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Foundation faces a tough year

We reach less than 20% of Peace Corps Volunteers who served in the Philippines

By Stephen Dienstfrey
PCAFPD Treasurer

The PCAFPD is facing a financial challenge in 2010. As shown in the chart on Page 2, during 2009, for the first time, our expenses slightly exceeded our income and we had to dip into reserve funds. During the last academic year PCAFPD supported 47 scholars. We are committed to supporting 50 scholars in the upcoming academic year, a serendipitous coincidence with the upcoming 50th anniversary of Peace Corps.

Recently, the Board accepted the recommendation of Roland de Jesus, Vice President for Philippine Operations, that we increase the Contribution to Living Expenses for our scholars in accordance with Philippine government data about increases in the cost of living. The cost of living is calculated for 17 regions and since 2005, the last time we made an adjustment, the increase ranged from 13% in the Cagayan Valley to a high of 36% in Davao. This increase will have a large impact on PCAFPD's budget in coming years.

You can help in several ways. First, *consider increasing your regular contribution—even a \$5 or \$10 addition to your check* would help. Second, *consider sponsoring a scholar* (perhaps with your group-mates or co-workers) for \$1,000 a year. Third, *send us the address of any Philippines RPCV you know*, so we can add them to our mailing list if they are not already on it. We have contact information for about 1,600 of the estimated 8,500

PCVs who served in the Philippines. Finding new RPCVs for the mail list will also enable us to keep them informed about 50th Anniversary activities in 2011. Finally; if you are on the newsletter mail list and do not usually contribute, please consider sending a gift this year.

Direct individual contributions (sent directly to PCAFPD) account for over four-fifths of all revenues. Last year we received more than 400 individual contributions (individuals may have contributed more than once).

As it should be, our largest expense is direct aid to our scholars in the form of tuition, fees, books, uniforms, supplies and living allowances. Last year scholar support accounted for 83 percent of our expenses or \$32,255. This was an increase of about \$3,500 from the previous calendar year, attributable to an increase in the number of scholars as well as an increase in tuition, fees, and other scholar related costs. The newsletter – which, in addition to seeking donations, meets the third goal of the Foundation to "inform the American public about Philippine persons, matters, and issues, including the work of the Foundation in the Philippines" – accounted for almost 9 percent of all expenses. Administrative expenses in the United States and the Philippines each ran about 4 percent. Our administrative expenses are minimal because of our

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FISCAL YEAR 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT			
Revenues		Expenses	
Direct Individual Donations	\$31,725.87	Newsletter printing/postage	\$ 3,344.10
Indirect Individuals Donations	1,459.75	US Administrative Costs	1,542.11
Group Donations	4,900.00	Scholar Costs	32,254.73
Interest	209.76	Philippine Administrative Costs	1,649.83
Total Revenues	\$38,295.38	Total Expenses	\$38,790.77
Contribution to (Reduction in) Reserves: (\$495.39)			

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all-volunteer board here and in the Philippines, and, most important, the untold volunteer hours put in by Roland de Jesus, assisted by Daisy Mejia and Martha Lucero.

If we don't have an increase in income beyond what we saw in 2009, we project a larger deficit for 2010.

Bottom line, for an organization of our size, we do a lot of good with the funds we raise. The essays of our scholars elsewhere in this issue are testimony to the value of the investment you make in our work. If we don't have an increase in income beyond what we saw in 2009, we project a larger deficit for 2010. While a deficit can be absorbed for one year without taking too big a bite out of reserves, we cannot sustain long-term shortfalls.

We need your increased financial support and your help to find more RPCVs who served in the Philippines. Please help us make 2010 a great year!

Steve Dienstfrey was a PCV in Bukidnon, 1965-67.

A book for Peace Corps' 50th year in the Philippines

The Peace Corps will observe its 50th anniversary in the Philippines in 2011.

To help commemorate this significant event, Hans Groot is compiling and editing material about the activities of Peace Corps in the Philippines for a coffee-table book project. Hans is a former PCV from Group I who has moved back to the Philippines in his retirement. He is a Board member of the PCAFPD and has been instrumental in developing university agreements for scholarships.

Groot is seeking contributions from current and former PCVs, as well as, from Filipinos who worked with volunteers – as students of volunteers or as coworkers or supervisors. He has requested contributors to direct questions to him and/or send pictures, letters and other archival materials to his e-mail address, hcgroot@yahoo.com, or he can be reached by mobile phone In the Philippines, 0908-166-7655.

