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## Rethinking his role regarding rights of women

*Each semester the Foundation's scholars -- 42 at last count -- send back essays on their progress and on how they're doing in general. Here are excerpts from the most recent.*

**Marlon Pura** of Sorsogon, studying political science at the University of the Philippines, is currently in the U.S. for a year on a Fulbright scholarship.

*Panitikan ng Pilipinas* (Philippine Literature) was an eye-opener regarding feminism! Now I understand how a macho society oppresses women and their rights. It also made me question the

church, not my belief and faith of the deities, but on its institution, being the No. 1 oppressor of women, according to my distinguished professor, in terms of sexual rights and family planning.

The course also made me examine myself as a man, how in my ways I oppress women, and to try to make up for it. I first thought of my mother, working for a living and doing the chores of the house. I have to help her, even in the house chores.



Next is my grandmother. I have to treat her very well, not groaning about her frequent sermons, not to blame her of breaking the dishes while in fact, she was trying to help, and listening to repetitive stories of her life of 85 years!

Now I am very thankful to all the women in my life – my teachers, friends, past relationships, acquaintances, for

teaching me valuable lessons in life and making me realize that everybody else counts, regardless of sex or status. After all, I owe to people who I am right now.

## Coming out of her shell, sounding out

**Joanna Estillore** of Bohol, is in elementary education at Visayas State University

I have had some unforgettable experiences this semester, especially in my Speech 11 class. I performed a lot of activities, including verse choir, declamation and endorsing a product. I must admit I'm a shy-type person, but I'm slowly coming out of my shell due to these different exposures. Such tasks were



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challenges to further improve my personality – it's really hard to face many different people with different personalities, different reactions to your actions. Their reactions, either positive or negative, are part of my performances if I'm doing the best or not. I just took their reactions as constructive criticism, as motivation to perform better the next time.

## A project to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels

**Arwin Esperinzate** of Sorsogon was recently awarded his bachelor's degree in geothermal engineering by Bicol University.

The last semester of my college life was the most difficult because we had to conduct an undergraduate project study and defend it to professors. It was the last obstacle I had to overcome to graduate and I was determined to finish it because graduating would be my gift to my parents and to the PCAFPD. Thankfully I did it and I'm so happy because this happens once in a lifetime



My project study was about algae production utilizing heat from waste geothermal brine. The algae cultivated will be used as a food supplement or as biodiesel fuel.

The professors said it was the first time they have heard of it. They thought algae were just useless tiny plants – even I laughed about it with my classmates the first time, but I wanted my study to be unique so I just gave it a try. Besides, it could help diminish dependence on fossil fuels.

The most difficult thing was designing our proposed facility and the equipment to be used, such as dryer and heat exchangers, and design calculations. After our final presentation I was filled with happiness because finally I can sleep tightly. For the previous five months I wasn't able to sleep well because I was always thinking about my project – some-

times I even dreamed of it. But yes, I passed it.

Now is my time to thank people dear to me such as the PCAFPD. I'm so fortunate because I became a part of this noble organization. Being a scholar made it possible for me to finish my studies. It would have been too difficult for me to go to the university without your financial support. I have graduated after five years of hardships. Now I have to face another chapter of my life.

### *College years prompted his community service*

**Ian Kris E. Maque**, a scholar from Zamboanga del Norte who graduated in April 2006 from Western Mindanao State University with a degree in elementary education, messaged a thank-you.

"Because of the foundation," he said, "I am now a teacher in a private school. I learned a lot from the foundation, not only in academics but also the knowledge of being a good citizen and in rendering service for the development of our community."

## Teacher as 'guide on the side,' not 'sage on the stage'

**Vanessa B. Esquivias** of Sorsogon is studying elementary education at Bicol University.

This semester I studied such education subjects such as Principles of Teaching and Facilitating Learning. These courses give me a real understanding about teaching, which is that the



"Teacher is the guide on the side." In other words, the teacher is the facilitator of learning. He or she should let students be engaged in hands-on, minds-on activities and have them share with

others so that they will learn better. The teacher should only guide students, so that they will not be dependent on him. It challenged me because at first I thought that the "Teacher is a sage on the stage," seeing the teacher as the master with control over the students. My views on teaching are broader because of this.

