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Aristelo Asilo (from left), Marlon Pura, Marvin Lloyd Vecinal, Maricyl Flores, Farah Grace Moleno, Jackielou Solamillo, Rachel Delfin and Rico Ancog at the first meeting of the PCAFPD Scholars & Alumni Foundation in June.

Alumni group has high hopes

Members of the Philippine Scholars and Alumni Association, following organizational meetings starting in 2005, met in June to formulate a constitution and elect officers.

Helping the new group get underway were Roland de Jesus, the Foundation's vice president/Philippines, and Alex Romero, vice president for student affairs. Romero, though his family, provided the group with lodging and meeting space for its organizational meeting, held June 24-25 at Los Baños, Laguna.

Maureen Carroll, president of PCAFPD, hailed the group's founding. "We have been very pleased with the progress of the formation of the PSAA," Carroll said. "It has been a dream of ours for many years to have a means by which our scholars and graduates can interact and benefit from mutual support. The group that started this and made it a reality met with Carol Radomski [vice-president/U.S. Webmaster] and me last year in Manila and volunteered to make it happen – and they did!"

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11 students win PCAFPD scholarships

Eleven new scholars are pursuing studies at Philippine campuses after their selection at PCAFPD's Scholar Selection Meeting this spring.

Their names are followed by their fields of study, their institutions and their home provinces.

§ **Ethel Colanta**, elementary education; Leyte Normal University; Leyte

§ **Vanessa Cruda**, secondary education; Leyte State University; Bohol

§ **Kathleen Mae Daskeo**, a BIMAK scholar; education; Mountain Province Polytechnic College; Mountain Province

§ **Carla dela Cruz**, computer science; System Plus Computer College, Manila; Catanduanes

§ **Joanna Estillore**, elementary education; Leyte State University, Bohol; Batanes

§ **Carlo Estopase**, agriculture; Bicol University; Sorsogon

§ **Teresita Jusayan**, secondary education; University of Santo Tomas; Western Samar

§ **Michele Lauriniana**, social work; Bicol University; Albay

§ **Erica Lopez**, civil engineering; University of the Philippines, Dili-

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Alumni group is launched with high hopes

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Included in the group's constitution, under "Declaration of Principles and Objectives," are these provisions:

- That education is a right of everyone;
- That education should develop man's cultural, social, mental and physical potentials in order to realize his part in social change;
- That motivated, knowledgeable and skilled individuals can make a difference in the development of community and nation.

The PSAA's strategic plan calls for raising funds for the group, networking to reach other scholars and alumni, and to have a contest for a logo. The group also plans a debate or

seminar at a high school on the topic of the Philippines' economy, education, society and technology.

All current and graduate scholars are automatically members of the organization; sponsors and friends of the PCAFPD can also join the group with the payment of membership fees. Prospective members must file a membership form to be recognized as a full-fledged member. The membership fee was set at 50 pesos, with an annual fee of 200 pesos.

Founding members of the PSAA are Marvin Lloyd Vecinal, Ariestelo A. Asilo, Retchel Mae A. Edang and Mercy Rachel Defin.

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man; Batangas

- **Marlon Pura**, political science; University of the Philippines, Diliman; Sorsogon
- **Christian Vaso**, civil engineering, University of the Philippines, Diliman; Batangas

The annual Scholar Selection Meeting is the highlight of the year for PCAFPD Board Members. Roland de Jesus, our vice president for operations in the Philippines, sends the applications to the States in late fall.

Last year there were about 70 applications, first screened by Roland and his assistants, Daisy Mejia and Martha Lucero, and several of the scholars to make sure the applications are complete and otherwise in order. Roland and his staff also include comments on the applications.

For the past two years, Board Member Ron Peters, and his wife Lilia, a Filipina, have managed the selection process. When they get the applications from Roland, they send each board member a set to evaluate, along with a standard rating form that assigns points for academic excellence, financial need and community involvement and leadership.

Board members convene on a Sunday in January. Each member presents his or her top applicants for consideration. The board then breaks into small groups and rates the top applicants who have emerged from the large-group discussion. Each small group reaches consensus on a ranking of their set of applicants. The entire board then reviews the rankings from each small group and makes decisions on scholarships.

In the final round of discussions, adjustments are sometimes made to ensure good geographic spread and representation of cultural minority or disabled candidates from among the thrice-screened pool of excellent candidates.

The final number awarded scholarships depends on projected costs and PCAFPD income. We aim to complete the process by early March, before school graduations. We always regret that we can't finance scholarships for all our applicants.

We are in touch with the lives of our scholars and their aspirations and we enjoy making important decisions together that will affect young people's lives.

