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Through PCAFPD, returned Peace Corps Volunteers, staff, and friends maintain a bond with the Philippines by providing scholarships for exceptional Filipino students who need help to attend college in their country. Please join us by sending a contribution in the enclosed envelope. See our web page at [www.rpcv.org](http://www.rpcv.org) (click on "RPCV Groups", "Asia-Pacific", "Philippines").

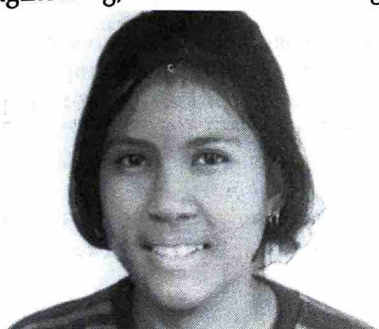
## *PCAFPD Adds Four Scholars for Total of Eleven*



**Zarra Rabino Fesalbon**, Gabawan, Odiongan, Romblon  
B.S. Civil Engineering, Romblon State College



**Shirlyn Moncada Saboy**, Burabod, Biliran, Biliran  
B.S. Education, Leyte Normal University



**Maricel Famini Fortaleza**, Gabawan, Odiongan, Romblon; B.S. Business Admin., Romblon State College



**Myla Aquino Talaman**, Sta. Teresa, Jordan, Guimaras  
B.S. Elementary Education, Western Visayas College of  
Science and Technology

## **PCAFPD SUPPORTERS RESPOND GENEROUSLY**

In the Fall 1997 newsletter, Foundation President **Maureen Carroll** (61-63) asked supporters to increase their contributions if possible, to keep pace with increases in tuition costs in the Philippines. PCAFPD supporters responded generously, boosting donations by nearly 70%. The total contributed in direct response to the newsletter was \$5,359.50, an increase of \$2,194.50 over the \$3,165.00 contributed in direct response to the Winter 1996-97 newsletter.

In addition to these contributions, PCAFPD received \$1,170.00 from the National Peace Corps Association (NPCA) in 1997, up from \$982.50 in 1996. Members of NPCA can allocate \$15 of their dues to a returned Volunteer group. Thus far in 1998, \$502.50 has been contributed through NPCA.

## **BIMAK Filipino Group Gives \$1,000 Scholarship**

BIMAK, an organization of Filipinos from Benguet, Ifugao, Mountain Province, Apayao, and Kalinga who live in the Washington, DC, area, presented PCAFPD with the second largest contribution it has ever received - a check for \$1,000! This contribution is equaled only by a previous donation from BIMAK.

The grant was presented to RPCVs **Margo and Pera Daniels** (1961-63) by Outgoing President **Mia Abeya** and Vice President **Connie Alfrido** at the installation of Incoming President **Henry Moguet**. Henry's late wife **Pamela Johnstone Moguet**, a founder of PCAFPD, was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mountain Province.

BIMAK's gift is for scholars from the mountain provinces. The grant covers tuition for one year for two scholars from Benguet, **Narda Itong** and **Segundina Latus**, studying environmental science at Benguet State University. Both will graduate in March 2000.

**Right PCAFPD Board members review applications for scholarships. L to R: Ann Snuggs, Patricia Kasdan, Maureen Carroll, Carol Radomski, Sandy Sinclair.**



## SCHOLARS WRITE

PCAFPD scholars write regularly. Below are excerpts from two students.

- From **Ronald S. Yaco**, Electronic Communications Engineering, University of San Carlos, Cebu.

"... I just want to thank the sponsors of PCAFPD for the financial support they have given to me last semester.

"Last semester I was enroled to 9 subjects, namely the Integral Calculus, Engineering Physics Lecture and Laboratory, Technical Writing, Current Events, Logic, Intro To Econ Facts, Basic Course (PE) and Military Science (CMT) with a total of 24.5 units. Of all 9 subjects, I found it very challenging in Technical Writing because we made a research paper. In Engineering Physics I have a hard time in solving problems because it really needs a thorough analysis. In philosophy I almost failed.... In integral calculus I found it nice.... In summary, I have a fair performance by the first semester.... I don't have any problems about my teachers. It's my study habits that need improvement...."

### DESPERATELY SEEKING...

...someone to pick up PCAFPD mail twice a month at a Post Office Box in Arlington, Va. near Clarendon Metro Station. If you can help, please call Maureen Carroll (202) 462-4025.

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- From **Narda Itong**, Environmental Science, Benguet State University.

