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Newsletter of the UERMMMC Alumni Foundation USA, Inc.

Year XXX, February 6, 2011

### Southern California wows 'em at 22nd reunion!

Host UERMMMCMAA-Southern California Chapter did not disappoint as it rolled out its best organizational skills and resources to charm the 300 plus alumni that attended last July's convention and reunion at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel.

Led by convention cochairs Drs. Andy de la Llana, chapter president, and Neda Ballon-Reyes, immediate past chapter president, the Southern Californians received the delegates in a Hawaiian style welcome party, then conducted a serious 8-credit hour scientific forum that included the luncheon Cuyegkeng Memorial Lecture, and treated them to a memorable gala party on the final night of the gathering.. Two golf outings complemented the affair. A little bit of the traditional class parties were held on day 2 at different private venues. Something new was also done as the alumni foundation held its first donor appreciation hour at the end of the CME day. A young alumni program became part of the final day's business events as well.

The much anticipated national election of alumni officers came by without any hitch as candidates made their final appeal for votes then accepted the verdict.

All told, we say thank you to our gracious hosts!

For details, please read on.

## Donors recognized

The alumni foundation hosted its first donor appreciation reception on the second day of the alumni convention in Newport Beach last July. Held shortly after the daylong CME, it drew a mixed crowd of young and old alumni. Over a fare of California wine and hors 'd oeuvres at the Marriott Hotel's atrium, participants visited with officials and supporters of the foundation led by Board Chairman Dr. Rene Querubin and President Dr. Vickie Casibang.

A short program opened with the singing of the UERMMMC hymn. After a brief welcome remark by Dr. Querubin, Dr. Casibang expressed her thanks and appreciation to all foundation donors and then presented plaques of recognition to the top contributors most of whom graced the occasion. On hand were: Drs. Eden Suguitan and husband Ernie, Randy Puno, Rene and Susan Raymundo, and Ida Tiongco. Not present were Drs. Wilmer Heceta, Irene Manlapaz, and Carlos Soriano.

The excitement of the evening also drew pledges of support for the foundation's ongoing fund campaign. Class '67 offered computers for the dean's office while the Michigan Chapter through President Dr. Jackie Gamiao donated \$1,000 for a computer for student use. Dr. Casibang gave a one-week ski vacation in Virginia and



Dr. Puno, a former trustee, pledged a vacation for two in Cancun Palace Resort and a one-week family vacation in Lake Tahoe. These trips will be raffled off at the next fundraiser. Details will be announced later.

A raffle for cash prizes conducted by Drs. Elmer Gilo, treasurer, and Ned Valen, chairman of the fundraising committee, capped the fun-filled evening. The winners of four \$500 prizes were Drs. Anita Lansang-Viloria, Eden and Ernie Suguitan, Ruby Reyes, and Nena Piga. Dr. Reyes and the Suguitans donated their winnings to AFUSA. The grand prize of \$1,000 was won by Dr. Priscilla Toledo '63 of New Jersey. Congratulations!

The AFUSA will again hold a Donor Appreciation in Chicago this coming July. The registration is now open. For details, please visit *www.uermafusa.com*.



## 41st homecoming toasts pioneer Class 1961

The alumni homecoming festivities celebrating the first golden jubilarian class got underway this week at the UERM campus. Led by AFUSA's second chairman Dr. Wilmer Heceta, Class '61 would mark this milestone in the school's history. February 1 - 5 affair would also honor the silver anniversary of Class '86 at a gala to be hosted by the alumni association in the Philippines. Here in the States, the Midwest Chapter is already gearing up for the 23rd alumni convention and reunion at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Chicago on July 20 - 24 during which the golden and silver jubilarians will be treated to a harana by their younger peers.

**UERMMMCMAAAI** Music Director, Dr. Rey Gonzales, is inviting alumni to join the UERM Alumni Choir (soprano, alto, tenor, and base) to sing Gaano Kita Kamahal at the gala on July 23. Each participant will receive a choir practice CD and will self study the piece. Then at the convention, there will be an hour of choir practice on July 21, 22, and 23. Those interested please contact Dr. Rev Gonzales at rxgonzales@msn.com or (818)744-2808.

Mabuhay to Class '61 and Class '86!

#### Goodies for UERM!

MarVaDC Chapter's big push for donations led to the acquisition of medical and surgical equipment, supplies, and textbooks that filled up a 40-ft. container. Trustee Dr. Samuel Dona, co-chair of AFUSA's Gift-In-Kind Committee detailed these items and their sources in a 24-page report on December 23, 2010 which is now available at www.uermafusa. com. He disclosed that the container left the port of Baltimore on November 19 and has already arrived at the Port of Manila. All the textbooks are bound for the medical library while nearly all of the medical /surgical equipment and supplies are for the **UERMMMC** College of Medicine and UERMMH. Two boxes are for each of Class '73's and Class '68's medical and surgical missions.

Dona acknowledged the help of Drs. Orson Battad, Vickie Casibang, Lilia Ceballos, Ric and Myrna Flores, Marita Guevara, Bhagwan Moorjani, Nannette and Abner Pasatiempo, and the said chapter in this huge effort.

Maraming salamat po!

### Alumna named Philippine FDA chief

Dean Alfaretta Tan-Reyes announced in early December that Dr. Suzette Henares-Lazo '73 has been confirmed as the young Aquino administration's Food and Drug Administration director. The dean quoted Dr. Henares-Lazo as saying "Four months ago, I wouldn't have believed that such a development was possible and it took a month of hard thinking for my initial great reluctance to eventually give way to acceptance. How can one turn (her) back from the opportunity to be at the very frontlines where badly needed change for the better can best be launched?"