— Maureen Carroll

PCAFPD launches an e-mail discussion group

PCAFPD has a new e-mail discussion group [PCAFPD@yahoogroups.com] for supporters and friends interested in PCAFPD activities. If we had your e-mail address in our files, you may have already received an invitation to join. If not, please sign up by visiting our website: <http://www.rpcvphilippines.org>. There is a link on the homepage to the Yahoo group sign-up.

We expect the e-mail group will facilitate dissemination of timely information, and, more important, will provide a forum for discussion and feedback on Foundation activities and initiatives. From time to time, messages relating to the Philippines or general development issues also will be posted. We truly hope it will lead to an exchange of information of interest to all of us. So please join our group today!

Comments from the scholars

‘Giving Back: I want to make a difference’

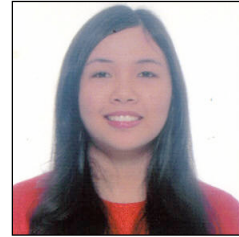
Treisha Jill Teresita Jusayan is a first-year student in secondary education at the University of Santo Tomas; she is from Western Samar.

“Teachers I believe, are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of the earth”
— *Helen Caldicott, author and activist*

Giving back ... for God, for my family, for my country and for PCAFPD.

I don't possess superiority and excellence but I am willing to do anything to help my homeland get back on its feet. I'll be a teacher someday, one of the world's humble movers who will make a change in persons' lives. For our country I'll try so hard to teach our future leaders and citizens how righteousness, brotherhood, love and care make a country strong and united. I want to make a difference and why not

make a difference everyday, by leaving a mark on your students' heart that could change them into caring citizens for our country. “I love my country and I'm proud of her” -- these will be the words I would like to impart to them so they too



can realize how beautiful our country is but she needs all of us to help her from all the predicaments she faces. Our country is the foundation of our future. If we don't have a good country, how can we have a bright future? I'll teach people to help each other in building a strong future for us

and for the next generation by teaching them of the importance of *life*. I know I can achieve this goal because I love my country and I know that it is my task as prime mover of making a difference -- a teacher

‘I am aiming to be a scholar . . . so I can help my parents’

Joanna Estillore is a first-year student at Leyte State University working toward a bachelor's degree in elementary education; she is from Leyte.

Each of us have already suffered difficulties in life, even the richest man in the world experience hardship in making his inventions to work, how much more an ordinary person like me, certainly suffered such barriers in teaching goals and attaining the desires of mine.



I am the youngest in our family but our oldest is still studying. My mother told me that in order for me to study in college, I should have to pass the scholarship of Leyte State University. My family and I are very willing to enroll in this university because the contributions/fees is much affordable, unlike other schools, that you much have to pay thousands of money, it is in this university that my family can afford because of its affordability and cheaper payment of dormitory. Unfortunately, I was not able to pass the scholarship, my sister said that she will be the one to support in my studies but she only have a low salary as a teacher in a private school.

My parents on the other hand will be the one to support our eldest. Our eldest was not able to finish a college degree because he was not doing well in his high school days so he got low grades. My parents are only waiting for a harvest season to get a great amount of money and my mother is just selling *kakanins* [snacks] in our neighborhoods so my sister is also sending money for my older brother for his school fees and everyday sustenance. I was able to apply for income grant and I thanked God that I passed and I was not able to pay for my tuition fee.

I already experience the delayed of my allowance so it's very difficult in my part because that allowance is for my food and I should have to buy “course handouts.” Having an allowance of P100 a week, it's hard for me to save even a peso at the end of the week because we already know that the prices of goods are always increasing. It cause me to spend wisely and save as much as I can in order that my money will be enough.

But in spite of these difficulties, I want to study to attain education. Actually, I am aiming to be a scholar in this university so I can help my parents and my sister in our financial incapability.

‘Afraid for the future of our environment’

Ailyn Acosta of Palawan is a second-year secondary-education student at Western Polytechnic University.

Choosing education as my future profession is very difficult but a challenging course. In education there is so many things that I've learned. One of these is taking care of our environment.

Through an educational field trip, I learned important things in relation to the real life. I really appreciated the beauty and importance of the coral reefs, mangroves, and others.



‘Burning my midnight candles’

Rico Ancog, one of PCAPFD's first graduate scholars, studies at the School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of the Philippines campus in Los Baños.

I am very happy to inform you that I was just congratulated by my Guidance Committee for having passed the Written Comprehensive Exams which I took Aug. 24-25. I may not be totally convinced that it is the sole measuring rod of learning and academic performance for any graduate students; I am very pleased that I passed the exam for it is one of the major requirements in finishing the degree.

Honestly, I have been burning my midnight candles in preparation for my exams. In fact, I have been out of the way for quite sometime to give myself a room where I can focus on my review. It was really driven not just by the thought that it is my responsibility being a student but also because I have

Majoring in biological science, I've learned what is the result of the destruction of corals and mangroves in our environment. Through a field trip to Honda Bay at Puerto Princesa I saw the coral reefs and what happened to the coral when it is destroyed by humans, including the mangroves.

