

Through PCAFPD, returned volunteers, staff and friends maintain a bond with the Philippines by providing scholarships for exceptional Filipino students to attend college in their country. You can join us by sending a contribution in the envelope provided.

PEACE CORPS HOLDS 30TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Philippine events at the 30th anniversary reunion began with a country update organized by RPCV Frank Page (1979-81). About 175 people attended the three-hour session at Catholic University, which featured RPCV Chris Newhall (1970-72), now a prominent volcanologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, who returned from the Philippines one hour before his talk. Newhall enthralled his audience with tales and slides of the devastating Mt. Pinatubo eruptions. Kiddie Lyn, newsletter editor for the Washington Forum for the Philippine Alliance for Concern, gave a very moving review of the current situation in Filipino barrios. Then Toni Borge, outgoing Peace Corps Desk Officer for the Philippines, described the evacuation of PCV's in 1990 and negotiations for their return. RPCV Andy Tracy (1965-68), President of the PCAFPD Board of Directors, made the Foundation's work sound as exciting as erupting volcanoes and political intrigue, even though it consists of raising money to send students to college in the Philippines.

The highpoint of the reunion was a lively Barrio Fiesta at the World Bank orchestrated by RPCV's Margo and Pera Daniels (1961-63) and a committee of volunteers. Ambassador Pelaez of the Philippines was in Manila; he was represented by the Embassy Charge d'Affairs and his wife.

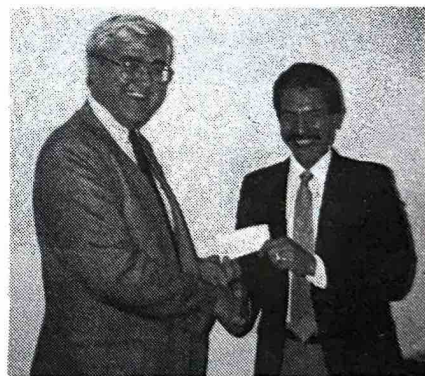
The fiesta began with a menu of Filipino delicacies catered by Board member and former staff member Lita Altea (1966-80). A typical program was arranged by Elena Borneo (formerly "Mrs. B." of the Manila office 1962-81), and included superb traditional Filipino dances by the Philippine-American Cultural Arts Society (PACAS), musical numbers by RPCV Al "Berting" Bradford (1961-65) on the flute with Glenda Newhall on the guitar, and by RPCV Pam Johnston-Moguet (1980-83) and Henry Moguet. Pam also interpreted a song for the hearing impaired in the audience. The evening ended with dancing and schmoozing by all.

Meanwhile, back at the exhibition tent, volunteers staffed a Philippine exhibit and sales booth, covered with photos of RPCV's and PC Staff in their Filipino habitat. RPCV Carol Radomski (1980-83) managed the booth and sales of souvenir T-shirts, caps and frisbees. In addition, RPCV Rick Zemlin (1978-82) garnered over 200 names of PC/ Philippines alumni to add to the PCAFPD mailing list of potential contributors. RPCV Roger Brechner (1983-85) organized the Philippine contingent among the approximately 3,000 Peace Corps alumni who participated in a living map of the world and peace walk to Lincoln Memorial where a memorial service was held for PCV's who died in service.

Philippine events at the reunion, coordinated by RPCV Diane Rodill (1985-87), raised several hundred dollars to help support the 27 PCAFPD scholars now attending college in the Philippines.

MT. PROVINCE GROUP SPONSORS SCHOLAR

BIMAK of Washington, D.C., contributed \$500.00 to sponsor a student from Mountain Province as a PCAFPD scholar. Caesar Caligtan, President of the organization, presented a check to Andy Tracy, President of PCAFPD, at the Board meeting of October 1, 1991 (below).



BIMAK stands for Benguet, Ifugao, Mountain Province, Apayo, Kalinga, subprovinces of the old Mountain Province. It is an organization of families in and near Washington, D.C., who are descended from the Igorot tribes of the Philippines; their goal is to preserve the Igorot culture.

LIVING ALLOWANCE HELPS NEEDIEST SCHOLARS

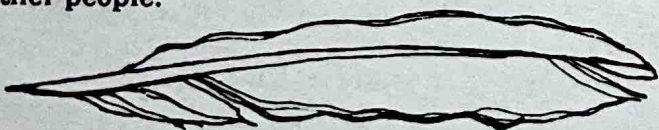
PCAFPD scholars who do not have adequate funds for housing, food, transportation or similar expenses, may obtain up to 800 pesos a month from the Foundation to support themselves in school.

