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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF BUILDING FUTURES



Embassy reception launches PCAFPD 30th anniversary celebration

In March of 1983 a small group of former Philippines volunteers and staff founded the Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development. The Foundation provided an opportunity for Philippines RPCVs to stay connected to Philippine development and to each other in a worthy cause. A university scholarship program for academically talented Filipino students with limited financial resources became the focus of the organization and remains so today—30 years later!

The Philippines Ambassador to the United States, Jose L. Cuisia, Jr., honored the anniversary of the Foundation by hosting an Embassy reception on March 21. PCAFPD supporters, representatives of Filipino-American organizations, and Peace Corps and National Peace Corps Association staff enjoyed the festive evening, enhanced by San Miguel and a buffet of Filipino favorites. A



highlight of the evening was a folk dance

performance by the Filipino Organization of Catholic University Students. RPCVs who served in 1961 mingled with some who returned three months ago.

Ambassador Cuisia was generous in his tribute to the work of the Foundation and to the Peace Corps itself. He also reported on remarkable progress in the Philippine economy and anti-corruption campaign. Mark Holt, President of PCAFPD, proudly reported that more than 160 young Filipinos have earned university degrees through the commitment and generosity of more than a thousand separate donors who have contributed more than \$600,000 to the foundation since 1983.

PCAFPD will observe its 30th Anniversary throughout the year here and in Manila. A major priority of the anniversary year is to expand our outreach to more former volunteers and staff. (We currently reach only one of eight RPCVs.) Find the announcement in this issue with three easy ways you can join in the celebration. We can only meet the challenges of the next 30 years, and beyond, with your help. ■

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WHAT PCAFPD MEANS TO OUR SCHOLARS – A scholar tells us how we got it right



In commemoration of PCAFPD's 30th anniversary, Board Member Hans Groot sent out a few questions to scholars on Facebook. Below are the questions and the responses of **Genesis Galap**, who has

expressed beautifully the sentiments of other scholars. Gen is from Ifugao and was sponsored by BIMAK. She graduated this year with a degree in Psychology from University of the Cordilleras.

Is the PCAFPD scholarship program different or unique as compared to other scholarship programs? If yes, how is it different? – please elaborate.

“It is indeed different from any other scholarship programs I have known because of the following reasons: 1) Full payment of tuition fees are entrusted to the scholars for payment to the school: NOT a bank to bank or an institution to institution manner of payment. **THERE IS TRUST**; 2) Payment is given in full so as to avoid delays or non-attendance to examination due to unpaid balances. **PROACTIVE**; 3) CLE (living allowance) and reimbursement of expenses of an academic activity are provided to augment the financial shortage of the scholar's family. **GENEROUS**; 4) Scholars are given extended considerations for matters regarding their grades and other academic and personal concerns. They are not automatically being removed for some deficiencies instead are still given chances (probation) to enjoy the grant. **KIND and UNDERSTANDING**; 5) It provides an avenue for scholars to interact with each other despite the geographical distance. Scholars are not only into academic engagements but also into leadership and volunteerism as they become an automatic member of a youth-oriented and community-serving association which is the PSAA (PCAFPD Scholars & Alumni Association) where they try to implement small-scale-project for a pilot community. **GIVING BACK**. Any other scholarships DO NOT do these. These make PCAFPD unique!”

Could you have gone to college if you had not received a PCAFPD scholarship? Don't just answer with a 'yes' or 'no.' “I was about to quit from school after my mother who is sending me to school retired from her work (public utility worker) in 2010 and decided to work BUT a very good friend (a PCAFPD scholar) selflessly introduced me to the foundation. Hope grew in me as I started completing the requirements and applied right away. There, I was able to continue my degree and now very soon to graduate!”

Other than helping to pay your college expenses, has the PCAFPD scholarship program helped you in any other ways? “Sure thing it did! PCAFPD taught me a hands-on of basic economics as I thriftily budget my CLE with all the necessity of a college student. I became a leader not only in the PSAA chapter but also was inspired to lead a non-academic organization to have a vehicle in community service just as the sponsors of PCAFPD are committed to. Because of PCAFPD, I am introduced to the value of “sharing and giving back.” Our anonymous sponsors are sharing whatever they have and as a scholar, I am NOT made responsible BUT am committed to give back!”

Have you personally recommended any students for a PCAFPD scholarship? “Yes, I did. I have known someone who I believe is equally deserving of the grant but was unable to complete the numerous requirements for an unknown reason.”