## When you have nothing better to do? Not quite

**Cathering Tumabob** of Aklan is studying accounting at Garcia College of Technology in Kalibo, Aklan.

Everyone aims to have a good education, a college education, and I do too! And now that great dream seems so near – after a year I'll be receiving my diploma, the status symbol in our country.

Struggling to get a college education is not easy, like some people think. I get annoyed when people say that we're so lucky here in Kalibo because we have nothing to do but to go in school and study. It is nothing?

Do they think we have nothing to do but enjoy ourselves here? They don't know what they're talking about – how much effort we give in every subject in order to pass it, the sleepless nights, the head-cracking, the worry.

They don't know how hard it is to pass every subject, how hard college life can be. Whatever obstacles I meet, I'm know I'm braver than before and eager to meet life's challenges without any hesitation or fear.



### A White House organic farm?

Two RPCVs from Philippines 263, Daniel Bowman Simon and Casey Gustowarow, are on a mission to promote the planting of an organic farm on the lawn of the White House. They are touring the country on TheWhoFarmMobile, a bus with an edible rooftop. Their website: [www.TheWhoFarm.org](http://www.TheWhoFarm.org).



# To the mangroves: 86 kids, one truck, one volunteer

We asked current PCVs to write of their experiences. Please let us hear yours: [board1@rpcvphilippines.org](mailto:board1@rpcvphilippines.org).

**By Marguerite K. McElroy**

As a CRM (coastal resources management) volunteer I have offered to do some environment education in Cherri Bagsican's two sixth-grade classes at my neighborhood elementary school. There are very few mangroves here in Sibulan, so Cherri says we should visit them before we have the mangrove lesson.

At home, over the years, I have done an uncountable number of school field trips; always in authorized vehicles with lots of parent helpers. So today I took 86 kids on a field trip to see mangroves in Ajong, two barangays north of school. There are no school buses in Philippines. So I borrowed the big *hakot* farm truck from the Agriculture office.

I came out 15 minutes early to make sure we were set and mentioned that the front right tire looked a bit low. "Flat?" Ronnie the driver asked. Well, a bit, yes. So we go to the gas station but *dili hangin*, (No wind? Actually I think it is quite windy but why do I care? Ahhh, he means the air machine is broken. I care.) We return to the *municipio* and proceed to make a quick tire change – quick means engine is running (standard transmission so the truck is in neutral), wheels are not chocked; a guy is lying under the truck in front of wheel banging the jack up. I can't watch, so I go into the office.

**When I return** there is a small round stone fore and aft of one wheel and already he is lying there banging the jack down. Then they finish tightening the lugs, with a huge lug wrench with a five-foot extension handle. Fini!

The *hakot* (a farm word I don't know) is like a very shallow dump truck with a barely waist high rail around the bed. We have a rope across the middle for holding on; there are also 2 narrow planks across it so a few can perch there who can't reach the rope. I load about 40 kids in the



PCV "Marga" McElroy reads to a class in Sibulan, Negros Oriental. In background is Sonia Derencourt, Peace Corps director for the Philippines.

back. "Feet on the floor! Don't stand on the side! Don't sit on the rail! Everyone *PLEASE* hold on to – well, *something!*" Mrs. Bagsican stays behind with the rest as we take off down the highway with all of us standing in the back of the truck, hootin' and waving to people and vehicles as we go. From the 11-year-old point of view, yes, this is a ball. For the only adult with some 40 kids whose names I don't even know and have no emergency cards for . . . Arghhhhh!!!

**I try to warn them** when we are about to brake for the turn but we go shrieking and staggering around the corner onto the dirt road where the branches beat us from above and the sides; please, God, don't let there be a low wire!

I am still dangling from the tailgate groping for a foothold and the class has already shot onto the bridge and is hanging over the rail. "OK, everyone come to the middle," I announce. "Do not climb on the rail. No one is allowed to fall in the river before Mrs. Bagsican gets here; is that clear?" "Yes, Ma'am Marga." We return to the rail, hanging over while I point out the *gamay isda*. Are they the juvenile fish from our lesson? Yes, they understood it; this is great!

