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## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF BUILDING FUTURES

As this newsletter was going to press, monster typhoon Yolanda had just hit the central Philippines leaving tremendous destruction and death in its wake. **PCAFPD joins people from all over the world in sending its prayers, love and support to the people of the Philippines.** PCAFPD board members based in the Philippines are making an effort to contact our scholars and alumni who were in harm's way. In the coming weeks we will use our e-mail Bulletin to let you know what they learn and how you can help.

### Leaving his love life to a higher authority

**Loreto Gaso, Jr.**, from Negros Oriental, is studying electrical engineering at Negros Oriental State University in Dumaguete City. [Editor's note: Photo is taken from Loreto's Facebook page.]



"Today is sacrifice, tomorrow is paradise." This was the motto of my friend, but after he got a

girlfriend his motto was forgotten. He needed to allot time for his girlfriend. Instead of studying, he spent his time with the girl. As a result, he got failing grades.

I also tried to court a girl but I was rejected. I'm not that sad because I know that this isn't my priority. I'm also afraid that what happened to my friend will also happen to me. For my love life, I just leave it to God, for I know He has the best plan for me.

I have passed all my subjects but I failed my goal to be on the Dean's List. I got 80 in Electromagnetics and 84 in engineering Probability and Statistics. To be on the Dean's List, a student must have a grade not less than 85. I'm still happy even if I'm not able to achieve my goal this semester because I passed these two hard subjects. Many were failed in these subjects.

I've been saving my allowance in order to make a

work and study table, for I have no table at home to study and to work with my projects. My savings are not enough, so I also make bracelets and key chains for extra income. I do it during my free time or when watching TV at night, and I sell them to my friends and classmates. From my savings I was able to buy some carpentry tools and materials for the table. Luckily, I was able to achieve my plan and construct my table at home during my semester break, but I still need to make a chair for it.

I am also involved in sports. I joined my second sprint triathlon last June and I placed first. I also joined in the Milo Marathon last August and I got ninth place in 5K run. ■

### Inspiring scholars to pay it forward

**Orange Happee Galanay P. Omengan**, from Mountain Province, graduated in April with a degree in psychology from St. Louis University in Baguio City.



My last semester in college was the best! It was when I realized that everything we had been doing for the past years accumulates to a responsibility that exceeds the self.

I have been a student counselor for two semesters and I learned the essence of serving other people. I

listened to their insecurities, struggles, fears, anxieties, and problems and in the process helped them realize the need to maximize their potential.

Considering that conducting counseling sessions was a requirement, aiming for the quota was secondary for me. Often, I would exceed time in counseling to allow the counsees to thoroughly discuss their concerns. Choosing quality over quantity, I made an effort to be of help to these



teenagers.

After four years, I fulfilled one of my parents' hopes – to graduate with honors. The

moment when my

limping father and my 78-year-old grandmother went up the stage to hang my medal on my neck is the sweetest memory I have of my family. Now that I am a degree holder I would like to thank everyone who extended his support in fulfilling this accomplishment.

PCAFPD did not only help my parents get me through college but it served as a constant reminder that I am privileged. I have been inspired by the people contributing to the foundation who take extra effort in sending strangers to school.

I appreciate it being an organization fueled by kind-hearted individuals wanting to cause change in others. The efforts of these generous people have gone far as inspiring their grantees to pay it forward. Thank you very much! ▀



### **PCAFPD graduate scholar caught in turmoil**

*Ignacio (Jun) Señara, Jr. of Zamboanga graduated from Western Mindanao State University*

*in 2007 with a degree in Secondary Education. Jun and his wife Nyleihcra were caught up in the chaos that swept through Zamboanga a few months ago. Jun reported his situation to us through the PCAFPD Scholars & Alumni Association (PSAA), and we were able to provide him some assistance to ameliorate his circumstances. He recently wrote about the events in a Facebook posting, which we share with you, our supporters, as testament to the character of our scholars and graduates and the ties*