## Congratulations to the new chapter officers!

Northern California - Drs. Carmen Abarquez-Agcaoili, president; Mary Ann Fernandez, vice-president,; Joannabelle Cepe, secretary; Mina Alindogan-Echols, treasurer; Elma Abella, Marthie Casuga, and Tina Manio, board members.

Nevada - Drs. Jesus Hernandez, president; Paul Parcon, vice-president; Teresita Lu Melecoton, secretary/executive director; Maria Emelina Quisumbing, treasurer; Shane Flaviano, auditor; Arnold de Belen, Ernesto Chua, Paul Hamor, Jr., Ricardo Alfafara, Nimfa Aguila, Vicente Narciso, and Ron Kong, board members.

### Dean swears in auxiliary officers

DeanTan-Reves swore in the new officers of the UERMMMC Alliance & Friends, Inc. for 2010-2012 at the General Assembly on July 3. They are: Esther N. Querubin, president; Ernie M. Suguitan, vice-president; Penny K. Miranda, secretary; Violeta T. Rigor, treasurer; Lisa E. Banez, auditor; Nieva G. Elizaga, editorin-chief; Odette Blas, PRO; Marie Elma, Lynne B. Meneses, Cathy T. Dona, Naomi M. Rastrollo, Norma Q. Mendoza, & Lucy R. Babaran, board members; Fely Bangayan and all past presidents as advisers.

At its annual meeting on July 2, the group announced approval by the IRS of its tax-exempt status (501C3) retroactive to 2004 and by California effective few days earlier. It has recently donated \$900 toward a computer for the dean's office and helped AFUSA raise about \$8,000 for the first Donor Appreciation Hour.

Thank you very much!



#### New Trustees

We warmly welcome our two new trustees who were elected along with returning trustees Drs. Gilo, Herrera, and Reves:

DR. ORSON REYES BAT-TAD, Class '78. Dr. Battad specialized in pulmonary medicine in the Philippines before coming to the United States in 1982. He later trained in general surgeryfor two years at Brooklyn's Maimonides Medical Center till 1991, completed family medicine in 1993 and practiced in Montclair, New Jersey. He moved to the Washington D.C. area upon his retirement in 1996. He is married to Dr. Tina Franco, also of Class '78, by whom he has two children. He is currently the Vice-President of the MarVaDC Chapter and has been active with the alumni foundation for sometime.

#### DR. MARIA RITAGUEVARA, Class '85

Dr. Guevara came to the United States in 1988, worked first as a medical reviewer and physician assistant in Beverly Hills, California then moved to the East in 2002 to begin her training. She did a transitional OB-GYN residency in 2003 then completed a residency in nuclear medicine in 2006 at New Hyde Park, New York. In 2008, she joined the John Hopkins University School of Medicine Department of Radiology, Division of Nuclear Medicine/ Neuroimaging as a post-doctoral clinical research fellow and subinvestigator. She is active with the MarVaDC Chapter and AFUSA's Gift-In-Kind Committee. She recently got married on a very memorable day of 10-10-

Thank you, Doctors, and welcome aboard!

#### Trustees for the 2008-2011 term



Dr. Baldomero Asst. Treasurer





Dr. O'Yek



Dr. Pasatiempo



Dr. Querubin Chairman



Dr. Valen

### Trustees for the 2009-2012 term



Dr. Casibang President



Dr. Dona



Dr. Raymundo



Dr. Torres

### Trustees for the 2010-2013 term



Dr. Battad



Dr. Gilo Treasurer



Dr. Herrera



Dr. Reves Secretary



Dr.Guevara

#### **Ex-Officio Trustees**



Dr. Tan-Reyes Dean, **UERMMMC** 



Dr. Suntay President MAAA, Inc.



Dr. Ballon-Reyes, President-Elect MAAA, Inc.

Non-Trustee Officers



Dr. Carlos Gotardo Vice-Chairman



Dr. Maria Herrera Asst. Secretary

## AFUSA Snapshot

Years in operation 30

**Board chairmen** 6

Total donors, percentage of donations 31 corporate (19%), 924 individuals (81%)

Current total assets \$768,496

**Latest annual donations** \$45,103 (75% of total income)

Latest annual investment income \$14,688 (25% of total income)

#### **Current budget allocations**

Total \$106,350 - 72% for project programs (scholarships 62%, faculty development 14%, awards & lectures 20%, community service 3%, library 1%), 28% administration and fund raising

#### **Current scholarship awards**

Special honors 20, gold 3, silver 17, partial tuition (bronze) 15, book 20, academic excellence 30, clinical honor roll 10, financial aid 1

Total scholarship recipients to date 886

Total faculty development awards to date 10

### Estimated value of in-kind donations to date

Books and journals \$150,000, medical instruments and equipment including the newly shipped items \$1.515 million,

Please visit www.uermafusa.com, or uermafusa.org, or uermafusa.net for more details.

## Annual Meeting Board Decisons

The last annual meeting was held on Thursday, July 1st in conjunction with the 22nd alumni convention and reunion at the Marriott Hotel & Spa in Newport Beach, California.

Presided over by Chairman Dr. Renato Querubin assisted by President Dr. Isabelita "Vickie" Casibang, the board heard and accepted the reports of all officers and standing committees (gists are on page 8), approved the 2010 budget covering the UERM schoolyear 2011-2012, elected 5 board members for the new 3-year term, and adopted amendments to the constitution and bylaws. For details, please visit <a href="https://www.uermafusa.com">www.uermafusa.com</a> or <a href="https://www.uermafusa.com">uermafusa.org</a> or <a href="https://www.uermafusa.com">uermafusa.com</a> or <a href="https://www.uermafusa.com">uermafusa.

