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FIVE NEW FOUNDATION GRADUATES

The Foundation is proud to announce the graduation of its recent new scholars

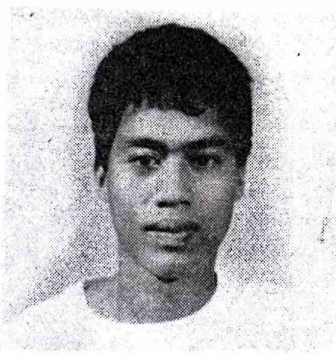


Merlino San Juan graduated in October from the Technological Institute of the Philippines in Manila with a BS in Civil Engineering. Merlino, a native of Taytay, Rizal, has been one of the original Foundation scholars since 1984. He graduated with honors and completed a thesis entitled, "Design of a three story reinforced concrete school building". In a letter to the Foundation, he said, "School activities opened my door toward self-improvement".

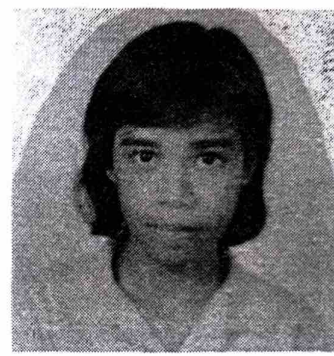
Severa Aranzado has been a Foundation scholar since 1984. She completed her high school education at Puerta Galera Academy in 1985. In October, she completed a Bachelor's program in Elementary Education at Divine Word College in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro. "My ultimate aim of returning to my home town and helping others in the community will then be fulfilled."



Celia Ugi, Notre Dame of Lake Cebu, now has a B.A. in Community Development. She became one of our scholars in 1985 and graduated this March '89. Celia wants to teach adults and has taught adult literacy classes which she found to be very enjoyable.



Rogelio Gale, graduated from Leyte Institute of Technology, B.A. Mechanical Engineering. One of the Foundation's original scholars since 1984, he graduated this March '89. His desire is to find a job in agricultural engineering.



Loita Butalon, became an awardee in 1985 and graduated this March '89. She attended Urios College, Butuan City and is going on to attend college. She was on the Deans List the entire time she was in school.

LIZ ABERNETHY SCHOLARSHIP

In 1988, in honor of Elizabeth Dixon Abernethy, the Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development created the Liz Abernethy scholarship. The Foundation will select one scholar at a time to be the recipient of this special scholarship.

Liz, former Peace Corps co-director in the Philippines 1978-81, executive director of the Foreign Student Service Council and founding board member of PCAFPD, was also a good friend to many of us. The Foundation will select a scholar who embodies the qualities and objectives that Liz devoted her life to fostering and which, she herself, personified.

The current Liz Abernethy scholar is Annabelle Madayog. Annabelle is from Benguet province and is a first year student at St. Louis University in Baguio City. Annabelle is interested in working in a rehabilitation center, an orphanage, or in a remote area. She plans to use the knowledge gained to organize youths and do volunteer to work with problem children.

Contributors can send in donations to the Liz Abernethy Fund to support Annabelle and other future students.

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation now offers individuals and groups the opportunity to sponsor a student for the duration of his/her education in the Philippines. This gives you the chance to continue your commitment to the Philippines through a very personal bond with one scholar.

The Bicol Association, Washington DC, has been sponsoring two students and four individuals are each sponsoring one student:

Bicol Association: Lucas Espiloy, DEBESMAC, Agricultural Education; Radamar Tanamor, University of Nueva Caceras, Engineering.

Individual Sponsors are:

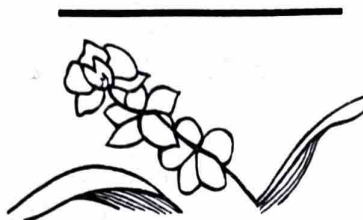
Martha Allshouse Hull, sponsor of Aquino Mansumily, Holy Cross University, Liberal Arts; **Chris Newhall**, sponsor of Jocelyn Adalla, Philippine Women's College, Computer Science; **Allen W. Rothenberg**, sponsor of Stella Agudo, Centro Escolar University, Nursing; **Jan Twarowski** sponsor of Rufing Douglas, Notre Dame of Lake Cebu, Community Development.

