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PCAFPD congratulates ten who graduated this year

PCAFPD extends congratulations to the scholars shown here, who graduated in 2010, and wishes them every success in the future. This group brings the total number of Foundation graduates since 1987 to 125.

Prue Earl Bayungan (left) of Ifugao earned a degree in Social Work at St. Louis University.



Julyvie Calizo

(right) of Aklan earned a degree in Physical Therapy at Manila Adventist Medical Center.



Vanessa Cruda (left) of Bohol earned a degree in Secondary Education at Visayas State University.

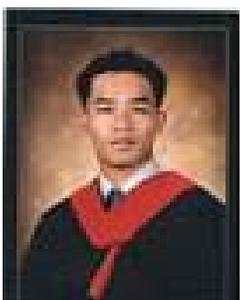


BIMAK scholar

Kathleen Daskeo (right) of Mt. Province earned a degree in Education at Mt. Province Polytechnic College.



Marlon Dupingay (left) of Ifugao earned a degree in Civil Engineering at St. Mary's University.



Joanna Estillore (left) of Bohol earned a degree in Elementary Education at Visayas State University.



Carlo Estopace

(right) of Sorsogon earned a degree in Agriculture at Bicol University.



Christian Figueras (left) of Sorsogon earned a degree in Computer Science at Bicol University.



Treisha Jusayan (right) of Western Samar earned a degree in Secondary Education at the University of Santo Tomas.



Michelle Laurinaria (left) of Sorsogon earned a degree in Social Work at Bicol University.



Aid for two decades leads to an MS

Jennifer Mercado- Halili from Batangas, is working towards a master's degree in environmental management at Philippine Women's University.



In 1989, I received a letter from the late Mr. Modesto De Jesus informing me that I was chosen as one of the PCAFPD scholars. That moment was the most memorable day for me because I saw a bright future ahead. I was a poor little girl

who could not attend college. I would not have been able to attend my elementary school and first few years in high school if not given by my neighbors a chance to wash their laundry to earn a little for my transportation and tuition fee.

I was 16 years old when I became scholar of PCAFPD, but already had experienced great challenges in life as early as seven years old, when my father got sick and became partially disabled. My mother, who was then 33 years old, became the head of the family and was able to support our basic needs through selling food on the streets with my assistance at a very young age.

I attended high school and college at Pablo Borbon Memorial Institute of Technology (now Batangas State University), a public institution that offers good education at lesser costs as compared to other schools in Batangas.

Being chosen as one of the PCAFPD scholars was a great privilege and opportunity for me. Thanks for the people behind the Foundation, especially the family of Roland de Jesus, that really care and understand my struggles in life through the years during my high school until now that I have my own family. The Foundation has supported and continues to support me until I am capable of standing alone and to help my family, my community and my country.

PCAFPD supported my education since I was in the fourth year of high school. With God's grace and assistance from the Foundation, I will graduate with an M.S. in environmental management this school year.

Everyone in our place knows my story - - a poor little child who, in spite of thinking it impossible to achieve the dream of having a better life, has earned a college degree and is now pursuing a master's degree through the help of people of the PCAFPD. Without their perseverance, love and dedication to help less fortunate Filipino people, I would not be a Pollution Control Officer, a Civil Engineer, a servant to people and my community, and I would not be a better person with a better job and a better life.

Challenges, not problems

Allan Paul Pigudo from Ifugao is majoring in civil engineering at St. Mary's University.

Last August, I attended a seminar focused on bridge design. It was the best learning seminar I ever had, and I learned a lot. The speakers were good and were able to impart to us many important things useful in the engineering profession.

Something I learned from the last speaker I'll never forget: his principle in life. That was, according to him, instead of problems it's better to term it as challenges in life; it will help lessen your burdens because problems sound heavier than challenges. The term "challenges" is much better to hear because you are being challenged to do your best. Calling it a problem makes it sound to be a big burden.



Now that first semester is over, I'm just hoping that I was able to make it during the major exams and will be able to face the challenges that will come along my journey. I can't make it without the guidance of the Almighty and through the help of the PCAFPD. Thanks for everything.

