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New grads

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Recalling President Aquino's visit to the 25th Peace Corps reunion in 1986.



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Coping with Ondoy: 'One Saturday I will never forget'

Von Ryn Garcia, from Sorsogon, is majoring in information technology at the University of the East.

I started my second semester full of determination and eagerness to learn all the skills and knowledge in all my major and minor subjects. When my professors discussed a certain topic I religiously listened to them and when there was a part that I didn't understand I researched it through books and open sources on the Internet.

As our lessons grew more and more difficult and complicated, I also learned how to cope by continuously studying and practicing at home or at school.

When typhoon Ondoy hit us here in Metro Manila at the end of September, it not only caused massive destruction but

also affected our studies, with a one-week suspension of classes.

There was one Saturday I will never forget. It was raining heavily. Although our classes were suspended, the announcement came too late for many of the students already at school.

As I was heading home, I found the campus covered with water. I thought I



could manage to walk through the flood, but I was wrong; I decided to stay on campus for a while.

Our school gave us snacks and advised students not to go home until the flooding subsided.

I decided to go

home that afternoon since I was getting worried and hungry. My money is only enough for me to commute going home but not enough for staying overnight at school since I can't afford to buy food for breakfast.

As I was walking to the Light Rail Transit station the water was high, right up to my chest, but it was too late to turn back so I continued even though it was freezing cold and my body was shaking.

But I was able to get home safely late that evening. Like many other Filipinos whose homes were devastated and their loved ones lost, we remained strong.

Sending help to typhoon victims

To help those who suffered in the recent Philippine storms, one way is to make donations through the Ayala Foundation USA, a 501(c)(3) charity where contributions are tax-deductible. Their website: <http://www.af-usa.org/>

Another group rendering aid is Habitat for Humanity, which is constructing pre-fab toilets and transition homes for victims of the typhoon. Their website: <http://www.habitat.org.ph/site/index.php>

Tripped up by a decimal point

Erika Rachelle O. Lopez is a civil engineering student at the University of the Philippines-Los Baños. She is from Batangas.

I can almost feel that I am an engineer. Our courses this semester are all majors and had exercises and activities in our classes like the real thing – things that civil engineers do.

This semester gave me the realization of what kind of civil engineer will I be. I will take the major of transportation engineer when I start my master's degree work. Our professor is really great. I idolize him for being so knowledgeable of his field. He makes me appreciate transportation engineering to the fullest.

He's teaching not only the theoretical things but as well as his experiences of his career, which is more important. The grades and diploma count but what is more important is the experience and the familiarity with your field, because it is the application in the real world, not just on papers.

In our transportation engineering class, we experienced examining the design of roads and passed judgment on it. We had our own recommendations on how to develop and make the roads convenient for road users. On our field trip, we went to the North Luzon Expressway and there we learned a lot of how they control and facilitate the traffic and assure the safety of the road users.

The other subjects are also fun except for one – our soil engineering class. The professor gives us problems on our examinations that he has not really and fully explained to us. Almost all of us have not failed anything until this subject and this professor came into our lives.

I must admit it that I truly had a hard time in this subject for so many reasons, like not appreciating it because of the professor, the torturous exams and the fact that I've been sick a lot this semester. I believe my sickness was because of the stresses on my academics, family and other problems.

My parents give me 500 pesos [about

U.S. \$10.50] per week as my allowance plus the living allowance that the scholarship gives to me. From that living allowance, I get the payment for the apartment where I stay, which is 1,000 pesos (about \$21) per month for five months a semester; what's left is what I add to my weekly allowance. I don't ask my parents for the apartment rent because I don't want to give them another problem. They're already having a hard time giving me my allowance every week.

Anyway, back to the soil engineering class. I was required to take the final examination and needed 95% to pass the subject or 84.5% to take the removals [a process that allows a student to "remove" a non-passing grade from the final records – Ed.]. The percent needed to pass



was too high so I aimed for the removals. I got 81% on the final examinations. Too bad I was not able to read from the instructions that we must use three decimal places on our final answers –

I used only two decimal places so got just partial points. That mistake made me not qualified to take the removal exam.

I talked to our professor and asked him to give me another chance since the mistake is so minimal and the score was so close. I did the right things on the computation. I had the correct solution. I asked him that if he let me take the removal examination, he could raise the passing score for my case like up to 80% or 90% when the normal passing score is 60%. But he was too firm and did not give me the chance. I can't believe that a matter of 3.5% will make me fail a subject.

I hope you will still give me another chance and let me prove myself. I've been a scholar for more than three years and thank you for all the support you gave and are still giving me. I just need your understanding and forgiveness this time. I can still make it to graduate on time if I take the summer class this coming April. I'm almost done. Only three semesters left to finish the degree. Please continue being my second parent!

Going alone, helping others

Rachel C. Briones from Cavite is majoring in Organizational Communications at University of the Philippines, Diliman.