Making the best of college life, fighting mediocrity

Orange Happee Galanay P. Omengan of Mountain Province is studying psychology at St. Louis University, Baguio City.

Most students lose their eagerness to learn when they enter the complex world of college. Some factors include being away from home, loads of requirements, difficult tasks, terror and demanding instructors, the idea to fit in and the necessity to gain friends, together with other environmental factors that they should deal and adapt with cause pressure on students.

I can observe that my hardworking high school friends have become relaxed in their studies upon entering college. Some of them adapted to the world of mediocrity, losing their endeavor and determination to perform with excellence. However, this reality is in contrast to my experience.

Assessing my performance, I can say that I am among those few who maintained her virtue and enthusiasm. Strength of mind, perseverance and time management were exemplified to cause a fruitful

A young typhoon victim is treated at a help center, in this photo by Orange Omengan.



semester. I have been inculcating in my mind why I am in this city.

It is a must for me to make the best of my college life so not to waste the opportunity of having a free education courtesy of PCAFPD scholarship. I have been managing my time wisely so that my passion towards photojournalism does not contradict with my priority that is studies.

At the end of the first semester, I felt the satisfaction from the rewards of my work. I made it to the Dean's List of the College of Human Sciences having a GPA of 89.4. I am among the five new qualified official photojournalists among more than 200 applicants who auditioned for *White and Blue*, the official publication of Saint Louis University. My team made it to bronze medalist during the Quiz Bugs conducted by the Psych



Orange Happee Galanay P. Omengan with classmates.

Society, a college-wide organization of all psychology students. Of course, since I am a full-blooded Igorot who is proud of her culture, I joined the Cordillera Cultural Performing Group which is another university-wide organization of cultural performing students.

It was challenging to balance my time for academics with affiliations. I have experienced sleepless nights spent reviewing and finishing requirements. Time off classes was spent with clubs and organizations. Despite the stress and the natural frustration, I am still willing to continue being an active member in these organizations as long as my schedule permits and as long as they do not interfere with my studies.

These organizations are beneficial in terms of making me socially, academically and culturally healthy. I overcame homesickness with the help of press meetings, press works and social gatherings. I gained new friends and self esteem since I am already a part of something worth my effort and time. Needless to say, I attain satisfaction and extreme happiness while enjoying the things that I love to do.

One of my memorable experiences being a member of the press was when we went to the evacuation centers and landslide areas to deliver relief goods and to gather news for our school paper. The drastic stories I heard from homeless families and from the devastation I saw made me thankful that my family and friends were not affected by the effects of typhoons Pepeng and Ondoy.

I am happy that my start is worth the while knowing that I am still on track through the path of who I want to be. However, there is still much room for improvement.

Course by course, school gives him the edge to succeed

Elmar Quiza of Zimbales is studying psychology at Mondriaan Aura College, Subic Bay.

What happened to me during the semester?

Well, **algebra** was my best subject during this semester. I learned that I should be calm and very eager to solve difficult problems. I also learned to share my knowledge to my classmates – to be their group leader during our break time. Teach them to solve algebra problems. And give encouragement not to drop the subject.

General psychology: My professor was very good in teaching psychology. He makes sure that his students really want the course. I learned to understand people with personality disorders. I should not be judgmental in seeing them in different behavior. I should be the first to comfort and understand them.

One of the highlights of this subject was our addictive-behavior seminar. I learned that every behavior we have in the present is the outcome of our past experiences. If we are not able to overcome such experiences we will be having difficulties in living a simple and satisfying life.

Economics: I am afraid to tell that I do not have good grades on this subject. I do have difficulty in understanding and memorizing the history of Philippines economics. One very memorable time was when I was reporting about “planning Philippines development.” I did prepare everything I needed, but during the reporting, I was very nervous that I was going to collapse. I was very afraid not to achieve my professor’s expectations. And still we are waiting for the result of our grades. I am praying to get a passing grade.

English: I am expecting a passing grades in this subject. I know that I did my best to finish all my requirements. I did 30 graphic organizers with four English compositions. It was very memorable to me because I was given an opportunity to write a composition with my own abilities.