We trek along the muddy bank of the Ajong River, brandishing my field guide, pointing out pneumatophores, prop roots,

seed pods germinating on branches, detritus feeders at Nipa trunks, crab holes in the mud, etc. Amazingly, you might almost believe I had actually seen a mangrove before four months ago!

**It is very interesting** to see that the kids are well trained to recognize key vocabulary and memorize it. I say "These special root adaptations are called pneumatophores." "PNEUMATIPHORES" echoes back at me from enthusiastic young voices. The sound wave nearly knocks me backwards into the river! But they *are* listening. Unfortunately it is pretty clear they are memorizing vocabulary, not making a critical connection to structure and function or critical thinking paths – what happens if these are buried by silt? What process? How, why? I don't hear those questions or answers. I will try harder to communicate.

Returning, it's about to start pouring rain. I had a better concept of how perfectly safe this actually was, so we just packed all 86 in for one trip! Charlie and friends behind the cab climb onto the rail, sticking way up and leaning into the wind like the scene in "Titanic." "Low branch! Charlie down!" Cherri and I chorus together. Everyone had a great day. I go home and have a strong drink.

*Marguerite K. McElroy, of Falmouth, Mass., is a PCV in Negros Oriental*



# Save the date: Planning PC's 50th birthday

By Sarah McMeans

*PCAFPD Board Member Sarah Wilkinson McMeans (Cebu, 1962-64), vice president for database management, represented the foundation at the Annual General Meeting and Group Leaders Forum of the National Peace Corps Association in San Francisco on Oct. 4.*

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Save the Date and Opportunities to Participate** - Peace Corps and NPCA are working together to commemorate the program's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011. There will be a three-day Folklife Festival-type public event on the Mall in Washington, D.C., **Sept. 22-25, 2011.**

The Smithsonian Folklife staff will help to organize and present the event, which will honor the past, present and future of Peace Corps, with maps, interactive programs and Third Goal activities, providing opportunities to tell your stories and share your artifacts.

RPCV groups will be encouraged to organize their own reunions and events around that September weekend. In-country celebrations will be held in countries where Peace Corps volunteers are active in 2011. RPCV groups and NPCA will need to organize any celebrations for countries where Peace Corps is no longer active.

While some public funds will be appropriated for a number of the public events, the private sector and RPCV community will also need to support the celebrations financially. Details are available on NPCA's website, [www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org), and at [www.peacecorpsconnect.org/peacecorps50](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/peacecorps50). Information about a separate independent effort to publish a history of Peace Corps can be found at [www.peacecorpsat50.org](http://www.peacecorpsat50.org).

As an affiliate of NPCA, PCAFPD is the official group representing RPCVs from the Philippines. Established as a foundation, and not as a membership



Recalling Peace Corps days: Jim McMullen (from left), Bill Bright and Lloyd Feinberg, PCVs in the Philippines 1965-67, meet at a summer potluck in Washington hosted by David Brandt

(Bataan, 87-89). Bright was also country director, 2000-03; he and Brandt are PCAFPD board members. The group plans more RPCV get-togethers in the coming year.

group, our mission is almost exclusively focused on our scholarship program. Nevertheless, PCAFPD will be expected to organize celebrations for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. And, we want to do so – after all, it is a great milestone! We would welcome suggestions on how to mark it.

You can write to us online at [Board1@rpcvphilippines.org](mailto:Board1@rpcvphilippines.org); include a note in your contribution envelope; or send a letter to PCAFPD, Box 100114, Arlington, VA 22210. At some future time, we will need to raise funds for these celebrations while continuing the scholarship program at full strength. *But for now, we need ideas!*

**A Virtual Peace Corps Community Social Networking Site** – Erica Berman, NPCA communications director, reported on the status of its efforts to create a “virtual community” online. The concept, expected to cost \$400,000, was endorsed by the NPCA Board in 2005. So far a little more than \$26,000 is on hand. When completed, the site will provide a community driven, open platform for a wide variety of social networking applications, with links to all of the Peace Corps-related networks already up and

running. The launch is now set for the end of January. Watch the NPCA website [www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org) for updates on this project.

## Toward a larger Peace Corps

A dedicated group of former Volunteers is building a grassroots constituency to support a major expansion of the Peace Corps.