Quick Fact to Guide Your Giving

PCAFPD's average scholar costs have risen from \$1,000 to \$1,250 a year.

Please keep up your generous support!

Saving both fish and birds

Rachel Briones of Cavite is majoring in organizational communications at the University of the Philippines, Diliman.

This semester was the best I had so far. My professors were great and I've really learned a lot from them. I've learned to love my course, be more environmentally aware and be more gender sensitive. I also had opportunities to serve.

I took three environmental science subjects this semester: Environmental Geology, Environmental Chemistry and Environmental Biology. These are interrelated – that's why it was easy for me to understand the concept. It helped me be more aware of environmental problems and be more concerned in solving them.



We also had a field-trip in San Juan Batangas for our environmental biology class. We were assigned to study the medicinal plants of Sitio Parang Sile, one of the *sitios* of San Juan. We climbed up the mountain and met the people there. The place was really far from the town and the people there were really poor. They can't access professional health care because they don't have money and the hospital was very far from their place.

We went to a bird-watching site, a mangrove area and a beach. We saw different kinds of birds like eagles, egrets, hawks, crows, sparrows, and kingfishers. Ka Intsik, the owner of the site, had a dilemma because the birds were eating the fish that he was cultivating. He wanted to save his business but he also wanted to keep the birds. The birds were killing his fishing industry and he was hoping that he could make money from the birds so he won't need to worry about his fish.

I also took History 4, the history of women in the Philippines. This subject helped me know the contributions of women in the past and what I, as a young woman of this generation, can contribute to our country's development.

We discussed the lives of important women in our history like Gregoria De Jesus, Melchora Aquino, Marcela Marcelo and even Cory Aquino and Imelda Marcos. We also talked about gender and how to be gender-sensitive in our words and actions. We were taught to not use words like businessman, mankind, chairman and other gender-biased words in our papers.

As part of our project, we presented different types of modern-day oppression of women in the Philippines.

Examples of this are prostitution, physical and sexual harassment at home and at work and pornography. We found out that, even though we are living in a democratic country, women are still oppressed. There are people who still look at women as the second gender.

Close to starting a career

Sitti Reshika Sajile, from Davao City is studying criminology at University of Mindanao, Davao City.

A future law enforcer should be tough and responsible in any actions and decisions that he/she might take. I am now almost at the finish line of my race. For almost four years, I have studied the Philippine Criminal Justice System. Being a future law enforcer is an honor to me, an honor because in the end I will serve and protect all Filipinos.

I have many plans for my life after graduation: to take up the review for board examination; for six months while I am taking the review, I am also planning to look for a temporary job to enable me to have financial support for myself and family. After the review, by God's will, I will be able to pass the Criminology Board Licensure Examination. When that moment will come, the first thing that I will do is to thank the Peace Corp Alumni Foundation for believing me that I have the ability to finish this course and for supporting all my financial needs.

Penetrating the Philippine National Police is quite hard because you must be physically, mentally and emotionally fit for the profession. I am well prepared for whatever dispute that I will face in the future.

If ever being a policewoman is not meant for me, my second option is to be an agent in National Bureau of Investigation. I know it's quite hard but I will prove to them that I have the capability to execute. Being a woman is not a hindrance....



We urge all of you to use the link on our website and join the Yahoo PCAFPD Group to share ideas about the Philippines and to learn about 50th anniversary activities.

Helping an indigenous group

Lady Fatima Hernandez, from Batangas, is majoring in social work at Saint Bridget College, Batangas City.

In my second semester, we had our first community program for some indigenous people here. This is a major requirement in one of our subjects. The target of our community program was to help Badjao people by means of some activities that would enhance their potentials and personalities. It was a very exciting and wonderful experience for me as a social-work student, though it was hard to implement and handle a group of people whom I do not know. But I took it as a challenge and I know it was just a beginning.