*that we develop with them—through your generosity. [Editor's note: Photo of Jun and his wife is taken from Jun's Facebook page.]*

“At dawn on September 9, 2013, Zamboanga City was under attack by the Nur Misuari Faction of the Moro National Liberation Front. They used the coastal villages of Zamboanga City as their entrance to the City. Their purpose was to declare independence from the Republic of the Philippines by raising their flag at Zamboanga City Hall and declaring the Bangsamoro Republik with Nur Misuari as the President. However, the City Mayor Beng Climaco did not allow them in, and, as a result, clashes between the MNLF and the government started. The MNLF took hundreds of hostages as human shields. Many civilians, law enforcement officers, and rebels were killed. Thousands were displaced and thousands of houses were also burned.

My wife Nyleihcra and I were peacefully sleeping after preparing for school that day. We suddenly woke up at dawn because of people screaming and shouting. According to the radio news, the rebels were able to capture and take control of the Barangay Mariki, and they were spreading to the neighboring barangays, taking hostages as human shields. My wife and in-laws were in a panic. We hurriedly vacated our place and got sheltered at Mampang Elementary School. We were unable to pass going to the City proper because the only way to get there, the Talon-Talon Road, was closed.

There were reports that rebels were now in control of some checkpoints of the said road and civilians were shot to death when they tried to pass. We were trapped at Mampang Elementary School without food and water until day 2. No one was allowed to get in and out of Mampang.

Tuesday, Day 2, the City Mayor imposed a curfew throughout Zamboanga City from 8 pm to 5am so that the lawless people were unable to move at night. Around, 7:30 pm of day 2, the military was able to regain the Talon-Talon Road and some of the government vehicles were able to get evacuees from Mampang Elementary School.

I, my wife and mother-in-law decided to vacate Mampang. I drove from Mampang to Ayala, which is 24 kms away, within 30 minutes just to catch up with

the curfew imposed. Though I was afraid, I remained focused so that we can reach Ayala safely. God is really GOOD, we reached Ayala unharmed.

The next day, fire erupted and the five barangays-Mariki, Rio Hondo, Sta. Barbara and Sta. Catalina were on fire. Houses were burned and it continued for 15 days. About a hundred thousand individuals were relocated to different evacuation centers. The coastal villages were put on critical area for one month including the barangays mentioned above and Barangay Talon-Talon, Mampang and Arena Blanco, the exit points. People were unable to earn a living and were only relying to the government.

The siege lasted for three weeks and clearing operations also lasted for another three weeks. People stayed, including me, at the evacuation for about 40 days. There are still gunshots and sightings of the MNLF after the President declared the crisis is over. Now, we are still traumatized of what happened and still afraid when we hear gunshots and helicopters roving though. I and my wife underwent stress debriefing. The debriefing sponsored by the Department of Education, was to help us lessen the trauma we experienced.

I'm a volunteer teacher at Talon-Talon National High School, and I helped track down students who were displaced so we could plan how we could put up classes. Right after the siege, Zamboanga City was then a victim of floods where hundreds of houses were washed out and many homeless people were evacuated for one week.

The concern and help by our PSAA president Ariestelo Asilo, Sir Roland de Jesus, Sir Alex Romero, and Sir Hans Groot [PCAFPD Board members] make me stronger and braver. The financial assistance as well was a big help so we could have something to put on the table. Geraldine Maiatico – thanks as well for the prayers. You guys let me feel that I am part of your family. There are still evacuees left, especially those whose houses were burned. We are now holding classes at Talon-Talon Barangay Hall and my wife has recently started to report at Tigtabon elementary School, which is an Island school. She is still afraid when she sees boats around the island. Thank you once again, PCAFPD Family!!!” ▪

### **Program Note . . .**

PCAFPD board member Hans Groot reports that our scholars are required to submit regular essays and some are not too happy doing so. However, one scholar recently wrote to him to say:

*“I really enjoy doing this essay thing. Honestly, before I am hesitant of doing it especially sharing pieces of my life to others but now I really love doing it. It is really cool looking back to a wonderful ride and sharing it to people who care about it.” ▪*

### **Once blurry, his future is now clear**

**Alnie Alojado**, from *Negros*

*Occidental*, is majoring in social work at the *University of Negros Occidental in Recoletos*.