Filipino: I think I got an average grade here. I was sick for three days. But my professor congratulated me. She told me that I did great in the following activities. I learned that I have to be more eager to have good grades.

History: My professor was not that good. He was often absent. He just assigned a class organizer. The whole semester was just boring reporting. But still,

I learned that I have to love my country’s past experiences. I learned to understand why people keep on fighting for their rights.

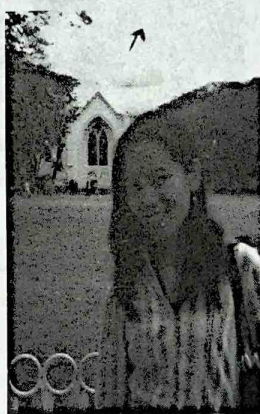
Civic welfare services: We made acquaintance with the people in Bataan Mountain. We worked with them, cutting grass and planting trees. It is very dangerous there, especially after a heavy rain; but our professors made sure that we are safe. I learned to be more patient and resourceful.

Physical education: I joined the Mondriaan Aura College Volleyball Varsity. Joining the varsity was very exciting. I met new friends, I learned to be more responsible in doing my tasks. I also learned to love my team despite their unpredictable behavior. I love playing volleyball.

In all these experiences, I learned to be more active in school work and organization. I learned to be more fruitful. I learned to understand people’s behaviors around me. I believed that I can face more challenges in the future. It is because right now, I have the edge to do it.

PSAA Decentralized

Jeanalyn Estrellado of Negros Oriental was the recipient of the Maureen Carroll Scholarship, 2004-2007. She earned a bachelor’s degree in computer technology in 2007 and is seeking a teaching position in her hometown of Siaton. She is now working for a publishing service and was named head of the PSAA Negros Cluster last year.



The Negros cluster of the PCAFPD Scholars and Alumni Association (PSAA) was formally organized with the support of Sir Roland de Jesus, PCAFPD VP for Philippine Operations and PSAA Chairman, Aries Asilo. On May 10, 2009 we had our first meeting of alumni

and scholars on the island of Negros, where we decided to have a regular monthly meeting. The Negros cluster members are Ronie, Ferdinand, Lolito, Joan, Sancho and Jody Iren. We also now have a new scholar, Frince Ann Daniel, who will enroll in Foundation University this school year. She’s very young at fifteen, yet smart and active. We are connecting her with the cluster activities and coaching her as a neophyte of the group. Our cluster had a team-building activity last year in order to strengthen the bond of each member. We

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invited PC Volunteer Marguerite (Marga) K. McElroy to share with us her experience as a Volunteer in our province. She also gave us some ideas and hints on how and where to extend services with some NGOs in the city. The event was fun and worth-remembering.

The cluster regularly communicates with Sir Roland and Aries. We send meeting minutes and activity reports via e-mail and yahoo posts. Current scholars share their encounters in school in terms of academic matters and extra-curricular activities--matters like achievements and problems that need to be straightened out.

During the past year, we had small-time service projects--like the buddy system and mentoring younger scholars. After we had our team-building, we assisted Marga McElroy's library project through encoding library cards. That was only a day but the experience was great and exciting with PC Volunteer Marga. She loves to talk about everything that is significant to community service and loves to share good things for the benefit of the group. She even introduced to us some of the NGOs where we could find help in our activities or share our efforts through volunteerism. Although the group members are from the different areas of the Negros, our goals and commitment are set ahead. Those who could not join the activities are helping through money donations. Ferdinand donated an amount for the high school scholars in his hometown Pamplona. He did that last year as his continued service towards the progress of our country. One active member also is Sancho, who is a full-time volunteer at Little Children of the Philippines and at the same time is a busy student in Business Administration at Foundation University. Jody Iren is active in her Red Cross organization. She was also a Dean's Awardee this past school year. Hopefully, she could be another history-maker in the academic life of PCAFPD scholars.