Have you done anything to publicize/promote the PCAFPD scholarship program? What have you done? “I may not have publicly announced but during the 9th National Youth Parliament in Naga City last May 2012, I was one of the participants and I registered under Non-government Organization with PCAFPD-PSAA as my affiliation aside from my school and region I am representing. Also, in some activities (community and environmental) that our organization (ISA) spearheads; I always tap the PSAA CAR as our implementing partner. Lastly, in daily conversations, I am always being proud to inform people of the PCAFPD as my scholarship grantor!” ▪

Three Easy Ways to Join the Celebration of PCAFPD's 30th Anniversary

1. *If you give regularly to the scholarship fund*, stretch a bit and add a special one-time-only gift of \$30 to your usual contribution.
2. *If you receive this newsletter but haven't contributed in a while*, get back in the groove and send a gift of at least \$30.*
3. *If you know other Philippines RPCVs or staff who may not be on our list*, send us their contact information. Our future depends on an expanded donor base. Only one out of eight PCVs who served in the Philippines is currently on our list.**

*A generous PCAFPD supporter has pledged to offer a match of \$30 to contributions from lapsed or new contributors who give a minimum gift of \$30 this year. Help us take advantage of his generosity.

** The supporter who sends us the most new additions to our mail list will receive a special prize—to be announced in the fall newsletter!

PCAFPD mourns the passing of Larry Fuchs, the first country director

Lawrence Fuchs, who interrupted his career as a professor at Brandeis University to serve as the first Director of the Peace Corps program in the Philippines, died on March 17, 2013, at the age of 86. The online publication *BrandeisNOW* reports that by the end of his life, after taking another break to serve as executive director of the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy under President Jimmy Carter, Fuchs had established himself as a renowned authority in the emerging field of American studies and as a champion of social justice and community service. Two of his many publications that may be of interest to our readers are: *Those Peculiar Americans: The Peace Corps and the American National Character* and *Hawaii Pono*.

Nancy Dunetz (Iloilo 1961-63) attended the Larry Fuchs memorial service on April 21 at Brandeis, along with fellow Group 2 RPCVs Jan and Eliot

Putnam, Jerry Poznak, Dick Holtzman and his wife. Group I volunteer Dick Gilbert also attended; and Marge Pfankuch

Bakken of Group I spoke on behalf of the volunteers who served while Larry was the director. Nancy reports: *"The memorial was very moving. There were many spoken words, including his daughter, niece, colleagues, students, friends, and Marge Bakken, who spoke on behalf of Peace Corps/ Philippines, which seemed to have meant as much to Larry as it did to us, in spite of his other major life-long accomplishments. . . I am awed by all that this man was able to accomplish, his profound effect on many lives, plus the relationships he was able to maintain."* ■



Because of you: A profile of PCAFPD donors

By Charles Schwartz (Manila 1967-69)

Picture this: A new volunteer is in country for less than a month and is sitting quietly during a school program when suddenly the principal says, "And now we'll have a surprise number by our Peace Corps Volunteer." This scene has played itself out up and down the Philippine archipelago for over 50 years to more than 8,600 volunteers. Many of us soon learned one or two songs that we could pull off without too much embarrassment. One of my songs was *Dahil Sa Iyo – Because of You*. This iconic Philippine love song has a simple but timeless message: life was hard but got better because of you. Peace Corps Volunteers strived to make life better for others. In return, those they served enriched the lives of the volunteers.

Thirty years ago a group of returned volunteers, former Peace Corps staff and friends created a way to continue to serve, to give, to improve lives. Since its inception in 1983, the Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development (PCAFPD) has provided over \$600,000 in scholarships to deserving students. During the past 30 years, at one time or another, over 1,100 donors have given to the foundation. Almost 600 of them gave within the last three years.

Who are these people and why do they continue to give? For one thing, they are a generous lot as evidenced by the overall size of the program. They reside all over the world, representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Philippines and several foreign countries. Three-fourths of the



■ 1960's
■ 1970's
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donors are Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs). Their Peace Corps service extends across 60 provinces and regions in the Philippines. They are

also, for the most part, an older group with almost three-fourths of the RPCVs having served in the '60s and '70s.