It leads me to be afraid for the future of our environment if the destruction will continue to happen and no conservation from the people and government. I really give my thanks for your scholarship grant because it helps me more to open my eyes and heart for what I do as one of the youth and a future educator someday.

you -- the board and the rest of its good-hearted supporters. All through the years, you all have been very much supportive in my aspirations and ambitions in life and I was hoping that in performing good at my studies would somehow commensurate your zeal of serving the youths and the Filipino community. Well, what makes this little success of passing the exam even more interesting is the mere fact that I am sharing this with you! ...



After passing the written comprehensive exam, I am now looking forward for my oral exams I'll notify you as soon as I get the results too. Please always remember that I greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you very much to all of you. God bless us all!

‘You are not just changing our lives but the lives . . . of our country’

Jeanalyn Estrellado is a third-year student in computer technology at Negros Oriental State University; she is from Negros Oriental.

You have really changed my life. From a very shy lady from the hinterland of Siaton, Oriental Negros, to an educated woman whose potential can be limitless if given the opportunity to help our community. You have given me the opportunity to be part of the economic change of my country. Truly, this is a great success, not just for me but also for my family and my community. With the skills that I have acquired from the length of my studies, I'll be able to help them to improve their lives. Or at least impart or share some

of the knowledge I have acquired. So that someday it might also change their lives as it changed mine.



If possible, after graduation I plan to have a review next year and take the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) on that same year. If time and money does not allow, I will look for a job right after graduation in order to help my younger brothers with their studies. During my free time, I will work as a

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volunteer with local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). I could also be a mentor for future applicants and scholar of Peace Corps Alumni Foundation. I am planning to continue my involvement with the feeding and tutorial program with children, house build and other civic activities of Habitat for Humanity, also with some activities of the Red Cross Youth and church activities for the service of the community.

The support you have given to me during the years of my studies is really of great help for me. To all the volunteers of Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development, when you see your graduates, you are not just changing our lives but the lives of our family, our community and our country.

Thank you so much and more power! God bless you all!

‘A student’s life strives for progress ... Beyond courage!’

Eva Endaya is a third-year student at the Systems Technological Institute, Sorsogon; she is from Sorsogon.

A student's life is exciting, full of thrill and experiences
A page of continuous adventure in different places
With so many chances taken in every challenge
Dealing with people in their various faces.
A student's life is sometimes stressful
During the moment of examination, it's quite awful
The nervous is there, having a little bit confusion
Be able to find the right answer in every question.
A student's life faces undaunted challenges
In everyday life it takes certain chances

Learn to see the real essence of happiness



Be the one to combat the presence of sadness.

A student's life strives for its own mission

Standing tall to survive and uphold completion

Doing the best, aiming for recognition

Gladness is in the heart, receiving from one's appreciation.

A student's life always dreams for success

A student's life strives for progress

A student's life achieves for completion

Beyond Courage . . . it serves as my Foundation!

‘To serve others and not to be served’

Michelle Laurinaria is a first-year student majoring in social work at Bicol University; she is from Albay.

Ever since I became aware of social problems in our society like poverty, I knew I wanted to be a social worker someday It's a profession that promotes social change and problem-solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance their well being

Social workers are highly in demand in our country nowadays. Social workers can help through bridging the gap between the people and the government in terms of livelihood programs, health programs and other programs being implemented by the national and local government in uplifting the lives of the people in our community. . . . I'm

also in the process of learning and I have so much to explore and learn to be more knowledgeable.



For me, to be a social worker is not only a profession but a mission and a dedication. You deal with lives of the people, you console weakening souls, you guide those in the dark, and you give hope to the hopeless and helpless

You promise yourself in this profession to always offer service -- service to mankind and especially to the needy. I think that's all we need, to serve others and not to be served and

also with all willingness to help I'm sure by that we can solve and overcome the problems of our country.

Hans Groot is elected as 11th member of PCAFPD board

Hans Groot, a PCV in Group 1, 1961-63, was elected to the PCAFPD board in September, becoming the eleventh member. He was named a vice president for institutional relations.

Groot, who plans to move permanently to the Philippines, will be there initially for six months starting in early December.

As a PCV, Groot served first in Negros Occidental, then at

U.P. Los Baños. He has been a reporter/photographer for the Sacramento Bee and after his Peace Corps service was a rural communication advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Manila. He holds a master's degree in agricultural journalism and a doctorate in communications from the University of Wisconsin.

