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Through PCAFPD, returned Peace Corps Volunteers, former Peace Corps/Philippines staff, and friends maintain their bonds with the Philippines by providing scholarships for exceptional Filipino students who need financial aid to attend college in their country. Please join us by sending a contribution in the enclosed envelope.

-3 Graduates +4 New Scholars = 18

CONGRATULATIONS to recent PCAFPD graduates:

Narda C. Itong, Benguet

BS Environmental Sciences, Benguet State University

Segundina C. Latus, Benguet

BS Environmental Sciences, Benguet State University

Sharon Tamiking, Baguio

BS Management, Baguio Colleges Foundation

Scholar Graduates cum laude



Segundina C. Latus graduates *cum laude*. Her scholarship was partially supported by a contribution from BIMAK.

Four scholars were chosen from a field of 38 applicants by a panel of the Board of Directors, three former scholars, and an RPCV in the Philippines. PCAFPD now has 18 scholars; new scholars are:

Rico Ancog (*right*)

Bohol

Environmental Science

Mindanao State University

Bukidnon



(*left*) **Myla Dijan**

Batangas

Education

St. Bridget's College

Batangas



Jessica Galleto (*right*)

Leo Pastore Award

Guimaras

Education

Central Philippine University

Iloilo



(*left*) **Esteban Hipngat**

Gini Hopkins/BIMAK Awards

Ifugao

Education

St. Mary's University

Nueva Vizcaya



Former Filipino Staff Plan RPCV Reunion July 21-23 in Orlando

Former Ilokano language instructors Guada Gonzalez Shaffer (1976-79, married to RPCV Steve Shaffer), Luchie Maturan Hogan, Tekya Chico Hassrick, and Mina Sacapano Frank, are planning possibly the first RPCV reunion organized by folks from the host-country. They expect at least 200 RPCVs.

A "Then & Now" souvenir program for attendees and RPCVs who cannot attend will have photos and text about PCV experiences and current activities. A half page costs \$35 and a full page \$50; proceeds will be donated to PCAFPD.

The deadline is July 15 for registration and for the souvenir program. For information, call or email:

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SEEKING YOUR HELP...

Maureen Carroll (1961-63), President

In the last newsletter, PCAFPD announced that it was the 1999 recipient of the Loret Miller Ruppe Award for outstanding community service, an annual award of the National Peace Corps Association to returned Volunteer groups. We also solicited ideas on how to use the \$500 that accompanied the award. We received lots of congratulations (thank you!) from our supporters but no suggestions for the use of the award.

The Board of Directors has recently decided that it will use the \$500 as a first major deposit in a fund to support several activities that we believe are important to the future of the Foundation. They include the development of a scholar alumni network and the collection of information from the alumni about the impact of their scholarships on their lives. Given the workload of **Roland de Jesus**, our Vice President in the Philippines, it is likely that we will need to engage services in the Philippines to carry out these activities and/or have a Board member visit the Philippines to assist Roland in getting such a project off the ground. As we have indicated in the past, your contributions always go directly toward the scholarship fund, with a minimal percentage of the total collected supporting the costs to publish the newsletter, fees to maintain our mailbox and our incorporation as a non-profit organization, and the Manila office expenses to communicate with the scholars around the country.

The purpose of this article is to solicit contributions to augment the "Special Projects Fund." We are not necessarily asking you to add to your usual contribution, merely to give us permission to apply part or all of your usual contribution to the Fund. Our goal is to raise \$3000 for the Fund. If you support our goals, please note your support on the enclosed contribution envelope.

The development of the alumni network will strengthen what happens now on a very limited basis—former scholars providing moral support and job assistance to current scholars and helping Roland to identify promising students and to screen scholarship applications. Our ability to establish a current database of graduates will also facilitate an evaluation of the impact of the scholarships. Knowing more about how the scholars have carried out the mission of PCAFPD will strengthen our capacity to attract additional financial support for new scholars from individuals and organizations. Please give our appeal your serious consideration.