This was a great semester! At first, it was really hard to cope with new challenges and experiences. It was the first time that I lived away from my family. I cooked my own food, ironed my clothes and kept a tight budget.

It was also the first time that I traveled to Manila alone. There were times when I felt sad because I missed talking with my mom about how my day went. It's good that my dorm-mates were helpful. They became my family in Manila.

Our subjects were a bit difficult and it was really hard to get high grades. I remember what our math professor told us. He said that learning is more important than getting high grades and that if you aim to learn, good grades will follow.

I loved our National Service Training Program class. Our NSTP professor helped us understand how we, as Organizational Communication students, could contribute to our country's development. We discussed how communication helped in alleviating problems like poverty, unemployment, education and natural calamities.

During these past months, I had several opportunities to give service. I joined our church community service project. We cleaned the surroundings of a public school. We also gave short a

lecture on basic reading to a group of children in a community. Last September, I had an opportunity to help in the relief operations of our school for Ondoy typhoon victims. I also donated food, water and clothes.

Now we are raising funds for students that were affected by the flood. On the first week of December, we will buy books and other school supplies as Christmas presents for those students.



Grad scholar who leads alums looks at the future

Ariestelo A. Asilo, a 2007 graduate of the University of the Philippines Los Baños, has been heading the PCAFPD's Scholars and Alumni Association (PSAA). A nutrition major, he worked after graduation as a research assistant with a UPLB-UNICEF project and taught at De La Salle University in Lipa City, Batangas. Hans Groot, PCAFPD vice president of institutional relations, and PCAFPD President Maureen Carroll recently asked Ariestelo to discuss the PSAA and his role in it.



Ariestelo A. Asilo of Batangas is a 2007 graduate of UP Los Baños.

Tell us of your background—home town, family, and such.

I was born and grew up in Bauan, Batangas. I am the eldest of three children. I went to an elementary school in Bauan and graduated from Bauan Technical High School, where I learned about the PCAFPD through [PCV] Ann Meehan. Through PCAFPD, I was able to finish my bachelor's degree in Nutrition at the University of the Philippines Los Baños. After my graduation, I passed the board exam and was hired as a research assistant for a UPLB-UNICEF project: "Iron Deficiency Anemia in the Philippines."

What are currently doing professionally? What are your long-range goals?

After my researcher stint at UPLB, I was hired as a part-time college faculty at De La Salle Lipa in Batangas for a year. Currently, I am pursuing my first business. Together with my senior partner, I have been establishing a Training and Consultancy Center for merchant marines since March of this year. I have three long-range goals – first, to establish my own company within the next three years. Secondly, once I have a robust company of my own, I will solidify my family into

something that has a strong socio-economic background. And lastly, I will engage my own family to assist me to run the company and eventually share something to others. That might sound so ideal but for now, I am focused with my first immediate goal – establish my own company.

What are your interests outside of work? Hobbies? Favorite activities?

I love reading business books, and novels like that of John Grisham, W.B. Griffin, and Sionil Jose. Presently, I am reading "Talking Straight" by Lee Iococca. I love cooking, especially gourmet foods. I love to experiment. I also love to travel. I like meeting new people, learning their culture and discovering their places. And on the side too, I am writing a book. It's experimental. Maybe I'll have it published after five years or so.

How would you describe opportunities for young people today in the Philippines?

Opportunities are just there. But to seize them is hard. Once you seize it, the next

thing is to keep it. And keeping it is even harder than finding it. Recently, I interviewed some people of my age for a job as a trainer in my company. When I asked them about opportunities, they would say, "There are no opportunities (i.e., jobs) in the country." Hence, they have plans to go abroad. It seems they are looking at a doughnut— my country is the hole, and abroad is the cake. I am thankful to God for giving me several opportunities. But I knew he would not give them to me that easily, I have to learn to face and outmaneuver adversity, like what I am experiencing now. Life is tough.

What exactly is PSAA and where do you think the organization is going or should be going?

The PSAA was founded by the PCAFPD when [President] Maureen Carroll and [Vice President] Carol Radomski came to the Philippines in 2005. Lloyd Vecinal, Rachel Delfin, Retchel Edang and I volunteered to initiate the establishment of a scholars and alumni group. With the assistance of [PCAFPD Vice President/Philippines] Roland de Jesus and [PCAFPD Board Member] Alex Romero, the PSAA came into being.

Who belongs to PSAA, how many active members do you have and what is the purpose of the organization?

There are seven active groups, or clusters (geographic groupings where there are a number of PCAFPD alumni or current scholars). I lost track of the exact number of active members when clustering was established. But, there are now around 60 members and half are active. However, being "active" varies. Since 2005, I learned that each member of the family has his own way of being active. Some are really so loquacious, others are like wind – you can't see them, but I know, they're just there.

