

# Balitaan

## A graduate looks to new challenges

*Christian E. Figueras, from Sorsogon, studied computer science at Bicol University, graduating in 2010.*



I am so blessed that the Foundation chose me to be one of its beneficiaries. Two years after my graduation from Bicol University, I am here in my hometown serving my people as an information-technology professional, one of the employees of the Gubat Saint Anthony Cooperative (GSAC).

Our co-op is one of the leading co-ops in the Bicol region. We have served our fellow *Gubatnon* for almost 40 years and now we are extending our services not only in the province of Sorsogon but throughout the region.

Before I got my current position, I was one of GSAC's field officers. My job was to recruit members, orient them and conduct character and background investigation. I spent almost a year being a field officer until our office needed an IT professional, which is related to my field of study. I applied and was hired and transferred to the main office.

Being an IT administrator is not easy. My job is to maintain the system flow of data and information throughout our network. We have branches in Bulan, Irosin and Sorsogon City, and in Daraga, Albay.

Last October I took the Civil Service Professional examination. With God's grace and blessings, I passed the exam and got my Civil Service Professional Eligibility. I am now ready to go further and further. I love my present job but I am always willing to take new chances and challenges.

With the knowledge and skills I got from school, I am eager to face the obstacles of life. Thank you PCAFPD for giving me hope. Without you, I wouldn't be where I am right now.

***PCAFPD gives chances. PCAFPD gives hope. PCAFPD, Godspeed.***

## A new scholar looks ahead to the opportunity she has been given

*Arra Lei Zamudio, from Tarlac, plans to study Accountancy at University of the Philippines (UP), Baguio.*

*This is the e-mail message that Arra Lei sent to Roland accepting her PCAFPD scholarship:*

"First of all I would like to greet you a pleasant evening in the name of our God Almighty! I'm very thankful and overjoyed for being accepted in this scholarship. It's really a great blessing and opportunity that you're going to help me in my final needs. I'm also grateful for this scholarship because this will prepare me in my future life. It will also teach me how to be a productive citizen and a good person. I've read the Memorandum of Agreement, I agree and I'm willing to abide with those conditions. I also want to be part of community service because I want to be a good model to my fellow countrymen.

Thank you and God bless! "



## The circle of PCAFPD graduates grows!

PCAFPD extends congratulations to the nineteen scholars pictured below. Thirteen of them graduated in 2011; the other six graduated in 2012. This group brings the total number of Foundation graduates since 1987 to 144.



Left to right: **Roland Amada**, Palawan, Agricultural Business, Western Philippines University; **Carla de la Cruz**, Catanduanes, Elementary Education, Trinity University of Asia; **Ricardo Duldoco**, Antique, Business Economics, UP at Diliman; **Mary Ann Escañan**, Sorsogon, Computer Science, Computer Communications Development Institute; and **Vanessa Esquivias**, Sorsogon, Elementary Education, Bicol University. Vanessa was sponsored by Association of Philippine Practicing Physicians of Arizona (APPPA).



Left to right: **Sancho Flores**, Negros Oriental, Business Administration, Foundation University; **Beverly Lelis**, Sorsogon, Education, Bicol University; **Erika Lopez**, Batangas, Civil Engineering, UP at Los Baños; **Jenifer Mercado-Halili**, Bantangas, an MS in Environmental Management, Philippine Women's University; and **Jean Panugaling**, Cebu, Information Technology, Cebu Institute of Technology (CIT).



Left to right: **Sitti Sajili**, Davao City, Criminology, University of Mindanao; **Karl Vincent Soriano**, Quirino, Electronics and Communication Engineering, St. Mary's University; **Christian Vaso**, Batanes, Civil Engineering, UP at Los Baños; **Liwa Alesna**, Zamboanga del Norte, Agriculture, Visayas State University; and **Mark Ian Calayugan**, Leyte, Agriculture, Visayas State University. Mark graduated *cum laude* and was sponsored by Group III RPCVs.