Testimonials: In 1983, 74 people provided the seed money to begin the scholarship program. Of those, one-third are still active donors. The words of several early contributors summarize well why they gave to the program and why many of us still do so today. *"I donate to PCAFPD because it's a way to keep that life-altering Peace Corps experience from becoming just a sweet memory . . . to keep that experience alive for us while perpetuating the growth of education in the Philippines. I give because I can, and I give especially to honor the memory of my dear Philippine RPCV friend, Rachel Singer and allow her vibrant spirit to live on in the students who flourish through this remarkable program."* **Judy Hill (Iloilo 64-66)** *"My great desire has been to help students in the Philippines succeed with education . . . I decided that PCAFPD can better choose the students and give them moral support while they study . . . I believe strongly in the work the Foundation is doing and will continue to support the excellent work of PCAFPD."* **Sylvia Boecker (Ibajay, Aklan 61-63)**

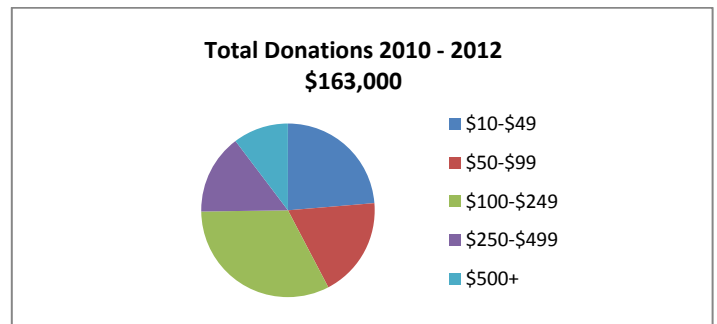
While it is true that the majority of PCAFPD donors are former volunteers who served during the last century, all returned volunteers are important to continuing the work of the foundation. Read what **Snapper Poche (Palawan 03-05)** has to say about why he feels it is important to sustain PCAFPD. *"I give to PCAFPD because I know that every cent that I donate has a very real and tangible direct impact on someone's life. I give in a meager attempt to try to repay, in some small way, the hugely generous gifts that the Peace Corps and Filipinos offered to me. Lastly, I give because it makes me feel good."*

Not all PCAFPD donors are returned Philippine volunteers. Others are drawn to donate for their own personal reasons. Some are former Peace Corps staff; others are family or friends of volunteers; there are many Filipinos who give generously; and even some returned volunteers from other countries find the foundation a rewarding way to continue their service.

Here are two more accounts of why our benefactors give: *“The most productive, satisfying and adventurous time of my life was the three years I spent in the Philippines with the Peace Corps. In large part this was due to the warm, heartfelt and spontaneous welcome given my family and me by Filipinos. My annual gift to PCAFPD helps provide for the next generation of Filipino leaders and is a small repayment for all those good times. Long may our program continue!”* **David Searles (Country Director, Manila 71-74)** *“First of all, although I am an RPCV, I did not serve in the Philippines. What is more important is I am a Filipino. We admire and enthusiastically support PCAFPD's program of providing deserving Filipinos scholarships. This to me is an extension of Peace Corps' objective: to help the host country. Participants of the program are extending their Peace Corps experience. We are using PCAFPD's scholarship program as a model for Friends of Pakistan, USA in funding education for Pakistanis.”* **Benny and Carol Cespedes (Pakistan 61-63)**

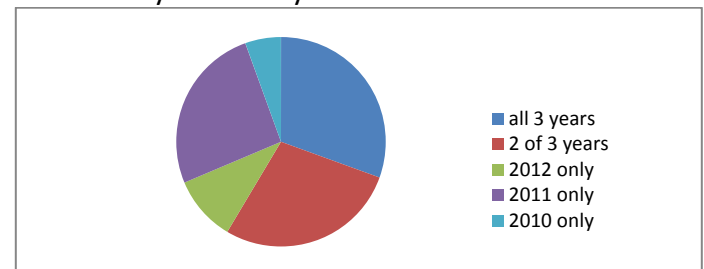
Additional Reasons for Giving: Within PCAFPD generous donors have established a number of special funds in honor of or in memory of individuals or groups. The funds include the Gini Hopkins Fund, Julia Campbell Memorial Fund, Leo Pastore Fund, Group I - Maureen Carroll Scholarship Fund, Pam Moguet Memorial Scholarship, Rachel Singer Memorial Scholarship, and Soledad Tejada Scholarship. In addition, the Philippine American group, BIMAK, provides funds for scholars from the Cordillera. Also, RPCVs and friends at the US Department of Agriculture sponsor a scholar in an agricultural related field of study. Over 10% of donors within the last three years earmarked their donations for one or more of these funds.