The Badjao are living in an isolated and designated area in our province because their group has been discriminated against in our society. We needed to take a long journey to reach their place. The path going there was really hard and inconvenient. There were hindrances like rough roads, bushes everywhere and the heat of the sun; even the ambiance and smell of the place. It was very disgusting and annoying for me, but as days went by, I learned to accept and even ignore those factors.



We performed activities like seminars about waste management, recycling activities, tree-planting projects, clean and green projects, beautification of homes and even a party for all of the Badjao people to show our gratitude for their acceptance and hospitality to us.

Handling indigenous people was not easy. Based on my experience, we needed to adapt and adjust to the people, embrace their customs and traditions and even accept their culture. But despite all that, I enjoyed dealing with them and going to their area. I felt comfortable with them, and I forgot the feeling and perception that they are being discriminated against in our society.

This is only one of the duties and roles of social workers as part of social change. As a whole, it was a nice and wonderful experience to remember and I had fun with that. I learned some lessons from this activity, and I realized the worth of every individual, indigenous or not.

Less pressure and a new self

Nerissa O. Cedillo of Masbate is studying agriculture at the University of the Philippines, Los Baños.

Yes! There you go, it's semester break again! I'm done with the first half of my sophomore life. Lots of things happened to me this semester, remarkably good things called blessings. There was lots of new learning, new challenges, new victories and many more new things in my studies, even a new me – I mean this semester I feel very well-adjusted and very, well, *good*.

During the past few semesters, I found myself always pressured on all the things I needed to do, but now I find myself relaxed, not that pressured, especially in my studies. I almost always topped my exams. My classmates sometimes call me "the Topnotcher" because they always see my name on the lists of the topnotchers.



As of now, I am still thinking of what field am I going to major in. I am still undecided; hopefully I'll be able to meditate about it in the semester break. I am already excited to smell the scent of our home in Masbate. In all the things I do in life, I never forget my Creator. By his grace I was able to attain and accomplish all these things and to get all those blessings.

Your response to PCAFPD financial challenges

Increased costs in the Philippines and a 2009 shortfall in income required PCAFPD to appeal to our supporters for help twice this year. An article in the Spring *Balitaan* and individual letters in September to current and past contributors described the challenges we faced. The response has been gratifying. We received 149 contributions in excess of \$14,500 in response to the spring newsletter. As of October 17, we had received 137 contributions in response to the September letters and raised more than \$11,000. Forty-two people who responded to the letters had already made a contribution in 2010, and 58 percent of those who have responded to the letter thus far increased their most recent earlier contribution, one of the objectives of the September appeal. We are also pleased that 20 percent of the respondents to the September appeal are supporters who had not contributed since 2008. There is still time to give! If that return envelope got lost under a pile of bills or homework or magazines, there is another one in this newsletter, and you can also give on our website. We are still trying to avoid a deficit for the year. We're getting there but we continue to need your help to end this year in the black.

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Response to Financial Challenges *(continued)*

We know that this has been a tough economic year for others as well as for our scholarship fund, so we are deeply appreciative of your increased generosity. The next newsletter will provide a full report of the fundraising efforts of 2010.

PCAFPD receives special gift in honor of strong supporters

A stranger (until recently) to PCAFPD, Ms. Andrea Shields, surprised PCAFPD with a very generous one-time gift of \$10,000 in honor of Ron Peters (Group I and PCAFPD Board member) and his wife Lilia of Champaign, Illinois. How did such generosity from a stranger to PCAFPD come to pass? It's a story of intersecting lives of people oriented to good works.

In the early 70's, Ms. Shields, an accomplished artist, moved to Champaign, via California and Oregon, for graduate study at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has spent most of her life in Champaign where she has continued to produce and exhibit paintings and mixed media pieces, while at the same time working professionally in other fields. For the past 20 years Ms. Shields has worked with international students as the Executive Director of an international student organization, The Cosmopolitan Club, known as the Cosmo Club. She is now retired.