To clarify the processes of donation and application for funding, the board approved the schematic **overviews and algorithms** proposed by the Treasurer Dr. Elmer Gilo.

An increase in individual and corporate donations has enabled the board to **raise the budget by 36%** over the last fiscal year (see Snapshot) to meet the rising needs of the medical school. Scholarships, awards & lectures and faculty development are still the top 3 project programs that alumni support through the foundation. As AFUSA becomes more confident in its operations, it is now embarking on innovative fund raising. Thus, the commitment for website maintenance and computer & software upgrades.

In a closed door session, the board **reelected** Drs. Elmer Gilo, Zosimo Herrera, and Ruby Reyes to a fresh 3-year term and **voted** in Drs. Orson Battad '78 and Maria Rita Guevara '85 to serve with them. Dr. Bhagwan Moorjani resigned earlier with 2 years remaining in his term but his position is yet to be filled. No changes were made in the officers' current line-up.

The **constitutional amendments** submitted by Dr. Moorjani and approved by the board now legitimize electronic and teleconference meetings. The CBL's last two amendments were in 2004 (Chicago) and 1994 (New York).

The **next meeting** of the board will be on March 18, 2011 in Baltimore. Maryland in conjunction with the MarVaDC Chapter's induction and fundraising affair.

Meanwhile, Dr. Casibang continues her **cyberclasses** on parliamentary procedure and the Robert's Rules of Order for board members, officers and committee members.

## University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center

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January 22, 2011

Board of Trustees UERMMMC Alumni Foundation, Inc.

I, Elmer S. Gilo, M.D., hereby submit the following Treasurer's Report of the UERMMMC Alumni Foundation, Inc., for the Year ending December 31, 2010. The total net assets at the beginning of the 2010 were \$740,938.

There was received from Cash Contributions of \$45,102; earned income from investments of \$14,685; and, unrealized gains (losses) from investments of \$45,141; and, revenue from special events of \$8,910, from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, a total revenue of \$113,838. During the same period, the Total Expenses was \$86,280.

There was a change in Net Assets of \$27,558. The Total Net Assets of the Foundation as of the end of the fiscal year 2010 is \$768,496.

Signed:

Elmer S. Gilo, MD Treasurer 2 Deer Run Sparta, NJ 07871

#### **Statement of Financial Position**

As of December 31, 2010



Executive Office: Suite 312 370 Seventh Avenue New York, NY 10001

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ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
99999 · Cash				
101000 · Operating				
Chase Bus. Checking	18,101.50	18,571.00	-469.50	-2.53%
101001 · Chase Bus.				
Money Market	54,389.06	83,473.41	-29,084.35	-34.84%
101002 · Merrill Lynch				
Bank Account	11,415.13	10,702.64	712.49	6.66%
101003 · Lakeside Bank	9,549.74	6,581.22	2,968.52	45.11%

101004 · Ameriprise							
MM Fd 1 6035	34,348.32	7,779.74	26,568.58 341.519	%			
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101005 · H&R Block Dep Acct	0.00	525.00	-525.00 -100.09	%			
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## Statement of Activities: 2010 Previous Year Comparison



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Jan - Dec 10 Jan - Dec 09 \$ Change % Change

Ordinary Income/Expense Income						
399999 · Individual contributions 401000 · Individual						
contributions Total 399999 · Individe		75,056.00	-38,379.45	-51.13%		
contributions	36,676.55	75,056.00	-38,379.45	-51.13%		
409999 · Corporate & foundation grants 421000 · Corp. & business grants						
421005 · Northern Cal Chap	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%		
421006 Southern Cal Chapter	7,425.78	16,280.00	-8,854.22	-54.39%		
421007 · Alliance and Friends	0.00	760.00	-760.00	-100.0%		
421000 · Corp. & busi grants - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00	-100.0%		
Total 421000 · Corp. 8 business grants	8,425.78	17,540.00	-9,114.22	-51.96%		
Total 409999 · Corpor & foundation grants	ate 8,425.78	17,540.00	-9,114.22	-51.96%		
539999 · Investment income						
541000 · Int. on saving & temp. invest.	66.10	76.50	-10.40	-13.6%		
542000 · Dividends & from securitie	int. 13,866.70	14,124.04	-257.34	-1.82%		
542001 · Lg Tm Cap Gain	267.90	0.00	267.90	100.0%		
542002 · Sh Tm Cap Gain	483.89	0.00	483.89	100.0%		
Total 539999 · Investment Income	nent 14,684.59	14,200.54	484.05	3.41%		
579999 · Realized & unrealized gain(loss						
581000 · Change in mkt. value of invest. 592000 · Cost & sales	,	124,668.65	-79,544.75	-63.81%		
exp on invest. Total 579999 · Realize	16.97	0.00	16.97	100.0%		
& unrealized gain(los 619999 · Special even	<b>s</b> 45,140.87	124,668.65	-79,527.78	-63.79%		
621000 · Event ticket sales	8,910.00	0.00	8,910.00	100.0%		
Total 619999 · Special events	8,910.00	0.00	8,910.00			
Total Income	13,837.79 2	31,465.19 -	117,627.40	-50.82%		
Gross Profit	113,837.79 2	231,465.19	-117,627.40	-50.82%		