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Patricia MacDermot Kasdan (1961-63) Newsletter

Andre Bald (1996-98)

Lynn Gorton (Staff, 1980-85)

Alumna Passes Civil Engineering Exam

Congratulations to **Jenifer A. Mercado** of Batangas on passing the Professional Regulatory Commission Board Examinations for Civil Engineering, one of 750 of over 3,000 candidates who passed. She earned a BS in Civil Engineering in 1996.

According to VP **Roland de Jesus**, Jenifer worked to cover the expenses of exam review, registration, and fees. She now supports her entire family and plans to send her brother to college. Jenifer sent us this message:

"Dear PCAFPD,

Thank you very much. I owe it all to you! Once again thanks to the FOUNDATION, for without you, I am not what I am now. God Bless you all!"



Ricky Lubrigas (right) with co-workers and patients.

Alumnus Treats Patients with Leprosy

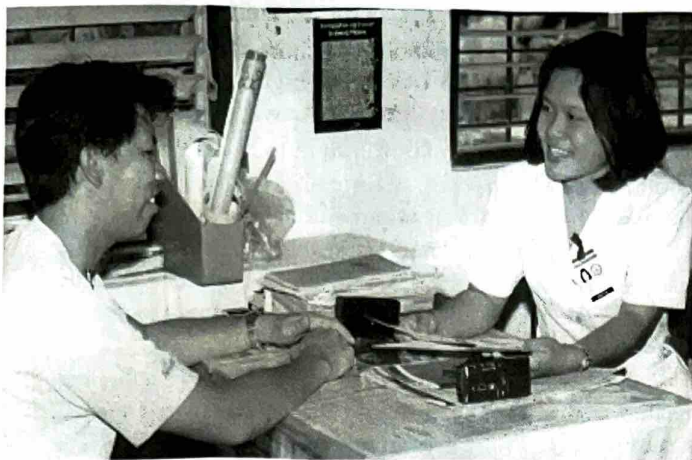
Ricky Lubrigas, RN, of Maguindanao, earned a BS in Nursing in 1995, wrote recently to **VP Roland de Jesus**:

"I am the Physical Therapy Technician I and at the same time the Health Education and Promotion Officer-designate of Cotabato Sanitarium, one of the eight sanitariums in the Philippines, formerly serving only to patients with leprosy.... expanding its services to consultation of non-leprosy patients... Aside from helping my family, I view my employment as a missionary experience - sharing time with people who are up to now victimized by the social stigma attached to the disease.

At present I am the Coordinator of the Hospitals As Centers of Wellness program and together with the Social Worker I am helping in the mobilization of the Healthy Hansenites Club, a peoples' organization composed of People with Leprosy (PWL) and People Affected by Leprosy (PAL). PAL and PWL are the new and more humane titles given to Leprosy patients and their relatives.... My present position does not entail a big amount of salary but I know that God is rewarding me in other ways more important than what the world can offer.

In terms of my continuing education, I am taking up Masteral degree in Public Administration (MPA) at the Mindanao State University - Graduate School in Maguindanao. God willing I would want to take up also a Masteral degree in Public Health (MPH) after completing the requirements of my present course.

Please extend my regards to my benefactors and congratulation and more Power to our new scholars!"



Rosemarie Aldea interviews teacher for assignment.

...Studying Convicts' Lives:

Rosemarie Aldea, Secondary Education, W. Visayas U.

"...This 2nd semester, my groupmates and I are busy for the preparation of our culminating activities this coming March 3, 2000. We are practicing our verse choir, stage play, and *Balagtas*. Last February 15, 2000, my groupmates and I conducted a research about the life of convicted people inside the Rehabilitation Center."

...Making Dean's List:

Maricyl Flores, Accountancy, W. Visayas U.

"...In my first letter, I had told you that we will have our sociological inquiry. But then, we haven't do it because our instructor had changed her mind. She decided to have a dramatization since she believe that we could actually feel and understand the problem better if we are the one to perform."

We had really learned a lot because our topic was about the problems that exists in our society now a days. These problems are drug addiction, family problems, premarital sex or early marriage and many others....As a result, all the efforts that I had invested, has in return since I awarded as the best actress and the best in director.

In our Basic Computer, we had made a research paper about cancer. We had done this through internet...