Left to right: **Raf Andrew Espenocilla**, Sorsogon, Broadcast Communications, UP at Los Baños; **Allan Paul Pigudo**, Ifugao, Civil Engineering, St. Mary's University; **Joylyne Puguoy**, Ifugao, Journalism, St. Mary's University; and **Regina Sagamla**, Ifugao, Accountancy, St. Mary's University. Joylyne and Regina were sponsored by the Julia Campbell Foundation.

## Putting service above all else

**Karl Vincent C. Soriano**, from Quirino Province, studied electronics and communications engineering at St. Mary's University, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, graduating in 2011.

Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Indeed, it is true. When I graduated from college I was determined to face the real world, the world of human labor, the world where I can use all the knowledge I've acquired in the corners of the academe.

Even before I graduated I was picturing myself working, but not a single idea where. I made a list, a detailed plan where to go, what to do, how to do it and all the



questions I can think of. I just don't want to mess it up; I want a good a start. But where will I start, where can I grow, where can I shine?

I went to my hometown and spent a couple of days looking for some peace of mind and somehow figure out my next move. Then, I realized what to do – I took the bus and once again I

stepped foot in the big city not as a student or a tourist but as another lost soul looking for a place to burn the passion inside.

Service has always been the force that keeps on driving me forward. The chakra that keeps me alive; I always wanted to serve in every way that I can. I was able to find my first job at Makati, but after two long months, I realized that it is not the place I am supposed to be. Fortunate enough a government institution called me and offered me a job, a job that became my life.

I am now working for the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology, or PHIVOLCS. I am a science research assistant at the Seismological Observation and Earthquake Prediction Division. I need to tell you this: We cannot fully predict earthquakes yet, not any institution in the world. We can identify places where earthquakes may occur more often or vulnerable to the disasters caused by earthquakes but as to the exact place and time that an earthquake will occur, I'm sorry, but science is not yet capable of doing so.

Now let me talk about my life at the institute. My work comes in three areas:

√ *Data monitoring*. Simply monitoring seismic activities around the Philippines and almost around the world. When an earthquake occurs, we locate the epicenter then compute for the magnitude and its depth. Then of course if it is a strong earthquake we take survey for possible damages or imminent danger

brought by the earthquake.

√ *Instrumentation or station management*. This is where engineering comes in. All over the country we have deployed seismometers or seismic sensors that help us locate and determine the parameters of an earthquake.

√ *Research and development*. Every one of us is encouraged and tasked to do research to improve our system and of course add knowledge to the existing body of science.

In the last few months I have been working with instrumentation; we travel and do fieldwork where our instruments are deployed. I was able to go to Mati, Davao Oriental; El Nido, Palawan; Borongan, Eastern Samar; Tagaytay and Legazpi, Albay. Travel is the perk of working for instrumentation but of course manual labor is the payment for that. Unlike in data management, we don't stay inside an office or a house; we work under the scorching heat of the sun in Mati, or the cold downpour of rain in Samar. And the cold winds of Palawan. As you see, government service is not all the time fun as most of us think. In our institution, we take service seriously, rain or shine, we have to fix instruments so that we can locate and obtain more information on earthquakes. We go to places that are sometimes known to be hostile like my latest fieldwork at Zamboanga Sibugay.

And when I am at the office, I do seismic monitoring: We monitor seismic activities 24/7, thus we have rotating shifts, and sometimes you don't even get to have your meal on time because of an earthquake. When duty calls, you have to answer, we have to respond and act quickly.

You may have heard about the Negros earthquake last Feb, 6 – it made headlines for days. After the main shock, hundreds of aftershocks came, most not felt but a few tremors really caused anxiety. While we are busy monitoring and counting aftershocks, the telephones do not stop from ringing asking for more information about what has just happened. A lot of questions are being raised and they all need answers. This was my first time to actually experience a real crisis; our once-peaceful data center became a studio for the media, with cameras all over, lights and microphones and of course newscasters everywhere.