Expense						
700999 · Grants & assista 701000 · Program grants		77,783.28	-13,935.23	-17 92%		
Total 700999 · Grants	00,040.00	77,700.20	-10,900.20	-17.32/6		
& assistance 749999 · Professional fee	63,848.05	77,783.28	-13,935.23	-17.92%		
752000 · Accounting fees 753500 · Computer		1,516.63	-2.13	-0.14%		
consultants	1,259.69	3,447.10	-2,187.41	-63.46%		
754000 · Other professional fees	110.00	210.00	-100.00	-47.62%		
755100 · Investment management fees	5,572.50	3,482.43	2,090.07	60.02%		
Total 749999 · Professional fees	8,456.69	8,656.16	-199.47	-2.3%		
	0, 100.00	0,000.10	100.17	2.070		
769999 · Supplies 776000 · Office supplies Total 769999 · Supplies	110.39 110.39	189.50 189.50	-79.11 -79.11	-41.75% -41.75%		
779999 · Telecommunica	tions					
792000 · Mailing services Total 779999 · Tele	1,642.00	0.00	1,642.00	100.0%		
communications 789999 · Postage & deliver	1,642.00 erv 0.00		,	100.0% -100.0%		
819999 · Printing & public		161.00	-161.00	-100.0%		
822000 · Publication & subscriptions	723.33	0.00	723.33	100.0%		
819999 Printing & publications - Other	0.00	440.93	-440.93	-100.0%		
Total 819999 · Printing & publications	723.33	3 440.93	282.40	64.05%		
849999 · Conferences & meetings						
855000 · Staff developme	•	0 2,240.73	-2,240.73	-100.0%		
849999 · Conferences & meetings - Other	5,000.0	0 1,000.00	4,000.00	400.0%		
Total 849999 · Conference & meetings		00 3,240.73	1,759.27	54.29%		
869999 · Insurance - general						
872000 · Directors & officers insurance	1,017.0	0 1,017.00	0.00	0.0%		
Total 869999 · Insurance - general	1,017.0	0 1,017.00	0.00	0.0%		
879999 · Membership du	es	•				
881000 · Dues Total 879999 · Membershi	50.0 <b>p dues</b> 50.0		50.00 50.00	100.0% 100.0%		
910999 Bank charges & fees						
911000 · Bank charges	90.0		90.00			
911100 · Credit card char 911101 · Dep Item Return	<b>Fee</b> 30.0	00 599.00 00 77.00	-599.00 -47.00	-100.0% -61.04%		
910999 · Bank charges & fees - Other		00 360.37	-360.37	-100.0%		
Total 910999 · Bank charges & fees		00 1,036.37	-916.37	-88.42%		
929999 · Other expenses		,				
930000 Other Expense 930001 Gaming Expens	1,312.		1,312.81 4,000.00	100.0% 100.0%		
Total 929999 · Other expenses	5,312.	81 0.00	5,312.81	100.0%		
Total Expense	86,280.27	92,524.97	-6,244.70	-6.75%		
Net Ordinary Income	27,557.52	138,940.22	-111,382.70	-80.17%		
Net Income	27,557.52	138,940.22	-111,382.70	-80.17%		

## AFUSA Committee Work Highlights

#### Fund Raising (FRC)

Renewed efforts in promoting the Heceta Endowment Fund will be pursued to realize its minimum goal of raising \$300,000. Again, the strategy is to encourage each of at least 300 alumni to contribute \$300 each year for 3 years. Wise investment of this restricted fund is envisioned to generate adequate income to fund core project programs in perpetuity.

The Donor Appreciation Hour started in Newport Beach which aims to draw more interest among alumni to donate will be continued. So with collaboration with the Alliance & Friends, Inc. that conducts silent auctions and raffles. Joint sponsorship of reunions & conventions with the alumni association will be revived and active support of chapter induction programs will be sustained. Cochairs: Ned Valen, Susan Suntay, Ernie Sugitan; Members - Josie Siddig, Felix Evangelista, Mariano Nasser, Myrna Ortega, Abner Pasatiempo, Esther Querubin, Letty Rigor, & Moonyeen Posa-Kane.

#### Finance, Budget & Investment (FBI)

As in Page 3, the budget projects an income of \$106,350, expenditures of \$105,276 and a surplus of \$1,074. The cochairs and the president also met with a representative of AXA Equitable to explore an investment option in an annuity. *Cochairs: Susan Raymundo & Elmer Gilo; Members - Roy Baldomero, Ben Caturay, Orson Battad, Dekiam Ong.* 

#### Scholarship & Financial Aid (SFAC)

Seventy-six scholars (20 special honors @\$400 each, 4 gold @\$2,000 each, 7 silver @\$1,000 per, 15 bronze @\$500 each, & 30 book scholars @\$250 each) will be funded by \$38,500 already sourced from classes, individual donors, restricted & unrestricted funds, & investment income. A shortfall of \$1,000 for another silver scholar will be marketed to any interested donor. Cochairs: Carlos Gotardo & Belen Gilo; Members - Nimfa Raagas-Aguila, Anita Baldomero, Amor Castro, Rey Gonzales, Isabel Mirasol, Tessie Torres, Lily Sia-Vargas.

#### **Faculty Development (FDC)**

The need for more faculty travel grants and allowances is presented and the lack of funds recognized. Closer coordination between the national alumni association and its chapters and better promotion of the wish list auction are urged. They are the main sources of FDC funds. Cochairs: Felix Evangelista & Belen Gilo; Members - Tina Battad, Epifania Caturay, Danny Jimenez, Tina Manio, Neda Ballon-Reyes, Ida Tiongco & Andy Borromeo.

#### Resident Awards (RAC)

An increase in the award amount and a faster mechanism of giving it to recipients will be worked out to encourage better resident performance. Cochairs: Rene Raymundo & Jacqueline Fabello-Gamiao; Members - Mel Aquino, Neda Ballon-Reyes, Manny Blas, Andy Borromeo.