The activities we had last year were not income-generating. This year we focused on how to raise funds for us to pursue our planned activities. Last February 14 we sold flower bouquets and hearts on sticks. We bought the flowers and made bouquets. Making the bouquets was not so easy, but we were able to finish them late at night and sell them starting in the early morning on Valentine's Day. We brought our pail of flowers and stood in front of churches, malls, parks and by the boulevard. It was

really fun because it was our first time to roam around the city and sell flowers on that special day. Our items were sold out by 7 in the evening. It was a tough kind of fund-raising job, yet we were happy and bonded through our efforts and the purpose of raising the money for our failed feeding project last year as we didn't have the funds. We earned a little but that was a blessing as we were able to open a bank account with our very first fund-raising project for PSAA Negros. Another fund-raising we agreed to is monthly dues of 30 pesos wherein each member will save 1 peso a day. We started this last month. The small amount we have now in our account could only support our project to be implemented this month. Thus, we will focus also on services that would not involve money like connecting to other non-profit organizations. As part of the plan, we will have our reunion next month and tree-planting activity before the rainy seasons.

My deepest thanks go to the PSAA Negros members who are faithful in fulfilling their tasks. The commitment of each member made us bonded to face the challenges together in the pursuit of peace and development of our beloved country. Thanks to PCAFPD supporters and volunteers for the infinite support and service to young Filipinos. Most of all, we give thanks to the Almighty for the guidance he bestowed to us.

Reaching out to the barangays of Los Baños

Raf Andrew Espenocilla of Sorsogon is studying broadcast communications at the University of the Philippines, Diliman

Speaking of sharing, it was indeed a heart-warming experience to have done two outreach programs this semester. One was for The Rhetoricians, an organization that I am a member of, and the other was a small outreach activity prepared by a class instructor.

The one I did for the organization was fun because we dealt with kids. We donated school supplies and other art materials for kids and had a story-telling session for them. Clichéd as it sounds, it was nice hearing them laugh and say "*Isa pa*" [one more]. Other than the fact that I really am into

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Foundation names nine new scholars

Nine new scholars have been added to the Foundation's roster of scholars studying at Philippine institutions. Their addition brings the scholar census for the 2010-2011 up to 50, our highest number ever. The new students are:

Ramon Bandagosa of Albay, studying hotel and restaurant management at Mariners Polytechnic Colleges Foundation, Camarines Sur.

FPrince Ann Daniel of Negros Oriental, studying commerce at Foundation University, Dumaguette City.

Jessaline Escame of Sorsogon, studying accountancy at Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

Genesis Galap of Ifugao, studying social work at St. Louis University, Baguio City.

Deo Edward Gonzales of Oriental Mindoro, studying development communications at Batangas State University, Batangas City.

Laarni Luntok of Camarines Sur, studying psychology at Ateneo de Naga University, Naga City.

Rosemen Magdasoc of Sorsogon, studying agricultural development at Sorsogon State College, Castilla.

Stephanie Senin of Pangasinan, studying business administration at the Colegio de Dagupan, Dagupan City.

Nahid Sulaiman of Davao del Sur, studying elementary education at the University of Mindanao, Davao.

All scholarships cover the costs of tuition, books and fees. Scholars also receive a contribution to living expenses such as room, board and transportation. Depending on the school and the course of study, full scholarship costs range from \$500 to \$1,500 a year. Individuals or groups may sponsor a student for a donation of \$1,000 a year. To maintain their scholarships, scholars need to earn passing grades, report on their activities each semester and comply with other terms of the scholarship such as gaining prior approval to change schools or majors.

PCAFPD is happy to welcome these outstanding young people to the program.

Keep up with plans for Peace Corps' 50th anniversary

By **Maureen J. Carroll**
President, PCAFPD

March 1, 2011 will mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of an Executive Order by President John F. Kennedy to establish the Peace Corps. The subsequent legislation passed in September 1961. The first "botch" of Philippines Volunteers arrived in the Philippines on Oct. 12, 1961.

Celebrations of the anniversary will occur throughout the year in Peace Corps countries and in communities across the U.S., culminating in a large gathering in Washington, D.C., in September 2011. The first event will take place in Ann Arbor, Mich., this October to observe the first time that Kennedy put forth the concept of a Peace Corps in a speech at the University of Michigan during his campaign for the presidency.

Unfortunately, at the time of publication of this newsletter, specific plans with event descriptions, dates and times are not yet available, and we only publish two newsletters a year. There is no question but that PCAFPD will be involved in planning Philippines-specific celebrations in collaboration with Peace Corps headquarters, Peace Corps Philippines and the National Peace Corps Association. Since plans are likely to emerge before the next newsletter at the end of the year, we want to direct you to several sources of information that you may want to consult occasionally to keep abreast of developments.