MorePeaceCorps, as the campaign is called, is affiliated with the National Peace Corps Association. Its argument is that the Peace Corps remains a symbol of “America at its best” at a time when our global standing has declined in many regions of the world. Yet, with a budget of \$331 million, the Peace Corps operates at less than a tenth of 1% of the military's budget and the number of Volunteers going abroad each year is half the total of four decades ago. Demand for Volunteers exceeds supply.

MorePeaceCorps envisions an extensive network of former Volunteers and friends and official supporters advocating for a reinvigorated Peace Corps by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011. To learn more of the group and how to take part, go to: [www.morepeacecorps.org](http://www.morepeacecorps.org).

# A word about our finances: *Salamat!*

**By Maureen Carroll**  
PCAFPD president

Early next year the PCAFPD Board will review 64 new scholarship applications from deserving students all over the Philippines, received by the Sept. 30 deadline for the 2009-10 school year.

One question will be how many new scholars we can accept, depending on our financial resources and the capacity of our Philippines staff to support additional scholars. The decision is always painful because it usually means that we have to turn away some very good candidates.

In reviewing our financial resources, we consider two factors: the funds at hand for the coming school year and the size of our reserve funds. When making awards we want to be sure that we can cover the full costs for four years of education of each scholar on our rolls, should we encounter any future organizational or fundraising difficulties.

Over the past few years, the addition of a special fundraising appeal each September to supplement our two newsletters has made a real difference in our ability to keep up with increased costs, accept a reasonable number of new scholars and build our reserves. For example, this year's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary appeal has raised about \$6,500 thus far. We thank you profusely for your responses to the special and regular appeals.

We are awaiting the results of an audit of our fiscal year 2008, which ended in May. In the meantime, I would like to give you some specific, albeit unofficial, information about our finances.

— We raised \$46,113 from our appeals in the 2008 fiscal year. We also received \$1,688 in rebates from NPCA members who designate PCAFPD as a recipient of \$15 of the total amount they send to NPCA. Total income: \$47,118.

— Our total expenditures were \$30,596. U.S. expenses for various fees, supplies, newsletter productions, postage, etc amounted to \$7,557; in the Philippines,

*'The world financial crisis is having a heavy effect on the economy of the Philippines, which means that even more students will need our help to get an education—their best hope to escape the cycle of poverty.'*

87% of the expenditures were for scholar costs (tuition, fees, books, living allowance, etc.) and 13% were for administrative costs (bank fees, communications, supplies, etc.)

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## Honors for two PCAFPD scholars in trips abroad

Two Foundation scholars, Carla Dela Cruz of Catanduanes, a special education major at Trinity University of Asia, and Edwin Valientes of Batanes, working for a master's in archeology at the University of the Philippines, Diliman, won trips abroad in recent months.

Dela Cruz was chosen by the Leonard Cheshire Disability organization to attend a workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May where she received training on making films to be used for advocating the rights of people with disabilities. The workshop's guidelines were the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities.

"The workshop and training for filming was handled by the famous African journalist and director, Sorious Samura, who has received awards not only in directing but in filming," Dela Cruz said. Samura won a British Academy of Film and Television Arts award for the 2000 TV production, "Out of Africa," on fighting in Sierra Leone.

Participants were given video cameras so they could document the problems of disabled persons in their countries.

"Most of the participants were neophytes like me, and that was why most of us were very excited to learn about taking videos," Dela Cruz said. She has been interviewed on local radio stations about the rights of the disabled under the UN Convention, and has already completed a video for the Leonard Cheshire organization's project for "Young Voices of Persons With Disabilities."

Valientes went to Nara, Japan, in September for a month's training on archaeo-

logical research and heritage conservation. He reports that he was "one of the 15 lucky applicants chosen by UNESCO from all over the Asia/Pacific region to attend this activity," and that he was "super excited about it because, in addition to the lectures, participants were to have "a grand tour of the ancient temples of Nara and other World Heritage Sites."

## Remembering Ed Adriano, 1942-2008

Ed Adriano, who served 11 years as an associate director with the Peace Corps in the Philippines, died Aug. 6 from cancer. He was 66. He lived with his wife, Rorie, in Las Piñas City, near Manila.

Among those recalling Adriano's Peace Corps service, 1980-90, was Carol Hammaker Radomski (Batanes 80-83).