The purpose of the PSAA is twofold – first, to engage those clusters/groups to provide assistance to each other, especially for those incoming and present scholars. This is what we called the Buddy System – scholars/alumni providing mentoring to fellow scholars. Second, this Buddy System will be the way for each cluster to do a community activity. (Continued on next page)

Grad scholar

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This activity will be the showcase of their abilities and, of course, a way to learn from and gain experience in their own communities.

How are these clusters managed and do you have any examples of mentoring, the buddy system in practice, or cluster projects?

Each cluster has a PSAA head who directly communicates with me. Then the heads communicate with the scholars/alumni in their area. The buddy system paved the way for them to know their co-scholars, who are often at the same school. Some are at St. Mary's University, for example. Karl Soriano is an active member of their student organization and he has the capability to engage and gather the PCAFPD scholars there. In Bicol, Michelle Laurinaria, a social work major who is now taking her internship, has a very good grasp of community-approach projects. She meets with the other members either in Albay or in Sorsogon. In Negros, Jean Estrellado gathers the group and they assist Sancho Flores in his Sunday volunteer teaching program. Last year, with the assistance of Geri Maiatico, Roland De Jesus and Hans Groot, the PSAA landed in the top three finalists of the British Council Changemaker Project Competition. The project was headed by Rico Ancog of the Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon cluster. Then, last summer, Krisna Ocong of National Capital Region cluster conducted a summer ballet program in Manila. Rica Pelicano of Leyte and Ian Maque of Mindanao are currently organizing their own clusters.

PSAA started with more or less regular meetings in Makati of members who live in the greater Manila area. What happened? Are there no more face-face meetings and, if not, how do members communicate with each other?

The initial plan during those meetings was for the Greater Manila area cluster to oversee the organizing of the provincial clusters. But it did not work due to com-

munication and geographical constraints. We overlooked the advantage of the available technology. Now that almost all people have at least one mobile phone and have easy access to Internet, I decided to lessen the Manila meetings and instead delegated the tasks to the clusters. And it worked. The clusters responded enthusiastically and it surprised me how fast they began organizing themselves. There are still face-to-face meetings, aside from virtual meetings. Provincial clusters do that. The National Capital Region cluster is now in charge of the registration of PSAA to the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission).

Why do you need SEC registration?

In my experience, nobody would recognize you unless you are legally listed as an NGO. Once the PSAA is duly recognized as an NGO, we can do activities like fund-raising and forging of alliances with other youth groups. The PSAA can handle these activities for the next five to 10 years when it should have a strong pool of members..

You seem to be the guiding force behind PSAA and you have served as its chairman for quite some time. At what point do you think the organization will be on solid enough footing so that you can turn over the reigns?

Am I? I think it's the other way around. The members have supported me since PSAA's conception in 2005. From then on, I feel that I have had the obligation to direct the group to a much better footing. For four years now, the PSAA is getting stronger through the cooperation of the scholars and alumni. I can say that we are not yet robust enough at this point.

I see a cycle. The PSAA is banking on the present scholars who would continue what the PSAA has started. All of the organization's members have great potential to lead. But that is not a question of who would be the next chairman. It's a question of willingness. And among these willing leaders, the next question is about passion and enthusiasm to lead.

From there, he would know if he could preserve and not just continue what the PSAA has started. All cluster heads now are capable of it.

Do you think that PSAA could someday administer the PCAFPD program in the Philippines?

Yes, PSAA could do that. PSAA members even insisted on sponsoring a scholar – someday. But it will take time. Let's say after 10 more years. That will be more realistic. I believe that we still have a lot to learn. We have to have a very strong foundation so by the time that we embark on more mature endeavors like PSAA administering the PCAFPD program, we will have a strong system to do that. Currently, the PSAA clusters have to efficiently and effectively carry out the Buddy System and Community Outreach Projects. I believe that these two things are important to prepare us for a larger responsibility in the future.

Scholarship means no more fee fears

Liwa Claire V. Alesna, from Zamboanga del Norte, is studying agriculture at Visayas State University, Baybay, Leyte.

Projects, contributions, handouts, books and other materials are students' common problems here at Visayas State University. You have to pay attention or risk an "INC." grade. You have to buy handouts or books, for instance, to study in order to pass that particular subject. Of course it involves money. Sometimes, due to lack

of money, you can't buy those references, which are very important for your studies.

As a PCAFPD scholar, I consider this opportunity a great help for my studies. Having an allowance every semester means I can now buy

handouts to study in advance. Through this, it helps me to gain confidence and be able to participate in class discussions and oral recitation – unlike before when I always depended on others. Now when our teacher assigns us projects it's no longer a burden for me.

This scholarship really helps me a lot. It lessens my problems and helps me to study with peace of mind, knowing that I don't have to worry about my school fees.



USDA employees to support scholar

A group of employees of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has pledged to support a USDA Scholar through the PCAFPD.