It was through the Cosmo Club that Ms. Shields met Ron and Lilia Peters. Ron became a professor in Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1976. Lilia, a public health nurse by training, earned an M.A. in Health Education and then worked at the University's McKinley Health Center until she retired in 1994. At her retirement, Lilia took up a new job as a Public Health Tuberculosis Control Officer in Champaign.

Lilia joined the Cosmo Club Board early on and has been Club Treasurer since 1998. Continuously active in programming since joining the Cosmo Club, Lilia has been a wonderful spokesperson for the Club, giving talks about the Club to different groups such as the Rotary. She has organized Philippine dinners and coffee hours and has helped for many years with the annual Thanksgiving benefit dinner and with hosting receptions to welcome all incoming international students at the beginning of each semester. In addition to serving on Cosmo's Board, Lilia has served as advisor to the Philippine Student Association, on the Board of the Women's Fund, on the Board of Champaign County Health Care Consumers, and as President of the District 15 Illinois Nurses' Association. Both Lilia and Ron have been very active in community service, taking medical supplies back to Lilia's province (Sorsogon) in the Philippines for people who otherwise might not obtain them.

Ms. Shields has always been amazed at Lilia's generosity and kindness, and believes that she is a wonderful role model for anyone who wants to make a positive difference in the community or the world. This is the reason that she made the gift in the name of Lilia and Ron--knowing that PCAFPD is another outlet for their activism and generosity. Her gift is to honor their work and lifetime as a wonderful team making a difference in the lives of so many people. The gift will support a scholarship named in honor of Ron and Lilia and support several organizational development initiatives.



L. to R. Lilia & Ron Peters with Andrea Shields.

Peace Corps Philippines doubles in size

By *Sonia Derenoncourt, Country Director, Philippines*

Peace Corps Philippines (PC/PH) greatly benefits after President Obama's call to service coupled with his increased budget for the Peace Corps. When Peace Corps Headquarters announced that additional funds were available for Posts with the need and the potential to grow their programs, PC/PH immediately projected its potential for rapid growth.

"Thank you so much for finally placing a Peace Corps Volunteer in our College," exclaims a school official from Mindoro State College of Agriculture, *"We have been waiting 3 years for one!"* Such quotes are reiterated frequently since PC/PH has been able to respond to the mounting requests from schools, mayors and youth centers throughout the country this year.

With the high demand for PCVs and with systems in place to accommodate them, PC/PH has doubled its input of trainees per year from 70 to 144 in August 2010. Pending availability of funds, further growth is projected for 2011 with a planned arrival of 195 trainees. By 2012 PC/PH expects to place 390 PCVs and stay at that level for several years.

The incoming PCVs will be placed in the Visayas and Luzon and will continue to work in the current sectors: Education, Environment (CRM), and Youth (CYF), however, their outreach will be greater. For example, the Education Sector PCVs will also be assigned to elementary schools in addition to their current placements in high schools and universities. Environmental PCVs, who have worked mostly with Local Government Units (LGUs), will develop multi-year plans, which will involve successive placements of PCVs over a longer period. CYF Volunteers will not only be placed in Government Youth Centers and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) they will also be placed with LGUs and achieve more community outreach. In addition to the expansion of these current projects, PC/PH is excited to respond positively to interest in having PCVs return to the Health Sector in 2011. PCVs will be involved in working on health promotion and behavior change at the community level.

50th anniversary celebrations in the Philippines

By *Sonia Derenoncourt, Country Director, Philippines*

Five decades!

Peace Corps Philippines (PC/PH) is quite excited about celebrating these past 50 years and at the same time looking forward to the years ahead. We will utilize the

50th anniversary as a platform to support the agency's mission and legacy by honoring our past, demonstrating our effectiveness, and inspiring the next generation of Volunteers through education and engagement.

PC/PH has formed an in-country committee to plan and organize events for the occasion. Based on an online survey, we learned that PCVs and RPCVs want to celebrate all who have participated in the US/Philippine partnership through Peace Corps; to educate others about what Peace Corps has done and can do; and to engage others in Peace Corps partnerships and volunteerism.