"He was a dedicated and enthusiastic staff member who always had a smile on his face and a hand ready to help," she said.

Paul Ohlrogge (Ifugao 81-84) recalls that when he first met Adriano, "he told me how his stereotypes of Americans changed because of the relationships he made with Peace Corps Volunteers he met while serving as an APCD. He mentioned he had negative feelings towards 'Canos' before coming to Peace Corps and almost did not take the job.

"Ed said that being an APCD was a life-changing experience for him," said Ohlrogge. Born in Malolos, Bulacan, Adriano had a degree in math from the University of the Philippines and an MBA from DeSalle University. He was a professor of mathematics at the Ateneo de Manila and at DeSalle before his retirement.

He began painting in acrylics in 1990, following what he called "a passion for the arts since early boyhood." He had six solo exhibits of paintings with Philippine scenes.





## Contributions from our generous supporters

We thank those listed below whose contributions to PCAFPD were received between May 10, 2008 & October 10, 2008.

Numbered contributions are designated : (1) in memory of her husband Andreas; (2) for Maureen Carroll Scholarship; (3) Assn. of Philippine Practicing Physicians (APPPA) for scholarship of Vanessa Esquivias; (4) to pioneers of 61-63; (5) in memory of Mrs. Manuela Alvaro; (6) in memory of Paul Lampert; (7) in memory of Jesse Lladoc, husband of Letty Morse Lladoc, Leyte 64-67& in honor of Braulia de la Cuna Larrazabal; (8) in memory of Robert Bock; (9) in memory of (Douglas) Barry Fitzgerald, Aparri, Cagayan 67-68 (1943-2007); (10) in memory of Roger Flather & John Cort; (11) Rachel Singer Memorial Scholarship; (12) in memory of Joe Sperrazza; (13) in memory of Bill Courtney; (14) In memory of Phillip J. Hiller; (15) for education on Mactan Island or in Visayas; (16) in memory of Max Katigbak; (17) Julia Campbell Scholarship Fund; (18) in honor of Willie Butler (Group 13); (19) in memory of Patrick M. Brennan (Group 1); (20) in memory of Alice Waters Spring (Group 2); and (21) in memory of Angela Wetmore.

**+The plus identifies those who contributed to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal and/or to more than one appeal this year.**