Many people give in memory of a loved one, a friend who was a group-mate, a cause or event. One out of every three donors who gave between 2010 and 2012 did so. Peace Corps' 50th anniversary year, 2011, was a good year for the foundation. Over 430 people gave that year. Almost 100 of them were first-time donors, including many who gave in honor of Ron and Lilia Peters 45th anniversary. Eight of the 2011 first-time donors gave again in 2012.



Size and Frequency of Donations: Between 2010 and 2012 almost 600 individuals gave \$163,000 to the program. The three-year average was \$272 per donor. While this is an impressive amount, looking closer a slightly different picture emerges. Almost half of donors gave less than \$100 in total for the three years.

During the last three years, 30% of all benefactors gave a donation each year. Another thirty percent donated in two of the three years. The remaining forty percent gave only once since 2010. Imagine how many more scholarships could be funded if some of those donors gave a bit more and gave consistently over the years.



A Final Look at the Donors: Gratitude, generosity and service rise to the top when describing those who give to PCAFPD. It seems that the “toughest job you’ll ever love”, turned into the best two years of your life, and you don’t want that to end. In the song *Dahil Sa Iyo* are the words *ikaw, ikaw rin - you and you again*. These words exemplify PCAFPD donors. You gave and now you continue to give. **Because of you**, deserving students have gone on to college. **Because of you**, they have been empowered to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their families. **Because of you**, bonds with the Philippines remain strong. **Because of you**, PCAFPD continues to make bright futures - one scholarship at a time. ■



Overcoming poverty with education

Laarni Luntok, from Camarines Sur, graduated magna cum laude this year with a degree in psychology from Ateneo de Naga University in Bicol.

Education means the world to me. Ever since I was a little kid I would take advantage of every ounce of learning that I could get. I always wanted to learn new things because it made me feel like I understood a little more about the world that we live in.

I started going to college when I was 16, but unfortunately I needed to leave during my first year because my father met an accident and could no longer work. I don't regret leaving at all to help my family. Although for me, achieving my dream of finishing college became very blurry. It was also that time that we encountered a lot of hardships and difficulties in life. But what made me still dream for the future is by focusing not on the adversities that I endured, but rather on the lessons and skills that I learned from them. So despite the uncertainties, I decided to go back to school.

Growing up in a less-privileged family has not only offered financial and academic problems but more importantly, it made me realize the value of college education. Education indeed means freedom from poverty. It is a chance to have a brighter future by having a stable job to support my family.

But years of studying in our university opened me to a new perspective in life. For me it is more than that now – it is the ability to grow and mature, the ability to inspire and empower others with knowledge, skills and abilities that you acquire. Education is so much more than simply sitting in a classroom lecture. It is experiencing the world, taking risks and getting involved and touching lives.

Everyone has dreams about their future. But not everyone is given the opportunity to realize their dreams. Ever since, I have dreamed of finishing my college degree but without you, my dear PCAFPD family, my dreams will never become a reality. I am glad to have the opportunity to thank you for your generosity. With the additional scholarship your organization granted me, our financial burdens were alleviated. ▪

Workplace reality differs from the textbooks

Jessaline Escame, from Sorsogon, is majoring in Accountancy at Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

Goals and priorities really change as time passes. On my third-to-last semester in college, God did challenge me with responsibilities I did not expect to handle. Nevertheless, during those moments I realized that *academics* is just half important for a student – you must not just focus on this alone. With enough knowledge in my chosen field and with those realities that I witnessed, somehow I changed the pathways of my tomorrow.

As I was working out my research paper, I got a chance to have one-on-one interviews with a manager and workers of an organization. While I did this several times before, what made these interviews unique was that people were talking about themselves in a workplace – personal questions that can really affect the quality of their performance. Questions like do they really want their job or is it money that brought them in, etc.

I first interviewed the manager. I found our conversation light; he talked about his leadership so that I could tell that he is indeed a *boss* and not a *leader*. He admitted that for the quality of the output, he sometimes threatens his staff that he is not going to release their salaries on time if they have shown tardiness. He actually told me without any hesitation that since he was promoted as production manager, their manufacturing company is on a very profitable level.