I am feeling excited every time the semester ends because I can give my full time to work at the City Social Services and Development Office in Bago City. Everything started here – this opportunity to go back to school – after I met PCV Rachael Saler, who opened this chance to reach my dream and become a Social Worker like her.

Every semester is different; I am now on the second year as a BSSW [Bachelor of Science in Social Work] student and I am representing the College of Arts and Sciences in the supreme student government after I won the election last May!

The major subjects I took this semester were hard but gave me so much knowledge. Preparing social case-study reports was difficult but I pulled it through and I enjoyed the part where I get to interview the client and give them counseling on the process.

Another reason I feel blessed is that in my free time, my fellow PCAFPD Scholar Marivic Reparó and I were trusted by the Social Services Office to help them with the out-of-school youths in their life-skills education program, where we were given time to do activities on Self Awareness, Goal Setting and Decision Making and Communication.

This experience has boosted my confidence and made me realize that I shouldn't credit luck or chance; rather, I should work hard because the

harder I work the more luck I seem to have.

I would like to end this essay by thanking everyone who helped me become a better person. Three years ago, I never saw myself studying in the university and my future then was blurry. But this scholarship that the Peace Corps has given me has showed me where I would want to see myself in the next two or three years after I finish this course.

I'd like to give back the chance to other people by helping them in whatever way I can when I become a Social Worker. ■

### **A failure that leads to success**

*Ma Eliza Marquez, from Tarlac, is studying accountancy at Tarlac State University in Tarlac City.*



My second semester was a depressing one. I failed my accounting subject, which broke my heart. I was so unhappy. There were only

eight students who passed the accounting subject. Though I failed my one subject, still I am so thankful to God that I have only had one failed grade.

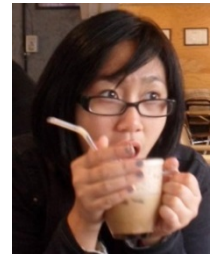
I don't want to be a pessimist. I know that things happen for a reason. I took my failed subject this summer and, praise God! – I got the average quota of 2.0. There were only 16 students who passed the quota. If students don't get the 2.0 average in accounting, we have to repeat the subject again until we give up.

At Rehoboth [Children's Home], where I lived before, I still visit them and help them with their projects in the community. We have a project called Eco-Learning Literacy House, which is made with plastic bottles. Our plastic-bottle projects are made with thousands of plastic bottles to be used just like hollow blocks. We had already built the building but a little finishing is still needed. This project was reported to the *Balitang Amianan* [News in the North and South, a local news network] last month and I'm so happy to be part of it. In simple ways we helped our environment.

Thank you for your support. And thank you very much for the chance. More blessings to come . . . ■

### **One scholar's view of the PCAFPD scholarship**

In commemoration of PCAFPD's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Board Member Hans Groot sent a few questions to scholars and alumni. Below is the answer of one scholar to the question: *"Is the PCAFPD scholarship program different or unique as compared to other scholarship programs? If yes, how is it different?"*



*Krisna Ocong from Negros Occidental, who is studying Materials Engineering at UP, Diliman, responded:*

"The program has PSAA. It's a venue for scholars to meet fellow scholars and alumni of the foundation and to do community work. Scholars of the same area gather to form PSAA chapters. They initiate projects for the community. I, myself, had a summer project on my freshman year. I taught ballet to kids. It was something that I had never imagined to do. Now, I'm learning Igal, a Sama Badjao traditional dance. I hope to teach this graceful Philippine dance someday.

The end of semester essay is a requirement a scholar must submit. This makes the relationship between the foundation and the scholars more personal. It's not just grades that define a student and our essay can vouch for that. From our very first essay to the last one required, show how much we changed and matured during college. Every time I write mine, I would rack my brains in coming up with a witty and fun way to tell my story. It's a self-evaluation after every semester.

