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A Note from the Editor

This year we celebrate 60 years of Peace Corps Philippines. We hope you enjoy these special editions of our Spring and Fall newsletters. In this issue we include a comparison of Peace Corps Philippines “Then and Now” with trivia from RPCVs from batch 1 and 278. We are also announcing our first webinar on July 12 and requesting stories *from you, our readers and donors*, for inclusion in our fall issue. Make sure to check out these stories and announcements in this Spring *Balitaan*. As always, damo gid nga salamat for your dedication to the foundation and our mission. – Stefanie Simpson, Editor-in-Chief

Peace Corps Philippines: Then and Now

By: Maureen Carroll and Nicholas Dotson

The first “batch” of Peace Corps Volunteers assigned to the Philippines, 128 strong, arrived in Manila at 8 a.m. on October 12, 1961. In the 60 years since, more than 9000 Americans have served in the Philippines. The most recent group, #278, left the Philippines in 2020 as part of the worldwide evacuation of all Volunteers because of the pandemic. In this article Maureen Carroll of batch I and Nicholas Dotson of batch 276 compare aspects of their service in the Philippines THEN and NOW. See what’s changed and what’s remained the same in the last 60 years.

Peace Corps in 1961	Peace Corps in 2021
Philippines Status	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 years of Philippines Independence • 3 PHP to 1 USD • Vivid WW II stories of atrocities, guerilla warfare and the return of General MacArthur. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 years of Philippines Independence • 47 PHP to 1 USD • Doesn’t happen now
Volunteer Work	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education often ended at the 6th grade level due to high school fees • Official job title was Teacher Aide in English, Science and Math at primary school level in rural areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 education is widely available without fees • Volunteers continue to serve in education as co-teachers at all levels of education. Other sectors include Environment, Youth in

- Two years spent trying to define the very vague role of the Volunteer

Development, and Community Economic Development.

- The Volunteer role is more delineated now, but PCVs shape service according to local conditions and their skill set.

Volunteer Selection and Training

- Application process included test-taking; Invitation by telegram from Sargent Shriver; 3-weeks' notice to report to training
- Six weeks pre-service training at Penn State U; six weeks in-country at UP/Los Banos
- Stateside training included linguistics, American Studies, World Affairs and Communism (ASWAC), Phys. Ed., American folk dancing, survival weekends in the woods and psychiatrist interviews.
- Fear of "deselection" was pervasive
- New PCV groups kept arriving so that 630 were assigned throughout the country within the first year.

- Applications on-line; interviews on-line; invitations by email
- 12 weeks of training in-country living with families; training in Tagalog and local language. Suitability for service determined by staff and Country Director
- Total Volunteer contingent runs around 160 per year.
- Volunteers no longer serve in Mindanao due to civil unrest.

Peace Corps Support

- Provided household kit (too big to fit into a house) from AID warehouse; contained Noritake china, baby bath tub, aluminum pots, complete bar set, car wax, fitted sheets, etc.
- Footlocker of books for volunteers that often became start of community libraries
- PC issued tape recorders and Cuisenaire rods for English and math teaching

- PCVs get rainboots, mosquito nets, a medical kit, etc.
- PC sends books to volunteers from the library in the Manila office. E-readers popular with volunteers. Laptops are a must now as well.
- PCVs get written and hard drive materials and can access the worldwide PC database that all volunteers can use and contribute to.

Volunteer Life

- Volunteers placed in PCV households of four females or four males
- Most houses without running water or electricity
- Earned equivalent of \$55 as monthly living allowance; \$75 a month for readjustment allowance.
- Volunteers drew constant attention and were in great demand socially. Towns complained if not assigned a Volunteer.
- Diet of fish, rice and more fish and rice
- Shopping done in markets, sari-sari stores and "Chinese stores;" clothes made by seamstresses or tailors; pan de sal, Skyflake crackers and Magnolia ice cream favorite PCV foods

- Volunteers live with host families during training and for the first six months of service. Then can move and live alone or with others.
- Most houses now have running water and electricity
- Earned equivalent of \$200 as monthly living allowance; \$375 a month for readjustment allowance.
- Filipinos still consider it a great honor to have a volunteer assigned to their community and to host a Volunteer in their home.
- Rice is life! This hasn't changed much.
- Pan de Sal is still a PCV favorite. Skyflake crackers aren't as common. A lot of packaged foods now. 7/11 is a one-stop-shop for PCVs. Air-conditioned malls are everywhere