When I had my conversations with the workers, I was very shocked with what they told me. One of the workers stood as their representative and unmasked my innocence about their situation – he told me everything from their every-day routine up to the day they got their salary: *Exploitation* – this is the exact word I can give to describe their experiences. I was terribly sorry for what I can offer is nothing but sympathy. →



Several subjects I've taken were related to how a manager must guide or manage his people legally, labor relations, human behavior, Philippines labor code, and so on. I learned how organizations must work guided by universal rules. But those theories are very far different from what I have seen. Some employees work hard over 12 hours, some do charity works and some have been receiving unfair wages. Some Filipinos are exploited by their bosses and as a Filipino youth, I want to see changes. I want to help them claim what they need and must have. With the willingness to help others and with a passion to learn more about managerial work, labor, etc., I want to continue my studies by taking up law and so I want to focus more on labor relations.

My financial capability may not permit me to do so, but I do believe that God will help me in whatever way He can. I remember the old adage: "If there's a will, surely there's a way." ■

A sour experience in the classroom



Mellicent Macatangay, from Batangas, is majoring in secondary education at St. Bridget College in Batangas City.

Unlike previous semesters, this one hasn't been easy. I mean it! My grades surely show it. Honestly, I expected worse, but thank God it is not that bad. I just feel sorry I didn't make it to the dean's list this time, but I learned the lesson the hard way.

Yes, I encountered a lot of problems this semester, like having the same teacher I hate, going to school late because of traffic and even reaching home late at night because of public-works projects. Also, we had had our field study wherein we were to observe a class in a certain school during our free time. It really made me sick because it consumed almost all my free time and gave me a lot of paper work and interviews just to pass a one-unit subject.

Indeed, time management is a big deal. This year we celebrate the centennial year of St. Bridget College, and for that we conducted a lot of practices that consumed so much time so we have to attend make-up classes and to take exams with items we aren't able to discuss.

And so, we have to adjust (that's what my teacher always tells us, but it seems that they do not apply that to themselves). It's sometimes frustrating to hear the words "I am the teacher and that is my decision and it's final" considering that they don't even think about us, their students.

In one of my subjects, world literature (which I was so excited to take until I knew our teacher), every day is a burden! The clock ticks too slowly and my brain freezes as it has never before. The teacher comes in class late and unprepared – leaving everything to us! She makes us discuss any piece she remembers even if she knows for a fact that we barely knew anything about it, making us look like fools in front inventing everything. And to make things worse, I will have her again in one of my summer classes

On the other hand, I really commend one of my teachers since she truly deserved to be called a *teacher*. I see her as an ideal professor considering not only the textbook contents but the validity of the lesson. I love her so much that I want to be like her someday! In one of our discussions, she shared a quotation that goes like this: "Every child is a potential genius," which she said we should always remember.

As a future educator I know for a fact that a child, no matter what his physical attributes are, which land he comes from or what his family status is, has the right to learn. I truly wish there would be no more discrimination in all aspects of living, especially in education. ■

Dealing with deadlines, and the disabled

Emelyn Agyod, from Mountain Province, is majoring in Secondary Education at Benguet State University.



A whirlpool of mind-blowing projects and activities marked the end of this semester for me. Allow me to share some things that I learned for the past five months.

The classmates I had this semester are the same ones I had last semester. I like it that way because I don't have to go through another adjusting process again. I am finally learning to overcome my →

shyness; as my classmates like to say, “Agyod is finally coming out of her shell.” Yes, finally I am beginning to be more active in class and I no longer hesitate to voice my ideas. Mrs. Botengan, my instructor in “The Teaching Profession,” always reiterated the skills that a teacher in this ever-changing world should possess. I understand that as a would-be teacher, I must be equipped with such skills in order to be effective.

As part of our economics class, I and some of my classmates joined the Celebration Week for Children with Disability last March at St. Vincent Parish Church in Baguio City. We were given the task of assisting in the formation of lines for the parade and also supervising the registration of the participants. It was exhausting but after the activity, I was able to realize how blessed I was that I am what I am today. Seeing how the children managed to love life despite their incapacities, I felt ashamed of myself for the times when I thought that life was mean to me.

Somehow, the children helped me grow-up as a person. They showed me the things I would have never realized when I was in the four walls of our classroom. They inspired me to pursue the dreams that I had so that I will be able to help more people. My group went there only as volunteers but the officers in charge of the activity made us permanent members of the team. I will be glad to spend another day with those children because there’s so much that I can learn from them.

