a yearly grant of \$300 for the next five years.

Fund Raising for the Scholarship Fund

President Juanito Campos indicated in his message elsewhere in this Press Release that he supports holding more social events in order to generate more funds for scholarships and to foster stronger harmony among our members. The planned

Hawaiian Dance Party on May 18, 2013 in Vallejo, CA is the first fund raising event of his administration (See flyer for details on page 15). While the net proceed has not yet been decided where to allocate, the SEA Committee hopes that the Finance Committee and the Executive Board consider channeling it to the Scholarship Fund account. The current earnings from the Endowment Fund is not yet significant enough to fully support the ongoing Scholarship Program at CLSU in partnership with CLSUA AI. It is indispensable that the association continue soliciting financial help not only from the members but outside the organization as well. Sponsoring fund raising events such as the upcoming Hawaiian Night would be another way to augment the Scholarship Fund to make a financially viable and stable Scholarship Program of CLSUIAG.

CLSU ALUMNI HOSTEL OPENS FOR BUSINESS

BY GERRY GALINATO



Construction of the three-storey alumni hostel was finally finished during the early part of 2012 and officially opened for business after the formal cutting of the ribbons and blessings on April 11, 2012. Dr.

Romeo Cabanilla, former CLSUAAI president, reported "After four years of hard work, patience and continuous appeal to our benevolent CLSU alumni here and abroad including kindhearted public servants, private practitioners, businessmen and 'Friends of CLSU', the present Board of Directors and Trustees of CLSU/CAFI together with the CLSU Alumni Office, have finally realized the construction of the three-storey CLSU Alumni Hostel."

A beautiful brochure was also developed for advertizing and marketing the presence and availability of the CLSU alumni Hostel at the Central Luzon State University so alumni, friends, visitors and guests of CLSU can have a nice, comfortable and yet reasonably prized place for them to stay. The brochure states in part:

"Come and enjoy the pleasure of staying in the CLSU Alumni Hostel – a home away from home."

Rooms of the Hostel

The hotel has three floors and each floor has a reception area. The first floor has 14 Superior Rooms, the second has 15 Deluxe and two Family Rooms and the third has 10 Deluxe Rooms. All the rooms are very spacious although the second and third floors are larger than those in the first floor. All rooms are cozy, elegantly curtained and provided with study table.

Amenities

The hostel amenities include fully air-conditioned room, individual bath with hot shower, cable connected TV, refrigerator, internet (Wi-Fi) connection, air conditioned Conference Hall good for 150 persons, and Food Court and General Merchandise just beside the hostel.

Accommodation Rates

The on-going rates for the various rooms at the Alumni Hostel are as follows:

- Family room – P2,000 pesos per day (4 persons)
- Deluxe Room – P1,500 pesos per day (3 persons)
- Superior Room – P1,000 pesos per day (2 persons)
- Conference Room – P500 per hour

The following are additional conditions:

- Discounts are applicable only to basic room charges and do not apply to other promotions/discounts
- An additional bed (single) provided in any room shall be charged P250 individually per day
- For CLSU alumni, 25% discount rate applies
- For room donors (Time Sharing Scheme) – 1st 10 days a month shall be free except consumable worth P500 per day
- For room donors (Investment Scheme) – 50% discount per day excluding consumable worth P500 per day.

Alumni Enjoy Hostel Stay

The CLSU Alumni Hostel was tentatively opened in April 2011 to accommodate participants during the CLSU Alumni Homecoming. In fact, some of the rooms were newly painted at that time and quite noticeable but bearable. All bedrooms were not yet completed during the 2011 Alumni Homecoming.

Mr. Val Pascual, former president of CLSUIAG and his wife Beulah made history and the honor to register as the first guests in the CLSU Alumni Hostel on April 13, 2011. They stayed in Deluxe Room No. 207. Val says "it was a great and enjoyable stay and at very reasonable price."

After the formal full-opening of Hostel in April 2012, several members of CLSUIAG had the opportunity to visit and enjoy their stay at the hostel including both non-donors, general donors and room-donors.

Gerry Galinato, and his two brothers, Noli and Tino from Charleston, South Carolina and Houston, Texas, respectively, all room donors under the Time Sharing Scheme recently visited the university and stayed at their respective rooms in October 2012. It was their second time to stay at the Hostel. While they have the privilege of staying 10 days per month at any month of the year, it appears that they can only use it once a year coinciding with their annual vacation to the Philippines.

Tino commented "I am glad I had the opportunity to be a room donor for the CLSU Alumni Hostel. I feel great to be able to contribute for a charitable cause and at the same time I have this feeling as a part owner of the Hostel Project. It is an excellent place to stay and relax while visiting CLSU and the Philippines."

The experience of the Galinato brothers during their last stay at the Hostel was very good from reservation, check-in until check-out. There were some minor operational deficiencies observed and were informally discussed with Hostel staff for possible improvements in the future.

The Galinato brothers particularly enjoyed the nearby CLSU Alumni Food Court comprised of more than a dozen stalls. Varieties of food from local sources were available; you can even order a specific menu if it is not available in their regular "turo-turo" offerings and watch them cook. In addition, the food is really delicious and very cheap. Noli said "Where can you find a complete lunch or dinner for P145 pesos with 3 types of 'ulam', rice and dessert? At the CLSU Alumni Food Court, you can."