Several activities are in advanced planning stages to reach these three objectives:

(1) **A mobile exhibition of Peace Corps Past and Present**, a public "traveling exhibition", which will include posters, picture stories, videos, etc. from the five decades of Peace Corps partnership in the Philippines. It will be shown in specific locations around the country and will be staffed by currently serving PCVs and their Filipino counterpart agencies. (If RPCVs planning a visit are interested in participating, and have a suggested location and time of year to host an exhibit showing, please contact the 50th anniversary planning committee noted at the end of this story.)

(2) **Joint Peace Corps/USAID Grand Fair in Manila** (USAID is also celebrating its 50th anniversary in the Philippines), a public event with an award ceremony, live performances, testimonies, slide shows, videos, picture boards, the regional exhibition from #1 above. The Manila location and date have not been set.

(3) **Joint Peace Corps/USAID High Level Reception**, a private invitation reception for the highest levels of PC/PH, USAID and Filipino leaders including departments heads, government officials, college presidents, *et al.*, which is tentatively scheduled for early November 2011. RPCVs interested in attending or speaking at this event should contact Shiela San Jose at PC/PH, as noted below.

(4) **Symposium on Volunteerism**. Various Philippine universities who have partnered with Peace Corps during the last fifty years are being invited to host a *Symposium on Volunteerism*. All RPCVs interested in planning or organizing an event are more than welcomed to do so and the PC/PH office may be able to provide on-the-ground support. As they become available, details concerning the four events being planned by PC/PH, and information about how to participate, will be posted on Facebook at **Peace Corps Phils 50th Anniversary**, or you can contact Shiela San Jose at ssanjose@peacecorps.gov.

Peace Corps 50th events in US

March 1, 2011 NPCA will help you throw a *Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Global House Party* at home or in a public place. Get tool kit at: www.PeaceCorps50.org.

June 30-July 11, 2011 *Smithsonian Folklife Festival* on the National Mall in Washington, DC will feature Peace Corps. PC/PH has proposed several options for the Philippines Booth at the festival and is awaiting decisions from HQ on which of the submissions will be chosen. Information available at: <http://www.folklife.si.edu>.

September 22-25, 2011 NPCA celebration in Washington, DC will include: *Advocacy Day* on Thursday; *Service Day* on Friday; *NPCA Board Meeting, development forum & Gala* in the evening on Saturday; *ceremony at Arlington Cemetery, wreath laying, parade of country of service flags and closing ceremony* on National Mall on Sunday. NPCA is creating a calendar and has asked all groups to post their events. Ways to stay on top of what is happening are to check the websites of NPCA (www.peacecorpsconnect.org), Peace Corps (www.PeaceCorps.gov) and RPCV/W (www.rpcvw.org) and join the PCAFPD Yahoo Group. PCAFPD will plan some specific activities for Philippines RPCVs during the September weekend in Washington, DC. No details are yet available, pending finding adequate people power to pitch in and help out. Please check our website in 2011 for information. We presume that various groups will plan their own celebrations that weekend and we urge everyone to utilize the NPCA comprehensive calendar to keep abreast of potential conflicts. **Please note that RPCVs interested in attending events in the Philippines are on their own to arrange for travel and accommodations and should contact PC/PH directly for information about participation in events.**

Books of interest...

A previous issue of *Balitaan* alerted readers to the coffee-table book about the history of the Peace Corps in the Philippines, produced by Hans C. Groot, Ph.D. of Group I, who now resides in the Philippines, and is a PCAFPD Board member. The book chronicles the Peace Corps program in the Philippines over the 50-year span in which more than 8,000 Volunteers have served. *Huwag magtanong-Ask Not: 50 years of Peace Corps Service in the Philippines* will be published in early 2011 and can be ordered from www.blurb.com/bookstore.