First, we invite you to join PCAFPD's Yahoo group, which we use only occasionally to share important information about PCAFPD with our supporters. We will definitely use this site to announce information about the 50th anniversary.

You need to go to the following link to join: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PCAFPD/join> You will first be directed to a page where you will have to sign in to Yahoo or sign up for a Yahoo account and then you will be directed to the join page. If you are already on Yahoo, you can just search the groups for PCAFPD or for Peace Corps Philippines. There is also a link to this site from the "contact us" page of our website

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Full circle: Tracing her Philippine roots and grandparents' legacy

By Sylvia Cabus
RPCV, Cameroon

When I talk to other minority RPCVs, they often say that their first challenge in considering Peace Corps is to explain to their parents what the Peace Corps is.

This wasn't the case for me – my parents already knew the Peace Corps because PCVs had been serving in our home province of Bohol since the 1960s. My parents immigrated to the U.S. in 1972, when I was two years old, and growing up in California I knew of Peace Corps both as an institution and as a part of my family's history.

I served as an English teacher in Cameroon in 1993-1995. In 1996, my parents and I returned to the Philippines upon my grandmother's death.

Aurelia Aranas, Sylvia Cabus' grandmother, helped PCVs in Bohol in 1965-68.

While looking through her papers, my mother and I found the addresses of two of the PCVs that my grandmother, a school teacher, had worked with.

I wrote to Charles Kaza (Bohol 1965-67) and David Flaccus (Bohol and Cebu 1966-1968) and mentioned that she had passed away and that I myself had served as a PCV. They responded with reminiscences about my grandparents, and sent photocopies of their journals and letters describing my grandparents as vigorous and active community members.

They shared stories of friendship with my grandparents, Francisco and Aurelia Aranas, including how my grandparents patiently humored the volunteers in Tubigon.



Sylvia Cabus, center rear, as a PCV in Cameroon, 1993-95, here with neighborhood kids. She was an English teacher (TEFL).

My own motivation and interest in Peace Corps partly stemmed from Peace Corps' long presence in the Philippines. I'm proud to continue that tradition and to know that my grandparents inspired others as well.

Sylvia Cabus was a PCV in Cameroon, 1993-95. She lives in Washington, D.C., and works as an analyst at an international development consulting firm. She often attends PCAFPD meetings.

Peace Corps' 50th

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www.rpcvphilippines.org. Please take seriously the opportunity to join this group since it will be the major conduit for timely Philippines specific information.

Second, we recommend that you periodically check the National Peace Corps Association website for its updates about the 50th anniversary: www.peacecorpsconnect.org. The site currently has some information about events and dates. And, don't forget the Peace Corps website itself: www.PeaceCorps.gov.

Finally, for those of you who use Facebook, search for PCAFPD or Peace Corps Philippines—these pages are still fairly underdeveloped but will get better as time goes on!

We hope that everyone who has served in the Peace Corps in the Philippines will find a way to get to Washington in September 2011—or even to the Philippines for events there.

Contributions from our generous supporters

We thank those listed below whose contributions to PCAFPD were received between October 26, 2009 & April 15, 2010.

Numbered contributions are designated : (1) in memory of his wife Bobbie Jean Reagan Beckler, Bulacan 64-66; (2) in memory of Melissa Powell; (3) for USDA scholarship; (4) in memory of Larry Foley; (5) in memory of Phillip Hiller; (6) in honor of Maureen Carroll; (7) in memory of Ed Adriano; (8) in memory of Stan Suyat; (9) in memory of Brian Williams; (10) for Rachel Singer Memorial Scholarship; (11) for Julia Campbell Memorial Scholarship; (12) in memory of Roger Flather; (13) in memory of Pamela Johnstone Moguet; (14) for Sunshine Gibbs' Group 3 Scholarship Fund; (15) in loving memory of his daughter Angela Wetmore; (16) in memory of Carolyn E. Wylie, Group 1 (1961-63).

+The plus identifies those who made more than one contribution in calendar year 2009, including contributions made with NPCA membership renewals.

In this reporting period, in addition to the contributions by individuals listed below, PCAFPD received \$900 from the Group 1 Reunion Fund.