"... The last semester I had remedy to have a part-time job because of lack of money due to the increased price of goods and other payments, likewise the effects of peso evaluation right now. Especially that I am boarding and I have nothing else as source of money, I'm just depending with the Foundation. During my vacant weekends and vacant time during school days usually during the morning, I am working with my Auntie Frena as her helper. She has a small sari-sari store wherein she is selling also vegetables, fishes, meats, etc. In themorning, around 4 A.M., I am going to Baquio to meet her there and help her in purchasing these products/goods to sell here in La Trinidad, Beng. I am helping her in selling before going to my class. Just like when it was our semestral break, I stayed in her for the purpose of having an allowance, even a little....

"...Our major subjects are the General Ecology, Intoduction to Forestry, Principles of Statistics and General Physics II. We gave more attention to General Ecology because this is our major subjects about ecosystem. This was one reason for having an educational tour. Last September 27, 1997, we had it in Balatoc Mines located in Itogon, Benguet. This mines is not operating because of lack of fund and of increase in peso rate exchange/the peso evaluation....

"As a sophomore student I am taking so much time, effort as well as money and I'm sure it will take much more during the succeeding years. Right now as one member of our organization YES- Young Environmentalist Society, I must have to be active in all activities to be done off....Sometimes during our weekends, we are going somewhere around the community or in those places chosen, to help in tree planting activity. Regarding cleanliness, we sometimes have an echowalk...

"By the way, my brother Renato wants to express his gratitude and thanks to the Foundation and in knowing that this Foundation-PCAFPD is taking the responsibility of our parents that they couldn't provide and can't handle.... May the blessings of Almighty God be with the Foundation, the staff and to our dear sponsors."



*Above* New U. S. Ambassador to the Republic of Togo Brenda Brown Schoonover poses with (L to R) the Ambassador from Togo Kossivi Osseyi, her husband Richard Schoonover, and Assistant Secretary of State Patrick Kennedy.

## ***RPCV BECOMES U.S. AMBASSADOR TO TOGO***

**Brenda Brown Schoonover** (1961-63), a member of the first group of Peace Corps Volunteers to serve in the Philippines, was sworn in as the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Togo on December 18, 1997. The ceremony took place in the antique-filled diplomatic reception rooms at the Department of State. Lawrence Dunham of the Protocol Office administered the oath of office to Ambassador Schoonover, who rested her hand on a bible that had been in her family for over 125 years.

Assistant Secretary of State Patrick Kennedy spoke glowingly of the new Ambassador's accomplishments as a Foreign Service Officer in Europe, Africa, and the Far East. Ambassador Schoonover then delivered a stirring speech about her new role in the West-African nation where she will represent the United States. She credited Peace Corps service in the Philippines with leading her to an international career in the Diplomatic Service. Kossivi Osseyi, Ambassador from the Republic of Togo to the United States, with an entourage from his Embassy, welcomed and congratulated his new opposite number. Those toasting Ambassador Schoonover with champagne and sparkling cider included many diplomats and Foreign Service Officers, the Ambassador's extended family, and PCAFPD officers **Maureen Carroll** (1961-63) and **Patricia MacDermot Kasdan** (1961-63).

## **WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . .**

- **Dee Amaden** (1981-83) is a Public Affairs Officer with the U.S. Department of Labor in San Francisco, and is active in NorCal, the Northern California RPCV group, even playing on their softball team. She is married to Soy Ucking from Jolo, Sulu, and has a nine-year-old son, Thomas. Dee reports that she often sees **James Wolff**, **Matt Riley**, and **Tom Bolan** - Tom and his wife recently added a son to their family of two daughters.
- **Rosemary and Bob Carter** (1963-64) write from Castleton, Vermont, that they would like to locate one **T. Michael Wallis**, who also served in the 1960s, first in Iloilo, where he worked with **Lionel Castillo** (1961-63), and later in Thailand.
- **Stephanie Hanthorn Goldhorn** (1987-89) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, reports the birth of a daughter, **Cicely Idell**, on October 1, 1997. The Goldhorn's also have a son, Logan.
- **Lois Buenger Hanson** (1966-69) is living in Los Gatos, California, and would love to hear from anyone who resided in the Bicol region in the late 1960s.
- **George S. and Monita Timmons** (1972-74) of Phoenix, Arizona shared the following sad news: "Open-heart surgery took our beautiful Ilongo daughter-in-law five years ago. Marilyn Uytiempo Timmons leaves two daughters, **Bryna** and **Jennifer Timmons**, and husband, **Gary**."