To dance or not to dance? That was the question

By Maureen Carroll, PCAFPD President

Perhaps you received an invitation recently to a very elegant barrio dance – one that didn't actually happen? We hope you enjoyed the invitation, and not attending the event! Here is some of what went on behind the scenes that led to the no-show gala. :

PCAFPD's semiannual newsletters have been the Foundation's major fund-raising technique for many recent years. At the close of our fiscal year last May, however, we discovered that for the first time in our history our expenses had exceeded our income. This settled what had been an ongoing debate about the need to augment the newsletter appeals to cover increasing scholarship costs and special initiatives.

There are two major ways for an organization to expand its donations: attract new supporters and encourage increases in contributions from regular givers. We decided to try both!

Fortuitously, the National Peace Corps Association just published a new directory of former PCVs. We identified a target group of 1,200 Philippines RPCVs who had never been on our mail list. We mailed a special letter to a test sample of 200 RPCVs, telling them about the Foundation and seeking their support.

We also decided to celebrate and to capitalize on the 45th anniversary of the Peace Corps and of PC/Philippines. Imitating a technique used by a Habitat for Humanity local chapter, we sent invitations to our regular contributors inviting them to a 45th Anniversary Barrio Dance, with the most

We hope that you too saw the appeal as an 'extra' effort, asking you to augment, not supplant, your usual pattern of contributing to the Foundation.

welcome proviso that they didn't actually need to attend to support the Foundation!

As we go to press with this newsletter in mid-November, we are thrilled to report that the response to the anniversary dance invitation has been great. . We had a 27% return rate on the mailing with contributions totaling close to \$6,000.

(And we're hoping that more are in the mail.) We enjoyed the remarks on the contribution envelopes. Our favorite: "I used to live in dread of a surprise number -- by NOT attending, I have nothing to fear!"

The letter to potential new supporters has had a slower response rate, but we expect more in the coming weeks, and we will consider mailing the letter to more RPCVs. We extend a hearty welcome to our new supporters! In our continuing effort to expand our database, we welcome names and addresses of other former RPCVs, Filipinos, or friends of the Philippines who may not know about the Foundation. Just send them along in your envelope or email us at: board@rpcvphilippines.org.

Many, many thanks to all of you who responded to the barrio dance no-show event! The results are equal to an additional six years of tuition and other support to deserving scholars. We hope that you too saw the appeal as an "extra" effort, asking you to *augment*, not *supplant*, your usual pattern of contributing to the Foundation through one or both of our newsletters.

Maraming Salamat Po!

In memoriam: John Cort, 92: A life of service and activism

John Cort, assistant Peace Corps director in Manila from 1962 to 1964 and a long-time supporter of PCAFPD, died Aug. 3, 2006, at his home in Nahant, Mass. His daughter Susan Cort, of Santa Fe, N.M., was a PCV in Leyte from 1980 to 1983.

Mr. Cort was active in publishing, worked to end poverty in the tenements of Manhattan's Lower East Side (after being inspired by Dorothy Day), and supported working people in labor disputes in the 1930s, 40s and 50s. His wife and nine children accompanied him to Manila in 1962 and a tenth child was born there.

After he returned to Boston in the mid-60's, he helped to establish, and served as the first director of, a "baby Peace Corps," the first state-sponsored service corps in the country. He later shifted his efforts to fighting poverty in Lynn, Mass.,

where he was director of the Model Cities program that made neighborhood improvements such as starting a teen center, a multicultural center and planting trees.

In an obituary published in the Boston Globe, Larry Fuchs, the first Peace Corps director in the Philippines, was quoted as saying: "The thing about John is we could disagree so agreeably. It was just wonderful to have somebody with such strong convictions and a good sense of humor at the same time. He was deeply religious and deeply committed to his belief that society and government have an obligation to ensure the welfare and well-being of everyone, and that's what he devoted his life to."

Mr. Cort is survived by his wife of 60 years, seven daughters, three sons and 18 grandchildren.

-- Excerpted in part from *The Boston Globe*, Aug. 5, 2006

‘Each batch seems bright, motivated, and optimistic’

Ron Peters, PCAFPD board member at large, visited the Philippines earlier this year with his wife, Lilia, a native of Gubat, Sorsogon. Following are excerpts from his report to the board.

My wife, Lilia, and I met for lunch with the four scholars currently at Bicol University in Legaspi. These included Michelle Laurinaria (social work), Carlo Estopace (agriculture), Christian Fegueras (computer science), and Arwin Esperanzate (civil engineering).

They were all a bit shy at first but then seemed to open up as we talked. They all expressed their deep appreciation for their scholarship and said they could not have attended college without it. Michelle at the time was only two weeks into her freshman year, and said although she misses home she likes her courses and her living situation, and is making new friends.

All were enthused about their course of study. Each said they would be willing to help form a Bicol Area PCAFPD alumni group following graduation. [See Alumni story, Page 1]

In Gubat we met with Eva Endaya, who is in the second year of a two-year computer course at System Technical Institute in Sorsogon City. She is not sure what she'll do after graduation but would like to go on to a four year course.