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Tim & Mary Ann Ahrens+	AZ	Cebu & Manila 79-81	Larry Fuchs+ (10)	MA	Manila 61-63
Paul Aleckson+	WI	Romblon 2003-05	Tracy Gleason+	CA	Manila 1967-1969
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APPPA (3)	AZ	Friend of PCAFPD	Bill Grifenhagen+ (12)	NC	Metro Manila 67-69
Dirk A. Ballendorf+	GU	Iloilo 61-63	George Grills+	Canada	Baguio 63-65
Pam Groteluschen Bansbach+	CO	Cagayan 64-66	Dan & Ana Gudahl+ (13)	AR	Aklan/Bicol 81-84
Stephen Banta+	Manila	Aklan & Rizal 67-70	Robert E. Hale+	OH	Zamboanga Sur 63-64
Pamela Cohelan Benson+	DC	Quezon 63-66	Marla Handy+	WI	1979-1981
Yvette G. Berkman+	NY	Dao, Capiz 1990	Judith Harmatys+	MN	Nueva Vizcaya 67-69
Linda Cover Bigelow+	France	Iloilo 61-63	Jim Harvey+	OH	Cebu 67-69
Paul Bixby (4)	PA	Training Staff 61-63	Jeff & Jen Heilman+	OR	Ramblon 83-85
Ben Bloom+	OH	Ilocos Norte 78-82	Jerry Hembd	WI	Albay 73-75
Samuel L. Boglio+	VA	Bataan 66-68	Joyce Graeter Henzel	NY	Iloilo 63-64
Kenneth Bollerud+	NY	Misamis Or. 63-66	Jo Ann Hersh	VA	Marawi City 62-64
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Al Bradford+	MD	Aklan 61-64	Barbara S. Hiller+ (14)	IL	Luzon 63-65
Ann Bradley+	WV	Panay/Iloilo 70-72	Jerry & Marie Hilliard+	CT	Nueva Ecija 70-72
Anthony J. Brancato+	NC	Bulacan 66-69	Deb Hoagland	NM	Bohol 83-85
Dave Brandt+	MD	Bataan 87-89	Kamden Hoffmann	VA	Ifugao 98-00
Marilyn Lathrop Brown+	MO	Lanao del N. 62-64	Mark Holt+	DC	Tarlac 82-84
John Buckstead+	HI	Ifugao 62-64	Richard Holtzman+	MA	Capiz 61-63
Charles Burtner+	AZ	Cagayan 65-67	Larry & Betty Howard+	PA	Negros Or. 61-63
Chris Cabell	VA	Cagayan/Davao 66-68	Jonathan Hubchen+	LA	Bohol 83-85
Caesar/Emma Caligtan+ (5)	VA	Friends of PCAFPD	Becky Hudson (15)	LA	
Gerald Capozzalo	NJ	Davao del Sur 66-68	Martha Allshouse Hull+	CA	Masbate et al. 61-63
Maureen Carroll+	DC	Sorsogon 61-63	Loisann Jacovitz	CA	Group 52, 72-74
Bruce Casey+	SD	1983	Steve Jasper+	IN	Agusan 67-69
Ellen Bonadurer Cavadini	WI	1978-1980	Jeff Jenks+	MI	Davao 62-64
Jennifer Cerdania	IL	Ron Peters 70 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Jerardi	PA	Isabela 62-64
Benny & Carol Cespedes	TX	Pakistan 61-63	Pat Joslyn Johnson+	IA	Camarines Sur 61-63
Linda M. Clark+	NJ	Mt. Province 64-66	Ros Johnson/Jerry Fruetel	MN	Misamis Or. 77-79
Bill Combs	MD	1966-1968	Joyce E. Johnston	Canada	1965-1967
Kathryn J. Conway+	NY	Negros 61-63	Jack Jourdain+	FL	Cebu 65-66
Helen R. Cooper+ (6)	MA	Leyte 81-83	Lynn Juffer+	IA	Bohol 74-75
Helen Cort +	MA	Manila 62-64	Marby Julit	IL	Ron Peters 70 <sup>th</sup>
Pera & Margo Daniels+	NV	Camarines N. 61-63	Pat M. Kasdan+ (16)	DC	Iloilo 61-63
Robert Davidson+	NY	Batangas 68-70	Charles Kaza	MI	Bohol 65-67
Richard Dertadian+	FL	Cam. N./Bicol 61-63	Mary Cameron Kilgour+	FL	Surigao del S. 62-64
Charley & Phoebe Dey	CT	Albay 62-63	Rob Kim	CA	Negros Ori. 69-72
Judy Kealey Diaz	FL	Agusan del N. 79-81	Mark & Mirasol Kittrell+	IL	Surago City 01-03
Stephen J. Dienstfrey	VA	Bukidnon 65-67	Sondra Williams Klein+	NC	Camarines Sur 61-63
Tom Dillon	MA	Batangas/Laguna 67-70	Harriet Montes Kulis+	IN	Negros Occi. 69-73
Sally Glaze Douglas+ (7)	WA	Leyte 64-67	Steve Lahey+	IA	Camarines Sur 70-73
Patrick Durst	Thailand	Bohol 78-80	Flor C. Lampert (6)	NY	Tacloban City 80-83
William K. Dustin+	MN	Nueva Ecija 66-68	Judith Lesner+ (11)	CA	Or. Mindoro 63-66
Hannah Fairbank	DC	Negros Ori. 99-01	Kirk & Mia Leswing+	VA	Manila 78-80
Bruce Falk+	IL	Bulacan 67-69	Bill Liehter	IL	Ilocos Norte 67-70
Adelia Faller	NC	Friend of PCAFPD	Jay Litt+	TX	Aklan 69-71
Karl Federspiel (8)	OH	Mt. Province 97-99	Eulalie (Lee) Lombardi	WA	1981-1983
Karel Crowley Fisher+	MA	Cotabato 62-64	Katrina Hellebush Looby	PA	Cagayan 64-66
Ruth Coder Fitzgerald (9)	VA	Cagayan 67-68	Alan Mair+	HI	Romblon 98-01