**Right** Linda Cover Bigelow (1961-63) and husband Lee, now retired in Saint Jeannet, France, include in their continually active lives skiing in the Alps and hiking in the European countryside.

They will be in the U.S. for seven weeks this spring, with visits to Boston, D.C., Indiana and Texas.



## 57 GRADUATES TO DATE!

Since 1983, the following PCAFPD scholars have graduated, with major, graduation year, and home province.

**Maturan, Cresyl**, Radiology Technology, 1998, Negros Oriental.  
**Cajes, Robert**, Doctor of Medicine, 1997, Leyte.  
**Almoradie, Rosanna**, BS Computer Secretarial, 1996, Masbate.  
**Filog, Anais**, BS Chemistry, 1996, Mountain Province.  
**Mercado, Jenifer** BS, Civil Engineering, 1996, Batangas.  
**Mocorro, Judita**, Dentistry, 1996, Leyte.  
**Permalona, Liza**, BS Education, 1996, Camarines Sur.  
**Equia, Joy**, BS Elementary Education, 1995, Palawan.  
**Lubrigas, Ricky**, BS Nursing, 1995, Maguindanao.  
**Matulac, Marife**, BS Industrial Engineering, 1995 Butuan City.  
**Benitua, Ronie**, BS Agriculture, 1994, Negros Occidental.  
**Bobila, Maria**, BS Nursing, 1994, Romblon.  
**Carpio, Baby Myra**, BS Nursing, 1994, Nueva Ecija.  
**Factora, Jonazon**, BS, Chemical Engineering, 1994, Cagayan.  
**Gabilo, Alexander**, BS Civil Engineering, 1994, Batanes.  
**Gonzaga, Recedith**, Nursing Aide, 1994, Davao del Sur.  
**Villarín, Wilson**, BS Nursing, 1994, Camarines Norte.  
**Capanas, Joy**, BS Nursing, 1993, Leyte.  
**Edang, Amy**, BS Nursing, 1993, Iloilo.  
**Jayectin, Maria Desiree**, BS Accounting, 1993, Davao City.  
**Lastima, Jessica**, Doctor of Dentistry, 1993, Leyte.  
**Portento, Rex**, BS Business Administration, 1993, Marinduque.

**Cajes, Robert**, BS Biology, 1993, Leyte.  
**Quibete, Rizalina**, BS Elementary Education, 1993, Davao del Sur.  
**Quilang, Luwalhati**, BS Nursing, 1993, Cagayan.  
**Son, Arnito**, BS Community Development, 1993, South Cotabato.  
**Adalla, Jocelyn**, BS Nursing, 1992 Batanes.  
**Cinco, Rhea**, BS Business Administration, 1992 Northern Samar.  
**Lavin, Riva**, BS Medical Technology, 1992, Northern Samar.  
**Palacol, Joselito**, BS Architecture, 1992, Laguna.  
**Permalona, Liza**, High School Diploma, 1992, Camarines Sur.  
**Pileo, Francisco** BS Elementary Education, 1992 Negros Occidental.  
**Ayococho, Mari Jean**, BS Elementary Education, 1991, Albay.  
**Capidos, Emilia**, BS Social Work, 1991, Cebu.  
**Madayag, Annabelle**, BS Social Work, 1991, Benguet.  
**Mortel, Josephine**, BS Nursing, 1991, Romblon.  
**Nasdoman, Donna**, BS Commerce, 1991, Ifugao.  
**Oreste, Rosalinda**, BS Agricultural Education, 1991, Masbate.  
**Tanamor, Radmar**, BS Mechanical Engineering, 1991, Camarines Sur.  
**Tumaca, Dexter**, BS Civil Engineering, 1991, Negros Oriental.  
**Espiloy, Lucas**, BS Agricultural Education, 1990, Masbate.  
**Butalon, Lolita**, BS Elementary Education, 1989, Butuan City.  
**Cale, Rogelio**, BS Mechanical Engineering, 1989, Leyte.  
**Douglas, Rufing**, BS Community Development, 1989, South Cotabato.  
**Esquerra, Marjorie**, BS Elementary Education, 1989, Butuan City.  
**Ugi, Celia**, BS Community Development, 1989, South Cotabato.