Scholars are required to work in the Philippines for certain number of years. In my case, it's 'n' years. I don't want to say the number because I don't want to jinx my graduation. Before even going to college, I already know that I want to work in the Philippines. The return service usually gives people doubts about applying for a scholarship or school. I think working in your own country is gold. I'd like to see the world someday but I would definitely return and stay in the Philippines for good." ■



Left to right: **Mary Kay Highfill Blackmon, Marci Peck Cole, Chuck Wilkerson, Jeannette Cannon Ruffle, Pam Cohelan Benson, Ann Carlisle, John Adkins, Bill Peck, Elaine Bosack and Laurel Wilkerson.** Photo: Leon Borensztein, Oakland, CA

### **Group X Reunion** *By Ted Grossman*

It was forty-eight years ago when Peace Corps Philippines Group X Volunteers completed their two-year assignments as teachers and economic development specialists and returned home, with no plans to return. And it would stay that way during most of the following years: no trips to the Philippines, and few, if any, visits, letters and Christmas cards between Filipinos and Americans and between former Peace Corps friends.

But things changed in late 2012. **Connie Bauer** and **Judith Lesner**, with much help, located many of the former members of Philippines Group X who had entered the Peace Corps in June 1963. They queried the group as to their willingness to attend a 50 year anniversary reunion. Many members of the group thought it would be a good idea. Connie and Judith recruited others to make a committee: **Joan Lally Canterbury, Bill Peck, Jack Felmet** and **Ann Carlisle** and preparations got going. The committee then secured the sponsorship of PCAFPD. The plan was to have a silent auction at the reunion as well as to donate any surplus money from the reunion to PCAFPD for the Rachel Singer Memorial Scholarship, created in memory of one of the members of the group.

What we hoped for was to learn what life paths Group X members had followed and to enjoy the opportunity to re-visit close friends made during the years 1963-65, when they endured a difficult training program and then lived in towns, cities and villages scattered throughout the Philippines.

It was a thrilling and exciting moment when the RPVCs, now in their 70s, met again the last weekend of September. It had been so many years since they had seen one another that few immediately recognized each other. But things changed when they saw each other's name tags and started to speak, rekindling old memories. From that moment on, friendships were restored, and hugs and kisses were exchanged, as if they had never lost

contact over all those years. The four-day reunion took place in the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Emeryville, California. The highlight for many was the initial Meet and Greet Reception on Friday afternoon and evening at the hotel. Other activities at the hotel included finding each other's sites on a posted map of the Philippines done by Connie Bauer, viewing a 50 year time line done by Jack Felmet (and putting our own significant events on it) and a sing-along of the songs that were popular when we joined, led by Bill Peck and John Adkins. A Filipino Fiesta was held on Saturday at a nearby senior center which included a display of the group's singing and guitar playing talent. (See photo above.) On Sunday, a final banquet was held at Trader Vic's on the edge of San Francisco Bay, allowing us to imagine that we were at the Manila Hotel, overlooking Manila Bay.

The RPCVs asked one another why they became Peace Corps Volunteers. "I wanted change: change in my life, change in the world," said **Ken Beck**, an artist and teacher who worked with Filipinos in Igbaras, in the Visayas, and now resides in Boston. "I don't know how it 'helped' the Filipinos, but I made life-long friends there, eventually connecting with Filipinos who came to the US and made lives for themselves here." "It was the best two years of my life. It gave me confidence and leadership experience. Leave to live in another culture. I feel it destroyed the 'ugly American' myth. All Americans are not rich," said **Peter Abeles**, a retired teacher and house painter from Long Valley, New Jersey. **Ted Grossman**, a retired editor-publisher in Eastsound, Washington, said "I too look upon my years in the Peace Corps as the highlight of my life. I went there to teach, but it was I who was the one to learn." ■