Another book project has also been underway over the past year. Members of Philippines Groups I, II, and III—all of whom entered Peace Corps in 1961—have written essays reflecting on their experience at the start of the Peace Corps. Maureen Carroll and Parker Borg of Group I, Pat Kasdan of Group II, and Steve Wells of Group III are the editors of the project. In addition to close to 100 Volunteer essays, the book contains essays from some of the first staff members and from Filipinos who came to know the Volunteers. The purpose of the book is to have the voices of the first Volunteers heard during the 50th Anniversary celebration and to create an archival record of what it was like to be in the Peace Corps in the Philippines when the concept of the Peace Corps turned into action. Anyone who has served in the Philippines, or anywhere in the Peace Corps, or who is just plain interested in history and other cultures will enjoy reading first-hand accounts of the adventures of the first groups. The book will be published by March 1, 2011, the anniversary of the executive order that established the Corps. Future issues of *Balitaan* and our website www.rpcvphilippines.org will provide information on how to secure the book.

Lastly, Gary Robson (Maasin, Leyte 87-89) has collected his best Peace Corps stories in a book entitled *Misadventures in Maasin*. To order go to www.NipaHutPress.com or send a check for \$12.06 to Nipa Hut Press, 2340 Anna Ave. Clearwater, FL 33765.

Share your thoughts on your Peace Corps service

The spring issue of *Balitaan* will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Peace Corps and of Peace Corps in the Philippines. We invite you to join in the celebration by submitting a brief statement (150-200 words) about the significance of the Peace Corps in your life or your favorite Philippines memory. PCAFPD will print what space allows and will post other entries on its website. Please send statements to board1@rpcvphilippines.org or mail to PCAFPD, PO Box 100114, Arlington, VA no later than March 1, 2011.

Contributions from our generous supporters

We thank those listed below whose contributions to PCAFPD were received between April 15 & October 18, 2010.

+The plus identifies those who made more than one contribution in calendar year 2010, including contributions made in response to the September special appeal letters and/or contributions made with NPCA membership renewals. In this reporting period, in addition to contributions made by the individuals listed below, PCAFPD received a \$350 contribution collected at the Group 261 reunion; and \$10,000 from Andrea Shields (see story on page 5).

Notes on numbered contributions are at the end of the chart.