So what really makes me love my work now? To be honest, it is not the compensation (government doesn't always pay that high like the companies in Makati or elsewhere) or the travel, but the thought that every time I do something, I know, that I serve my country. I may not be a soldier fighting for peace or a policeman

running after some criminals or a lawmaker writing the policies that will alleviate poverty in the country; I am just another guy who loves to serve. And with this, I encourage every one of us to make an oath of service to the country. It doesn't matter how or where we do it, just put service above all else and everything will be just fine.

### **Dealing with gravediggers, concisely**

**Rachel Briones**, from Cavite, is majoring in organizational communications at the University of the Philippines, Manila.

This semester was, by far, the hardest semester for me, but it was also the most engaging. Unlike the previous ones, this semester focused on practical applications of our courses rather than theories. That is



why we had more projects than written exams. I realize now that it is actually easier to take exams than to do tons of projects. We studied different subjects to learn about the key areas of organizational communication: research, writing, human resources/relations, public

relations, advertising and marketing.

One of my favorite subjects was speech communication or audio-visual communication. Sir Chong, my professor, was also my teacher in Humanities 2 and I enjoyed the whole school year with him. He was a graduate in visual communication at UP Diliman so he was really an expert in this field. In this class, we were taught the basics of photography and film. The only bases of our grades were our group projects and individual papers. Our first project was movie poster making. The photos should be landscape and black and white. It was hard because we cannot use major Photoshop effects and the poster should be based on a single shot only. Also, the title of the film should be less than six words. Sir Chong said we must learn to tell a story in fewer words as part of our copywriting skills if we want to pursue the field of advertising. We got a 1.5 grade for this project.

Our second project was making a short film. Each group was assigned a specific genre, and our group was asked to make a comedy. The hardest part was, it should be a silent film – completely without words – even the background music should be instrumental. The title of our 10-minute film was *Buwis Buhay (Life Risker)*, a story about two girls who put their lives at risk fighting over a five peso coin. We were so happy because Sir Chong told us that our work was the best in

our batch and he gave us a 1.0 grade.

Our next project was making a documentary. We were tasked to make a film about an ordinary day in the life of a certain individual. Our group chose a *sepulturero*, or gravedigger and caretaker, as the star of our film. We entitled it *Hanap Buhay sa Patay: Isang Araw sa Buhay ng Isang Sepulturero (Making a Living from the Dead: A Day in the Life of a Grave Digger)*.

I have learned a lot from this project, especially the sad situation of the dead bodies in most public cemeteries in the Philippines. I have never seen skeletons being put inside sacks and stored in a small storeroom until someone claims the dead body. Also, I have learned that many gravediggers and caretakers experience health risks but they still continue to work. Our star was really inspirational. He was able to send all of his children to college just using his salary from the cemetery. Two of his sons went to Europe and worked there but he refused to get constant help from them.

Through our hard work, our group got the highest score for the whole batch. Again, Sir Chong gave us 1.0. Truly images and sound can make great changes on others.

### **Giving her all – including blood**

**Rachiel A. Neverio**, from Manila, is studying social work at Philippine Christian University.

I can say that this semester my life was like a roller-coaster ride: scary, exciting, dizzy, yet enjoyable and unforgettable. It challenged my capacity and dedication to continue my dream.

I was scared because I thought I was going to have to stop studying this semester. I felt hopeless. I know I should not feel this way because there would have been another year but I had already taken the first semester.



I was also scared because I was a late enrollee and I know that I missed lot of things, so I put in extra effort to know my professors and to make an effort in all the activities and quizzes that my classmates had already taken, particularly in basic statistics and English research, in which I admit I have low confidence.

I was excited because I won't forget our lessons in Filipino personality. I don't know why, but since I was a child I have been interested in studying personality. Maybe because I wanted to have many friends, to become famous and to know how it is that a Filipino can still smile and can overcome difficulties in

life despite a lack of basic needs or being unemployed. I wanted to know more about people and their personality. In this subject I learned a lot of theories about personality such as theory of self, neurosis, individual psychology and so on.