Eva Mair+	HI	Manila 96-04	Alex & Lesley Romero+	NC	Laguna/Manila 73-76
Gerald Malovany+	VA	La Union 62-63	Allen W. Rothenberg	MD	Staff 1966-1971
Desiree Marmita+ (6)	NY	Leyte	Nick & Ruth Kesselring Royal	CA	Panay & Samar 62-64
Cathee Robb Marston+	FL	Cebu 1964-1966	Karen Olness Rudio	MA	Pangasinan 83-85
Marilyn Maze	MD	Marbel 1967-1969	Jill Ruhlman	GA	Laguna 1966-1968
Sally Pierce McCandless+	TX	Negros Occ. 61-63	Marianne Santo Domingo+	CT	Marinduque 63-65
J. Mark McDowell	MO	Negros Occ. 68-70	Jim & Mary Ann Scheirer+	NJ	Iloilo/Lanao del S. 63-66
Ray McEachern+	FL	Camarines S. 61-63	Martin Scherr+	DC	Cotabato/Manila 62-64
Sarah Wilkinson McMeans+	DC	Cebu 62-64	Rich & Barbara Schneider	AZ	Palawan 74-77
Constance McPherson+	MO	Mindanao 62-64	Jesse Schubert+	WA	Camarines N. 01-03
William L. Mehlhoff+	OR	Capiz 61-63	Charles F. Schwartz+	DC	Manila 67-69
Eric & Pamela Melby+	MD	Iloilo 73-75	John D. Seidensticker (19)	TX	Negros Occ. 61-63
Jane Petrich Miller+	MO	Bohol 75-78	Clair Sharpless+	CT	Negros Occ. 61-63
Loretta Moser+	CA	Luzon 01-02	Tom Sharpless+	CT	Albay 61-63
Ruth M. Muehl	PA	Cavite 63-65	Claire Horan Smith+	MD	Camarines Sur 61-63
Lue Muldoon	WI	Camarines N. 89-90	Michael K. Smith+	CA	Cebu 78-80
Tim Noe	FL	La Union 2003	Chris & Elizabeth Songalia	MN	Leyte 96-98
Timothy O'Brien (17)	DC	Sorsogon 00-02	Karen Steele+	NY	Lanao del Sur 65-67
Marcie LaFair Obstfeld+	CA	Iloilo 80-82	Tim & Eden Stewart+	SC	Antique 84-86
Jerry Y. Ogawa	TN	Manila 70-74	Terry Sthymmel+	CA	Sorsogon 72-74
Mike Ollinger+	DC	Iloilo 82-84	Amy Stoeffler+	IL	Bicol 78-82
Phillip B. Olsen+	HI	Cebu/Zambo. 62-67	Milburn J. Stone+	CT	South Cotabato 65-68
Jeanne Gibson Ormsby	NC	Davao City 68-70	Donna Taylor+	NY	Negros Occ. 68-70
Bill Peck+	GA	Quezon/Rizal 63-65	Donna Thatcher+ (20)	NM	Iloilo 62-64
Karen Perez	OH	Nueva Vizcaya 77-79	Ralph Thurston+	ME	Oriental Mindoro 83-85
Heidi Peterson (17)	OR	Sister of PCV	Chuck Thomas	CA	Quezon City 78-80
Jim Peterson+	IL	Zambales 76-78	William J. Tucker+	NJ	Lanao N./Laguna 62-64
Mary L. Piepmeier	OH	Lanao del Sur 64-66	Marie Tymrak & Jon Kelly+	AZ	Bicol 70-72
Susan & Manny Pons	PA	Compostela V. 66-68	William D. Valentine+	MA	Albay/Manila 68-70
Jerry Poznak	MA	Zamboanga 61-63	Mary Michael Vanderford+	MN	1969-1971
Bob Purdy+	NC	Zamboanga N. 70-72	Joe Veneklase+	MI	Tarlac 80-82
Maggie Purves+	OR	Negros Occ. 64-67	T. Chad Walter+	DC	Metro Manila 78-82
Jon Quinlisk	WV	Ilocos Norte 98-00	Michael Walsh	VA	Central Luzon 81-84
Barbara Walsh Rabin	NY	Group 13 64-66	Bill & Jay Warren+	WA	Albay/Zambo. 61-63
Carol Radomski+	MD	Batanes 80-83	Joan C. Weaver	NH	Batanes 92-95
Leslie Ann Reingold	CO	Iloilo 64-66	Richard Wetmore+ (21)	FL	Misamis Or. 74-77
Michael & Rufina Rice	RI	Pangasinan 81-85	Alan & Patricia White+	MA	Luzon 63-67
Rona Roberts+	KY	Camarines Sur 73-75	Holman T. White+	MD	Cam. Sur/Albay 65-68
Larry Robertshaw (18)	AZ	Davao 64-67	Eleanor Whitlatch	PA	Catanduanes 61-63
Alan Robock	NJ	Zambo./Manila 70-72	Linda M. Wicks+	NY	Albay 66-69
Michael & Betchie Robotham	HI	1988-1990	Dave Wilder+	PA	Albay 83-87
Karen Rohter+	HI	Leyte 67-70	Michael B. Wood	MO	Manila 67-70
William Romaine	NY	Friend of PCAFPD	Erica Ruhl Zell	VA	Leyte 99-00