Maybe I could have a 25% discount on my tuition fees because I am included on the Dean's list."

...Being Class Treasurer

Roy Roxas, Civil Engineering, Pablo Borbon Memorial Institute of Technology

"I experienced the difference between high school to college. You really had to research certain question that you wanted to know."

Life in college is so challenging.

...My new classmates selected me as class treasurer....

I found a job last second semester, it helped me to support my allowance....

Again, THANK YOU so much to the PCAFPD for the scholarship that you granted to me and to Mr. Roland de Jesus."

...Effort vs. Difficulty

Shirlyn Saboy, Education, Leyte Normal U.

"... As of this moment I am again here in LNU Tacloban focusing much attention on my studies. At this time I have double(d) my effort to coup up the rising degree of difficulty in my studies, as I go higher the difficulty goes up also...."

...Passing Civil Service Exam

Riza P. San Juan, Computer Science, Ateneo de Naga

"...Last November 7, I took the Civil Service examination (Sub-professional Category)....Fortunately, I passed the said exam. A total of 544 examinees took the exam but only 49 passed...All these experiences, struggles, and achievements may not be possible if not because of the Foundation's support. Once again, I want to thank all the people behind the foundation especially to Sir Roland de Jesus for all the support. *Sana marami pa kayong matulungang kagaya ko!*"

...Accomplishments

Zayda Tagabuen, Elem.Education, W. Visayas State U.

"...I finished reaction paper in my Psychology 102, which is about characteristics of individual in every stages of development.... In my social science 101 our group finished a ten-page term paper about socialization. My group member and I really done a lot of research work since our professor required us to make 20 references. While in my Filipino 102, I made or bind and translate an English storybook in Filipino version wherein I chose a storybook entitled "Alice Adventures in Wonderland." ...In my English 102 (speech subject) we are more on oral examination which includes: (1) panel discussion by group of five and my group's topic was "Death Penalty in the Philippines." (2) telephone conversation by pair. (3) pantomime by group of three, our group portray the negative effect of parents negligence on their responsibility to their children especially to their teens. (4) Introduction speech—individual (5) Memorized literary pieces, I recited them a poem that I made during my fourth year high school that was also published in our school paper (HS). Lastly in my P.E. 102, three-five pages term paper about softball—my favorite sport..."

...Assignment: Movies!

Cyryn Tirol, Food Technology, U.P., Mindanao

"...I am required to see two movies in a month, I enjoyed it, its fun but the bad part of it, is I have to write a reaction or reflection paper about those movies. It's not entirely bad, because I'm required to write a paper about it I've been able to understand more the concept of the film...."

...Project Design

Ronald S. Yaco, Electronics Communication Engineering, U. San Carlos

"...We are designing an electronic equalizer for our project in ECE 16. I hope I can learn something on this work."

Lastly, I would like to thank the PCAFPD for the support. I am glad that you are always here to guide me, Sir Roland."



Zayda Tagabuen interviews disk-jockey for assignment.

OBITUARIES

RPCV **William Bradford Courtney**, 52, died of cancer on February 23. He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Aklan in 1981-84. He was an Eagle Scout and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. A 1969 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from North Carolina State University in 1987. He returned to the Philippines as Associate Peace Corps Director in 1987-89, and later Administrative Officer for Peace Corps/Poland. He married Le-Ann Espinosa in 1984. A member of the Church of the Advent, Mr. Courtney also belonged to the Mensa Society. Survivors are his wife, his mother Betty Haywood Courtney, a son Jonathan, 10, a brother Benjamin. Josh Fliegel, Manager of the Seattle Peace Corps Office, wrote:

"He was a great friend to me and so many others during our time in the Philippines. I would also be interested in making a special donation to the Foundation in Bill's honor and I believe many others of his Peace Corps friends would as well."

If you wish to contribute in memory of Bill Courtney, please mention it on the enclosed envelope.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Galde, Eau Claire, Wisconsin wrote:

"Our son, **Bruce E. Galde**, passed away Nov. 29, 1997, in Long Beach, Calif. He was in the Philippines in 1972-1974."