John & Sue Albanese	OH	Helen R. Cooper +	MA	Gerard & Marie Hilliard	CT
Jim Allison	VA	Mona Corcoran-Sherrell	NM	Deborah Hoagland	NM
Chuck Amorosino	VA	Susan R. Cort +	NM	Kamden Hoffmann	PA
Jeff Amundsen +	MN	Carol Bradley Cukier	MI	Susan Hollingsworth +	OR
Nancy Foral Andel	PA	Jon & Evelyn Curtis	TX	Mark Holt (7)	DC
Sara Armstrong/ Peter Crumlish	CT	Pera & Margo Daniels	NV	Dr. Richard Holzman +	MA
Farrar M. Atkinson	GA	Robert Davidson	NY	Keith Hooper	KS
Bill Austin +	KS	Owen Davis	MD	Mark Horowitz	CO
Phyllis Smith Baer	MA	Sally DeCicco	VT	Jonathan M. Hubchen	LA
Marjorie Bakken	MA	Richard Dertadian	FL	Connie Curry Hughes	PA
Pamela Groteluschen Bansbach	CO	Neil & Kay Deupree	WI	Martha Allshouse Hull (8)	CA
Stephen Banta	Manila	Charles & Phoebe Dey	NH	Nancy & Derek Hulse (9)	NY
David Barnstable +	MD	Judy Kealey Diaz	FL	Donna Strobridge Ianni	VT
Connie Bauer	SD	Stephen J. Dienstfrey +	VA	Jean Wilkinson Inglis	CO
Junaluz Bedro	IL	Tom Dillon	MA	Dick Irish	VA
Pamela Cohelon Benson	DC	Sally Glaze Douglas	WA	Loisann Jacovitz	CA
Terri Lee Bergman	VA	Nancy S. Dunetz	NY	Steve Jasper	IN
Norman Bernson +	MA	Patrick Durst	Thailand	Ann Todd Jealous	CA
Linda Cover Bigelow	France	William Dustin	MN	Joyce E. Johnston	Canada
Tom Blackburn	FL	Bruce Falk +	IL	Pat Joslyn Johnson	IA
Ben Bloom	OH	Adelia Fallar	NC	Rosalind Johnson/Jerry Fruetel	MN
Sylvia Boecker	VA	Lloyd J. Feinberg	VA	Lee & Kay Jones	VT
Samuel Boglio	VA	Antoinette Ferrara	Hungary	Raj Joshi + (10)	WA
Kenneth Bollerud +	NY	Karel Crowley Fisher +	MA	Jack O. Jourdain (11)	FL
Emery & Annie Bontrager (1)	CA	Josh Fliegel (4)	WA	Lynn Juffer	IA
Ruth Boone	KY	Daryt & Mina Frank	CA	Pat MacDermot Kasdan (12)	DC
Dorreen Borja	NV	Detlef J. Frank	OH	Charles Kaza	MI
Albert Bradford	MD	Carol Freeman	MN	Margaret Brennan Keating	VA
Anthony J. Brancato +	NC	Frank Froschle	NM	Ralph Kemphaus	OH
Marilyn Lathrop Brown +	MO	Lois A. Fucci	CT	Mary C. Kilgour + (13)	FL
Charles D. Burtner	AZ	Lawrence H. Fuchs	MA	Lon Kramer	VA
Louis C. Byers	GU	Barbara Gaerlan (5)	CA	Wally & Betty LaBerge (14)	IL
Chris Cabell	VA	Stanley C. Garnett	VA	Steve Lahey	IA
Caesar T. Caligtan (2)	VA	Charles Giesen	WI	Annette Lambert	CA
Rosemary Campbell +	Canada	Donald & Norma Gilman	TX	Flor Lampert (15)	NY
Peter J. Cannon	RI	Tracy Gleason +	CA	Karen Johnson Larson	AZ
Gerard Capozzalo	NJ	Arlene Goldberg +	VA	Jackson Lee (16)	CO
Rosemary & Bob Carter (3)	MA	John T. Gorman	GU	Stella Leland	TX
Bruce Casey +	SD	Ronald Gratz	MI	Judith Lesner + (3)	CA
Gerald Caton	IL	George Grills +	Canada	Kirk Leswing +	VA
Ellen Bonadurer Cavadini	WI	Stephen Paul Groff	France	Sarah W. Librea (7)	VA
Jennifer Cerdenia	IL	Dan & Ana Gudahl	AR	Tom & Denise Lionetti	MD
Patty Gerken Charles +	NV	Jerry Hembd	WI	Jay Litt +	FL
Donald & Estrella Chauls	MA	Jo Ann Hillje Hersh	VA	Tom Lo	NY
Judith K. Claire	DC	Judy Swigost Hill + (3)	FL	Harriet R. Locke	TN
Linda Miller Clark	MA	Barbara S. Hiller (6)	IL	Katrina Hellebush Looby	PA