The USDA employees will support the scholar through four years of undergraduate study in any field of agriculture or in related areas such as forestry, natural resources management, or rural development.

Most of the USDA employees who have pledged support have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in the Philippines; others work on USDA programs in the Philippines or are interested in the country's development. Most have not been regular contributors to the PCAFPD.

The PCAFPD Board of Directors expressed gratitude for the generous pledge and encourages other agencies, associations and groups to consider this new model of workplace sponsorship.

Former scholar wins water award

Rico Ancog, a former PCAFPD scholar from Bohol, recently presented a paper at the 7th International Symposium on Southeast Asian Water Environment in Thailand.

He graduated in 2004 in environmental science from Central Mindanao University and has been studying in Nagoya, Japan.

"I am happy to share that out of the 41 paper

presenters from different countries, I got the Award for Asian Young Professional on Water Research. I am really happy for this one," he writes.

Rico also has an M.S. in environmental science from UP Los Baños, helped by PCAFPD funding. He is at UP Los Baños studying for a doctorate under a Philippines Department of Science and Technology scholarship.



Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg presents Philippine President Corazon Aquino with a bust of her father, President John F. Kennedy, during a reception for President Aquino at the

John F. Kennedy Memorial Library on Sept. 20, 1986. (UPI Photo/Alan Altman/Files)

Remembering Cory Aquino

Following the death in August of former Philippines President Corazon Aquino, PCAFPD Board Member Sarah McMeans signed the condolence book at the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C., with the following statement:

"On behalf of the Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development, I express my condolences at the passing of Cory Aquino.

The Peace Corps community was honored when she spoke at its 25th anniversary conference in 1986. Her restoration of democracy in the Philippines was an inspiration to the whole world."

The New York Times, in an article on her life, said this:

Corazon C. Aquino was the president of the Philippines for six years, after being swept into office on a wave of "people power" in 1986. Ms. Aquino then led the country through a difficult transition to democracy after two decades of autocratic rule under Ferdinand Marcos. She died on Aug. 1, 2009. Ms. Aquino became a popular symbol of opposition to Mr. Mar-

cos after her husband, Benigno S. Aquino Jr., a chief challenger to Mr. Marcos, was assassinated in 1983.

After Mr. Marcos claimed victory in a 1986 election that Ms. Aquino was widely believed to have won, she organized huge rallies that helped drive him from office. Her ascension to office was seen as a high point in modern Philippine history.

Over the next six years she staved off multiple coup attempts while restoring a freely elected parliament and independent judiciary. But she did not lead the social revolution some had hoped for, failing to institute effective land reform or to address the concentration of power over the country's politics.

The popular movement that brought Ms. Aquino to power set a difficult precedent in the Philippines, where people nostalgic for their shining moment continue to see mass movements as an acceptable, if unconstitutional, answer to the difficulties of a flawed democratic system.



How'd we do, dollar-wise, in FY '09?

By **Stephen Dienstfrey**
PCAFPD Treasurer

Before I get into the details of where your money was spent over the last year, I would like to thank former Treasurer Stu Taylor for all of his hard work over the past years. In addition, he has made the transition for me into this new role as painless as possible. Now to business.

PCAFPD uses a fiscal year (FY) that corresponds to the Philippine school year and runs from May 1 to April 30. During the last FY the Foundation had revenues of \$34,944 and expenses of \$33,418.15.

Direct individual contributions, those little envelopes you get a few times a year, account for more than four-fifths of all revenues. In the last year they amounted to \$28,895 or about 83% of the total revenue. Indirect individual contributions (through the National Peace Corps Association and the Network for Good) were \$1,625.75 or just under 5%. In addition, we received \$4,000 (a little over 12%) from several organizations that have been kind enough to support our work by sponsoring individual scholars. The last source of revenue

is the interest on our various checking and savings accounts which came to \$423.25 or just over 1% of all revenues.

As would be expected, our largest expense is direct aid to our scholars in the form of tuition, fees, book, uniforms, supplies and living allowances. Last year this area accounted for 80% of our expenses for a total of \$26,587.17. *Balitaan*, the newsletter – which 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% of all expenses. Our administrative expenses in the United States were \$1,877.82 (6%). The administrative expenses in the Philippines accounted for the remaining \$2,083.15 (6%)

In addition, the Foundation has reserve funds to cover the administrative expenses necessary to complete our commitment to all current scholars in the event the Foundation is no longer able to fund new scholars. While our revenues were greater than our expenses, they were not comfortably greater.