RPCV **Julie Wickman Leones**, 41, died in 1999, after a long struggle with breast cancer. From 1980 to 1984, Julie was a Local Development Administration Volunteer in San Francisco, Camotes, Cebu, where she worked with farmers to improve crop productivity. She married Emmanuel Leones in 1983.

Julie then entered Cornell University, where she earned a Ph.D. in agricultural economics in 1990. She conducted her dissertation research on upland farming in the Philippines. Julie received a faculty appointment in the University of Arizona's Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics where she developed research, educational, and marketing programs for agro- and eco-tourism in Arizona. She received tenure shortly before she died.

Julie is survived by her husband, Manny, her son Ian, age 11, and her daughter Emily, age 7. Her friend and fellow Volunteer, RPCV **Terri Bergman** (1982-84), wrote:

"I loved Julie very much, and I know others cared about her a great deal as well."

For more information, you may contact Terri Bergman, 858/270-9254.



BIMAK Contributes in Memory of PCAFPD Founder

BIMAK, an organization of Filipinos, Americans, and Filipino Americans, with ties to the highland provinces of Benguet, Ifugao, Mountain Province, Apayo, and Kalinga, has made another substantial contribution to PCAFPD. BIMAK President Philip Lacbawan, an official of the World Bank, informed PCAFPD President **Maureen Carroll** (1961-63):

"I am happy to report that BIMAK during our last meeting has decided to contribute \$500.00 through the **Pamela J. Moguet Memorial Fund**....we would like to channel these funds to **Jonnah Anamong** and **Esteban Hipngat**...."

BIMAK has confidence in the scholarship project that your foundation started. In support, it has created a committee that will look into additional fund sources and identify other areas where BIMAK can assist or collaborate with your foundation. The committee is also seriously considering the offer for BIMAK to send a member to the Board of Directors."

This contribution is from a fund established in memory of RPCV **Pamela Johnstone Moguet** (1978-81), who served in that region of the Philippines. Pam was among the dozen recently returned Volunteers and staff who founded PCAFPD in 1982-83. Pam's husband, Henry Moguet, was the previous president of BIMAK. This new grant will contribute to the support of PCAFPD's two current scholars from the BIMAK area, **Jonnah Anamong** of Benguet and **Esteban Hipngat** of Ifugao. Two of PCAFPD's graduates this year, **Narda Itong** and **Segundina Latus**, both of Benguet, were also partially supported by past grants from BIMAK.



Jonnah Anamong studying at her boarding house in Baguio.

Memorial Contributions Support New Scholars

Contributions in memory of RPCVs **Gini Hopkins Hayes** and **Leo Pastore** of Philippines 1 will help support two new scholars for one academic year. **Esteban Hipngat** will receive the *Gini Hopkins Hayes Award* and **Jessica Galleto** the *Leo Pastore Award*. Contributors to one or both memorial funds were **Parker Borg**, **Bruce Campbell**, **Maureen Carroll**, **Claire Horan Smith**, **Jo McMakin Brooks**, **Paul Rodell**, **Claire and Tom Sharpless**, **Anne Wilson**, and **Carolyn and Deane Wylie** (all 1961-63). Additional contributions in memory of Gini or Leo are still welcome and will be used for the continued support of these students throughout their four years of college.

Killers of PCV Sentenced

On May 19, in Iloilo, sentence was passed on the accused in the trial of those who killed Peace Corps Volunteer **Robert Bock** and nine Filipinos in August 1998 on a road outside Sara, Iloilo.

Two of the principals, **Ricky Braga** and **Feliciano Braga**, who pleaded guilty at the start of the trial, were sentenced to 10 counts of life imprisonment. A third, **Ernesto Brito**, who continued to deny any involvement in the killings, was found guilty and sentenced to death.

The fourth person involved in the incident, **Jester Longno**, became a witness for the state. His testimony was central to the prosecution's case that led to the convictions. Charges against him were dismissed and he is living under a witness protection program somewhere in the Philippines.