For all of our programs, the Foundation selects appropriate scholars from the many highly qualified and deserving applicants who have applied for a scholarship that year. Students from among this group are then pegged as individually sponsored students. The Foundation endeavors to match the student with any special request of the sponsor.

Sponsors often request students from a specific region or pursuing a particular course of study. The Foundation will send each individual sponsor a copy of the scholar's application materials and photograph. Sponsors may write directly to the student if they wish. Scholars, receive only the name of the sponsor, so it entirely up to the sponsor to initiate correspondence.

The Foundation will keep the sponsor informed of the scholar's progress by sending copies of grade reports and end-of-the-year essays, as well as occasional correspondence from the scholar to the Foundation representatives in Manila.

student in the Philippines is approximately \$320/year. This is the annual fee for participating in the program. A sponsor must agree to make a commitment to fund a scholar for the duration of their studies, usually four years. In addition, once a sponsor agrees to a set fee for the program duration, the Foundation will absorb all increases in the cost of the education. In other words, the annual fee remains unchanged for the duration of the sponsorship. This fee is annually revised based on escalating costs in the Philippines. Please write for more information on sponsoring a scholar.



NEW SCHOLARS

The following new students were selected for funding for this year:

Alexander Gabilo from Ivana, Batanes will major in Civil Engineering at the National University in Manila.

Rox de Luna Portento from Marinduque will major in Agri-business Management at U.P./Diliman.

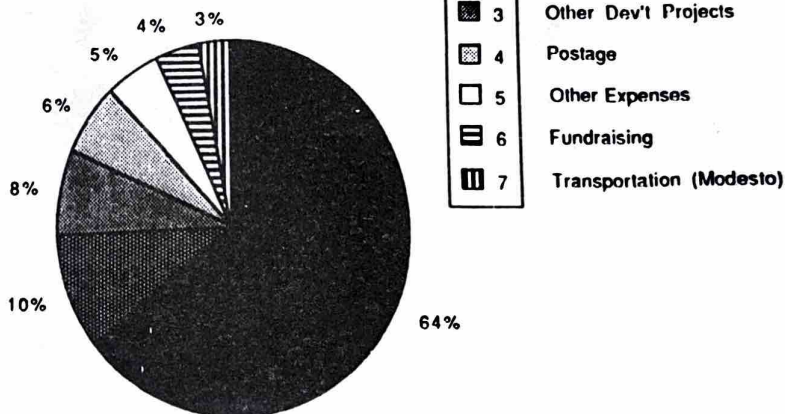
Eric Petallana from Metro Manila will major in Accounting at U.P. Diliman.

Joy Capanes from Biliran, Leyte will major in Nursing at Cebu Doctor's College of Nursing.

Marla Desiree Jayectin from Davao City will major in Accounting at Ateneo de Davao University.

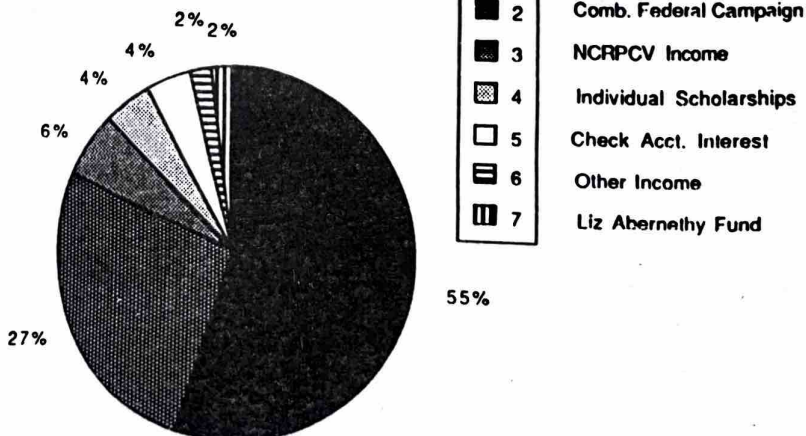
Amy Asebrado Epang from Guimaras will major in Human Ecology at U.P. Los Banos.