Tim & Maryann Ahrens	AZ	Cebu & Manila 79-81	Stephen Growdon	WA	Aklan 1983-1985
Miriam Aiken	VA	Ozamis City 65-67	Stephen Paul Groff	France	NPCA Member
Chuck Alexander +	FL	Davao & Cebu 73-75	Dan & Ana Gudahl +	AR	Aklan 1981-1984
Wally Allen +	AZ	Camarines Sur 61-63	Judy Harrison	KS	195-1967
Nancy Foral Andal	PA	1962-1964	Ken Heatherington	FL	Albay 1973-1975
Anonymous		Friend of PCAFPD	Linn Henderson	IL	Capiz 1967-1969
Chuck Amoroso +	VA	Laguna 65-67	James & Portia Henle	VA	Benguet 1968-1970
Jeff Amundsen +	MN	Negros Occidental 83-85	Joyce Graeter Henzel	NY	Iloilo 1963-1964
Stephen Banta +	Manila	Aklan & Rizal 67-70	Joe Higdon & Ellen Sudow Fund	DC	Cotabato 1962-1964
David Barnstable	MD	1962-1964	Barbara S. Hiller (5)	IL	Luzon 1963-1965
Teddi Barron	IA	Sorsogon 77-79	Jerry & Marie Hilliard	CT	Nueva Ecija 1970-72
David H. Beckler + (1)	TN	Batangas 64-66	Steven Holbrook	VA	Quezon 1965-1967
Junaluz Bedro	IL	Friend of PCAFPD	Calvin & Nita Holt	VA	Cavite 1968-1971
Linda Cover Bigelow +	France	Iloilo 1961-63	Mark Horowitz	CO	Quezon 1965-1967
BIMAK	MD	Friends of PCAFPD	Connie Curry Hughes	PA	Zamboanga N. 67-69
Anne Hankins Bing	CT	Sorsogon 61-63	Martha Allshouse Hull (6)	CA	Masbate/Albay 61-63
Ben Bloom	OH	Ilocos Norte 78-82	Nancy & Derek Hulse	NC	Zamboanga 64-67
Kenneth Bollerud +	NY	Misamis Oriental 63-66	Jean Wilkinson Inglis	CO	Friend of PCAFPD
Parker Borg	VA	Camarines Norte 61-63	Joe Jerardi +	PA	Isabela 1962-1964
Anthony J. Brancato +	NC	Bulacan 1966-1969	Rosalind Johnson/ Jerry Fruetel	MN	Misamis Oriental 77-79
Marilyn Lathrop Brown +	MO	Lanao del Norte 1962-64	Raj Joshi (7)	WA	Bukidnon 1982-1984
Charles D. Burtner	AZ	Cagayan 1965-1967	Lynn Juffer	IA	Bohol 1975
Chris Cabell	VA	Cagayan 1966-1968	Michael A. Kaplan (8)	SC	Gingoog City 66-68
Bruce Campbell	OR	Camarines Sur 61-63	Pat MacDermot Kasdan +	DC	Iloilo 1961-1963
Maureen Carroll	DC	Sorsogon 1961-1963	Anna Whitcomb Knight	MA	Davao del Norte 73-74
Bruce Casey	SD	1983	Joel Kolker (9)	Kenya	Davao City 1982-1984
John H. Clark	DE	Bohol 1981-1983	David Lang/Maureen Ross-Lang	MO	Agusan/Palawan 02-04
Carol Bradley Cukier	MI	Laguna 1968-1970	Jennifer Leinhauser	PA	Palawan 1995-1997
Jon & Evelyn Curtis	TX	Leyte 1963-1965	Barbara Leitch LePoer	DC	Benguet 1964-1966
Pera & Margo Daniels +	NV	Camarines Norte 61-63	Judith Lesner + (10)	CA	Oriental Mindoro 63-66
Richard Dertadian	FL	Camarines Norte 61-63	Michael Levitt	CA	Manila 1973-1975
Judy Kealey Diaz +	FL	Agusan del Norte 79-81	Jay Litt +	FL	Aklan 1969-1971
Stephen J. Dienstfrey +	VA	Bukidnon 1965-1967	Letitia Morse Llodoc	PA	Leyte 1964-1966
Patrick Durst	Thailand	Bohol 1978-1980	Susan Long-Marin	NC	1977-1981
Bruce Falk +	IL	Bulacan 1967-1969	Patricia Lutz	FL	Albay 1961-1963
Gretchen Faro +	OH	Davao City 77-79	James & Susan Lytle	PA	Manila 1965-1967
John & Mary Finegan	CA	1979-1981	Robert & Ruth Manlove +	CA	Zamboanga Sur 64-66
Karel Crowley Fisher	MA	Cotabato 1962-1964	Sherry Katherine Manning	WA	Benguet 2006-2009
David Flaccus	NY	Bohol & Cebu 65-68	Kathy Hodge Dries Mario (10)	NY	Zamboanga N. 64-66
Trisha Tumulty Flaccus	NY	Cebu 1966-1968	Cathee Robb Marston +	FL	Cebu 1964-1966
Detlef J. Frank	OH	Bulacan 1964-1966	Sally Pierce McCandless	TX	Negros Occ. 61-63
Carol Freeman	MN	Aklan 1965-1967	Ray McEachern	FL	Camarines Sur 61-63
Fran Froschle	NM	Camarines Norte 61-63	Marguerite McElroy	MA	Negros Oriental 07-09
Cathy Garman (2)	VA	Naga City 1978-1981	David McKoski	IL	Zamboanga 85-87
Stan Garnett +	VA	Mt. Province 62-64	Sarah Wilkinson McMeans +	DC	Cebu 1962-1964
Clemen Gehlhar (3)	MD	Friend of PCAFPD	Mike McQuestion	MD	Capiz/Cotabato 74-77
Arlene Goldberg	VA	Zamboanga N. 66-68	Eric & Pamela Melby	MD	Iloilo 1973-1975
Lynn Gorton + (4)	FL	Region Four Staff 80-85	Bill Mehlhoff +	OR	Capiz 1961-1963
William Q. Graham	DE	Laguna 1967-1970	Jane Petrich Miller +	MO	Bohol 1975-1978
George Grills +	Canada	Baguio City 1963-1965	Geary Campbell Morris (11)	VA	Friend of PCAFPD