Through this new knowledge I have come to realize and know myself more as well as understand other individuals. I know that this will help me to know my clientele in the near future, and the more I can understand them, the better I can help them.

The Philippine Red Cross came to our school to ask if we would donate blood, since here in the Philippines only 1% of people are willing to give blood. I really wanted to help and save lives, so I decided to donate blood even though I am scared of needles. I said to myself that this is another stepping stone to help people and to become productive in our society, in a little way. I could never forget this because I learned to face my fear, even though I felt dizzy and I almost lost consciousness.

Now I can easily manage my time and resources, unlike last semester when I experienced difficulties in supporting my school needs at the same time as my family. Thank you to those who support me; my friends, classmates and co-workers – they really understand my situation.

## Be a Friend of ENCA Farm

By Sherry Manning (Benguet, 2006-08, Group 265)

I went to the Philippines as an enthusiastic volunteer, eager to make a sustainable impact. I lived in Benguet Province with an incredible host family, the Cosalans,



who made my service memorable and successful. The photo shows me with the Cosalan family on Carmen Cosalan's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Enrique and Carmen

Cosalan are the third generation to operate ENCA Farm since the 1800s, growing fruits and vegetables, raising animals, and educating their eleven children about sustainable organic farming practices and their Ibaloi culture. Beginning in the 1970s mining and illegal logging up-stream from the farm contaminated its irrigation sources. At the same time, the government tried to take this ancestral land away from the Cosalans.

After 30 years of legal battles, the Philippine Supreme

Court restored the farm to Cosalan ownership. This case set a great precedent for indigenous peoples' land rights throughout the Philippines. In 2006, ENCA Farm opened as an eco-tourism space; a community and environmental education venue; and a model for indigenous farming practices.

Arriving in 2006, I dedicated my service to ENCA Farm's development, and this service continues today through a U.S.-based nonprofit I founded. **Friends of ENCA Farm** serves as the primary educational and advocacy entity supporting the work of ENCA Farm. **Friends of ENCA Farm** strengthens farm infrastructure (e.g., a new irrigation system), and enables local Filipino youth to attend environmental education camps.

I am blessed to have a second home with the warm and caring Cosalan family, and to be a small part of ENCA Farm's story. Please visit our website, [www.encaorganicfarm.org](http://www.encaorganicfarm.org), to learn more about our programs and how you can support this critically important work in the Philippines.

## Jeanalyn Estrellado is now ICT Coordinator and Teacher

**Jeanalyn Estrellado, from Negros Oriental, studied technology at Negros Oriental State University, graduating in 2006.** Here is a recent e-mail to Roland: 'Hi, I'm Jeanalyn Estrello of Negros Oriental. You can call me "Ate Jean." I am currently working at Basay National High School as an ICT Coordinator and a Teacher. I graduated in the year 2006 in Computer Technology and 2007 with my Technological Education course at NORSU-Dumaguete City.'

**Editor's Note:** Jeanalyn is also an active member and officer of PSAA. She was the recipient of the **Maureen Joan Carroll Scholarship** funded by a \$5,000 donation from Group I members to recognize Maureen's leadership over the years to keep Group 1 folks in touch with each other and her long and dedicated service as a Board Member and President of PCAFPD

## Roy Roxas finds way to turn wastewater into potable water

**Roy Roxas, from Batangas, studied environmental and sanitary engineering at Batangas State University, graduating in 2004.** Here's a summary of Roy's Facebook correspondence with Roland:

**July, 2011** - I am in Germany taking further study. In September 2010, I was accepted to study for Chemical Technical Assistant. I will be finishing the first year at the end of July and will begin the second year in September. I'll be going back to the Philippines in

August to visit my parents and to make my school project (thesis) in Batangas State University. It's about Moringa oleifera (Malungay seed) for water treatment. With the help of my professors, we will look to see if this seed can absorb heavy metals. I hope that it will be successful.