Emel Lyons (7)	MD	Leslie Piotrowski	IL	M. Ann Snuggs +	DC
James & Susan Lytle	PA	Susan & Manny Pons (22)	PA	Jane Sommer	MA
Geri Maiatico	Manila	Jerry Poznak	MA	Chris & Elizabeth Songalia	MN
Alan & Eva Mair +(17)	HI	Mary Procyk	CT	Karen Steele	NY
Denis Maloney	NH	Bob "Wes" Purdy	NC	Hilary Stevens	DE
Jerry Malovany	VA	Maggie Purves	OR	Tim & Eden Stewart +	SC
Robert & Ruth Manlove	CA	Jon Quinlisk	WV	Terry Sthymmel +	CA
Desiree Marmita + (15)	NY	Carol & Mark Radomski +	MD	Charlotte Stoczek	NM
Cathee Robb Marston	FL	Barbara Rang	WI	Melba Stockhausen	WI
Carole Mathews	MA	Deborah Rector +	CA	Milburn Stone	CT
Ray & Helen Maxson	NC	Richard Redmond	WA	Donna Taylor (27)	NY
Marilyn Maze	MD	Leslie Ann Reingold	CO	Rey & Susan Tejada	MD
Jon McCluskey	WI	Alan & Adela Renninger +	HI	Donna Broudy Thatcher	NM
Michael McDaniel (18)	CA	Michael & Rufina Rice + (23)	RI	Charles Thomas	CA
J. Mark McDowell	MO	Norman Ridker	CA	Ralph B. Thomas	CA
Ray & Patricia McEachern	FL	Larry Robertshaw	AZ	Tyler Thorpe	CT
Richard & Judy McGinn	OH	Alan Robock	NJ	Ralph Thurston	ME
David McKoski	IL	Michael & Betchie Robotham	HI	Pat Toalson +	MA
Ann Meehan	IL	Michael Rodell	CT	Geraldine Traina	FL
Jean Hanson Meehan	ME	Kathy Hannan Rohan	MI	Walter R. Turner	NC
Eric & Pamela Melby	MD	Karen Williams Rohter +	HI	William Valentine	MA
Jane Petrich Miller	MO	William Romaine	NY	Mary Vanderford +	MN
Barbara Mitchell	PA	Alex & Leslie Romero	NC	Joe Veneklase	MI
Harve A. Mogul	FL	Nick & Ruth Kesselring Royal +	CA	Michael F. Walsh	VA
Loretta Moser +	CA	Karen Olness Rudio +	MA	Ann Walter +	MN
Joyce Mueller Moses	VA	Jill Ruhlman	GA	T. Chad Walter +	DC
Lucille Muldoon +	WI	Steve & Nancy Rye (24)	CA	Bill & Jay Warren +	WA
Ted Nawalinski	PA	Romeo & Nancy Salar	MI	Elizabeth Watts (28)	MS
Elaine Needleman	CA	Bennett Samuels	FL	Joan Weaver	NH
Jerry & Iris Nelson +	CA	Marianne Santodomingo	CT	Richard Wetmore + (29)	FL
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■ **Linda Cover Bigelow (Iloilo 1961-1963)** writes: "I recently established a website with all my photos, dating back to and including my Peace Corps Philippines II pictures. Taken with a low-tech camera, and in slide format, they required scanning and then a bit of "enhancing" to make them presentable. They give a peek into Peace Corps life 50 years ago. Simply scroll through the Table of Contents and click on the "1961 – Philippines – Peace Corps" album at www.lindabigelow.phanfare.com. I hope you enjoy the photos as much as I enjoyed living them." ■ **Tom Blackburn (Batanes 1986)** reports: "My wife Olive Valiente Blackburn was elected mayor of Uyugan, Batanes, in May. After raising her three children, then retiring from a hospital career in Maryland and Florida, she wanted to give something back to her people. So, with the urging of the C4C (Campaign for Change) Party in Batanes, she decided to run for mayor and won. Within 2 weeks of taking office, she had fulfilled one of her campaign pledges, to end the town's chronic water shortage, by repairing cisterns and broken water pipes. Since the mayor's official car was wrecked before Olive took office, she obtained a motorcycle and jeepney (at her own expense). She has pledged to show no favoritism (towards her party or relatives) in hiring and granting contracts. Known as "Auntie", her doors are open to all; and almost every evening she welcomes (and feeds) several visitors." ■ **Kamden Hoffman (Ifugao 1998-2000)** reports that she is now a doctoral student at University of Pittsburg in Community Based Participatory Research in the School of Public Health. ■ **PCAFPD Board Member Geri Maiatico (Batangas 1966-1968)** is now the volunteer Philippine-based director of RPCV Keith Hooper's **H.E.L.P. Foundation**. Learn more at: www.thehelpfoundation.com. ■ **Ayala Foundation USA** has changed its name to **Philippine Development Foundation USA**. It is affiliated with a number of Philippine-based social development institutions focused on building up Filipino capacity in science, education and technology. Learn more at: www.phildev.org.

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