News about how some students handle themselves at times of hardships is somewhat alarming. A recent report about how one student committed suicide because she couldn’t pay for her tuition fees disturbed me so much. There are some times when I feel too lazy to go to school, but when I think about the privileges that I am enjoying, I can’t help but feel embarrassed.

Words cannot express how grateful I am that not only do I have a family who pushes me to do better but also I have the PCAFPD family who always reminds me of the responsibilities that I have. When laziness knocks on my door, I think about the assistance that everybody seems to be giving me, I feel renewed and strengthened to do better in my studies.

Toward the end of this semester, I was very busy doing a lot of projects. I had to go to sleep late at

night and wake up early in the morning to do my projects. It was hell week for me and I thought it would never pass. Our instructors were always saying “deadline for this,” “deadline for that,” and I didn’t know what to do first. Bit by bit, after long, sleepless nights I was able to submit all the requirements needed of me. Second-year college is another step on the stairs that I am trying to climb; I can now say that amidst all the difficulties and setbacks that were laid before me, I survived. I am still standing, equipped with skills that will lead me to the end of this journey. ▪

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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!

Fourteen scholars graduate in 2013 . . .

PCAFPD offers its sincere congratulations to the fourteen scholars listed below who completed their studies this year. This group brings the number of scholars who have earned their degrees with the support of PCAFPD to 161. The 2013 graduates are: **Ramon Bandagosa** from Albay with a degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management from Mariners' Polytechnic Colleges Foundation; **Vincenta Buy-ag** from Ifugao with a degree in Accountancy from University of Baguio; **Laani Luntok** from Camarines Sur with a degree in Psychology from Atenao de Naga City; **Genesis Galap** from Ifugao with a degree in Psychology from University of the Cordilleras; **Elmar Quiza** from Zambales with a degree in Psychology from Mondrian Aura College; **Joylyne Puguon** from Ifugao, with a degree in Journalism from St. Mary's College; **Orange Happee Omengen** from Mountain Province with a degree in Psychology from St. Louis University; **Lady Fatima Hernandez** from Batangas with a degree in Social Work from St. Bridget College; **Jeffrey De Luman** from Albay with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Bicol University; **Jodi Cestina** from Negros Oriental with a degree in Management Accounting from Foundation University; **Nerissa Cedillo** from Masbate with a degree in Agriculture from UP, Los Baños; **Rachel Briones** from Cavite with a degree in Organizational Communications from UP, Manila; **Krisna Ocong** from Negros Occidental with a degree in Engineering – Materials from UP, Dilliman; and **Von-Ryn Garcia** from Sorsogon with a degree in Information Technology from University of the East. ▪

Twelve new scholars to begin their studies in 2013 . . .

In January, PCAFPD chose 12 new scholars from the 63 applications that were submitted by September 30, 2012. Those chosen are: **Jonalyn Hallaman**, from Nueva Viscaya, who will study Education at Nueva Viscaya State University; **Samuel Mitra**, from Palawan, who will study Political Science at UP Los Baños; **Andrea Manegdeg**, from Mountain Province, who will study Molecular Biology at UP Manila; **Jennicah Reyel**, from Zambales, who will study Engineering at St. Columban College; **Midzfar Omar** from Tawi-Tawi, who will study Biology at Mananao State University, Iligan; **Maria Edelyn Canezo**, from Negros Occidental, who will study Social Work at University Negros Recoletos; **Justin de Torres**, from Bantagas, who will study Mechanical Engineering at Batangas State University; **Rigsson Lagonera**, from Ilocos Sur, who will study Information Technology at University of Northern Philippines, Vigan; **Anway Alauya**, from Davao del Sur, who will study Accountancy at University of Mandanao; **Mary Jane Amarille**, from Negros Oriental who will study Accountancy at Foundation University; **Thea Bacoco**, from Mountain Province, who will study Veterinary Medicine at Central Luzon State University; and **Renz Magcawas**, from Batangas, who will study Electro Mechanics at Dualtech Center, Calumbag. PCAFPD is very pleased to have so many regions and fields of study represented in this year's group of new scholars. ▪

BIMAK makes generous gift to fund its ninth scholar . . . BIMAK, which is an acronym for the Cordillera region provinces Benguet, Ifugao, Mountain Province, Apayao/Abra and Kalinga, is an association of Filipino-Americans dedicated to preserving and nurturing their Igorot culture. RPCV and BIMAK member Pamela Johnstone Moguet was a founding member of PCAFPD. Although Pam died of breast cancer in 1994 at age 38, the connection between the two groups has remained deep and strong. In December BIMAK made a generous contribution to sponsor a ninth scholar from the Cordillera region. PCAFPD President Mark Holt accepted the check from BIMAK President Emma Caligtan at the group's annual Christmas party. Beginning this year, BIMAK will sponsor Thea Bacoco from Mountain Province, who will pursue a course in Veterinary Medicine at Central Luzon State University. ▪