**Aranzado, Severa**, BS Elementary Education, 1988, Oriental Mindoro.  
**Cinco, Rhea**, High School Diploma, 1988, Northern Samar.  
**Galang, Carmen**, Doctor of Medicine, 1988, Quezon City.  
**San Juan, Merlino**, BS Civil Engineering, 1988, Rizal.  
**Singson, Elmo**, BS Architectural Engineering, 1988, Ilocos Norte.  
**Candelaria, Annaliza**, Midwifery, 1987, Cavite.  
**Catubig, William**, BS Business Administration, 1987, Cagayan de Oro.  
**Nicolasora, Al**, BS Political Science, 1987, Lyete.  
**Palacol, Joselito**, High School Diploma, 1987, Laguna.  
**Aranzado, Severa**, High School Diploma, 1985, Oriental Mindoro.  
**Candelaria, Annaliza**, High School Diploma, 1985, Cavite.

## Current Scholars

PCAFPD currently funds the college education of seven scholars:

**Jonnah, Anamong** in Community Development/Social Work, Cordellia Community College of St. Louis University; home: Benguet.  
**Narda Itong** in Environmental Science, Benguet State University; home: Benguet.  
**Segundina Latus** in Business Administration, St. Louis University; home: Benguet.  
**Ruby Levantino** in Customs Administration; home: Sorsogon.  
**Riza San Juan** in Computer Science, University of Nueva Caceres; home: Camarines Sur.  
**Sharon Tamiking** in Accounting, Baguio Colleges Foundation; home: Baguio City.  
**Ronald Yaco** in Electronic Communications Engineering, University of San Carlos, Cebu; home: Leyte.

**Right Philippines Group VIII celebrates 35th anniversary of joining the Peace Corps.**

*Back:* (L to R) Dave Winick, Dr. Collier, Jack McPhail, George Mischik, Fred Bonney, John White, Mike O'Connor, Gina Rusch, Ed Klingbergs, Tom Tilson.

*Middle:* (L to R) Mary Margaret Fay, Max Callao, Virginia Rubin, Naomi Bonney, Fred Riley, Paul Richey, Joe Jerardi, Suzi Tilson, Ken Blunt.

*Front (seated, L to R):* Philippine Guest, Sally Worthing-Davies, Kay Thorsteinson, Omniké Puryear, Guest, Herb Probasco, Jesse Wells, Maxine McDonald, Ruth Boone.

## GROUP VIII REUNITES IN HAWAII TRAINING SITE

by Ruth Boone (62-64)

Twenty-five members of Group VIII's original 1962 training group, accompanied by as many family and friends, met for a one-week reunion in Hilo, Hawaii in August 1997. We visited our old instruction site, Rainbow Falls, various parks and beaches and the town of Hilo. Many of the group have had careers in teaching, counseling, health, and government service that grew from interests begun in the Peace Corps. The gathering was organized by Dave Winick, Ken Blunt, Jesse Wells and Rich Gensley. Those traveling from outside the US included Sally (Small) and Richard Worthing-Davies from England; Suzi and Tom Tilson from Ethiopia and Ed Klingsbergs from Saipan, Marianas.



## Peace Corps Continues in Philippines

Currently approximately 100 Peace Corps Volunteers are working with Filipino government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that requested them. Volunteers work as advisors, trainers or community organizers in the fields of environmental education; coastal resource management; English teacher training; provincial and municipal planning; water, sanitation, and waste management; community development; and protected area management. Volunteers work throughout the archipelago, and are gradually returning to Mindanao, where they have not worked in recent years.

## Peace Corps Philippines Groups IV and VIII Hold 35th Anniversary Reunions



*Above* Members of Philippines Group IV pose during their 35th anniversary reunion, described in the last newsletter. *First row* (L to R): Jim Whiteside, Gerry Cowley, Jack Lynch, Jeanette Lynch, Mary Ryan, Ron Hall (*leaning forward*), Don Auspitz, Anabel Stafford Hopkins, Ron Herring, Frank Anastasio. *Second row* (L to R): Phil Olsen, Becky Flather, Nancy Gibbs Litz, Diane Bridge Hetzel, Norma Keith Cole, Victor Toos, Dave Smilon, Casey Ames, Karl Nelson. *Third row* (L to R): Roger Flather, Tim Fraley, Prim Reeves, Sarah Manning, Mary Garland Hayden, Sarah Wilkinson McMeans. *Fourth row* (L to R): Bill Abbey, Jim Stewart, Jim Kuball, Jerry Wildman. *Back row* (L to R): Jim McKeever, Dick Vittitow, Sheila McGinley Cornish.

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