- Volunteers expected to attend many dances and to teach folks the Twist; Volunteers were asked to perform at community gatherings, often introduced as “the surprise number”
- Volunteers traveled on truck-like buses with open sides; non-motorized pedicabs, calesas, jeepneys. Very, very few private automobiles
- Volunteers used snail mail to and from US, messages sent with bus drivers to other PCVs or Filipino friends, PC communications by telegram. Very few telephones anywhere.
- Women could not wear pants or shorts or drink in public and needed a chaperone if on a “date” with a Filipino.
- Filipinos constantly encouraged Volunteers to “be the one” to “go around” and “to enjoy”
- Videoke! The favorite pastime now. You must sing even if you aren’t a good singer.
- Transportation by motorized “trikes” and jeepneys still popular. Long-haul air-conditioned buses a huge part of PCV life. Cars are common. Families with homes usually have a car as well.
- PCVs get a phone from PC and Facebook is huge in the Philippines! The primary mode of communication now and locals buy “load” to get data for their phones.
- Women can and do wear pants and shorts and also drink in public though it has a stigma attached to it, while chaperones are not required, “kasamas” still important for safety.
- This hasn’t changed! It has been and still is “More Fun in the Philippines!”

Announcing a Webinar on July 12 8pmET / 8am Manila

Interested in what PC-Philippines programs are doing today? PCAFPD will moderate a discussion for RPCVs to learn about current Peace Corps programming. Panelists Include:

- **Ambet Yangco**, PM for Children, Youth and Family
- **Rowena Bernal**, PM for Education
- **John Diviva**, PM for Coastal Resource Management
- **Milosil Cruz**, PM for Peace Corps Response

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RPCVs Living Lives of Service

By: Paul Aleckson, PCAFPD President

Once a volunteer, always a volunteer is an expression that RPCVs Chris and Glenda Newhall, founders of the Mirisbiris Garden Education Foundation, think rings true for many RPCVs. Indeed, RPCVs founded the

PCAFPD to stay connected and help give back to a country we grew to love. To mark the 60th anniversary of Peace Corps in the Philippines, we’re highlighting six other RPCV organizations making a difference in the Philippines.

All worked on education in some form, be it college scholarships or environmental, livelihood, or health related. Much like the PCAFPD, David Curry’s Dominican Scholarship Assistance Fund, Keith Hooper’s HELP Foundation, and the Newhalls’ group have funded students in college, among many other activities. Curry’s group has helped 400 students attend college and HELP sponsored 49 elementary, 206 high school, and 31 college students in 2020. Mirisbiris runs a reading program for 1st-3rd graders tutored by local high school and college students. Kaisipan, founded by Maria Beebe, works to enhance the digital capabilities of Filipino teachers. She draws inspiration from her time as a volunteer doing teacher training.

Susan Potter Evangelista served in the 1960s, but was working as professor at

Palawan State University when she founded Roots of Health with her daughter in 2009. She had seen unplanned pregnancies alter numerous students' college plans. Roots of Health shares reproductive health lessons with women and young people in marginalized communities, thereby improving health and the general quality of life.

Global Seed Savers, founded by Sherry Manning, runs training programs teaching Filipino farmers to propagate, store, save, and sell their own regionally adapted organic seeds. It has grown from seven farmers in 2015 to 20 members now, created two seed banks, and inspired two others that are locally held.



Pictured: Global Seed Savers

Lessons learned as PC Volunteers carry through today. Maria Beebe noted that working with people is a continuous process of relationship building. Sherry Manning said communities know what they need and how to solve their problems. PC helped her know to slow down and build relationships because the best community development is rooted in authentic trusting relationships. The Newhalls wrote that PC taught valuable cross-cultural lessons and inspired creative problem-solving that continues to today. David Curry first introduced the idea of a scholarship program in Santo Domingo, but he let Filipino colleagues implement everything, from ensuring parental buy-in to scholar selection and monitoring criteria.

These groups maintain various levels of connection to Peace Corps Philippines. Kaisipan may develop a program for RPCVs to do virtual mentoring on ESL basics. Global Seed Savers worked with a PCV to bring its Seed School to Ilocos Norte. The Newhalls have known many volunteers working in the area and have invited Albay and other Bicol volunteers to the garden and nature center for getaway weekends. And as a retired volcanologist, PC occasionally calls Chris Newhall about any dangers from the nearby Mayon Volcano.