#### Library (LC)

To know the needs of students and faculty, a survey was done through www.monkey.com portal. The findings are: (1) students go to the library at most 2 times a week; (2) 51% go there to review for exams; (3) 29% borrow books, of which 62% are basic textbooks, 33% clinical; (4) only 1/3 read journals; (5) 72% do not use the computer in the library (reason: it is too slow). Conclusions: (1) books are needed more than journals; (2) CDs & DVDs are not used at all. Solutions? Online textbooks, more desktops for the library, better broadband access, electronic journals. Cochairs: Nannette Pasatiempo & Nardo Buena; Members - Orson Battad, Vickie Casibang, Ric Flores, Antolin Trinidad, Agnes Arilla-Alba & Dekiam Ong.

#### **Community Service (CSC)**

Visits were made to the service areas in Barangay Imelda and Antipolo where Class '64-funded soup kitchen & nutrition program and *Botika sa Barangay* have been successful. AFUSA continues to fund the community medicine service awards for the Antipolo CBHP program of the College. *Cochairs: Victor O'Yek & Ned Valen; Members - Belen Gilo, Carlos Gotardo, Isabel Mirasol, Nannette Pasatiempo, Josie Siddig & Edith Regalado.* 

#### **Audit & Ethics (AEC)**

A top to bottom review of the foundation's operations undertaken by the new chairs yielded inadequate grantee feedback as the foremost deficiency. So contacts to scholar recipients have been made but only four have responded so far. On the whole, the committee aims to have everyone uphold transparency and high ethical standards. Cochairs: Tessie Torres & Maria Herrera; Members - Marita Guevara, Elmer Gilo, Manuel Mirasol, Vickie Casibang, Rene Querubin & El Castro.

#### **Strategic Planning (STC)**

Adaptation to changing regulations and remediation of management deficiencies will be tackled by regular leadership and management workshops. The next one is slated for next month. Cochairs: Roy Baldomero & Amor Castro; Members - Tina Manio, Nannette Pasatiempo, Jackie Gamiao, Roly Mendoza & Marita Guevara.

#### GIK & CBL committee works are detailed on pages 2& 5.

## 2010-2011 Alumni Scholars

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE Committee on Scholarship and Academic Honors

May 17, 2010

Alfaretta I. Tan - Reyes, MD Dean, College of Medicine

Dear Dr. Tan - Reyes,

The Committee on Scholarship and Academic Honors is pleased to recommend the following qualified Incoming Fourth Year students (Junior Interns), incoming Third Year Students and Incoming Second Year Students of School Year 2010 - 2011 for the Dean's Scholarship of Gold (\$2k) and Silver (\$1k) from the UERMMMC Medical Alumni Associations of America, Inc., Midwest Chapter, APPO, APPAF, Class 1972, Class 1973 and other Personal Donors:

#### Incoming Fourth year students (Junior Interns)

#### Silver Scholarships

---- Class '73 1. Ang, Jeshya

2. Baclagan, Crista Bernadette---- Nestor Garcia, MD (Class '72)

3. Casi, Geraldine ---- Fernando Garcia, MD (Class 72)

---- A. of Phil. Phy. in Ohio (APPO) 4. O'yek, Jennilyn

5. Precia, Jayjumar ---- Dr. Vicente Ames

6. Añoso, Wilmer ---- MAAAI, Mid-West (supposed to

be allotted for Bryan Bolante who did not finish his course)

#### **Incoming Third Year Students**

#### Gold Scholarships

Beriña, Robert Soniel - -Rolando Torio, MD & Africa So-

Torio, MD (class '72)

---- Class '72 2. Gansatao, Fatima

3. Santos, Joanna Marganta - Monina Posa - Kane, MD (Class 72)

Silver Scholarships

1. Credo, Catherine --- Nora Medina - Garcia, MD (Class 72)

2. Maralit Abigail --- Romeo Saavedra, MD (Class 72)

--- Armand & Leilani Wiltz (Class 72)

3. Tan, Armand Delo 4. Ventanilla, Glen --- Carlos Gotardo, MD (Class 72)

5. Villanueva, Daphne Dominique -- Ninfa Raagas - Aguila, MD '72

#### **Incoming Second Year Students**

Gold Scholarships

#### Silver Scholarships

1. Liao, Charmaine --- Romeo Saavedra, MD (Class '72)

2. Mendoza, Jamie Leigh --- Ricardo Arayata, MD (Class '73)

3. Trillana, Sharleen Michele -Epifania M. Caturay, MD (Class 73)

4. Velasco, Manuel Jr. --- Dr. Sammy Piga's parents

5. Cheng, Matilde Melanie -- Class '85 (P50,000.00)

The Committee on Scholarship and Academic Honors is pleased to recommend the following Incoming First Year Students of School Year 2010 – 2011 to receive the *Special Honors Awards*:

	GWA	NMAT
1. Bernabe, Clarizelle A.	1.50	92 %
2. Rivero, Ronald P.	1.57	92 %
3. Anore, Kristine Haizell S.	1.75	92 %
4. Formalejo, Jan Paulo D.	1.75	93 %
5. Mariano, Patricia Mae B.	1.77	91 %
6. Ahaja, Raisa K.	1.78	93 %
7. Chua, Jezreel C.	1.79	97 %
8. Monte, Krisitne Anne B.	1.80	90 %
9. Narag, Jemie Rose T.	1.81	96 %
10. Caindex, Angelica Marisse S.	1.81	97 %
11. Mendoza, Catherine Denise L.	1.82	94 %
12. Villangca, Simeon G.	1.82	94 %
13. Tan, Christian Lloyd R.	1.83	91%
14. Chan, Valerie Y.	1.83	99%
15. Añover, Frances Andrea A.	1.84	94%
16. De los Santos, Ma.Angela S	1.84	97%
17. Salvame, Erika Jean A.	1.86	99%
18. Angulo, Pamela C.	1.90	90%
19. Garabiles, Isabelle R.	1.90	90%
20. Lam, Timothy James O.	1.91	95%

We seek your full support for the above students. Thank you for considering our request.