**April 2012** - I never forget all the blessings extended to me from the Foundation. It was a great privilege to gain an education that not all can have. I am so thankful. At the moment, I live in Rottenburg am Neckar, Germany. When I came here December 2004, I was invited to take further study and had to begin with a 2-year German language course. I wanted to get a Masters in Renewable Energy but my language efficiency was not enough. I chose to stop and to take a further level of language course and look for a lower level of education that would fit the language I attained. After I finished it, I began new studies as a Chemical Technical Assistant. In the beginning was difficult to fit in. Every week there were at least two exams. That makes me crazy! Top grades, I do not have; only Math, *Stöchiometrie* and Organic. Up to now, I survive. I worked really hard to overcome all the challenges. On April 4, 2012, I presented my project about Wastewater Treatment with the use of Moringa Oleifera, commonly known as Malungay, in simulated heavy metal like Blei (Pb-Plumbium). The pounded seeds are really amazing. I have proven that it works and can be used to turn wastewater into potable one. I chose this project because it connects my former thesis in BSU. For where I am now and what I achieved in my life, I would like to thank the Foundation.

**PSAA meets with PCVs - a first**  
*By Ariestelo Asilo, from Batangas, who studied nutrition at UP, Los Baños, graduating in 2007. He is currently the Chairman of PSAA.*



*Photo at left: Aries Asilo, Faye Hernandez & Christian Vaso*

In late March, the PCAFPD Scholars Alumni Association (PSAA) assembled at La Roca in Los Baños, Laguna. The theme of

the event was ***Bridging Gaps Towards Philippine Development***. The resort, made available courtesy of PCAFPD board member Alex Romero, has always been brimming with natural quietude - perfect for the assembly. Twenty scholars and alumni from Batangas,

Los Baños, Manila and the Cordillera attended. The assembly, which was supported by Peace Corps Philippines, included eight PCVs from Batangas and Laguna, Peace Corps Country Director Denny Robertson, PCAFPD VP Institutional Relations Hans Groot and VP-Philippines Operations Roland de Jesus. This is the very first time that PCVs met with the scholars and alumni in six years. It was such a wonderful meeting.

The first day of the assembly started with discussions with Mr. de Jesus regarding the scholarship program - the challenges, issues and action plans needed. Towards the end of the first day, the scholars and alumni discussed strengthening its clusters but agreed to take things slowly, especially now that most are still studying and many are working. Team-building and assemblies are good venues for such and will continue. Because it is summer, the majority of the scholars stayed in the air-conditioned rooms, rested and slept soundly while others swam in the hot springs. Truly, it was an enjoyable night.

*Photo at right: Jody Cestina, Jean Estrellado & Denny Robertson*



The second day was highlighted with an open forum among scholars, alumni, and PCVs. PSAA feels the need to strengthen its buddy system (mentoring by senior scholars/alumni of younger ones) by involving the PCVs. PCVs will be matched up with a scholar within the area where a PCV is present. Thankfully, PCV Edmund Leece, and the rest of them, agreed to help with the PSAA-PCV matchup. In the past, the Negros group has worked together with a PCV in Dumaguete and it worked very well. The main objective for the match-up is for the scholar to learn something from the PCV and probably be involved in a community project.

Seeing the PCVs and PSAA members laugh together, eat together and discuss together shows that the PCV-PSAA matchup has a chance to work well in the future. The PSAA expects to further refine its vision and mission of helping realize Philippine development through education in the future, when most alumni members are stable and when a majority of them are ready to share their professional experiences.

With this assembly, we have proven again that this kind of team-building can result in better outcomes, of course with the support of its mentors, PCAFPD, PCVs and Peace Corps Philippines. PSAA in action!

## PCAFPD Leadership Changes

By Maureen Carroll (Sorsogon 1961-63)

It seems like just a few short years ago that I joined the PCAFPD Board, but it has actually been 25 years. I can't remember exactly when I became



president of the Board, but I know it was a year or two before I left the country in 1991 for a few years to be the Peace Corps Country Director in Botswana. I

became president again shortly after my return to the States and have been in the job ever since. I have enjoyed every minute of it and have been proud of the work we have done together, but I have always wanted to see another RPCV step forward to lead the organization. Organizations benefit from stability and cumulative know-how but they also prosper from the vision and perspectives of "new blood."