Back in Manila, Roland de Jesus [PCAFPD Vice President/Philippines] lined up five current scholars and a former one. We met for lunch at a Glorietta Mall restaurant in Makati. Again, the scholars were most appreciative of the Foundation's support. A couple had plans for graduate school. The one former scholar had applied for a personnel job at a mining company.

Again, like last year, we came away feeling greatly encouraged. Each batch of scholars we've met seems bright, motivated and have an optimistic view of the future. They were delightful young people to be with. They



Maricyl Maricyl Flores (from left), Marlon Pura, Jen Mercado-Halili, Christian Vaso, Lilia and Ron Peters, Retchel Edang on a visit in July to the Glorietta Mall in Makati.

reinforced the feeling that the Foundation is a great idea, and despite any glitches we may have along the way, our efforts are making a difference both in the lives of these deserving individuals, and for the Philippines.

PCAFPD will partner with Leyte State University

PCAFPD is proud to announce a new partnership with Leyte State University. Under a recently signed agreement, LSU has agreed to help identify outstanding but financially needy students from its pool of applicants.

After PCAFPD board approval, LSU will assist in administering the scholarship and monitoring scholar progress.

This partnership is a direct outcome of the field visit to LSU last year by PCAFPD President Maureen Carroll and Vice President Carol Radomski, who said they hope that this will lead to a long-term partnership with the university, as well as serve as a pilot program for developing other university partnerships.

This year the Foundation is funding two scholars through LSU -- Vanessa Cruda and Joanna Estillore. Both are studying education. [Joanna talks about her goals, Page 3]

In her application essay, Cruda writes: "Education is a power that no one can steal it from you. I chose Bachelor in Secondary Education as my course in college.... I want to achieve the integrity of an educated person, and help children that cannot afford to go to school. I want to share my knowledge and experiences with others so hopefully to become their inspiration to pursue their studies."

Radomski said that the PCAFPD "is looking forward to collaboration with LSU and other universities through this process."

Our generous contributors since the last Balitaan

We thank those listed below whose contributions to PCAFPD were received after the Spring 2006 newsletter went to press; i.e. between April 29 and Oct. 20. The Foundation receives \$15 in your name if you check *Philippines* on the membership/renewal application of the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) and contributions made with renewals in April through October are included on the list. Numbered contributions are made in honor of or memory of: (1) Paul

Lampert; (2) Soledad Tejada Scholarship; (3) Doug Watts. An asterisk (*) Identifies those who had responded to the No-Show Barrio Dance Appeal by Oct. 20; and the plus (+) identifies those whose response to the appeal was in addition to a contribution made before the invitation went out in early September. As noted elsewhere in this issue, the No-Show Barrio Appeal was a great success with more than 80 people having responded so far.