2012 financial report and 2013 challenge

By Steve Dienstfrey, Treasurer (Budkidnon 65-67)

When the budget for 2012 was developed we realized we would not have the benefit of some of the special income that gave us a record total in 2011. None-the-less, we set a stretch goal of \$55,000 – a number significantly higher than the \$40,000 we typically raise. Even though we did not meet this goal, we did raise over \$49,000!

In addition, we made a special appeal to cover the travel costs of one of our former scholars, Rico Ancog, currently a professor at UP Los Baños, who was invited to give a paper at an environmental conference in New York City.

	2012 Budget	2012 Final
Revenues		
Regular Donations	\$55,500	\$49,323
Special Donations	-0-	1,678
Interest and Other Income	100	32
Total Revenues	\$55,600	\$51,033
Expenses		
Scholar Costs (including expenses for Rico Ancog)	\$41,500	\$41,003
Newsletter printing/postage	4,500	4,608
US Administrative Costs	7,700	7,648
Philippine Administrative Costs	1,550	364
Scholar Alumni Association	250	248
Total Expenses	\$55,500	\$53,871
Contribution to (Reduction in) Reserves	\$100	(\$2,838)

We anticipated that the president and another board member would make a trip to the Philippines, as it has been seven years since the last field visit. This trip did not take place. The funds were redirected to cover the cost of an audit that was required as part of our application for the Combined Federal Campaign, similar to the United Campaign but restricted to federal employees. (As of this writing our application is still pending. Should we be approved, any funds collected in the fall of 2013 would be transferred to us in 2014.)

After much discussion, the Board has set a goal of \$55,000 for total revenues for 2013. We know this is a challenge, but we came close in 2012. Further, this is PCAFPD's 30th Anniversary year. As reported elsewhere, we have several programs that, with your help, will help us meet this goal. ■

Friends give \$1,205 in memory of Larry

Parker . . . When Larry Bruce Parker, husband of **Cathy Garman (Naga City 1978-81)** died in February, his obituary noted that, in addition to family members, he was survived by “his beloved adopted Filipino family, whose joy and love made life especially worth living.” Cathy and Larry spent time in the Philippines often and were generous supporters of PCAFPD. His family suggested that donations in his memory be made to the foundation. We received contributions that total \$1,205 from Maureen Carroll, Alan L. Chvotkin, Debra Wada, Gary P. Rosiecki & Liz Lovoy, Stan Soloway, William Mallett, Lorry M. Fenner, Emily Murphy, Irvin (Jack) White & Mary R. Hamilton, Nancy Warner, Council of Defense & Space Industry Associations, Jennifer Grant, Vickie & David Plunkett and Kathryn Bloomberg. ■

Sunshine Gibbs funds four-year scholar

Sunshine Gibbs (Baybay, Leyte 1961-63) has made a generous contribution to support a four-year scholarship, preferably for a student from Leyte who will study at Visayas State University (VSU). Gibbs worked with the TIDES Foundation to fund a scholar in honor of Group III in 2008. This year he encourages his fellow Group III members to contribute to the general fund, where their gifts can collectively fulfill dreams for other scholars. ■

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PCAFPD is engaged in a balancing act. We are constantly seeking to add to our mailing list everyone who served in the Philippines. At the same time printing and postage costs are rising. Consequently, every few years we must purge from our mailing list those who have not made a contribution. *Balitaan* is now being mailed to more than 950 addressees. More than 250 of them have never made a contribution and more than 100 made their last contribution in 2008 or earlier. We intend to cease mailing *Balitaan* to addressees who have never given or whose last gift was made more than three years ago. If you have shared your e-mail address with us, you will still get *Bulletins* that we send out via e-mail. You can read *Balitaan* on our website www.rpcvphilippines.org and donations can be made online from links on the website and *Bulletin*. As soon as you send us a gift of any size, your name will go right back on the mailing list! So, keep your *Balitaan* coming by giving a gift now, or jump back on the list whenever you can make a contribution. Every gift counts and is life-changing for our scholars. ■

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