At our Annual Meeting on March 18, PCAFPD established goals and priorities for the coming year and conducted Board elections. I'm delighted to report that one of our current Board members,



Mark Holt, has been elected as the new president of PCAFPD. Mark, an RPCV from Group 191 (Tarlac 1982-84), joined the Board in 2006 and has served as

Vice President/USA for the past year. Mark possesses all of the skills required for the job as well as the commitment to the Philippines and to the mission that has kept PCAFPD vital all these years. Earlier in Mark's career he worked on the Peace Corps staff, as Associate Director in The Gambia and Western Samoa, and as Country Director for Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan. Mark then worked in USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, and now works for a small non-governmental organization doing work in nutrition and food security.

Other Board changes include the election of Ron Peters as Vice President/USA, the election of Dominic Schuler as VP for Website Management, the naming of Paul Aleckson as VP for Student Affairs, and the reelection of Hans Groot as VP for Institutional Relations in the Philippines.

Another long-term Board officer has joined me in stepping aside after many years of service. Carol Hammaker Radomski joined the Board before me and for many years has managed student affairs. She designed and managed the website and she served as Vice President/USA for many years. Both Carol and I will complete our current terms on the Board, continuing to contribute to PCAFPD as mentors and advisors to our very competent successors.

On a personal note, thanks to all of you who support PCAFPD. Over the years, it's been the scholars - their aspirations, struggles, and successes - that have sustained me when the duties of running the organization got burdensome or challenging. And, it's been you who have made the selection and support of these fabulous young people possible. Keep it up!

**CURRENT PCAFPD BOARD:** **President:** Mark Holt (Tarlac 1982-84); **Vice President/Philippines:** Roland de Jesus; **Vice President/USA:** Ron Peters (Sorsogon 1961-63); **Treasurer:** Stephen Dienstfrey (Bukidnon 1965-67); **Secretary:** Mike Ollinger (Iloilo 1982-84); **Vice President, Database Management:** Sarah McMeans (Cebu 1962-64); **Vice President, Institutional Relations:** Hans Groot (Negros Occidental & Laguna 1961-64); **Vice President, Student Affairs:** Paul Aleckson (Romblon 2003-05); **Vice President Website Management:** Dominic Schuler (Oriental Mindoro 2008-10); **Board Members at Large:** Dave Brandt (Bataan 1987-89); William Bright (Manila 1965-67; APCD 1998-2000; Country Director 2000-03); Maureen Carroll (Sorsogon 1961-63); Geraldine Maiatico (Batangas 1966-68; APCD 2000-2005); Carol Hammaker Radomski (Batanes 1980-83); Alex Romero; Deane Wylie (Albay & Masbate 1961-63) **Mail Pickup Volunteer:** Terri Lee Bergman (Cebu 1982-84) picks up mail at our PO Box, opens it and distributes checks, envelopes and other mail as appropriate. We thank Terri for her valuable service!

## 2011 Financial Report & Challenge

By Steve Dienstfrey, Treasurer (Bukidnon 65-67)

By all accounts, 2011 was a banner year for the Foundation. This is a result of two factors. First, our events related to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Peace Corps were more successful than we anticipated. And second, the Foundation received unanticipated gifts of \$5,000 from the friends and family Ron and Lilia Peters on the occasion of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and, gifts of \$910 in memory Group 13 RPCV Derek Hulse from his family and friends, many of whom were not RPCVs.

The 2011 budget was prepared before we had a concrete plan for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. As a result we put in “place holder” numbers anticipating that we would break even. Once we began to develop plans, we had no idea how many people would attend each of the events. Nor did we have any idea of how many T-shirts we should order. (We wavered between 250 and 300 finally settling on 275.)