*[Editor's Note: So far, more than \$1,075 has been given to the Rachel Singer Memorial Scholarship from the Group X reunion activities and the individuals who attended it.]*

**THE KWANS - Group I Peace Corps/Philippines  
52nd Anniversary Reunion  
Pendleton, Oregon**



Sitting: Bruce Campbell, Barbara Gladysiewicz Soohoo, Parker Borg, Mary Teasler Giesecke, Maureen Carroll, Martha Allshouse Hull,  
Middle: Gerry Mullins, Dave Jett, Kristine Pierce (group 268), Melinda Meyer Hunter, Beth Sorenson Plummer, Brenda Brown Schoonover, Ann Snuggs, Ralph Cauthen, Vladimir Velasco  
Back: Ray Meyer, Gina Cochran Rusch, Bryan Jacobs (group 268), Claire Whiting Sharpless, Claire Horan Smith, Fran Froschle, Ron Peters, Pera Daniels, Margo Heineman Daniels, Ray McEachern

**September 22-26, 2013**

**On September 22, 2013, Peace Corps/Philippines Group I convened in Eastern Oregon for its latest bi-annual reunion (52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary!)**

Hosted by Bruce Campbell, 42 "kwans" and guests gathered at the Wildhorse Resort on the Umatilla Confederated Tribes Indian Reservation, outside of Pendleton, Oregon. Bruce did an outstanding job of planning a program that was varied, educational, well-paced, and fun. Activities included a tour of the Tribe's cultural institute and briefings on their history and traditions; a wine tasting tour by limo of the Walla Walla Valley; sightseeing in Pendleton, a tram trip up a snow-covered mountain at Lake Wallowa, and a great fiesta night with *lechon* and trimmings. Members of the local Filipino-American community attended the fiesta in national dress and performed a musical number. A special treat was having Bryan Jacobs and Kristine Pierce, recently returned PCVs from Philippines Group 268, who showed a slide

presentation of their work and life as volunteers. Group I followed its usual practice of using its reunions as a way to raise funds for PCAFPD – this time through the "sale" of DVDs of photos and music from its training program at Penn State through the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Washington DC in 2011. The Group will continue to celebrate its deep bonds of friendship in two more years at an as yet undetermined location! ■

**Philippines Group II, 1961-63, held its first Group II-only Reunion in Boston October 4 thru 6.** Nineteen former

volunteers from all over the US attended, along with six spouses, for a total of 25 people who reconnected over three days of dining, playing tourist and "hanging out." In contrast to previous reunions held in DC, filled with speeches and official presentations, the low-key reunion was generous on time to mingle and talk. When the planned focal event, a visit to the JFK Library and a personalized tour Saturday afternoon, fizzled due to the government shutdown, the group created Plan B: the Boston "Duck Tour," an amphibious trip by land and sea around the city. During the weekend, they met for drinks and dinner on Friday; enjoyed a catered barrio fiesta at the home of Steve Baer and Group 2 volunteer Phyllis Smith Baer Saturday night; and a farewell dinner at a seaside restaurant Sunday night. The whole weekend was a great experience and a reminder that the connections made so many years ago were still strong. The next reunion is already in the planning stages. ■

**CURRENT PCAFPD BOARD: Acting President:** Maureen Carroll (Sorsogon 1961-63); **Vice President/Philippines:** Roland de Jesus; **Vice President/USA:** Ron Peters (Sorsogon 1961-63); **Treasurer:** Stephen Dienstfrey (Bukidnon 1965-67); **Secretary:** Mike Ollinger (Iloilo 1982-84); **Vice President, Database Management:** Sarah McMeans (Cebu 1962-64); **Vice President, Institutional Relations:** Hans Groot (Negros Occidental & Laguna 1961-64); **Vice President, Student Affairs:** Paul Aleckson (Romblon 2003-05); **Vice President Website Management:** Carol Hammaker Radomski (Batanes 1980-83); **Board Members at Large:** William Bright (Manila 1965-67; APCD 1998-2000; Country Director 2000-03); Mark Holt (Tarlac 1982-84); Geraldine Maiatico (Batangas 1966-68; APCD 2000-2005); Alex Romero; Deane Wylie (Albay & Masbate 1961-63) **Mail Pickup Volunteer:** Terri Lee Bergman (Cebu 1982-84) ■