These RPCVs love the work they're doing and seeing the success of those they helped, but many noted how wonderful it was to maintain and deepen their connections with Filipinos. David Curry derives joy from seeing scholars do well, but also loved seeing his wife and son bond with his friends in Santo Domingo on trips back. He can't wait to take his daughter and grand-daughter to see the Philippines.

Learn more about these great organizations on their websites:

- www.globalseed savers.org
- www.kaisipan.org
- www.facebook.com/stodomingoscholarship
- www.facebook.com/bighoopcharities
- www.rootsofhealth.org
- www.mirisbirisgarden.org

SCHOLAR ESSAYS 2ND SEMESTER 2019-20

How Grit Can Make Us Great

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The Covid-19 pandemic has been both a bad and good experience for me. Bad because of

how this virus had strained much of how we live on a day-to-day basis.

While the pandemic is almost something dreadful in its totality, it had also given us time to pause, reflect and rethink our values and priorities in life. A friend said it more eloquently when he said that the pandemic “did not disconnected us from the world” rather it “reconnected” us to things that really matter; to the things we usually ignore before. And for me, it has been one of the best things that happened in my life.

In ordinary days before the pandemic, I am mostly doing what most students do: go to school, go home and make homework, study, sleep and back to school. I rarely had time for my family, most especially to my grandmother who have become almost my mother, my father, my friend, my dressmaker, my cook, my laundryman, my everything all together at once.

Following one of the hardest moments in my life, at Christmas eve, while everyone is merry awaiting for Christmas at midnight, my grandmother was brought to emergency for difficulty of breathing. She had a massive heart attack, a pneumonia, and later on, an unavoidable stroke. She was in the Intensive Care Unit for almost a week fighting for her life, for us. And she did. Although now she could not move her right arm and legs or speak well because of stroke. And the pandemic happened. Schools closed and classes then went online. Everybody was forced to stay at home. I had the time to be with my grandmother. To care for her, cook for her, assist her in her road for recovery. From a fulltime student, I became a part-time caregiver and a part-time but still dedicated student of politics.

And then the busiest months came when we were about the start the first semester of my

being third year in the program. Busiest I could say because I was trying to balance all of my responsibilities at home and at the same time being a student. And now that we ended the semester, I can say, I have been successful. Both as a student because I had high marks in all of my major subjects despite and in spite of everything, and as a grandson, seeing my “lola” better now.

All these good things happened because of God, my creator, my Lord and my comforter. Also because of my ever-understanding professors in the university including my classmates. And most especially, because of Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development. I could really have stopped and not pushed through this semester. But you gave me the reason to continue.

Maybe if I would thank God for one thing this year, aside from HIM saving my grandmother from death, it is that I became a scholar of PCAFPD. I owe from this scholarship almost everything. I can’t even sleep sometimes thinking how other people who is so stranger to me help me succeed in my studies. I smile and be thankful of those who believed in me and invested their time and resources for me. I’ve survived the pandemic so far and survived the first semester! I wish to dedicate the good grades I’ve achieved this semester and make it a medal which I just wish I could wear to all of the benefactors, donors, and staff-volunteers of PCAFPD, specially to Sir Roland de Jesus, Sir Fernando Eco and Ma’am Hannah Catiis [PCAFPD Ituloy team].

The pandemic may bring us some worst experiences, but for sure, it isn’t all bad. It will make us grittier, stronger and will make us realize the better version of ourselves.

A Will and a Way

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This school year has hit me so different. Unlike those past years of studying, the department of education has made a unique way to continue our studies while in the middle of this Covid-19 Pandemic. Technology has made an important impact in our studies. We had our classes online, and it helped us resume our studies and made us feel that we can still learn even without face-to-face classes.

Covid-19 affected the whole world so badly, but I still feel blessed because it made me realize all the blessings that I have received. I was blessed because I am a part of the PCAFPD scholars, and it really helped me keep up with my online classes especially in connecting to the internet. We don't have the means to have an internet connection installed in our house, so I just use my data connection in my phone in order to connect to the internet.