	2011 Budget	2011 Final
<b>Revenues</b>		
Donations	\$42,750	\$44,827
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	5,000	19,274
Interest and Other Income	60	173
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$47,810</b>	<b>\$64,274</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Scholar Costs	\$44,690	\$38,433
Newsletter printing/postage	3,500	4,621
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	5,000	10,788
US Administrative Costs	2,310	1,538
Philippine Administrative Costs	2,300	2,943
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$57,800</b>	<b>\$58,323</b>
<b>Contribution to (Reduction in) Reserves</b>	<b>(\$9,990)</b>	<b>\$5,952</b>

As shown above, our success in 2011 allowed us to make a contribution to reserves and guarantee the continued strength of the Foundation. The lower than anticipated expenditure for *Scholar Costs* is due to a larger proportion of scholars choosing to attend state schools rather than private schools.

The Board felt strongly that it should maintain the momentum created in the past year. As a result, we have set a goal of \$55,000 for total revenues. We know this is a challenge, but meeting it will make it possible to increase the number of scholars we support. Read on to see how we can meet the challenge with your help.

## Fund-Raising Ideas

**Let's expand our revenue sources . . .**

Even though PCAFPD has reached, and even exceeded, its revenue goals in the last couple of years, reaching the same goal this year will be difficult without new revenue sources. Last year over \$14,000, more than 20% of PCAFPD's revenues, came from three one-time events: the Peace Corps' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations; gifts that about 200 people made in celebration of Ron & Lilia Peters 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and gifts that 25 or 30 people made in memory of Derek Hulse. Because PCAFPD cannot expect any revenue from those three sources in 2012, we must be imaginative in finding new revenue sources if we want to continue and expand the number of scholarships we award. Here are some ideas:

- host or attend a reunion of your group or give a Filipino party for 25 or 30 people; show the short DVD created by PCAFPD's Philippine board members and scholars; pass out PCAFPD's new brochure – if 25 people each give \$40, we'll have \$1,000;
- celebrate your birthday or another personal milestone and ask your friends and family to make a gift to PCAFPD instead of bringing you a bottle of wine;
- speak about your Peace Corps experience at a community organization you belong to; at your church; at your kids' school; etc.; show the DVD and pass out brochures; pass the hat – we could have another \$500;
- send us the names and addresses of RPCV's in your group so we can add them to our mailing list – if 20 new people each gave us \$50, we'd have another \$1,000;
- use the link on our website and your credit card to donate \$20 a month at Network for Good – we'll have another \$240;
- add \$15 or \$20 to the amount you gave us last year (approximately 400 people make a gift each year);
- if you get *Balitaan* and have never sent the envelope back with a contribution (or clicked on the website's donate link) – do it! (we sent *Balitaan* to almost 300 people who did not make a contribution last year);
- ask your employer to make a matching gift (if that option is available to you);
- remember PCAFPD in your will or estate planning;
- consider making a \$1,200 gift each of the next four years to sponsor a scholar's studies until graduation.

You get the idea – every little increase, each new giver makes the difference. **Let's make 2012 another banner year!** Send an e-mail to [board1@rpcvphilippines.org](mailto:board1@rpcvphilippines.org) or send a note to our PO Box to ask for the DVD and the number of brochures you intend to distribute at your reunion or event.



**Contributions from our generous supporters . . .** We thank those listed below whose gifts to PCAFPD were received between October 4, 2011 and April 9, 2012. **The plus (+) identifies those who have made more than one contribution since our report in the Fall 2011 issue of *Balitaan*, including NPCA membership renewals.** In addition to the individual contributions listed below, PCAFPD received a generous gift from BIMAK to continue its support of a scholar from the Cordillera Region. Notes on numbered contributions are at the end of the chart.

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Paul Aleckson	VA	Hannah Fairbank	DC	<b>Lon Kramer +</b>	VA
<b>Richard &amp; Heather Ames +</b>	NH	Adelia Fallar	NC	<b>Jim Krogh +</b>	ND
Chuck Amorosino	VA	Gretchen Faro	OH	Steve Lahey	IA
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