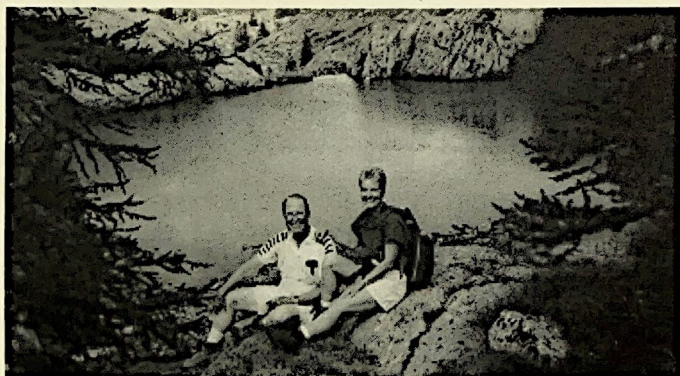
The couple who hid the two Bragas before their capture were sentenced to 10 counts of 6 to 10 years imprisonment. All of those convicted will be transferred from the provincial jail in Iloilo to a maximum security prison near Manila to begin their sentences.

Philippine Embassy Hosts Gala Reception for PCAFPD

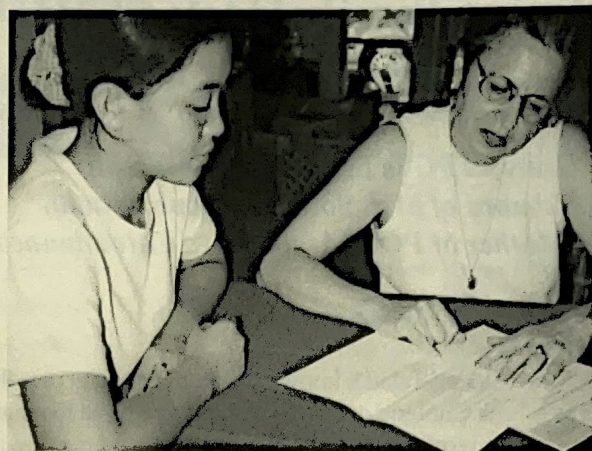
Last December 2, His Excellency **Ernest M. Maceda**, Ambassador from the Philippines to the United States, welcomed PCAFPD contributors and friends to the Embassy of the Philippines for a typical Filipino Christmas celebration. Minister of cultural affairs **Jocelyn Batoon-Garcia** and PCAFPD board member **Andre Bald (1996-98)** organized the event.

The reception attracted approximately 70 PCAFPD contributors, including **Herbert Probasco (1962-64)** who came all the way from Omaha, Nebraska, as a birthday present to himself, and raised \$1,725 for the Foundation. Also in attendance were the Philippine Deputy Chief of Mission **Ariel Abadilla**, Peace Corps Acting Director **Chuck Baquet (RPCV Somalia 1965-67)**, National Peace Corps Association President **Dane Smith (RPCV Ethiopia 1963-65)**, NPCA Membership Director **Gigi Felix**, and several Embassy officials.

Excellent Filipino delicacies were served, while Filipino musicians, singers, and story-tellers entertained the well-fed throng, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.



Linda Cover Bigelow (1961-63) and husband **Lee** rest while hiking near their home in Provence.



...**Geri Maiatico (1966-68)**, Lipa City, Batangas, explains PCAFPD scholarship requirements to new scholar **Myla Dijan**.

RPCVs Check In...

...**Michael Arnott (1979-81)**, Cambridge, Massachusetts:

"The Hesperion Foundation, publishers of *Where There Is No Doctor*, *Helping Health Workers Learn*, and many other fine books is my other favorite NGO. I'd love to see joint efforts by PCAFPD scholars and Hesperion. Maybe in helping review the new Hesperion environmental health book. For more information, check out the Hesperion web site: <www.managingdesire.org/Hesperion/Hesperion.htm>."

...**William A. Baker (1993-95)**, Eureka, California:

"I served as a water and sanitation volunteer in Siquijor 93-95. My wife is from Dumaguete so we are building a place and maybe a future there. Are you aware of the land reclamation/ ports project in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental? There is a strong local and *Balik Bayan* effort to stop the heavy construction and loss of marine and coastal habitat. More pressure from the outside or influence from the inside would help."