PCAFPD really needs your support to continue to fund deserving scholars in these tough financial times

FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenues		Expenses	
Direct Individual Donations	\$28,895.00	Newsletter printing/postage	\$ 2,869.00
Indirect Individuals Donations	1,625.75	US Administrative Costs	1,877.82
Group Donations	4,000.00	Scholar Costs	26,587.17
Interest	432.25	Philippine Administrative Costs	2,083.15
Total Revenues	\$34,944.00	Total Expenses	\$33,418.14
Contribution to Reserves: \$1,525.86			

Stephen takes over from Estu as Treasurer

By **Maureen Carroll**
PCAFPD President

For the past 10 years, Stuart Taylor (Albay 1961-63), known as "Estu" in the Philippines, has served as treasurer for PCAFPD. A man of great integrity and few words, Stu has diligently kept the books, paid our bills, transferred funds to the Philippines, prepared board reports on our financial situation, filed IRS reports and provided valuable and practical input on a wide range of PCAFPD activities and is-



Stu Taylor

retired from Procter & Gamble, he has been teaching in Montgomery County high schools for the past sev-

eral years. In addition, he and his wife, Francie, have generously hosted many of our special board meetings to assemble newsletters and select scholars.

A California native, Stu has lived in Maryland for many years. Following his retirement from Procter & Gamble, he has been teaching in Montgomery County high schools for the past sev-

eral years. Always helpful and pleasant, with a delightful sense of humor, Stu is dear to the hearts of his fellow board members and most people he meets.

Stu deserves the break he seeks, and we are fortunate to have found an excellent replacement. He will remain a Friend of the Foundation along with others who cannot serve on the board but who help us out on specific occasions.

Enter Stephen Dienstfrey. Steve was a Volunteer from 1965 to 1967 at the (Continued on Page 7)

Appeal for funds is stimulating

As of mid-October, when this issue of *Balitaan* was being prepared, 115 individual supporters had contributed a total of \$8,862 to the appeal in September for "stimulus funds."

This support is gratifying and demonstrates that PCAFPD supporters recognize the importance of the foundation's work and understand that challenging economic times here in the U.S. should not require bright, deserving young Filipinos to defer their dreams of getting an education that will allow them to break the cycle of poverty for themselves and their families.

Many of those who responded to the September appeal also made contributions in response to the spring issue of *Balitaan*. Your continued response to both our special and regular appeals is vital to our goal of sustaining the foundation's mission both this year and for years to come.

Foundation names new Treasurer

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Bukidnon (Mindanao) Normal School where he taught New Math (when it was new). His primary assignment was in the Laboratory Elementary School associated with the Normal School, but he also taught classes in the Normal School and the Provincial High School and conducted workshops throughout the province.



Stephen Dienstfrey

Steve, a native of Omaha, spent his high school and college years in Orange County, Calif., and got his undergraduate degree and one of his two master's degrees at Cal State Long Beach. He also has an MBA from

American University in Washington, D.C.

Following early work in local election campaigns and on Capitol Hill, Steve had a long and varied career as a survey statistician in both the public (the Bureau of the Census, the Energy Information Administration) and private sectors.

Since retiring in 2007, Steve has been a substitute teacher in high schools and done some statistical consulting. In addition, he has served in a variety of elected offices (including treasurer) for an elementary school PTA, his homeowners association, a professional association and his synagogue.

Steve and his wife, Anita, live in Burke, Virginia. We are most happy to have him join the Board.

Three new grads bring total to 115

Three PCAFPD scholars have earned their degrees, bringing the total number of Foundation graduates since 1987 to 115.

The new graduates (pictured in order from the top):

– **Ailyn Acosta** of Palawan, Secondary Education, Western Philippines University, Aborlan, Palawan.

– **John Paul Lagod** of Zamboanga del Norte, Agriculture, Mindanao State University, Marawi City, Lanao del Sur

– **Catherine Tumaob** of Aklan, Accountancy, Garcia College of Technology, Kalibo, Aklan



Fighting algebra and expenses

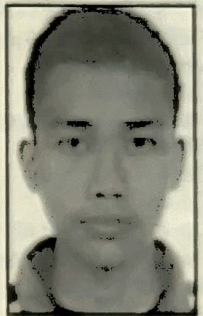
Jeffrey de Lumen of Albay is a mechanical engineering major at Bicol University.

Algebra has challenged me the most. We had one of the most prominent professors in the College of Engineering. Every time he entered our classroom, the whole class fell into deep silence. I hoped he wouldn't call on me, but when he did, I managed to solve problems on the blackboard. But the worst of it was that even if I answered the problem correctly, he was not satisfied until he heard the best explanation for the solution – and usually I failed to explain it so well.

As a result, my study habits were enhanced; I wanted always to be prepared. I learned algebra not *from* him but *because* of him – and proved to myself that self-discovered knowledge lasts longer than that simply given.

My greatest obstacle in pursuing my education is financial need. Sometimes I have to work on weekends to earn money for school days and because of that I sometimes lack time for studying. My mother can't help because she had to send my younger brother to school, too. It's really hard to work and study at the same time, especially with difficult subjects. But I remain strong and take all this as a challenge for me and an opportunity to grab.

