

First Three Foundation Graduates!

Elmo Singson - BS in Architecture - Tech. Inst. of the Philippines. - Hometown, Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte.



Carmen Galang - BS in Medicine - University of Santo Thomas. - Hometown, Quezon City.



Rhea Cinco - Catarman High School. - Hometown, Catarman, Northern Samar



New Scholars

PCAFPD received many applications for scholarships this year. The Board picked six new students to receive scholarships. They are:

* **Aquino Mansumilay** - Paquibato District of Davao City - Aquino is a member of the Ata tribe where he is father is Tribal Datu. Aquino plans to become a teacher and work with his tribe upon the completion of his degree.

* **Liza Dermelona** - Pili, Camarines Sur - Liza will enter the University of Nueva Caceras High School. She maintained excellent grades during her elementary education and plans to go into the field of education when she enters college.

* **Annabelle Mapayag** - Mankayan, Benguet - Annabelle is currently working toward her BS in Social Work at St. Louis University in Baguio. She wrote, "I will apply whatever knowledge I gain to the development of our community... by leading the youth, counseling my neighbors and working in a day care center."

* **Reynaldo Barnido** - Phillips, Bukidnon - Reynaldo is studying Development Education at Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro City. He stresses the importance of mobilizing and organizing a community in order to assist in

development activities.

* **Stella Agudo** - Ivana, Batanes - Stella is going to begin the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Centro Scholar University in Manila. Upon graduation she hopes to go back to the province where she can best serve the sick and needy.

* **Jocelyn Adalla** - Ivana, Batanes - Jocelyn will begin the Bachelors of Science in Computer Science at the Philippine Women's University in Manila. She plans on working toward the development and modernization of the Philippines and ... "work to uproot the social ills that lead to graft and corruption".

Meeting with Ed Slevin

Ed Slevin, the current Country Director of Peace Corps/Philippines was in Washington and met with several members of the PCAFPD Board at the home of Allen Rothenberg. Ed talked about PC/Philippines during his tenure as Country Director and about the changes that he hopes will strengthen the role of Peace Corps in Philippine development.

There are currently 264 PCV's in eight provinces. They are active in agro-forestry, education, agricultural extension, fisheries and water and irrigation projects. Slevin said that there is

Slevin, cont.

currently much more emphasis on host country agency support and supervision. Through agreements with the appropriate ministries, HCA supervisors and co-workers are required to attend PC pre-service and in-service trainings. Peace Corps meets with deputy ministers monthly to discuss current and future programs and projects.

Slevin agreed to include information on the Alumni Foundation in every COS packet as well as provide a venue for representatives from the PCAFPD to talk to Volunteers currently in the field. It is the hope of the Board that this will allow us to augment our community contact list for possible nominations as well as to foster interest of PCV's returning to the States to remain active and committed to Philippine development.

Northern California Holds Benefit in San Francisco

On May 22 about 30 former staff and volunteers came to the Philippine Consulate in San Francisco to support the Foundation. Lumpia and pancit were among the delectables to satisfy the palate, while an exhibit of Philippine art was set-up by Luis Navarro of Lascaux Arts to provide the visual feast. Over \$800 was raised and many friends reunited. Special thanks to the Consul General Vingilo Nafagas, Librarian Olivia Alva-

rez, our guests and to the organizers: Bill Erdmann, Laura Hargis, Larry Flack, and Jan Twarowski. These many contributions made the gathering a success.

Theses received

PCAFPD received copies of 3 theses. They were "Flick, Philippines" by Elmo Singson, "The Impact of the New People's Army on Philippine Society" by Al Nicolasara and a "Design of Three Story Reinforced Concrete School Building" by Merlino San Juan.

"Flick, Philippines" is an architectural plan for a movie studio complex. Elmo Singson studied the shortcomings currently affecting the Filipino film industry and came up with specific suggestions as to how to alleviate some of the concerns and problem areas. Singson believes that progressive and dynamic cinema can aid the Philippines in developing socially, economically and politically.

"The Impact of the NPA on Philippine Society" looks at the New People's Army from an historical and socio-economic perspective. Nicolasara ends his thesis with a chapter on the impact of the NPA on Philippine life. He concludes that the rise of the NPA is primarily due to political reasons and the most effective method of dealing with the group would be in a political context.

Merlino San Juan proved that he has the knowledge and skills to receive his Bachelors in Civil Engineering and begin actual

construction of infrastructure projects. In his "Design of Three Story Reinforced Concrete School Building" Merlino discussed and explained the physical details the building of such a structure requires.

The Alumni Foundation is proud of all the hard work and thought that went into each of these projects and congratulates each of the scholars on their success.