...**David H. Beckler (1964-66)**, Ducktown, Tennessee:

"Philippine Group 13B celebrated our 35th Anniversary reunion this past fall in Boston—great experience."

...**Lila Gardner (1961-63)**, Mt. Shasta, California, as a member of the Siskiyou County Arts Council board, cut the ribbon to open the Arts Council office and gallery in Mt. Shasta. After several long winters, she is ready to move back to Hawaii.

...**Gerard Hilliard (1970-72)**, Suffield, Connecticut:

"My wife Marie Villanueva from Iloilo City and I have three boys. Two are still in college and one has graduated."

...**Lana Olsson (1975-77)**, Center Valley, Pennsylvania:

"Would like to see students from Palawan receive scholarships. Please note my change of address. We no longer live in New Jersey." *Editor's note: Joey Equia of Palawan was a scholar from 1991 to 1995; he earned a degree in Elementary Education. Another scholar from Palawan was selected last year but, due to circumstances, could not use the scholarship.*

...**Norman Ridker (1961-63)**, Los Angeles, California, is president of Thoroughbred Times, Veterinary Practice Publishing Company, and Fancy Publications, which publishes magazines (*Cat Fancy*, *Bird Fancy*, etc.). Recently *Dog Fancy* received exposure in humorist Dave Barry's column and in the film *The Truman Show*.

...**Susan Thompson (1961-63)**, Park Ridge, Illinois:

"Along with several colleagues, I met in December '99 with the president of the Lutheran Church - Philippines to plan a partnership in beginning a Lutheran congregation among Filipinos in California."

Filipino Family Hosts PCVs for 40 Years

Grateful PCVs Establish Scholarship in Memory of Mrs. Soledad Taopo Tejada, Foster Mother of PCVs Assigned to Catanduanes

by Pio Tejada and Dennis Roth

Mrs. Soledad Tejada, known to most Peace Corps volunteers as Mama Choleng or Mama Ying, was a head teacher when she began working with PCV's. As she advanced to a principal and later to a district supervisor of the public schools of Catanduanes, she always remained a foster mother to all PCVs in the province. How was she able to assume this role? Her husband, Pio Tejada, was a fresh graduate from the University of Georgia. When the first batch of volunteers arrived in Catanduanes he was assigned as the coordinator of all PCVs because at the time he was the division science and math supervisor in the public schools of Catanduanes. Since the first volunteers were teachers, they had to report to him for coordination their jobs as math, science, and English instructors. This is how Mama Choleng got in contact with these young, intelligent, industrious ambassadors of education and goodwill from America.

Mama Choleng's home in Virac, Catanduanes, was a sort of PCV center in the province. PCVs who were assigned in Catanduanes continuously flocked to her home in Virac because they knew that they were always welcome there. Young American PCVs who congregated there found the Tejada house a home away from home. Under Choleng's care they were always welcome, especially during the weekends when they gathered together to exchange ideas and experiences, sip coffee, eat some snacks, play mahjong, tennis, and sometimes drink vodka, gin, rum, and the world famous beer, San Miguel. She looked after them with tender care, especially when they were sick, but when she felt they were out of line she also admonished them to be good—just like a real mother. The parents of these young people often wrote to thank her for her work and warm concern for their children in the Philippines. Some parents even came to Virac and visited her home. Her daughter, her nephew, and one grandchild all married volunteers and now live in the United States.

Mama Choleng died suddenly in March of 1997 at the age of 76. As a token of appreciation for all she did for them, volunteers of Catanduanes would like to establish a scholarship in her name. Your support would be deeply appreciated. For information, please contact **Dennis Roth** <Dmr@aol.com> or **Susan Tejada** c/o PCAFPD, P.O. Box 126, Arlington VA 22210.

PCAFPD Changes Fiscal Reporting

During the summer of 1999, PCAFPD had the *pro bono* services of financial consultant Joan Joshi to review accounting systems both in the Philippines and in the United States. Record keeping has been improved and the fiscal year was changed to coincide with the academic year in the Philippines instead of the calendar year in the United States. The fiscal year now begins on May 1 and runs through April 30.