Although it would take me five more years to graduate, at least I know what I want to do in the future and how I am going to meet my responsibilities to my nation. Especially because the Philippines lies at the bottom of neighboring Asian countries in terms of economic and political conditions. I want to do my best to promote the welfare of all Filipinos and I know that education is one of the most important ways to really make a difference.



Contributions from our generous supporters

We thank those listed below whose contributions to PCAFPD were received between April 25 & October 25, 2009. Numbered contributions are designated : (1) for Maureen Carroll Scholarship Fund; (2) in honor of Group 13B; (3) in memory of Paul Lampert; (4) in memory of Ed Adriano; (5) in honor of Margarita de la Cerna Larrazabal; (6) in memory of Barry Fitzgerald; (7) in memory of Eunice Kennedy Shriver; (8) in memory of Mildred Grant & Jim Stuehling; (9) for Rachel Singer Memorial Scholarship; (10) in memory of Roger Flather; (11) in memory of Alice Waters Spring; (12) in memory of Pam Johnstone Moguet; (13) in memory of Ron Wilcox (Gr. 13); (14) in memory of John Cort; (15) for Sunshine Gibbs' Group 3 Scholarship Fund; (16) in memory of Joanne Jorz 65-69; (17) in memory of Judith Granada, Science Coordinator, Cadiz, Negros Occidental; and (18) in memory of Inday Mapang.

***The plus identifies those who made more than one contribution since the last list of contributors was reported. The list includes contributions made in response to the September "stimulus appeal" and contributions made with NPCA membership renewals.**

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Linda Cover Bigelow	France	Iloilo 61-63	Marla Handy & Josh Dein	WI	1979-1981
Olive & Thomas Blackburn	FL	Batanes 1986	Ben Harvey	CT	Laguna 67-69
Michael Blaylock	CA	Pangasinan 78-80	Jerry Hembd	WI	Albay 73-75
Ben Bloom	OH	Ilocos Norte 78-82	Jo Ann Hillje Hersh	VA	Lanao del Sur 62-64
Samuel L. Boglio	VA	Bataan 66-67	Judy Swigost Hill (9)	FL	Iloilo 64-66
Kenneth Bollerud +	NY	Misamis Or. 63-66	Gerald & Marie Hilliard	CT	Nueva Ecija 70-72
Emery & Annie Bontrager	CA	Camarines N 61-63	William R. Holman	CA	Friend of PCAFPD
Ruth Boone +	KY	Capiz 61-62	Mark Holt +	DC	Tarlac 82-84
Al Bradford +	MD	Aklan 61-64	Dr. Richard Holtzman	MA	Capiz 61-63
Anthony J. Brancato +	NC	Bulacan 66-1969	Jonathan M. Hubchen	LA	Bohol 83-85
Dave Brandt	MD	Bataan 87-89	Donna Strobbridge Ianni	VT	Baguio City 67-69
Morton Braunstein	OH	Ozamiz City 66-68	Clyde & Eva Ingle	NC	Zamboanga del S. 62-64
Marilyn Lathrop Brown +	MO	Lanao del N. 62-64	Veneeth Iyengar	LA	NPCA Member
John Buckstead	HI	Ifugao 62-64	Loisann Jacovitz	CA	Group 52, 1972-1974
Rosemary Campbell	Canada	Isabela 64-66	Steve Jasper +	IN	Agusan 1967-1969
Gerald Capozzalo	NJ	Davao del Sur 66-68	Jeff Jenks	MI	Davao del Sur 62-64
Bruce Casey	SD	1983	Heidi Jensen	OR	Ilocos Sur 85-87
Benny & Carol Cespedes	TX	PVCs in Pakistan 61-63	Joe Jerardi (10)	PA	Isabela 62-64
Patricia A. Charles	NV	Cebu 74-76	Pat Joslyn Johnson	IA	Camarines Sur 61-63
Marnee Chua	CA	1997-2000	Joyce E. Johnston	Canada	1965-1967
Linda Miller Clark +	MA	Mountain 64-66	Lee & Kay Jones	VT	Isabella 62-67
Bill Combs	MD	1966-1968	Raj Joshi	WA	Bukidnon 82-84
Kathryn J. Conway	NY	Negros 61-63	Jack D. Jourdain	FL	Cebu 65-66
Helen R. Cooper (3) +	MA	Leyte 81-83	Pat M. Kasdan (11)	DC	Iloilo 61-63
Susan R. Cort	NM	Biliran/Leyte 80-83	Charles Kaza	MI	Bohol 65-67
Pera & Margo Daniels	NV	Camarines N. 61-63	Mary C. Kilgour +	FL	Surigao del Sur 62-64
Judy Kealey Diaz	FL	Agusan del N. 78-81	Ralph & Mary Kemphaus	OH	Bacolod City 65-67
Stephen J. Dienstfrey +	VA	Bukidnon 65-67	Rob Kim	CA	Negros Oriental 69-73
Tom Dillon	MA	Batangas/Laguna 67-70	Mark & Mirasol Kittrell	IL	Suriago City 01-03
Bill Donohue (4)	NJ	Iloilo 81-83	Lon Kramer	VA	La Union 67-69
Sally Glaze Douglas (5)	WA	Leyte 64-67	Eve Juliano	NC	Albay 1964-1966
George T. Duncan	NM	Lanao del Sur 65-67	Annette Lambert	CA	Mindoro 87-89
William K. Dustin	MN	Nueva Ecija 66-68	Judith Lesner (9) +	CA	Oriental Mindoro 63-66
Bruce Falk	IL	Bulacan 67-69	Stephen M. Limon	MA	Batangas 68-70
Adelia C. Fallar	NC	Friend of PCAFPD	Jay Litt +	FL	Aklan 69-71
John & Mary Finegan	CA	1979-1981	Maryann Lohrey (12)	NY	Friend of PCAFPD
Ruth Coder Fitzgerald (6)	VA	Cagayan 67-68	Denise Conley Lionetti	MD	Sorsogon 76-79