Very truly yours,

Lily L. Sia – Vargas, MD Chair

The UERMMMC College of Medicine is now accepting applications for the first year class of the academic year 2011-2012 starting in June, 2011. Please contact the Registrar's Office as soon as possible for more information at 011-632-713-3315 or www.uerm.ph. Applications must be completed by January 15, 2011. In addition to academic and documentary requirements, applicants must take the NMAT (National Medical Admission Test) administered in Manila, Chicago or Los Angeles. Foreign students are encouraged to apply early. The names of accepted applicants will be posted at the above website as they become available.

### Scholar thanks alumni

In line with its quality assessment program, the alumni foundation encourages recipients such as scholars to give us their feedback on the funding they receive. Here is another one. Editor

September 15, 2010



Dear UERM Alumni Association, UERM Alumni Foundation USA, and Batch '72,

Greetings!

I am writing to all of you, especially to my benefactors (Batch '72) in behalf of my parents and myself. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for bringing me closer to my dream of becoming a physician. I am proud to share with you that I have earned my de-

gree in Medicine last March, 2009 and graduated 3rd in my batch. I was also awarded as one of the most outstanding clinical clerks that year. With God's help, I was also able to pass the Physician Licensure Examination last August 2010. My scholarship has definitely played a major role in assisting my family in putting me through medical school. Moreover, it has inspired me to excel both in my academic and clinical rotations. I am deeply humbled for all the blessings I have received and it is my goal to someday give back to our alma mater and support the future generations of UERM students as well.

Thank you very much and God Bless!

Sincerely,

Roberta Eimile D. De Joya UERM Medicine 2009

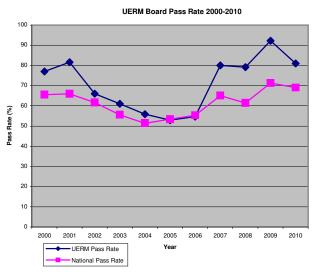
Hi Dr. Piga!

Thanks for replying. It would be my pleasure to have my photos included in the newsletter. I am currently planning on taking my USMLEs

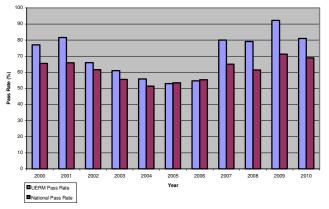


early next year, around March for step 1. Hopefully, I will be able to enter the matching at the end of 2011. I am looking forward to meeting more of the alumni members so I can thank them in person. Thank you very much for all the support!

Roberta Eimile D. De Joya UERM Medicine 2009







### **Board Performance Analysis**

The next physician licensure exams in the Philippines to be held in Manila, Cebu and Davao are due in two weeks. Computerization now gives us results in less than a week. The Board of Medicine still gives them twice a year, one in August mostly for first-time takers, another in February for all others. For fastest results, visit <code>www.inquirer.net</code>, website of the Philippine Daily Inquirer. Details of UERM's performance are usually announced by the dean several days later.

The bar and line graphs above show our graduates' performance from 2000 - 2010 for the August exams. The last batch of the traditional curriculum took the tests in 2002 and the first batch of the PBL in 2003. A hybrid traditional curriculum replaced the PBL in 2007. So the last batch to have entered UERMMMC under PBL will graduate in 2011.

The graphs based on data from the dean's office show that after a dip that paralleled the national passing rate for the first 4 batches under PBL, our succeeding graduates came roaring back. Let us use these information to improve the quality of our students, teachers, academic instruction and clinical training at our school.

## Suntay takes over from Manlapaz, Reyes by a landslide, Manio edges Moorjani

Every two years, the alumni association goes through a spirited debate about its direction as competing visions are laid out during contested elections for president-elect. The pride and the passion with



which contenders and their supporters pursue their campaigns may give the impression that we are tearing at the seams. But somehow after we get over them, we seem to always pull through and find a way to come together as an alumni family. The same is true with the one just concluded. "Growing pains of a maturing organization," perhaps, or evolutionary say some observers. Maybe pre-ordained! Whatever. What I have seen is the many happy faces, the fond farewells, the well wishes, and, yes, the contrite and hopeful countenance of communicants on the last day's thanksgiving mass.

It is in this spirit that I report that Dr. Neda Ballon-Reyes convincingly defeated Dr. Flor de Jesus, 154 to 33 for presidentelect. But even before the final results were out, Ate Neda invited Flor over in her room for a sumptuous meal. That is communion!

It is in this spirit that I report that Dr. Tina Manio edged out Dr. Bhagwan Moorjani, 95 to 80 in a cliffhanger for vice-president. Tina has graciously taken many roles in both the foundation and now the association. I saw no bitterness in Bhagwan even when he told me that he will run for president-elect in 2012. I saw instead

an enthusiastic leader who would like to bring in younger alumni to the fold. I can already see a bright future!

It is in this spirit that we thank these alumni for heeding the call to serve as uncontested new officers: Dr. Ric Flores as secretary, Dr. Eva Padilla as treasurer, and Dr. Ma. Teresa

Galarpe-Pastor as auditor.

It is in this spirit that I report the passage of 7 out of 9 amendments to the Constitution & ByLaws even by slim margins, that will make the association more efficient and transparent, a work began by the just ended administration of Dr. Irene Manlapaz. In the same breath, we thank Irene for showing us how to think big in raising funds for our medical school especially for faculty development, scholarship and indigent patient care.