Excerpts from letters to the Foundation

"At long last I was able to visit our 3 scholars in the Bicol Region. Due to security and weather conditions, the trip was a bit hectic but it was so meaningful to me that ... I made the commitment to represent the Foundation the rest of my life. I was really touched to visit Rosalinda Oreste's family. After walking winding paths of grass and sometimes mud and seeing the condition of their home (with a sick father and 6 other small children), it was indeed daring to think of what Rosalinda is going through to get a good education. I said what better way can I give this Christmas than to dedicate my humble and perhaps aging service to the cause and objectives of the Foundation" Modesto de Jesus-Vice President for Philippine Operations.

"The reason why I am in school and fulfilling my courses is because of being a recipient of a Peace Corps Alumni Foundation scholarship. I am happy and lucky indeed because of this opportunity that comes into my

excerpts cont.

life. For this what perpetuates in my mind is the word - CHALLENGE" Radmar Tanamor, University of Nueva Caceras, Camarines Sur.

"Through my scholarship and the education I am learning that as we gain more knowledge, we should have it in our mind that all what we have, must be imparted to all, especially to the needy ones so that our goal of developing our nation will be achieved" Lolita Butalon, Urios College, Butuan City.

"I would like to express my thanks to the Foundation for the help you gave me. Without the scholarship, my studies would have been impossible. We are very poor and can hardly meet our daily needs." Celia Ugi, Notre Dame College of Lake Sebu, South Cotabato.

NCRPCV Annual Conference

The National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers will host an annual meeting in Boulder, CO on July 15-17, 1988. Events will include Speakers, Workshops, a Career Fair, Annual General Meeting of NCRPCV, Country Group Reunions, an International Fair and much more. The Foundation will be sending Ruth Shapiro to represent us and spread the word about our Foundation and gather more support. We hope to see you there!

Worth Reading About

A new book about to be released "One Grain of Sand, A Peace Corps/ Philippines Experience". It was written, published and being marketed by Steve Shaffer a Philippine volunteer during 1978-79. The book is scheduled for release this year and we will hopefully be coordinating with Steve to help him reach out to former volunteers. The next issue of this newsletter will have more details about how to obtain this book

So You Want to Be a Writer?

Stephen Bantu, Peace Corps 21 is the editor of the Bulletin of the American Collection, a journal that documents the American experience in the Philippines. Articles are sought by returned volunteers about their experiences while in country. If you would like to write an article or perhaps get one published that you wrote long ago, you can write directly to Stephen at the address listed below:

Mr. Steven Bantu
International Rice Research
Institute
P.O. Box 933
Manila, Philippines



Building Schools

Last month, The Foundation received a request to fund a Peace Corps partnership fund project. A volunteer in the town of Rapu Rapu, Albay is working to rebuild an elementary school that was destroyed during the most recent typhoon season. PCAFPD voted to send \$1000 to help rebuild the school.

Reminders...

You can contribute to the Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development in a number of ways: through your local Combined Federal Campaign CFC (if you're a federal employee), through the Individual sponsorship program, through direct contributions or by contributing your time. Contact us for more information on donations or on organizing a fundraiser in your area.

The Peace Corps Alumni Foundation for Philippine Development meets the 4th Tuesday of each month to discuss present issues and future concerns. The meeting is at 7:00 PM at the Foreign Student Service Council at 2337 18th Street in Washington, D.C.

All are welcome to attend and join our discussions or help with projects if they have the time to volunteer. If you happen to be visiting in D.C. on the 4th Tuesday, you are more welcome to join us for the meeting.