Of course, there are a lot of struggles doing classes online. One example was the internet connection. There were times that the internet connection was slow especially when it is raining. I was not able to listen effectively to my professor. But I came up with an idea of asking my classmates about the lessons I missed because of my poor connection. Next time it happened, I knew what to do, so I will not miss the lessons taught while I was fixing my internet connection.

With this kind of studying, I came to realize that if there is a will, there is always a way. Every time I feel unmotivated, I think of students who do not have the opportunity to

study because of their current situation. I feel bad for them and at the same time, it motivates me to study harder in order to have a better future to help my family and the people that need help as well.

Appreciating the Little Things

***Mayang Rubuen is pursuing a BS in
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It has been six months since I was elected as the Vice President of Lyceum Supreme Student Council (LSSC), the highest governing student body of Lyceum of the Philippines University - Laguna (LPU-L). To be honest, council work was not easy and sometimes it would just be easier to give it all up, but at the end of the day, there is that realization that we are not doing this for ourselves, but for the LPU-L community, and the community outside of our school walls, that we need to give service to. It's all about being part of something greater than yourself. One of the things I was very thankful for was that LPU-L has a variety of community extension activities. The LSSC initiated a program last December 2020 to help the typhoon victims of Rolly and Ulysses in Bicol, despite the danger posed by covid-19, we were moved to help those in need. I was truly amazed on how generous the Filipinos are, no matter what your status in life and even though we are all going through the ordeal brought on by covid-19, we never forget to help others.

Being a student council member was probably the most tiring and difficult thing I had ever gotten myself into, but I am thankful to our Almighty God for giving me the strength to serve others and maintain my grades. Without Him I won't be able to achieve what I have right now. Last March 22, 2021, my partner and I celebrated our

achievement for we are awarded as the Best Presenter in our Events Management Class. and this April 14, 2021 was our Dean's Lister Recognition Day. All my handwork for the past semesters has paid off.

Also, this semester taught me to appreciate the little things I have in life, respecting and valuing the culture and opinions of others. THC09 (Multicultural Diversity in the Workplace for Tourism Professionals) has opened my eyes and see what I have missed and gain a greater appreciation of what I have already possessed. Having this subject, I get to learn that for someone who looked and behaved so differently from me can be so much alike in terms of my common goals, ideas and dreams.

Lastly, I learned how to love serving other people that need help. I developed some leadership skills, some of which I would not have obtained without my experience in the council. Without the mistakes, the fights and the victorious moments, I would not have even a small improvement to myself, because I may not have realized certain aspects about myself that I needed to work on. I am not a perfect leader, and I am still far from becoming one, but I know that I have already grown so much since I was elected as the Vice President of Lyceum Supreme Student Council.

The Financial Health of PCAFPD

By: Mike Ollinger, PCAFPD Treasurer

This has been a difficult year for many of us, including our Filipino scholars who had some difficulties with on-line classes. Our scholars are very grateful for the unwavering support you have shown. Despite an uncertain economy, our revenues remained about the same as they were the year before, as we took in \$67,714. Given this level of

commitment, we were able to support new scholar technology needs, as classes moved on-line. Overall, about 87 percent of revenues were spent on scholar costs, 6.2 percent on fundraising/newsletters, and the remainder on other administrative costs in the U.S. and the Philippines. The other administrative costs were higher this year because of one-time legal filings in the Philippines for the past year and this current year.

This past year, PCAFPD supported over 50 scholars, which is high by historical standards, but we can now do more. This year we will be supporting about 100 scholars because of lower Filipino tuition costs and the funding you provide. We will also support small grants under the newly introduced grant program. As always, we maintain enough money in reserve to fund all scholars for their four years of study.

In the longer term, we are hopeful you will maintain confidence in the program and continue to be generous. We are also hopeful the Philippine government will continue to pay state college tuition costs, as that enables us to support far more scholars than would otherwise be possible.

Share Your Reflections on Peace Corps Service

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of Peace Corps and Peace Corps in the Philippines we invite you to submit a brief 150 word reflection and photo (optional) from your Peace Corps service. PCAFPD will print what space allows in the fall newsletter and will post other entries online.

Three ways to share your reflections:

- Email pcafpd@gmail.com
- Post them online using the hashtag #PCPhilippinesat60
- Mail to PCAFPD, PO Box 100114, Arlington, VA no later than August 1, 2021

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