Tom Lionetti	MD	Pangasinan 76-79	Nick & Ruth Royal (15)	CA	Paney & Samar 62-64
Geraldine J. Maiatico +	CA	Batangas 66-68	Karen Olness Rudio	MA	Pangasinan 83-85
Mary Malone	MI	1962-1965	Jill Ruhlman	GA	Laguna 66-68
Jerry Malovany	VA	La Union 62-63	Romeo & Nancy Salar	MI	Romblon 95-97
Bob Manlove	CA	Zamboanga Sur 64-66	Marianne Santo Domingo	CT	Marinduque 63-65
Ruth Manlove	CA	Misimis Occidental 67-69	Roberta Potter Savage	NY	Misimis Occidental 62-64
Desiree M.C. Marmita (3)	NY	Leyte	Mary Ann & Jim Scheirer	NJ	Iloilo/Lanao del Sur 63-66
Cathee Robb Marston (13)	FL	Cebu 64-66	Martin Scherr	DC	Cotabato/Manila/Ilocos 62-64
Carole Mathews +	MA	Mintel, Davao 66-68	Allen & Lilia Schlorff	IN	1969-1974
Marilyn Maze	MD	Marbel 69-71	Rich & Barbara Schneider	AZ	Palawan 74-77
Mary Christine McCarthy	OH	Sorsogon 80-82	Roger Schneiderwind	OH	Negros Oriental 63-64
Ray McEachern	FL	Camarines Sur 61-63	Brenda Brown Schoonover	NC	Camarines Sur 61-63
J. Mark McDowell	MO	Negros Occidental 68-70	Jesse Schubert +	WA	Camarines Norte 01-03
Sarah Wilkinson McMeans +	DC	Cebu 62-64	Charles F. Schwartz (16)	DC	Manila 67-69
William L. Mehlhoff	OR	Capiz 61-63	J. Mike Shafer +	WA	Davao del Sur 80-82
Pamela & Eric Melby	MD	Iloilo 72-75	Clair Sharpless	CT	Negros Occidental 61-63
Jane Petrich Miller +	MO	Bohol 75-78	Tom Sharpless	CT	Masbate/Albay 61-63
Dr. Barbara Mitchell	PA	Camarines Sur 61-63	Bruce & Barbara Sims	MT	Nueva Ecija/Los Banos 72-75
Harve Mogul	FL	Misamis Occidental 64-66	Sandy Sinclair	MD	Ilocos Norte 83-86
Loretta Moser	CA	Luzon 01-02	Claire Horan Smith +	MD	Camarines Sur 61-63
Joyce Mary Moses	VA	Cotabato 62-64	Don Smith	IL	Leyte 61-63
Lucille Muldoon	WI	Camarines Norte 89-90	Michael K. Smith	CA	Cebu 78-80
Ted Nawalinski +	PA	Sorsogon 65-67	Ann Snuggs +	DC	Negros Occidental 61-63
Jerry & Iris Nelson +	CA	Staff 1971-1978	Barbara & Ed Soohoo	CA	1961-1963
Tim Noe	FL	La Union 2003	Karen Steele	NY	Lanao del Sur 65-67
Marcie Lafair Obstfeld	NY	Iloilo 80-82	Tim & Eden Stewart +	SC	Antique 84-86
Jerry Y. Ogawa	TN	Manila 70-74	Terry Sthymmel +	CA	Sorsogon 72-74
Mike Ollinger	DC	Iloilo 82-84	Milburn Stone	CT	South Cotabato 65-68
Bill Peck +	GA	Quezon/Rizal 63-65	Donna Taylor (17)	NY	Negros Occidental 68-70
Lilia & Ron Peters	IL	Sorsogon 61-63	Susan & Rey Tejada	MD	Manila 68-70
Mary L. Piepmeier	OH	Lanao del Sur 64-66	Chuck Thomas +	CA	Quezon City 78-80
Susan Pons	PA	Compostela Valley 66	Ralph B. Thomas	CA	Negros Oriental 61-63
Herbert A. Probasco	CO	Ilocos Sur 62-64	Geraldine Traina (18)	FL	Bohol 62-64
Mary Procyk	CT	Basilan 65-67	Virginia Cyboski Trinidad	VA	Cebu 65-67
Michael J. Purcell	IL	Benguet 85-87	Walter R. Turner	NC	Manila 65-67
Bob Purdy +	NC	Zamboanga Norte 70-72	Marie K. Tymrak	AZ	Bicol 70-72
Barbara Walsh Rabin	NY	1964-1966	William Valentine	MA	Legaspi & Tondo 68-70
Stephen Rathmill	MA	Cotabato 68-70	Mary Herbert Vanderford +	MN	1969-1971
Barbara Rang	WI	Zamboanga Norte 67-69	Cris & Guia Villapando	NC	Friend of PCAFPD
Deborah & David Rector	CA	Lanao del Sur 64-66	Stephen Wahlstrom	CA	Palawan 76-78
Alan & Adela Renninger	HI	Rizal 65-68	Michael F. Walsh	VA	Central Luzon 81-84
Michael & Rufina Rice (12)	RI	Pangasinan 81-85	Ann Walter	MN	Cebu 70-72
Rona Roberts	KY	Camarines Sur 73-75	Bill & Jay Warren	WA	Albay/Zamboanga 61-63
Larry Robertshaw	AZ	Davao 64-67	Joan C. Weaver	NH	Batanes 92-95
David E. Robichaud	SC	1981-1984	Carol Westerlund	IL	Catanduanes 66-69
Michael & Betchie Robotham	HI	1988-1990	Alan & Patricia White	MA	Luzon 63-67
Paul A. Rodell (14)	GA	Zambales/Manila 68-71	Holman White	MD	Camarines Sur/Bicol 65-68
Diane Rodill	DC	Sorsogon 85-87	Linda M. Wicks, Ph. D. +	NY	Albay 66-69
Karen Rohrer	HI	Leyte 67-69	Dave & Hermie Wilder +	PA	Albay 83-87
William Romaine	NY	Friend of PCAFPD	Raymond H. Woods	KS	Negros Occidental 65-66
Lesley & Alex Romero	NC	Laguna 73-76	Duncan & Susan Yaggy	NC	Albay/Leyte/Ilocos Norte 61-63
Eudora K. Roseman	PA	Cagayan 68-70	Dan & Erica Zell	VA	Leyte 99-00