Craig R. Morton	FL	Cebu 1966-1968	Charles F. Schwartz +	DC	Manila 67-69
Loretta Moser +	CA	Luzon 2001-2002	David Searles	KY	Manila 1971-1976
William Murphy	FL	Mindoro Oriental 63-65	Judith A. Senecal	OH	1980-1982
Jerry & Iris Nelson +	CA	Training Staff	Deborah Blackburn Shakotko	NY	Bohol 1973-1975
Susan Marie Neyer	CA	1962-1965	Ed & Jan Slevin	CA	Manila 1984-1988
Paul Nick	IL	La Union 1968-1970	Don Smith +	IL	Leyte 1961-1963
Tim O'Brien	DC	Sorsogon 2000-2002	Richard D. Smith	NY	Cotabato 1966-1969
Jerry Y. Ogawa	TN	Manila 1970-1974	Karen Steele	NY	Lanao del Sur 65-67
Phillip B. Olsen + (12)	HI	Cebu/Zamboanga 62-67	Terry Sthymmel	CA	Sorsogon 1972-1974
Jeanne Ormsby	NC	Davao City 1968-1970	Melba Stockhausen	WI	Panay/Mindanao 63-65
Rebecca Holt Palmer +	CA	Cebu 1964-1966	Linda Stoltz	NM	Zamboanga Norte 62-64
Barry Parks	CA	Manila 1963-1965	Carrie Storrs	IL	Friend of PCAFPD
Anne Pearson	MA	Mindoro Oriental 67-69	Stuart Taylor	MD	Albay 1961-1963
Lilia & Ron Peters	IL	Sorsogon 1961-1963	Donna Broudy Thatcher	NM	Iloilo 1961-1964
Jim Peterson	IL	Zambales 1976-1978	Mary Davenport Thilly	WI	Davao/Manila 68-71
Leslie Piotrowski	IL	Negros Occ. 83-85	Roy Thilly	WI	Masbate 1969-1971
Maggie Purves	OR	Negros Occidental 64-67	Susan Thompson	MN	Iloilo 1961-1963
Jon Quinlisk	WV	Ilocos Norte 1998-2000	Ralph Thurston	ME	Oriental Mindoro 83-85
Barbara Walsh Rabin	NY	Group 13 1964-1966	Joe Veneklas (7)	MI	Tarlac 1980-1982
Carol & Mark Radomski	MD	Batanes 1980-1983	Alice Vernon	IL	Friend of PCAFPD
Bev & Bob Reeves	OR	Cotabato 1970-1972	Guia Villapando +	NC	Friend of PCAFPD
Leslie Ann Reingold	CO	Iloilo 1964-1966	Bill & Jay Warren +	WA	Albay/Zamboanga 61-63
Alan & Adela Renninger +	HI	Rizal 1965-1968	T. Chad Walter	DC	Metro Manila 78-82
Michael & Rufina Rice (13)	RI	Pangasinan 81-85	Joan Weaver +	NH	Batanes 1992-1995
George Ricketts	IL	Laguna 1964-1967	Carol A. Westerlund +	IL	Catanduanes/Alby 66-69
Alan Robock	NJ	Zamboanga/Manila 70-72	Richard Wetmore (15)	FL	Misamis Oriental 74-77
Michael Rodell	CT	Basilan 1962-1964	Alan & Patricia White +	MA	Luzon 1963-1967
Kathy Hannan Rohan	MI	Leyte/Misamis Or. 62-64	Dave & Hermie Wilder +	PA	Albay 1983-1987
Eudora Roseman +	PA	Cagayan 1968-1970	Shirley Scott Williams +	TX	Ozamis City 65-67
Nick Royal + (14)	CA	Panay 62-64 Group 2	Anne Wilson	VT	Sorsogon/Manila 61-63
Ruth Kesseling Royal + (14)	CA	Samar 62-64 Group 3	Adamson Diaz Wong	PA	Friend of PCAFPD
Karen Olness Rudio +	MA	Pangasinan 83-85	Evelyn Mittman Wrin	DC	Camarines Sur 61-63
Marianne & Oscar Santodomingo +	CT	Boac, Marinduque 63-65	Deane Wylie (16)	CA	Masbate/Albay 61-63
Jesse Schubert +	WA	Camarines Norte 01-03	Sandra Phillips Yaggy	NC	Panay/Mindanao/Ilocos 61-63
Karin Schumacher	CO	Cebu 1968-1970			