FOUNDATION EXPENSES



For 1988 the Foundation's Total Expenditure was \$12,260.56, while Total Income was \$12,847.90 and we started 1989 with an account balance was \$9,570.00

FOUNDATION INCOME



KWAN KORNER

In an effort to maintain those cultural linkages we know and love, we have decided to initiate a new column in our bi-annual newsletter. We'll put all the tsismis you send us in this column. (Of course, if those juicy tidbits come with a check to the Foundation, all the better, but, all tsismis welcome!)

Chris Rich '79-'82 (wearing cowboy boots) and Maryce Ramsey '83-'85 were married in Oklahoma on December 10, 1988. Chris Polydoroff and Neile Whitney attended.

Ed Comstock '66-'68 was named the first P.C. Country Director in Pakistan.

Jennifer Larkin, Joe Proffit '84-'87 and son Conner left for Sudan in January '89 where they will work with VITA.

Toni Ferrara '81-'83 is a program officer with U.S. AID in Liberia.

Lynn Gorton (APCD) '81-'85 is a health officer with U.S. AID in Guatemala.

Scott Sindelar '79-'83 and Jocelyn Medina Sindelar had a baby boy Matthew on Sept. 20, 1988.

Pam & Henry Johnstone Moguet had a second child, Kyra, in December, 1988.

Meg Mitzel '82-'84 married Pat Regan in June, 1988 in Michigan. Ruth Shapiro, Curtis Slover, Joyce Majewski and Rita Mahoney all nag-blowout with them.

PEACE CORPS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM REBUILDS SCHOOL

In 1988 the PCAFPD doanted \$1,000 to the Peace Corps Partnership Program for the Rapu-Rapu Elementary School Building Construction Project, approved by Peace Corps Philippines. The original school building, which was used by 740 students during the 1987-88 school year, was severely damaged by a typhoon.

To develop the project proposal for rebuilding three of the school rooms, the community, the P.T.A., and the elementary school staff all worked with a Peace Corps volunteer assigned to the municipality, located near Lagazpi City in southeastern Luzon. The solicited funding was for construction materials; labor and locally available materials such as gravel and sand were donated by the comun ity. The PCAFPD is very proud to participate in this project promoting the education of young Filipinos.

A LETTER FROM MANILA

Modesto de Jesus, Vice President for Philippine Operations, is our man in Manila who tracks the students, monitors their progress, sends the scholarship check and periodically visits the students during their programs. The following excerpt is from a letter Mod wrote to the Board after one such visit.

"I am glad to report that I've personally met with Lucas Espiloy in Masbate. When I arrived in Masbate, I went directly to the bus station where I was expecting to ride to Lucas' place in Mandaon. I learned that there are 2 trips going that way, one at 3AM and the turn around trip at 2 PM. The bus I was supposed to take arrived at 11:30. Well, when the bus arrived (believe me they load vehicles in Masbate from top to bottom), I was fighting my way inside, (I made up my mind to wait the 3 1/2 hours on the bus as long as I was seated) when someone climbed down from the top deck of the bus and politely asked me if I am Mr. de Jesus, and he immediately introduced himself as Lucas. He was so apologetic for the bus delays because of two flats and the very deteriorated condition of the road. I also learned that the school registrar was currently not at the school.

Because of those predicaments, I decided to forego the trip to Mandaon and requested Lucas to stay with me to discuss his problems. Lucas was so shy a person, that's probably why he rather verbalize his concerns rather than write the same to us. I learned that their family is going through a very hard stage in their lives. His two sisters have to work as housemaids and Lucas fortunately works with the college one hour a day for 7 pesos to augment what his folks send him. He lives with two friends in the campus where he cooks and runs other errands to compensate for their kindness. He left at 3AM to catch the first trip to school. I left for Manila at 7:45 AM the same day. What a bitter lesson - the price of education for a poor man's son. This experience has added more enrichment to our day to day handling of the scholars' welfare."

NCRPCV ANNUAL MEETING

In July of 1988 the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers held its annual meeting at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ruth Shapiro and George Hartsen represented the Foundation. In an area, set up for "friends of groups", PCAFPD set up a booth and disseminated information about our group, our contributors and our efforts in the Philippines.