Corrections to Spring 2009 issue: • The e-mail address for **Steve and Nancy Rye (Laguna/Manila 1970-1974)** is snrye@sbcglobal.net. (The Ryes had their three daughters with them when they served in Peace Corps and are interested in other families' experiences.) • Anne Wilson's contribution was for the Maureen Carroll Scholarship Fund.

News briefs and milestones . . . ■ **John T. Gorman (Benguet 82-84; Salaysayan Editor 85)** and his wife Fides are living happily on the tiny isle of Guam, conveniently located only 3.5 hrs from the Philippines. John is the Federal Public Defender, overseeing a small but zealous staff, defending indigent clients charged with criminal offenses. ■ **Dan & Ana Gudahl (Akian, etc. 81-84)** report that their daughter is a Peace Corps trainee in the Dominican Republic. Dan is just back from Nepal, Bangladesh & Thailand, where he was a conference speaker for ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization). ■ **Joyce Mary (Muellner) Moses (Cotabato 62-64)**, who served in Midsayap, reports that currently, and for the past 20 years, she has been teaching in the Fairfax, VA, public school system. She has two children, one of whom just graduated from George Mason University Law School. ■ **Erica Ruhl Zell (Leyte 99-00)** says: "We just had our 2nd child – Mia Claire!" ■ **Bruce & Barbara Sims (Nueva Ecija 72-75)** report that their son is now an RPCV from Bulgaria.

Scholar visits Foundation Board

Marlon Pura, first row at left, paid a visit to a PCAFPD Board meeting this spring while he was studying in the U.S. on a Fulbright scholarship. From Sorsogon, he is a political science major at UP Diliman. To his right are Sarah Wilkinson McMeans, vice president for database management, and Louvenia Bright, wife of Bill Bright, member at large. Standing, from left, are Bright, Carol Hammaker Radomski, vice president for student affairs; Dave Brandt, member at large; Maureen Carroll, president; Stuart Taylor, treasurer (succeeded now by Stephen Dienstfrey), Tim O'Brien and Mark Holt, members at large; and David McMeans, husband of Sarah McMeans.



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