Barbara Abendschein * +	VA	Negro Oriental 2001-2003	Donald Gilman	TX	Manila 1973-1975
Wally Allen * +	AZ	Camarines Sur 1961-1963	Norma Jean Braden Gilman	TX	Sorsogon 1965-1967
Dave Baden *	MN	Benguet 1989-1990	Tracy Gleason	CA	Manila 1967-1969
Phyllis & Stephen Baer *	MA	Iloilo 1961-1963	Arlene Goldberg	VA	Zamboanga del Norte 1966-1968
Marjorie Pfankuch Bakken *	MA	Zamboanga Sur/Negros Occ 61-63	Bill & Rosalinda Graham	DE	Laguna 1967-1970
Dirk Anthony Ballendorf * +	GU	Zamboanga 1961-1963	George Grills	Canada	Baguio 1963-1965
Pamela G. Bansbach *	CO	Surigao del Sur 1982-1984 Gr. 196	Hans Groot	NJ	Negros & Laguna 1961-1964
Patricia Mantegani Barassi* +	NY	Tarlac (Concepcion) 1965-1967	Dan & Ana Gudahl	AR	Aklan 1981-1984
David Barnstable *	MD	1962-1964	Steven D. Hall *	IL	Ilocos Sur 1982-1984
Connie Bauer	IL	Laguna 1963-1965	Jerry Hembd	WI	Albay 1973-1975
David Beckler	TN	Batangas 1965-1967 Group 13B	Judy Swigost Hill *	NY	Iliilo 1964-1966
Bill & Cindy Benjamin *	ND	Country Director 2003-2006	Phillip/Barbara Stoughton Hiller	IL	Manila/Rizal 1963-1965
Pamela Cohelan Benson *	DC	Quezon 1963-1965	Jerry & Marie Hilliard	CT	Nueva Ecija 1970-1972
Yvette G. Berkman *	NY	Capiz/Panay 1991-1992	Mark Holt	DC	Tarlac 1982-1984
Linda Cover Bigelow	France	Iloilo 1961-1963	Larry & Betty Howard *	PA	Negros Oriental (Staff) 1961-1963
Anne Bing *	CT	Sorsogon 1961-1963	Jonathan M. Hubchen	LA	Bohol 1983-1985
Michael Blaylock	CA	Pangasinan 1978-1980	Martha Allshouse Hull *	CA	Masbate/Lanao del Sur/Albay 61-63
Ben Bloom *	OH	Ilocos Norte/Pangasinan 1978-1982	Loisann Jacovitz * +	CA	1972-1974
Friends of Phil Bloom	MA	Panay 1961-1963	Steve Jasper * +	IN	Agusan 1967-1969
Sylvia J. Boecker *	VA	Aklan 1961-1963	Leo Jeffries	OH	Antique 1968-1971
Shawn Boles	OR	1965-1967	Jeff Jenks *	MI	Davao del Sur 1962-1964 Group 7
Kenneth Bollerud * +	NY	Misamis Oriental 1963-1966	Rosalind Johnson *	MN	Misamis Oriental 1977-1979
Emery & Annie Bontrager	CA	Camarines Norte 1961-1963	Joyce Johnston	Canada	1965-1967
Ruth Boone	KY	Capiz 1962-1964	Lee & Kay Jones	VT	Isabella 1964-1965
Parker W. Borg	AE	Camarines Norte 1961-1963	Oliver Jones	OH	Iloilo & Panay 1963-1966
Albert Bradford *	MD	Aklan 1961-1964	Joanne Jorz *	VA	Pangasinan/Manila 1965-1969
Anthony J. Brancato * +	NJ	Bulacan 1966-1969	Raj Joshi	WA	Bukidnon 1982-1984
Marilyn Lathrop Brown * +	MO	Lanao del Norte 1962-1964	Jack D. Jourdain * +	FL	Cebu 1964-1965
John Buckstead *	HI	Ifugao 1962-1964	Michael Kaplan *	SC	Misamis Oriental 1966-1968
Charles D. Burtner	AZ	Cagayan 1965-1967	Charles Kaza	MI	Bohol 1965-1967
Louis C. Byers	GU	Batanes 1966-1969	Ralph Kempheus	OH	Negros Occidental 1965-1967
Chris Cabell *	VA	1966-1968	Mary Cameron Kilgour * +	FL	Surigao del Sur 1962-1964
Maureen Carroll *	DC	Sorsogon 1961-1963	Mark & Mirasol Kittrell	IL	Surigao City 2001-2003
Bruce Casey * +	SD	1983	Anna Whitcomb Knight *	MA	Davao del Norte & Manila 1973-1974
Benny & Carol Cespedes	TX	Pakistan: 1961-1963 (Phil-Am RPCV)	Joel E. Kolker	South Africa	Davao 1982-1984
Donald Chauls	MA	Bohol 1962-1964	Kirk & Mia Leswing * +	VA	Manila 1977-80
Judith R. Claire *	DC	Catanduanes 1961-1963	Dale & Linda Levy	CO	Zamboanga City 1967-1969
Bill Combs	MD	1966-1968	Stephen M. Limon	MA	Batangas 1968-1970
Kathryn Judy Conway	NY	Negros 1961-1963	David & Arlene Lipman	CO	Davao/Bohol 1970-1974
Helen R. Cooper * +	MA	Leyte 1981-1983	Jay Litt	TX	Aklan 1969-1971
Susan R. Cort	NM	Biliran/Leyte 1980-1983	Eulalie Lombardi	WA	1981-1983
Carol Bradley Cukier	MI	Laguna 1968-1970	Nancy M. Lovelace	NC	1962-1964
Robert Currie* +	MD	Quezon 1963-1965	Alan Mair *	HI	Romblon 1998-2001
David S. Curry	IL	1973-1975	Eva Mair *	HI	Manila (Staff) 1996-2004
Jon Curtis	TX	Leyte 1963-1965 Group 11	Gerald Malovany *	VA	La Union 1962-1963
Pera & Margo Daniels *	NV	Camarines Norte 1961-1963	Dave Marcouiller	WI	1984-1986
Owen Davis	MD	Mountain Province 1987-1989	Kathy Hodge Mario *	NY	Zamboanga del Norte 1964-1966
Richard Dertadian	FL	Camarines Norte 1961-1963	Desiree Marmita (1)	NY	Tacloban City, Leyte
Judy Kealey Diaz * +	FL	Agusan Del Norte 1979-1981	Cathee Robb Marston	FL	Cebu 1964-1966
Sally Glaze Douglas	WA	Leyte 1964-1967	Marilyn Maze	MD	Cotabato 1969-1971
William Dustin	MN	Nueva Ecija 1966-1968	Brian McCann	MA	1983-1985
Karel Crowley Fisher *	MA	Cotabato 1962-1964	Raymond McEachern *	FL	Camarines Sur 1961-1963
David Flaccus	NY	Bohol & Cebu 1965-1968	David McKoski	IL	Zamboanga del Sur 1985-1987
Greg Flakus	TX	1973-1975	Sarah Wilkinson McMeans *	DC	Cebu 1962-1964 Group 4
Daryt & Mina Frank	CA	Isabela 1984-1987	Constance McPherson *	MO	Mindanao 1962-1964
Sunshine (Eugene) Gibbs	CA	Leyte 1961-1963	Eric & Pamela Melby*	MD	Iloilo 1973-1975