GALINATO RECOGNIZED FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**By: Editorial Team**

Gerry Galinato, P.E., who is currently the CLSUIAG's Vice-President recently received a certificate of recognition from the Idaho Governor Butch Otter for providing four decades of outstanding and dedicated public service to the State of Idaho.

The certificate of recognition states in part "this certificate is presented to Gerry Galinato in recognition of and appreciation for 40 years of dedicated and valuable service."

His long public service career in the State of Idaho involves working in various departments of the state including the University of Idaho-College of Engineering, Idaho Water Resources Board, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Idaho Energy Division (now the Idaho Office of Energy Resources) and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission where he currently works as a Technical Engineer in the Utilities Division focusing in water utility regulations.

Engr. Galinato started working for the state in January 1973 as a graduate research assistant at the University of Idaho's College of Engineering while pursuing his Master of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering in Moscow, Idaho. After finishing his graduate studies he moved to Boise and worked initially as an engineer-in-training at the Idaho Water Resources Board, then promoted to a Water resource analyst working in the development of the first Idaho State Water Resources Plan.

With the merger of the natural resource agencies which eventually became the Idaho Department of Water Resources, he continued his public career in this department. After obtaining his license as a registered professional engineer in the state he was promoted to water resources engineer and eventually became the Section Manager of the Engineering Section in a temporary capacity.

After working in the water resource development area for more than 12 years, Gerry got interested in renewable energy resources and shifted his career in this field. He eventually transferred to the Idaho Division of Energy Resources where he was involved in the promotion, development and use of renewable energy in Idaho that includes small hydro power, solar energy, geothermal energy, wind power, bioenergy and biofuels. His public service career with the Idaho

Energy Division spanned for 28 years holding various technical and management positions as Renewable Energy Section manager, Bureau Chief of the Renewable Resources Bureau, and Principal Energy Specialist.

In 2008, Gerry made another big leap in his career by delving into the regulatory aspects of public utilities in the State. At this time, he is focusing his career in the economic regulation of investor-owned water utilities providing engineering expertise in water utility rate cases brought before the Commission. Gerry has been working in this area for more than five years.

Looking back, Gerry commented that he never expected that he would be able to work and practice in a field related to the undergraduate degree – BS in Agricultural Engineering he obtained from the Central Luzon State University. He lamented "it was very disappointing and discouraging that shortly after arriving as a new immigrant in this country, it seemed that the only work available to you was flipping hamburgers or washing dishes even if you were a professional in the Philippines."

Gerry added, "I am glad I relocated to Idaho which is an agricultural state that initially matched my interest in water resource development. Idaho gave me the opportunity to finish my graduate program and to establish my career in agricultural engineering in the area of public service. It is a very satisfying and fulfilling career to serve the people of Idaho where I now consider my home state."



Engr. Gerry Galinato receiving his certificate of recognition from Hon. Paul Kjellander, President of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

CLSUIAG ENDOWMENT FUND AS OF 01/31/13

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	\$3,800	\$3,800	Cinense, Bart & Luisa	\$200	\$200
Cabacungan, Ed & Nenet-in memory of our beloved son, Allen Caan Cabacungan	\$2,050	\$2,050	Rinon, Jr, Johnny & Amelia	\$200	\$200
Viray, Lito & Norma	\$2,050	\$1,450	Siapno, Eduardo B.	\$200	\$200
Galinato, Gerry & Lettie	\$1,000	\$1,000	De Jesus, Marc & Josie	\$350	\$150
Gutierrez, Floro & Zeny	\$1,000	\$1,000	Peralta, Ray & Carmen	\$150	\$150
Bugawan, Rob & Dory	\$1,025	\$825	Carriaga, Carlos & Ellen Caparas	\$1,200	\$100
Abenes, Fiorello & Ning	\$600	\$600	Osoteo, Rey and Loida	\$1,000	\$100
Mamaclay, Gerry & Hennie	\$1,000	\$600	Jose, Vince & Florian	\$300	\$100
Tiangco, Elito & Hermelina	\$600	\$600	Baguyos, Johnny & Aurora	\$100	\$100
Rull, Marcel & Aida Ventura in memory of their beloved parents	\$1,500	\$500	Bernardo, Rody and Bituin	\$100	\$100
Pascual, Val & Beulah	\$1,000	\$500	Binoya, Nonoy & Josie, In memory of Adelia Binoya	\$100	\$100
Campos, Juanito & Julia	\$500	\$500	Briones, Marianito & Lourdes	\$100	\$100
Flora, Winston & Consuelo V - In memory of Prof Juan P. Viray and Winston B. Flora	\$500	\$500	Castillo, Jimmy & Gayle	\$100	\$100
Cuizon, Rene & Rezie	\$1,000	\$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
Cielo, Digna Malong	\$1,000	\$350	Juliano, Jorge & Amelia	\$100	\$100
Dioso, Rod & Frances	\$1,000	\$300	Nobbs, John	\$100	\$100
Malonzo, Loretta & Opry	\$300	\$300	Raniel, Johnny & Vicky	\$100	\$100
Mandia, Brigido "Brigs", In memory of Father, Serafin Mandia, Mother-Juliana, Brothers-Marcelo & Rustico and Sister-Asuncion.	\$300	\$300	Sicat, Leo, In memory of my mother	\$100	\$100
Puzon, Wenceslao & Maxima S., In Memory of Son, Peter Simon Puzon	\$300	\$300	Viray, Firma	\$100	\$100
Silao, Andy & Elsie	\$300	\$300	Cabalsi, Bert & Julia	\$50	\$50
Alcos, Senen & Florentina	\$250	\$250	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	\$128,010	\$30,210