The scholar must explain the support needed on a request form, which is then reviewed, and approved or not, by the Foundation's Vice President, Modesto de Jesus. The Foundation Board reviews all allowances yearly, adjusting them if necessary.

Currently 7 of the Foundation's 27 scholars receive living allowances that range from 350 to 720 pesos a month. An example of the additional support some scholars need is given in the following excerpts from a scholar's request for help.

"Sir, since I have to undertake four (4) rides (jeepney), I am spending 500 pesos monthly. This includes my transportation and food expenses. It is very hard for the pocket of my widowed mother who is a sidewalk vendor only in the town of Daraga, Albay... My family lives in a hand to mouth existence. The amount that my mother gets from vending gabi leaves is not enough to feed the nine members in the family. Other source of income is derived from farm laborer but Bicol is always stricken by typhoon that the farm is no longer productive."

"When typhoon Unsang hit the Bicol region, it destroyed our house. At the present, we live on a small house that privacy in studies deprives me. There is a distance from our house to school wherein I've to go out in the community early in the morning just to catch up the first trip going out to the Poblacion just to take a ride going to school. Oftentimes, I've to walk going out to the railroad just to catch up the trip. I'm a hard working daughter and have an ambition to finish my studies to uplift our present situation and be of help also to other people."



LIZ ABERNETHY SCHOLAR GRADUATES

PCAFPD established the Liz Abernethy Scholarship in memory of Elizabeth Dixon Abernethy, a founder and member of the Board of Directors. With her husband John, Ms. Abernethy had served as Co-Director of the Peace Corps in the Philippines from 1978 to 1981. She had also been Executive Director of the Foreign Student Service Council.

The first Liz Abernethy scholar was Annabelle Madayag of Benguet Province, selected in July 1988 after completing one year toward a B.S. in Social Work at St. Louis University in Baguio City. Annabelle graduated in March of this year. Excerpts from her year-end essays follow:

April, 1989

I had one subject which deals purely with casework... This opportunity allowed me to deal with individuals in their stressful conditions, thus allowing me to experience the art of working with them.... Not only did I learn how to deal with individuals with social malfunctions but also individuals in group setting... I learned how to deal with a group with different individuals with varying personalities...

I attended a leadership seminar last July which was of great importance towards the development of my leadership ability. Aside from this, I actively participated in almost every activity of our school organization, moreover, I joined the Language and Arts competition in school also...

April, 1990

... I made it to the Dean's List... I was a part in the extension program of non-formal education to help with the Baguio street children sponsored by the Save the Street Children of Baguio Foundation-SLU. Moreover, I actively participated with our barangay activities such as the sportfest, operation "Linis" and some fundraising activities of the Kabataang Barangay... My field practicum... exposed me to actual situations- problematic and stressful situations of some families. It gave me the chance to deal with a sexually abused (raped) 13 year old girl, a street child who belongs to a complicated family situation. Thus, I was not only dealing with the raped child but also to her entire family. The case of the family forced me to put into practice the knowledge, skills which I have been learning for 3 years... I tried to let them be aware of their resources and how to use them in solving their problem. As a result of the case, at least the family was able to have a lawyer (for free) and their problem on the custody of one child (a half-brother of the raped child) was also solved thru my referral to DSWD for possible adoption

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since the family wants to give the child for adoption...

Last December, I was sent by our school as one of its delegates to the International Seminar on Youth Community Service for Community Development... My eyes were opened to the reality- the need for every discipline to concentrate on community development as they try to alleviate the present poverty situation which causes the under development of almost all communities of the Philippines... I again volunteered as Research Assistance to the SLU-CRES (Center for Research Extension Services) on their evaluative study on the Family Planning-Responsible Parenthood of Benguet Exploration. I was then tasked to do the data gathering to the Balatec and Atok Mines. At present I'm with the CRES again as Research Assistant in their research on the poverty level of Cordillera...

I intend to organize this coming June the Youth Community Service Council which would be University wide. The said council would be my vehicle in serving depressed barangays of the City. Moreover, with my present involvement to our KB Council of which I happened to be the Vice President, I believe that this could be one way of fulfilling my dream of introducing changes in our own barangay...

I believe that behind all these achievements I have had, it is the Peace Corps Foundation to which I owe them a lot! Thank you very much for another year of scholarship.