Jane Petrich Miller *	MO	Bohol 1975-1978	John D. Seidensticker	TX	Negros Occidental 1961-1963
Dr. Barbara Mitchell	PA	Camarines Sur 1961-1963	Judith A. Senecal	OH	1980-1982
Harve Mogul	FL	Mindoro Occidental 1964-1966	Deborah Blackburn Shakotko	MA	Bohol 1973-1975
Loretta Moser	CA	Los Banos Laguna 2001-2002	Clair Sharpless * +	CT	Negros Occidental 1961-1963
Lue Muldoon * +	WI	Camarines Norte 1989-1990	Tom Sharpless * +	CT	Masbate & Albay 1961-1963
Harold & Linda Murai *	CA	Romblon 1966-1969	Larry E. Silvester	FL	Batangas 1963-1965
Ted Nawalinski	PA	Sorsogon 1965-1967 Group 14	Rachel Singer* +	NY	Batangas 1963-1965
Jerry & Iris Nelson	CA	Training Staff 1971-1978	Claire Horan Smith* +	MD	Camarines Sur 1961-1963
Tim Noe	FL	La Union 2003	Michael K. Smith * +	CA	Cebu 1978-1980
Don Ocampo *	NC	Friend of PCAFPD	Tim & Eden Stewart	CT	Antique 1984-1986
Timothy O'Brien	NY	Sorsogon 2000-2002	Terry Sthymmel * +	CA	Sorsogon 1970-1973
Jerry Ogawa * +	TN	Manila 1970-1974	Karen Steele	NY	1965-1967
Paul Ohlrogge	WI	Ifugao 1981-1984	Milburn & Barbara Stone * +	CT	South Cotabato 1965-1968
Michael Ollinger	DC	Iloilo 1982-1984	Robert Bruce Stone	CA	1969-1971
Phillip B. Olsen *	HI	Cebu/Zamboanga City 1962-1966	Dee M. Teodoro	WA	1964-1966
Rebecca Palmer	CA	Cebu 1964-1966	Donna Thatcher *	NM	Iloilo 1962-1964
William Peck * +	GA	Quezon & Rizal 1963-1965	Ralph Thurston	ME	Oriental Mindoro 1983-1985 Gr. 197
Ron & Lilia Peters * +	IL	Sorsogon 1961-1963	Sid Tice	CA	Batangas 1999-2000
Jim Peterson *	IL	Zambales 1976-1978	Pat Toalson	MA	Iloilo & Cebu 1961-1964
Leslie Piotrowski	IL	Negros Occidental 1983-1985	Pat McMahon Towle	MA	Nueva Ecija 1964-1966
Herbert Probasco *	CO	Ilocos Sur 1962-1964	Andy Tracy	VA	Ilocos Norte 1965-1968
Bob Purdy *	NC	Zamboanga del Norte 1970-1972	Walter R. Turner	NC	Manila 1965-1967
Margaret Y. Purves	OR	1964-1967	Marie Tymrak & John Kelly *	AZ	Bicol 1970-1972
Barbara W. Rabin	NY	1964-1966	William D. Valentine	MA	Albay/Manila 1968-1970
Carol Radomski *	MD	Batanes 1980-1984	Vladimir Velasco *	CA	Local Staff 1961-1963
Dick Redmond	WA	Antique 1964-1966	Joe Veneklas	MI	Tarlac 1980-1982
Michael & Rufina Rice *	RI	Pangasinan 1981-1985	Jill Vertelka *	IL	Leyte 1991-2001
Norman Ridker	CA	Negros Occidental 1962-1963	Guia Villapando *	NC	Friend of PCAFPD
Leslie Ann Reingold	CO	Iloilo 1964-1966	Robert Warner	PA	Camarines Sur 1976-1978
Alan Robock	NJ	Zamboanga & Manila 1970-1972	Bill & Jay Warren * +	WA	Albay & Zamboanga 1961-1963
Michael & Betchie Robotham	HI	1988-1990	Joan C. Weaver	NH	Batanes 1992-1995
Gary E. Robson	FL	1987-1989	Kenneth A. Weaver	KS	1973-1975
Paul A. Rodell * + (2)	GA	Zambales/Manila 1968-1971	Pat Wernert	KY	Zamboanga 1964-1966
Diane Rodill	DC	Sorsogon 1985-1987	Carol Westerlund (2)	IL	Catanduanes 1966-1969
Allen Rothenberg	MD	Staff 1966-1971	Alan & Patricia White	MA	Luzon 1963-1967
Nick & Ruth Royal	CA	Panay & Samar 1962-1964	Holman T. White* +	MD	Camarines Sur 1965-1968
Karen Olness Rudio * +	MA	Pangasinan 1983-1985	Eleanor Whitlatch (3)	PA	Catanduanes 1961-1963
Gina Cochran Rusch	NY	Negros Oriental/Cagayan 1961-1964	Linda M. Wicks * +	NY	Albay 1966-1969
Ben & Kathy Samuels	FL	Misamis Occidental 1962-1964	Dave Wilder	PA	Albay 1983-1987
Roberta Potter Savage *	NY	Ozamis Occidental 1962-1964	Evelyn Mittman Wrin	DC	Camarines Sur 1961-1963
Martin Scherr * +	NJ	Cotabato/Manila/Ilocos Norte 62-64	Michael B. Wood	MO	1967-1970
Charles Schwartz	DC	Manila 1967-1969	Joan Wright	MI	1971-1974
P. David Searles *	KY	Manila 1971-1976	Sandra Phillips Yaggy *	NC	Ilocos Norte etc. 1961-1963
Marilyn J. Seiber	VA	1967-1969	Dan & Erica Zell *	VA	Cebu & Leyte 1999-2000