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The CLSUIAG, INC. is a non-profit / charity organization and all donations to it are 100% deductible / income tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Section No. 501(c) 3, effective February 6, 2012.

Thank you. Dr. Edison Cabacungan, Chairman, EF Committee
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cordially invites you, your family & friends to attend its

HAWAIIAN NIGHT DINNER/DANCE PARTY



When: May 18, 2013 (*Saturday*)
Happy Hour starts at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Dance from 8:00 pm—11:30 pm

Where: Vallejo Moose Lodge
337 Nebraska Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

RSVP: Lorie Malonzo (510) 799-7700
Email: lsmalonzo@comcast.net

Donation of \$35 per person—reservations by May 10, 2013.
Make check payable to CLSUIAG, Inc. and mail to:

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

Greetings! As of January 31, 2013, the CLSUIAG bank account balances at Wells Fargo Bank totaled \$37,291.

Checking	\$ 4,487
Business Svgs:	\$ 22,423
CD:	\$ 10,381
Total	\$37,291

The above deposits are broken down under following funds:

Endowment Fund (EF)	\$ 30,259 (includes 10% int. - EF)
Scholarship Fund	\$ 4,935 (includes 90% int. - EF)
General Fund	\$ 2,097
Total	\$ 37,291

In recapping the 2012 transactions, CLSUIAG's Net Assets increased last year from \$15,313 to \$36,373 as of December 31, 2012. The Endowment Fund increased from \$11,948 to \$29,355, a total of \$17,407 increase primarily due to significant Endowment Fund donations received in 2012: \$10,000 from Dr. Eliseo Ruiz and a total of \$2,650 from several **new EF donors** (during the 3rd CLSUIAG Grand Reunion in Las Vegas in Sept 2012) as follows: Marcel & Aida-Ventura Rull (\$500), Juanito & Julie Campos (\$500), Noy & Josie Binoya (\$100), Brigs Mandia (\$300), Andy Silao (\$300), Leo Sicat (\$100), Carlos Carriaga (\$100), Dr. Julianio (\$100), Jose Dioquino (\$100), Firma Viray (\$100), Januaria Oania (\$50), John Nobbs (\$100), Jimmy Castillo (\$100), Eddie Dadag (\$35), Ellen Peralta-Heimbigner (\$100) & Amelita Castillo (\$50).

Additional EF donations received from existing donors in 2012: Jeff and Edita Cabacungan-Donnelly (\$2,000) contributed to date a total of \$3,800, Ed & Nenita Cabacungan (\$1,000—completed their pledge of \$2,050); Gerry & Lettie

Galinato (\$400 - completed their pledge of \$1,000); Floro & Zeny Gutierrez (\$250 - completed their pledge of \$1,000). Val & Beulah (\$250); Leo & Ning Abenes (\$200), Gerry & Hennie Mamaclay (\$200), Rob & Dory Bugawan (\$200), Digna Malong-Cielo (\$100), Opry & Lorie Malonzo (\$200), Ohma & Lito Viray (\$300) & Rody Bernardo (\$100). Likewise, additional EF donations were received from our alumni in Canada as follows: Florentina Alcos (\$50), Marietta Abenes Solano (\$100) and Lulu Abenes Rodriguez (\$200). Total Endowment Fund Increase in 2012 = \$17,407 and \$900 so far in 2013.

See Page 13 for the updated list of Endowment Fund Donors.

Other fundraising activities: **\$5,314** total NET PROCEEDS realized during the 3rd Grand Reunion in Las Vegas in September 2012 from the dinner/dance event, souvenir program and souvenir mugs and **\$530** additional membership dues collected during the reunion. Of the 100 members, 22 have paid their life membership of \$100 each.

CLSUIAG incurred significant disbursements in 2012: \$1,950 filing fee and legal fees – total checks issued in addition to \$1,000 down payment made in 2011 to Wrobel & Associates, the Attorney assisting CIAG to obtain its non-profit and tax-exempt status from IRS; \$600 – CLSUIAG scholarship grant for 2012-13, and other miscellaneous expenses.

In summary, for the year 2012, the Total Income of \$35,568 less Total Expenses of \$14,508 equals \$21,060 (Net Assets for 2012), when added to Previous Years' Net Assets of \$15,313 = \$36,373 (Total Net Assets as of December 31, 2012).

Thank you and God bless!

Ohma Viray