PCAFPD has just completed its first year using this new financial-reporting system. Board members will review the budget early in July and report to contributors in the Fall newsletter.

The most current financial update is for the 1999 calendar year, during which PCAFPD received a total of \$11,467 in contributions, including \$1,415 contributed through membership dues for the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) and \$300 contributed in memory of **John F. Kennedy, Jr.** After deducting expenses, the fund-raiser at the Philippine Embassy cleared another \$1,125.

This level of contribution has made it possible to add an 18th scholar to the roster in 2000, so that three graduates could be replaced by four new scholars. Tuition and living expenses range from \$500 to \$1,000 a year for each scholar. Administrative costs in 1999 amounted to \$2,465 for two newsletters, communications with Manila, a mailbox, and NPCA affiliation fees. The Foundation maintains a reserve fund of approximately \$20,000 in a certificate of deposit and a money-market fund to ensure that it can meet its financial obligations to support all current scholars until they graduate from college.

(Right) Scholar Ruby Levantino emcees class acquaintance party.



(Below) Alumnae Jenifer Mercado and Liza Permelson meet with RPCV Geri Maiatico.



CONTRIBUTORS

We thank those listed below who contributed to PCAFPD since the last newsletter went to press. The Foundation receives \$15 in your name if you check *Philippines* on the membership or renewal application of the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA). Those listed below include contributions made through NPCA.

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How to Observe the 40th Anniversary of the Peace Corps?

The Peace Corps plans to begin a year-long celebration of its 40th anniversary in October 2000 at the University of Michigan to mark the 40th anniversary of the first mention of the "Peace Corps" by presidential candidate **John F. Kennedy** in 1960.

The National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) has formed a 40th Anniversary Task Force that meets monthly to plan other events, including:

- Volunteer Day in March 2001 in communities across the U.S. with the theme "What RPCVs Do for their Country" emphasizing RPCV contributions at home and abroad
- Celebration organized by RPCVs in Boston on the first weekend of March 2001
- Gala evening at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, close to **John F. Kennedy's** birthday on March 29, 2001
- NPCA conference of RPCVs in Washington, DC, in September 2001

You can contribute ideas for observing the 40th to NPCA President Dane Smith (202-293-7728) <dane@rpcv.org> or Task Force Chair Barb Ferris <washdc@iwdc.org>.

If you have ideas for the conference, send them to <pc40conference@yahoo.com> or join the monthly brainstorming breakfast every second Tuesday, from 8 to 9 a.m. at Scholl's Cafeteria, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC.

What Can PCAFPD do to Observe the 40 Anniversary?

If you have suggestions about how PCAFPD could help celebrate the Peace Corps' 40th Anniversary, please jot them down and send them to us in the enclosed contribution envelope, e.g., an issues forum? fiesta? musical evening? other sacred or profane ideas?

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Philippines Wins Disaster Derby

The Economist of March 4th, 2000, reported the following remarkable observations:

"...A recent study by researchers in Belgium found that between 1900 and 1998 the Philippines suffered more natural disasters than any other country.

The Philippines has 22 active volcanoes. The eruption of Mount Pinutubo in 1991 was one of the most violent in recorded history. Earthquakes are frequent. The biggest in recent years, in 1990, destroyed much of the northern city of Baguio. About 20 typhoons sweep across the country every year. Ordinary monsoon rains, coupled with the destruction of the rainforest, result in severe flash-floods and deadly landslides.

The government's answer to nature's fury is a hierarchy of disaster co-ordinating councils, established at local, regional and national level....In a country where natural disasters are so common, the authorities' main problem is often not the volcano, earthquake or typhoon, but the popular belief that when your number is up, your number is up."

Keep Up with the Philippines

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- ** Woman with AIDS, gov't educator dies
- ** Doctors trace Erap pain to gallstones
- ** Filipino trivia: Pure- or part-Filipino celebrities in American show biz include Von Flores, Tia Carrere, Paolo Montalban, Lea Salonga, Ernie Reyes Jr., Nia Peeples, Julio Iglesias Jr., Lou Diamond Phillips, Phoebe Cates and Rob Schneider.

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