It is in this spirit that we congratulate Dr. Susan Perez-Suntay for taking over the helm of leadership during this challenging time. We applaud not only her plea for unity at her inaugural address but the initial steps she has already taken to put the alumni association in a strong collaborative relationship with the alumni foundation. That is teamwork! We welcome her appointment of Dr. Carmen Agcaoili as executive director. Together, they are off to a good start, reaching out to all alumni, consulting old and young alumni on issues at hand, informing them of current and upcoming activities particularly the next reunion and convention in Chicago, working closely with the Midwest Chapter to insure its success. That is fostering unity! That's empowering the local chapters!

It is in this spirit that we wish the association well not only for this new term but also well beyond.

- S. A. Piga, M.D., Lifetime Member -

## Convention Activities



## MARVADC's YADP marks 4th year

The MarVaDC Chapter presented its 4th Young Alumni Mentorship Forum before the general assembly at the Newport Beach convention on July 3, 2010. Dr. Nathalie Bernabe-Quion, forum modertor, started off with an overview of the chapter's Young Alumni **Development Program** (YADP). This was followed by a research presentation on MRI by Dr. Michelle Ann Cerilles, a clinical research fellow at Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Elizabeth Encarnacion-Villarico then gave an Over-

Eight young alumni forum participants pose with Dean and YADP

Eight young alumni forum participants pose with Dean and YADP mentors. Seated L-R: Drs. Gonzales, Pasatiempo, Dean Tan-Reyes & Bernabe-Quion Standing L-R: Drs. Cerilles '06, Encarnacion-Villarico '88, Erfe '06, Jarcia '06, Bonifacio '05, Mangahas '09, E. Dona (student), S. Dona '09, and Mimosa '97.

view of the Residency Matching Program - An Applicant's Perspective. The forum ended with a practical but encouraging presentation by Dr. Rhodora Tolentino-Gonzales on how to approach the whole process of getting into a residency training in the USA. Following the forum, the participants had a workshop on writing curriculum vitae and personal statements.

The YADP was developed by the said chapter in 2007 to assist recent UERM graduates weave through the intricacies of applying into ACGME-accredited training programs. It has 3 components: (1) Young Alumni Mentorship Forum, (2) Young Alumni Travel Grant Awards of \$500 each, and (3) Young Alumni Mentorship Program.

The 2010 travel grant awardees were Drs. Therese Fermo-Gonzales '03 with her work on "Evaluating the Hand Hygiene Attitudes, Practices, & Compliance of Health Care Workers in the Critical care Units of a Tertiary Hospital from January 2006 to September 2007" and Dr. Encarnacion-Villarico. Dr. Fermo-Gonzales was unable to attend because she just started internship in Michigan. In her place was Dr. Marie Crisel Erfe who received a runner-up award of \$250. So far 7 have already received

the travel grant awards. Drs. Encarnacion-Villarico and Erfe '06 (see pictures below) presented their papers at the last CME. Villarico, a 2nd year resident in family practice, presented her paper "Splenic Infarction in a Patient with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia: Implication in Private Practice." In her talk, she reported that 50% of CML may have splenic infarction due to infiltration of the vessels leading to infarction. One-third of patients do not have symptoms. The rest have left upper quadrant pain or others. Treatment of choice, she said, is still splenectomy. She

emphasized prevention of infection before and after surgery.

Dr. Erfe, a biomedical research assistant at UCLA Harbor Hospital in Los Angeles, presented a highly technical "In Vitro Leishmaniacidal Activity of Platelet Antimicrobial Peptides RP-1 and AARP-1." Leishmaniasis or *kala azar* also known as oriental sores is currently treated with Amphotericin B which is toxic. Erfe said that in the research she is involved in, they found that activated platelets contain antimicrobial peptides that have been shown to decrease the number of parasites *in vitro*. The *in vivo* phase seeks to measure the liver count of leishmania promastigotes and amastigotes to assess the clinical application of these peptides.

The mentorship program helps graduates through the application process and also provides them with a network of alumni who can help them find opportunities for career advancement in the US. Now in its 5th cycle, it is currently assisting 20 young alumni apply for residencies for 2011. The success rate of the mentorship program is 10-20% higher than the non-US IMG match trend per NRMP data.

To find out more about the YADP and support the program, please visit www.uermmarvadc.org.

- With help from Dr. Nannette Pasatiempo



Dr. Michelle Cerilles opens the YADP Forum with her research paper presentation while Dr. Rhodora Tolentino Gonzales conducts the workshop on c.v. and personal statement writing





Travel grant awardees and CME speakers Drs. Beth Encarnacion-Villarico '88 & Marie Crisel Erfe '06 receive their checks from YADP chair Dr. Nathalie Bernabe-Quion '88.

As has been the tradition since CME became a regular activity at alumni conventions, alumni particularly who have become experts in their respective fields were the featured speakers at last July's Newport Beach Convention. Added to this distinguished faculty were two young alumni recipients of MARVADC Chapter's YADP, Drs. Elizabeth Encarnacion-Villarico '88, and Marie Crisel Erfe '06, who presented their research papers detailed in the previous page.

The high point of the program was the Cuyegkeng Memorial Lecture delivered during the luncheon hour by Dr. Renato Querubin '67, current Chair of AFUSA, former MAAAI president and an otolaryngologist from Cleveland, who



as though you don't need the money, love as though you've never been hurt before, and dance as though nobody is watching!" Healthy lifestyle changes and prevention were again

stressed by Dr. Merlyn Asuncion '77 in her talk about baby boomer health. She also called attention to the psychosocial burdens this age group carries that affect their expectedly longer lifespan.