## News briefs and milestones . . .



### **PCAFPD mourns the passing of Lone Castillo an early PC/Philippines leader and life-long activist**

We are saddened to report that Leonel ("Lone") Castillo, a Group 1 "kwan" and volunteer leader for several early groups, died November 4 at age 74, just days before the opening of a Houston community center named in his honor. When he returned from Peace Corps, Lone earned a degree in Social Work, and continued his life's work as an activist and public servant. As the first Latino elected to citywide office in Houston, he served as its controller from 1971 until 1977, when Jimmy Carter appointed him Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. In 1979 he returned to Texas to serve the people of Houston both inside and outside the government. Texas State Senator Sylvia Garcia in expressing her sadness at his passing said, among other things: "A social worker at heart, he was an intellectual with great compassion for people and worked tirelessly for the underdog." The writer of his obituary in the Houston Chronicle said: "All agreed his deep intellectual curiosity, fierce belief in the basic worth of all people and quietly forceful presence as a public speaker defined his time in many public service roles." PCAFPD extends its condolences to his wife of more than 50 years, Evelyn Chapman, a Filipina whom he met while working with a Waray training program in Tacloban, and to their two children and four grandchildren. ▀



### **An early PCAFPD leader helps us reconnect and expand our circle of supporters**

On Sunday, June 30 following *Peace Corps Connect Boston*, the National Peace Corps Association's annual conference, **Angelita Altea**, one of PCAFPD's founding members, hosted a brunch for PCAFPD supporters and friends in the garden of her home in Cambridge. A few long-time supporters introduced PCAFPD to several Philippine RPCVs who had not been in touch with us before. They all enjoyed delicious Filipino food and good company. Go to [www.peacecorpsconnect.org](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org) to learn about the NPCA conference. Save the date, June 20-21, 2014, for *Peace Corps Connect Nashville*. PCAFPD is now seeking a host for a gathering in the Nashville area on Sunday, June 22, 2014. ▀

### **Board Members Meet for Lunch in Manila**

In October, PCAFPD's Vice President for Student Affairs Paul Aleckson had an opportunity to meet Roland de Jesus, our Vice President for Philippine Operations. Following a business trip to China, Paul stopped in the Philippines to visit his PCV site in Romblon and to meet Roland for lunch. It was the first time that these two board members, who have the most scholar contact, had met one another face to face. They are pictured at right in a Manila restaurant. ▀



The US-Philippines Society, formally launched in June 2012, is a private sector initiative that aims to elevate the profile of the Philippines in the United States.

"There's been a long, rich and historic relationship between the Philippines and the United States, and between Filipinos and Americans. The objective of the Society is to call attention to the contemporary Philippines, which is improving its government, growing economically, and dealing with security issues at a time when the United States is putting renewed emphasis on Southeast Asia," according to Ambassador John Maisto, President of the Society.

**PROGRAMS:** Since its launch in June 2012, the Society has hosted cultural performances, including the National Folk Dance Company of the Philippines and the Philippine Madrigal Singers. Working in partnership with organizations such as the Philippine Embassy, CSIS, Johns Hopkins SAIS, the Library of Congress and Fil-Am associations, the Society has

organized several events with high level government officials and other notable speakers on Philippine economic, trade, political and historical topics. In October, it sponsored a show by Philippine fashion designers in Portland's FashionNXT, considered one of the biggest fashion events in the US.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Society networks with government officials but receives no funding or direction from either the U.S. or Philippine governments. As non-profit, non- partisan, and independent, the Society relies on the generosity of donors and active member support to develop and carry out programs that highlight today's Philippines and strengthen Philippine-US relations.