Contributors

MD	Shella Advani	PA	George Duncan	DC	Joel Kolker	CA	Elizabeth Reid
VT	Robert Ahern	MA	Elizabeth Dyer	CA	Kevin Kollmeyer	DC	Andrew Resen
VA	Miriam Aiken	CA	Jonathan Eddy	DC	Don Kopka	CA	John Richers
WA	Waldo Allen	VA	William Erdmann	CA	Kev & Sonja Krave	MD	Larry Robertshaw
CA	M. Allshouse-Hull	NC	Brooke Finn	ND	Jim & Carol Krogh	VA	Jim Robinson
CA	Dee Amaden	NY	Michael Fitzner	DC	Marcie LaFair	MD	Alan Robock
WI	Richard Ammann	CT	Wendy Foulke	DC	Barbara Lepoer	PA	Eudora Roseman
DC	Jeff Amundsen	MA	Lois Fucci	VA	Kirk & Mia Lewing	NE	Steve Rothe
CA	Toni Anderson	NV	Lawrence Fuchs	CA	Michael P. Levitt	CA	Ann & Tom Rounds
CO	John Arnold	VA	Elise Fulstone	VA	P & L Lillenthal	CA	Nich & Ruth Royal
MA	Michael Arnott	MA	Allan Gall	NY	David Mac Dougall	GA	Jill Ruhlman
MA	Marjorie Bakken	VA	Saralou Garland	VA	Gerald Malovany	NY	Gina Rusch
MI	Cindy P. Ballard	CA	Cathy Garman	VA	C. Robb Marston	NY	Regina Russo
GU	Dirk Ballendorf	IL	Bill Gaus	DC	James Mayer	NH	Herbert Salmon
WA	Karen Barcklay	DC	Noni George	VA	Sandra Mayhood	NY	Bennett Samuels
MD	David Barnstable	MI	Lynn Gorton	CA	Marilyn Maze	PA	Lianne Scherr
DC	Terri Bergman	CA	Ronald Gratz	DC	Leo McCarthy	VI Is.	R & B Schneider
OR	David Bernklau	CA	Jon Gresley	MIN	Kathryn McConnell	DC	Charles Schwartz
MD	Stanley Betts	CA	Steve Growdon	DC	W. McCormick	CA	Joyce Seeger
PA	Robert Blackham	AR	Dan & Ana Gudahl	CA		NY	Neil F. Seidel
OH	Juliet Blanchard	VA	Marianne Guffanti	MO	J & W McDonnell	CA	Stephen Sequeira
CA	Mike Blaylock	CT	Catherine Hamilton	MD	Mark McDowell	PA	& Teresa Schulte
NY	Kenneth Bollerud	VA	Marla Handy	DC	James McGeever	Canada	Toni & Fran Sharp
VA	Sylvia Bongers	CA	Lois Hanson	WA	S & D McMeans	NJ	Gene Sienkiewicz
VA	Toni Borge	CA	Laura Hargis	OH	Alice Meleney	MD	Paul Sigley
DC	Ola Braginski	DC	George Hartson	MD	C & J Mickelson	CA	Claire Horan Smith
CA	Emma Brodbeck	MIN	Patricia Henson	MA	Eduardo Miski	CA	Michael Smith
VA	Art Brown	VA	Jo Ann Hersh	MIN	Barbara Monaghan	DC	Portia Smith
DC	Cathi Brown	DC	Joseph Higdon	CA	Sandra Morey	NC	M. Ann Snuggs
VA	Christine Cabell	NY	Arline Hilsinger	DC	L & H Mural	WI	Tim Stewart
OR	Bruce Campbell	CA	Richard Hoff	CA	Rebecca Mushingi	CA	Melba Stockhausen
VA	David Carey	NY	Maryanne Bacolod	MA	Jer & Iris Nelson	DC	Steve Sukke
DC	Lew Carpenter	CA	Bill Holman	MIN	Joan Nelson	CT	Jerome Swanson
NY	Kathleen Cederholm	NY	Mark Holt	WA	Pam Nelson	MD	Bruce Taylor
CA	James Churma	VA	Virgil Holton	IN	Chris Newhall	DC	Rey & Sue Tejada
HI	Thomas Churma	NC	Tony & Del Horak	CA	Katherine Newkirk	AZ	Tom & Dori Tichenor
PA	Keith Colsher	IA	Carol Hornbuckle	MA	Susan Neyer	NJ	George Timmons
MD	Kathy Paige	CT	Rich House	WA	Mary Packard	AZ	Charlotte Tomaszewski
CA	John Constantine	MI	Jeff & Natl Jenks	NY	Kathleen Painter	IN	John Vickery
CA	Helen Cooper	IA	Pat Johnson	IL	Lani Pappano	CA	Ann Lee Walter
KY	Greg Cunningham	DC	Joanne Jorz	VA	Ron & Lilla Peters	CA	Sid & Diday Weber
TX	Jonathan Curtis	WA	Raj Joshi	MIN	Peter Piness	FL	Diana & Norman Weiss
DC	Michael de Nevers	DC	Bill Katzenstein	PA	Chris Polydoroff	MA	Marilyn & Jim Whelan
CA	James Diegel	MI	Charles Kaza	MI	Susan Evans Pons	CA	Alan & Pat White
VA	Stephen Dienstfrey	DC	Jon Keeton	MA	Philip Power	DC	Holman White
GA	Stephen Dorage	AZ	J & Marie Kelly	MD	Jerry Poznak	FL	Evelyn Wrin
DC	Daniel Duff	VA	Mindy Kerry	MD	Maryce Ramsey	MI	John Wullschlegler
		OH	Duane Kessler	DC	Kenneth Rashid		Chuck & Lois Young
					David Reed		