News briefs and milestones (have we heard from you lately?)

Charley Dey of Lyme, Conn., an assistant Peace Corps director based in Legaspi City, Albay, 1962-63, was one of five Americans over age 60 to win a \$100,000 Purpose Prize in September, awarded by the San Francisco-based group Civic Ventures.

PCAFPD adds its congratulations to Charley, still going strong at age 75. PCVs of groups I and II based from Camarines Norte to Sorsogon remember fondly the competent assistance and friendship offered by Charley and his wife, Phoebe.

Civic Ventures describes itself as "a think tank and an incubator, generating ideas and inventing programs to help society achieve the greatest return on experience."

For further information on the prizes and the organization, go to: <http://www.leadwithexperience.org/prize/finalists/winners2006.cfm>

Timothy O'Brien (Sorsogon 2000-02) reports that he returned July 25 from a five-week visit with his host family in Sorsogon. He says: "I even spent time with Julia, the PCV whose article was featured in your last newsletter. It was wonderful finding *Balitaan* in my mail. I look forward to future issues."

Dan Gudahl (Aklan 1981-84) reports that he goes to the Philippines once or twice a year to negotiate contracts for Winrock

International, which has a solar electrification project in the Muslim south.

Parker Borg (Camarines Norte 1961-63) says: "While reading the latest issue of *Balitaan*, I realized again that I'm in a different time warp. As friends retire, I have just completed my first semester of teaching a course (foreign policy -- what else) at the American University of Rome and have signed on to teach again this semester. I must be crazy." [Parker is retired from a career in the Foreign Service after having served as Ambassador to Mali and Iceland.]

Jeff Jenks (Davao 1962-64) reports that he has supported a student through high school and college who will graduate next April. [PCAFPD Board note: Our sympathy goes out to Jeff on the passing of wife, Nati, in late August after a long battle with cancer. In addition to being a long-time supporter of PCAFPD, Jeff is a leader in the Southeast Michigan RPCV group and recently agreed to serve on the NPCA Group Leaders Forum Steering Committee.]

Bill and Jay Warren (Albay & Zamboanga Staff 1961-63), long-time PCAFPD supporters, recently moved from Nahant, Mass., to Spokane, Wash., to be near their children and grandchildren. They can be reached at billandjay@hotmail.com.

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Judy Kealey Diaz (Agusan del Norte 1979-81) suggests that PCAFPD create a book depository for college student use. She can be reached at cd195@aol.com.

Dale & Linda Levy (Zamboanga City 1967-69) would love to hear from old friends. They can be reached at levy52@comcast.net.

John Haack (Isabella & Catanduanes 1967-69) writes that he spent July 19-25 at the Isabella High School Alumni Association Biannual Reunion in Secaucus, N.J., and New York City. Three RPCVs attended and they all had a great time meeting former students, now doctors, nurses, etc.

Paul Ohlrogge (Ifugao 1981-84) reports that his sister-in-law is a pediatrician in a Manila-area hospital who has started a program of reading to children who are dying. The program is desperate for children's books and he asks if the Foundation (or its individual supporters) can help with this need. Paul can be reached at ohlrogge@tds.net.

Robert Warner (Camarines Sur 1976-78) made his contribution in memory of his wife, Violeta, whom he met and married during his Peace Corps service.

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