## News briefs and milestones . . .

**Kenneth Bollerud (Misamis Oriental 63-66)** "Just a note to let you know that I really appreciated the 'former scholar looks back' segment of the last issue of *Balitaan*. Especially moving were the reflections of Edwin A. Valientes. It is nice to see such success stories." ■ **Sally G. Douglas (Leyte 64-67)** "For the last year we have had Margarita Larrazabal living with us as she attends CWU to receive her Teacher's Certification & a degree in Special Education. Margie's mother was only 6 years old when I lived with her family in Albura, Leyte. We have kept in contact all these years & Margie is now 'living her mother's dream' to be educated & live in this country. It is my honor to repay in a small way the gracious hospitality I experienced living with her grandmother & family." ■ **Linda Miller Clark (Mt. Province 64-66)** reports that **Group XIIIB** is planning its 45<sup>th</sup> reunion in Washington, D.C., next September. Contact Carilyn Anderson at [ama4bznz@yahoo.com](mailto:ama4bznz@yahoo.com), if you aren't already "in the loop." Linda also supports the MorePeaceCorps campaign. She says: "Now more than ever the U.S. needs to use all 'soft power' it has to better tell what this country is about." ■ **Laura Smail (Bicol 03-06)** is now a Peace Corps Response Volunteer (Crisis Corps) on a six-month assignment in Naga City, Bicol. She is excited to "return home" and reconnect with friends and her host family. She will document activities, training sessions and workshops that Save the Children has done on disaster risk; and to create manuals or teaching kits to be distributed to typhoon-affected communities. She says: "It will be a challenging task, but in a good way." ■ **Kathy Hannan Rohan (Leyte 61-63)** reports that in June **Group III** held a reunion in Ann Arbor. See our website for a photo taken at the site where JFK first proposed the Peace Corps. ■ **Joyce Graeter Henzel (Iloilo 63-64)** "I am retired now from a career of teaching high school French and also working as a freelance court reporter for many years. I'm living outside Rochester, N.Y., and have two grown children and four grandchildren. We have an active local RPCV group with dinner and speakers each month, so it's nice to stay in touch." ■ Her brother reports that **Constance ("Connie") McPherson (Mindanao 62-64)** passed away Aug. 25, 2008. Connie was a long-time PCAFPD contributor and member of NPCA.

## Finances

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– With the income above expenditures this fiscal year, we were able to increase our reserves by \$16,522 to a total of \$99,000. The majority of that sum is to cover the guaranteed expenses for four years of education for an annual census of scholars that ranges from 35 to 45 students. We are also trying to build the fund to be able to cover the costs of hir-

ing a former scholar part-time as an assistant to our otherwise very stretched volunteer Philippines staff. Reserves are also necessary for emergency expenditures such as replacement of computers.

Each year our November newsletter brings in the largest income stream and influences heavily our decisions about the number of new scholars that we can accept. Last year was an especially good year with about \$20,000 in donations. We

hope that you, our faithful and committed supporters, will send a signal this year that you are still solidly behind our efforts, despite the uncertain financial environment all about us.

The worldwide financial crisis is having a heavy effect on the economy of the Philippines, which means that even more students will need our help to get an education – their best hope to escape the cycle of poverty.

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