For the 1989 Annual Meeting to be held at Kent State University in Cleveland, Ohio, we are interested in selling native Philippine crafts in an effort to raise revenues and promote the beautiful handicrafts we all know and love. If you have ideas about where to get the best and most appropriate crafts, or would be interested in helping with the arrangements, please let us know. If this effort is a success, we could continue marketing crafts as part of our regular activities year-round.



A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR OF, BRIDGES

"I would like to tell you about a resource available to you if you have a need or desire to teach young children about the Philippines. (Or if you would like to keep learning yourself!) We are putting out a quarterly newsletter about the Philippines called BRIDGES.

Each issue of BRIDGES will contain:

- ... informative articles for the whole family on Philippine culture and history
- ... a special section with articles and activities for kids
- ... a resource section to keep you up to date on what is out there to help you in your quest to learn more about the Philippines.
- ... a vignette by the Philippine author, Dr. Juan Flavio, who, through his writing, brings to light the strengths and beauty of the people of the barrios.

If this publication sounds like it might interest you, send now for a complementary copy of the first issue of BRIDGES. You will not be under any obligation. If you would like to continue receiving BRIDGES on a regular quarterly basis, subscription information will be included with the complementary copy." Please write to:

Dinah Ferrance
Diverse Designs, Dept. A
2262 Windsor Ave., SW
Roanoke, VA 24015

"ONE GRAIN OF SAND" BOOK REVIEW by NEILE WHITNEY

Steve Shaffer served in the Philippines in the Peace Corps during the late seventies. His book relates his experience to a "grain of sand" who could hope to make at least a small, positive impact on the country in which he served, through the friends he made, if not the work he accomplished. Many of Steve's experiences sound very familiar: discovering early on that his small business program had not been wanted by his supervisors; dealing with rainy season and packed, cramped buses on trips which seemed endless; and his eventual acceptance by some of his clients.

He describes various volunteer lifestyles with good humor, and occasionally, exasperation. In the Baguio area there were volunteers who lived as poorly or richly as the chose. Steve is fascinated by the volunteer who had a fancy apartment supplied by a client, furnished with all the latest amenities. He decided that if the volunteer is making friends and accomplishing the Peace Corps goals, it does not matter how he lives.

Much of Steve's experience centers on his marriage to his language instructor, six months after he entered Peace Corps. It would have been interesting to learn more about how this marriage influenced his experience as a volunteer.

Former volunteers will find many of the events and reactions in the book familiar. The book will give a non-volunteer a very positive view on the Peace Corps experience, while also describing some of the challenges which confront many volunteers. To order the book WRITE:

Steve Shaffer
4343 Tomlinson Circle
Orlando, FL 32829

SALAYSAYAN

The Foundation received a letter from Maggie Keenan, the new editor of Salaysayan magazine. She would love to get letters from former volunteers that could be placed in the magazine. Volunteers in the field would be interested in hearing about what you are doing now, what memories really stay with you, etc. They all want to know what volunteers do after Peace Corps. Include where and when you were there, your assignment, what steps did you take to end up where you are now and what effect has your PC experience had on your life. If possible, please include a picture then and now. You can send the letter to:

Maggie Keenan
Salaysayan, Editor
U.S. Peace Corps
P.O. Box 7013
MIA, Manila
PHILIPPINES 3120

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - PHILIPPINES

Every year Peace Corps picks three outstanding volunteers to be Peace Corps Volunteers of the Year. These three individuals, one from each region, exemplify the goals, objectives and characteristics of a Peace Corps Volunteer. This year, one of the three

volunteers chosen is Michael Bainum, an Agro-Forestry volunteer assigned in Camarines Sur. Mike has been working with adults and children to increase environmental awareness, introduce environmentally beneficial alternative farming systems and assist to create a Bicol based NGO to promote environmental awareness through a variety of educational campaigns.

Mike Bainum, originally from San Antonio, Texas has a Bachelors degree in Public Policy Studies from Duke University. After announcing him as a Volunteer of the Year, Peace Corps brought Mike back to the States to participate in a number of activities throughout the country. PCAFPD was fortunate to be able to host a reception for Mike at the home of our President, Allen W. Rothenberg. We are proud of the work Mike is doing in the Philippines and applaud him for his enthusiasm and commitment.