The Society welcomes individual and corporate members. For more information, please check the website, [www.usphilippinesociety.org](http://www.usphilippinesociety.org), or contact [info@usphilsociety.org](mailto:info@usphilsociety.org). Its office is located at 1712 N Street, NW, Suite 301, Washington, DC 20036. ▀

### *Three Easy Ways to Join the Celebration of PCAFPD's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

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

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

\*\* The supporter who sends us the most new additions to our mail list will receive a special prize to be announced after the first of the year.

### **Supporters' response to "Three Easy Ways" so far . . .**

So far, at least 36 regular supporters have made an extra gift of \$30 or more beyond what they have given in the previous year. After the end of the year, we will have a final tally of those who chose to celebrate PCAFPD's 30th anniversary by making a special \$30 contribution or increasing their annual gift by that amount or more. We thank all those who have already made an extra gift and urge others to join them – let's strive to get to at least 100 regular supporters to make an extra gift of \$30 or more this year!

We are also very pleased to announce that 41 new or lapsed supporters have made gifts that qualify for a match from a generous supporter who prefers to remain anonymous. Let's strive to get 100 new or lapsed supporters on that list by the end of the year, too!

There is still time to send us a list of RPCV and staff contacts to add to our mail list and to qualify for the prize that we will give to the person who sends us the most new contacts before the end of the year. ▀



**Contributions from our generous supporters . . .** We thank those listed below whose gifts to PCAFPD were received between March 31, 2013 and October 5, 2013. **The plus (+) identifies those who have made more than one contribution, including NPCA membership renewals, since our report in the Spring 2013 issue of *Balitaan*.** In addition to the individual contributions listed below, PCAFPD received generous gifts from the Group X reunion for the Rachel Singer Memorial Scholarship; from the Group I Reunion, and from the Julia Campbell Memorial Foundation.

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

Barbara Abendschein	FL	<b>Charles &amp; Phoebe Dey +</b>	NH	<b>Sharon Keld +</b>	NY
John H. Adkins (1)	ID	<b>Judy Kealey Diaz +</b>	FL	Maggie Keenan	OR
Tim & Mary Ann Ahrens	AZ	<b>Stephen J. Dienstfrey + (10)</b>	VA	Ralph Kemphaus	OH
<b>Miriam Aiken +</b>	OR	Tom & Joan Dine (12)	DC	Mary Kilgour	FL
<b>Paul Aleckson + (2)</b>	NY	James & Carol Dries (1)	WA	Lon Kramer (21)	CT
Chuck Amorosino (3)	VA	<b>George T. Duncan +</b>	NM	Karl Krebs	CA
Nancy Foral Andal	PA	Patrick B. Durst	Thailand	<b>Jim Krogh +</b>	ND
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Dr. Stephen J. Banta	Philippines	Virginia Lashley Foley	CA	Barbara & Warren Lewis	VA
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David Barnstable	MD	Carol Freeman	MN	Tom & Denise Lionetti (23)	MD
Pamela Cohelan Benson (1)	DC	Frank Froschle	NM	<b>Jay Litt +</b>	FL
Terri Lee Bergman	VA	Charles & Elaine Garman (13)	MA	<b>Harriet Locke +</b>	TN
Linda Cover Bigelow	France	Stan Garnett	VA	Katrina Hellebush Looby	PA
<b>Anne H. Bing +</b>	CT	Sandra Mieseler Getter	CO	<b>James &amp; Susan Lytle +</b>	PA
Thomas Blackburn	FL	<b>Tracy Gleason +</b>	CA	Gerald Malovany	VA
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Dory Blobner	WI	Lynn Gorton	FL	<b>Catherine Robb Marston +</b>	FL
<b>Ben Bloom +</b>	OH	William Grifenhagen (14)	NC	Marilyn Maze	MD
Sylvia Boecker	VA	<b>George Grills +</b>	Canada	Sally Pierce McCandless	TX
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<b>Kenneth Bollerud +</b>	NY	Olga Grkavac (15)	VA	Raymond & Patricia McEachern	FL
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