May, 1991

... My last year in college gave me the much needed exposure especially in my field practice. I was tasked to do community organizing in one of the depressed community in Baguio. As expected I was able to organize the Mother's Group which was composed of the mothers of the Day Care Children of West Quirino Hill. As their activity, we had cooking demonstrations and experimental cooking. I also assisted them in formulating a project proposal for their proposed construction of a Day Care Building within their community. The project proposal was used in tapping funds for the proposed project. However, prior to the formulation, I conducted a seminar-workshop in Project Proposal Making, where the mothers of the Barangay Council and the Youth Group participated.

Doing community organization, however, does not mean working with only one group but to all aspects of the community- from the Barangay officials, informing them the results of my survey regarding the people's perception on their community, their perceived problems and needs. Then, I sat with

them during their regular sessions and together we planned how to attend to the people's need. Likewise, I also consulted the leaders regarding the plans and projects of the group I organized. This I did to show the leaders that I respect and recognize their authority.

I also spent some time with the Youth Group. With the help of my co-practitioners, we were able to conduct an Inter-barangay Sportsfest, an activity participated by the five communities being served by Child and Family Service Philippines, Inc., the agency we were assigned to.

I enjoyed doing community organizing, thought it was tiresome. I experienced visiting houses, even climbing the mountain just to reach the place of our clients. For my first two months, I immersed myself to the community, carefully observing their lifestyles and eventually conforming to them. I really tried to speak in their own dialect- Kankanaey or Ibaloi and for the period of my integration I could now speak and understand a little Ibaloi.

Aside from my community organizing, I and my classmates organized a seminar-workshop on Networking of Government Entities for better service to street children... My academic subjects like Human Relations, Social Services and Community Development opened my senses to reality. These subjects made me aware and understand our present situation as deteriorating despite the efforts exerted by our national leaders. It made me see and feel the great need for Social Workers who would bridge the gap between the people and existing system... It is evident that some of the services extended by agencies are not consistent

with the expressed needs of the people, and often time if not most of the time, it is the clientele system who conforms to the agencies programs and services and not the other way around. I see this as absurd! I believe that systems- the government and welfare agencies were and are created for the people, with the people and of the people, thus their existence is dependent on the need for their existence by the people...

The final bridge to cross is definitely coming- the feared BOARD EXAM! I'm planning to work in a non-government agency however I'm not closing my doors to the government. Why NGO? I believe that it would be better for a new comer like me to work with NGO who really gives you the necessary supervision before finally working with the government-DSWD for example, who gives lesser supervision... I would like to work with the Peace Corps, who helped me all through out, besides working with Peace Corps would be great for I'm already at home with the Foundation.





1991 Graduate
Mari Jean Aycocho, Albay

BOOKS ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES

Marcos Against the Church: Economic Development and Political Repression in the Philippines. By Robert L. Youngblood, Cornell University Press, 211 pp. \$26.95

According to a review by Dana L. Robert in *America* 165 (9):225-226, Oct. 5, 1991:

"During the 1970's and 1980's, the Marcos regime felt especially threatened by the church efforts to form local Base Christian Communities (B.C.C.'s). Whereas church leaders saw the formation of B.C.C. as a way to help the poor gain knowledge and confidence about their faith and their rights, the Government saw the B.C. C.'s as a potential power base for anti-Government agitation... Youngblood demonstrates that even a basically conservative hierarchy can become transformed on behalf of the poor when Government persecution of the people is relentless... Ironically, anti-American Filipino nationalists found some of their best allies in expatriate church workers, many of whom were targeted by Marcos for persecution and expulsion from the Philippines..."

"*Marcos Against the Church* attempts to show how economic and political ideologies clashed with post-Vatican II liberation theology in the Philippines... In reading the book, one gets the sense that the church is composed of organizations with confusing acronyms rather than of flesh-and-blood people who wrestle with burning theological and personal issues. *Marcos Against the Church* is a good study of the Roman Catholic Church as an organization during the Marcos years."

COMING EVENTS

December 10

Hors d'oeuvres; guitar music by Henry Moguet. At the Stewart Mott Residence. 122 Maryland Ave., NE Washington, DC from 5:30-7:30pm [right behind the Capitol]

February

Date to be announced

An evening with Ms. Elaine Chou, the new Peace Corps Director, which may coincide with the return of the PC to the Philippines, if rumors are to be believed.

Monthly

PCAFPD board meets the 4th Tuesday of NOV, JAN, MAR, MAY at 7:00 pm at 1815 H St., NW 11th Floor. Open to all.



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