Left to Right: Alejandro Vicente [Cultural Affairs Officer, Philippine Embassy], Michael Bainum [Volunteer of the Year], Allen W. Rothenberg [President PCAFPD], Ed Slevin [Mike's former Country Director in the Philippines]

CONTRIBUTORS:

The following are contributors to the Foundation, funds allow the Foundation to continue awarding of Scholarships to students in the Philippines. This is a listing through December 1988:

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VA Miriam Aiken
WA Waldo Allen
WI Richard Ammann
CA Michael G. Arden
Kenya Heather Armstrong
MA Michael Arnott
GA Farrar M. Atkinson
MA Marjorie Bakken
DC Vi D. Baluyut
CA Rick & Pauline Banducci
OH Constance & Dietz Bauer
WA Mary Baxter
DC Terri Bergman
TX Linda Cover Bigelow
MD Olive & Thomas Blackburn
CO Joe Blackman
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VA Christine Cabell
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MT Linda Kay Cladis
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MA Lawrence Fuchs
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MT Robert Whalen
MA Alan & Pat White
GA John White
KS Ray & Sue Woods
IL Robert & Yvette Woell
MI Charles & Lois Young
DC Rick Zemlin



NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

On February 28, the Board elected new officers and Board members. Board members serve 3 year terms and officers serve on an annual basis. The following officers were elected:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President - Allen W. Rothenberg
V.P. Philip. Operat. - Modesto De Jesus
V.P. Contribution - T. Chad Walter
V.P. Promotion - Art Brown
V.P. Special Events - Chris Rich
V.P. Student Affairs - Neile Whitney
Newsletter Editor - Ruth Shapiro
Recording Secretary - Scott Sindelar
Treasurer - Robert Lawrence

BOARD MEMBERS

John Abernethy, Angelita Altea, Mel Beetle, Olive Blackburn, Ben Bloom, Elena Borneo, Vicente Borneo, Art Brown, Renato Bulaon, Marueen Carroll, Modesto de Jesus, Toni Ferrara, Robert Lawrence, Denise Lionetti, Pam Johnstone-Moguet, Carol Radomski, Christopher Rich, Allen W. Rothenberg, Ruth Shapiro, Scott Sindelar, Andy Tracy, Steve Vineski, T. Chad Walter, Neile Whitney, Rick Zemlin

NCRPCV

The National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers is actively looking for members and to update its information on all former volunteers worldwide. The Council has been working hard to strengthen the network of RPCV's and the services available to that network. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the NCRPCV may contact.

Mark Hallett / NCRPCV
1319 F St., NW Suite 900
Washington, DC 20004

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

During 1988 we raised 27% of our income from CFC by federal employees. Unfortunately, government policies changed and many organizations including the PCAFPD was excluded from receiving funds. Therefore, we will not be eligible to obtain CFC-1989 contributions, though we have applied for listed status for 1990. If any of you previously contributed via the CFC, we would hope you will continue to support us through direct contribution till we get listed.

PCAFPD MEETING

For the last several years the PCAFPD was holding its monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the **Foreign Students Service Council** at 2337 18th Street, N.W.

Recently, we have changed the meeting place to:

OEF International
1815 H Street, NW, 11th Floor
Washington, DC

Meetings begin at 7PM and everyone is welcome to participate in the functions of the Foundation. Contact Chad Walter 202-483-6921 for further information.

NAME CHANGE OF FOUNDATION

Quite a while back it was suggested that the Foundation may want to change its' name to a more short form or even a convenient acronym. If any one out there has any suggestions we would be interested in any input you may have.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

The PCAFPD solicits applications for scholarships by sending blank applications and information to individuals throughout the Philippines that have been designated as community contacts. We are always interested in adding to our list of contacts and expanding our coverage in pursuit of qualified candidates. If you know of an individual in the Philippines who would be able to recommend bright, motivated students without adequate financial resources to pay for their own education, please send us his/her name. We will then send them the appropriate forms and information and have them help us find qualified applicants for our scholarships.

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