News briefs and milestones . . .

■ **Jerry Hilliard (Nueva Ecija 1970-1972)** reports that he and his wife Marie will be returning to Iloilo for the winter to visit her mother there. ■ **Phil Olsen (Cebu & Zamboanga 1962-1967)** writes: "Gail and I visited Manila, Cebu City and Boljo-on, Cebu, in April 2009. Roads, electricity and communications (cell phones) had greatly improved. I was astounded to learn the estimated R.P. population exceeds 95 million." ■ **Karin Schumacher (Cebu 1968-1970)** writes: "I remember fondly my trip to RP with Maureen & others in 1996. I adopted a 4 year old girl in 2001 from India – she's now 12 and we are going back to India in January – too bad we can't drop in on the Phil. this time." ■ **Donna Broudy Thatcher (Iloilo 1961-1964)** writes: "I am the director of a city nature center in Farmington, NM. My visitors include city residents, tourists and many Navajo tribe members from the nearby reservation. At my home, I still decorate each Christmas with the star lantern I brought home from the Philippines and put out my crèche from a carver in our town there." ■ **Dr. Gary Robson (Maasin, S. Leyte 1987-1989)** reports: "In October 2009, my son Ray Robson, became the youngest grandmaster to represent the United States. My book about his development and our life together through chess comes out in May 2010 and is available at www.NipaHutPress.com."



Scenes on a highway in southern Cebu taken in April 2009 – courtesy of Phil Olsen (Cebu & Zamboanga 1962-1967)

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kids, it was a good feeling that we were doing something for their welfare even in our own little ways.

The one we did for the class was a totally different experience. It was for the indigent families of one of the most depressed *barangays* in Los Baños. We contributed from our own money and bought some groceries to be distributed to 20 families from Riverside, Los Baños and Laguna. We were accompanied by our instructor and one of the *kagawads* [officers] of the *barangay*. Again, it was a good feeling to hear them say their thanks and "God bless you's."

A lot indeed happened this semester. It was tiring and fast-paced. Still, I am happy because of the many experiences I have gathered and the blessings that I shared with others. Also, I am thankful to PCAFPD for providing me and the rest of my co-scholars the opportunity to expand the wingspans of our knowledge and experiences and allowing us to get to share something of our own to others.

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