Child neurologist Dr. Bhagwan Moorjani '87 reviewed the new understanding of migraine and advocated early intervention right at or after an aura to avoid "central desensitization" that underlies refractory headache. He

presented practical preventive strategies

## Ideas from the CME

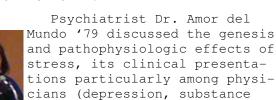
spoke about conflict resolution in the healthcare field. He identified the sources and types of conflict and emphasized teamwork in the delivery of care to patients. Introduced by classmate Dr. Freddie Dial, Querubin paid tribute to the late Dean and UERMMMC President Dr. Jose Cuyegkeng describing him as strict but fair. His advice: "There is a need to listen at a deeper level within this chaotic clinical environment to develop conflict resolution acumen . ."

The 8-hour category 1 program dubbed "Care for Caregivers & Its Impact on Patient Care" chaired by SoCal Chapter's Dr. Agnes Rubio '86, kicked off with an update on diabetes by Dr. Deo Martinez '71. He extolled the role of incretins in enhancing insulin and reducing glucagon secretions in the treatment of Type 2 diabetes.

Dr. Ernesto Chua '62, cardiologist and a heart patient himself, passionately and humorously called for strong and consistent efforts at primary and secondary prevention of risk factors (top 3: cholesterol, hypertension, diabetes). His words to his fellow doctors: you are never too busy to take care of yourselves, so, "work

especially for children and teenagers.

The afternoon session moderated by Dr. Raymundo Bautista '88 tackled the problems of obstructive sleep apnea, stress/burnout, and exercise. '85 jubliarian Dr. Teofilo Lee-Chiong, a Denver pulmonologist, observed that obstructive sleep apnea causes so much ill-health, is common among Filipinos, and best treated with CPAP.



abuse and alcoholism) and its

management. She offered new psychopharmacologic approaches as well as alternatives measures like acupuncture, natural products, aromatherapy, massage, meditation and dance. Her pearls: "We need to take care of ourselves so we can take care of others!"

Exercise, exercise! That's physiatrist Dr. Casiano Shane Flaviano III '88's mantra for a healthy life. He explained what is regular exercise for pre and post 65 year olds.



# SoCal's success is members' pride!



The Southern California Chapter, hosts of the last convention at Newport Beach, pulled off a successful gathering despite the difficult odds it faced. Many parameters showed it: a good attendance (peak of 300), an informative CME (8 credit hours), clockwork precision of events

(no long delays), enjoyable gala (The surprise diva was a plum!), happy conventioneers (ask especially the jubilarians), and it made money (\$43,261).

How did they do it? We saw hard work up and down the membership. Andy de la Llana quietly leading his troops. Connie del Mundo keeping every expense in check and laptopped. Active members showing up from the opening of the registration table to the pre-departure Sunday brunch after mass by Rev. Fr. Dr. Jerry Bongcawil. Neda Ballon-Reyes up non-stop on her perch lending hand, advice and encouragement to the younger members. When it came time to wrapping up the affair's accounting, they did it in record 90 days. Then they showed where their heart is - their *Alma Mater* - as they dispatched \$7,425.78 in mid-December to enable the dean to have her faculty delegates to register early for the APMEC meeting.

Southern California, thanks for the memories! Cheers!



#### General Assembly Notes

AFUSA Report - Dr. Casibang announced the shipment to UERM of dialysis machines & other items detailed in
the GIK report. Dr. Gilo presented the
algorithms for the donation and funding
processes and encouraged new & sustained donations from alumni (48% of
donors contribute more than once).

Dean's Report - Dr. Tan-Reyes reported: (1) attainment of level 3 (highest) PAASCU accreditation by the College of Medicine; (2) UERM keeping its second highest ranking in the boards; (3) upsurge in application in the past 2 years amidst a more competitive environment (37% see UERM as 1st choice, 48% as 2nd choice, top 3 schools choosing UERM 1st are UP, UST & Ateneo in that order, tuition fee now P90,000 per semester,83% of our students will recommend UERM as a good school); (4) UERM now participates in the ECFMG medical school web portal; (5) 19 faculty members are taking master's degree courses; (6) all academic departments will be consolidated in the north ("Kapiligan") campus while all clinical ones including the OPC in the south ("Riverside") campus. She appealed for all alumni to unite and focus on helping make the alma mater better if not the best. Her parting words: "I enjoin you to uphold the highest standards of professionalism!"

**UERMMMCI Report** - Dr. Andy Borromeo gave an overview of the new capital improvement of the Center geared towards enrolling 400 freshmen, up from the present 300 and announced the accreditation of UERMMMH by PhilHealth.

#### Wanted Internist or Family Physician

A soon-to-retire UERM alumnus is looking for a family practice or internal medicine M.D., preferably UERMMMC graduate, to join his busy traditional practice in Southern California, with opportunity to own. Starting salary is \$130,000-149,000 with production incentives plus benefits. Interested parties please call (562) 484-1460 for details.



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#### **Editorial**



# Opportunities for focused giving

During the annual meeting of the alumni foundation at Newport Beach in July, 2010, one memorable quote captured the state of alumni affairs: "That goes to show that both organizations are maturing!" Thus responded my Manong, Dr. Felix Evangelista of the Northeast Chapter and co-chair of the foundation's Faculty Development Committee, to comments about perceived incoordination between the national alumni association and the foundation, as he bemoaned also the lack of funds to meet the substantial needs of his program area.

The statement is instructive in two ways. First, it accepts the reality of the two organizations. Second, it begs for the cooperation and collaboration of both.

Past issues of *The Alumni Newsletter* and *Aesculapius Ex* expounded not only on the two group's structural differences but also on the similarity *and* unity of their purposes. The general declarations of their constitutions attest to that. The leadership of both come from the same pool of loyal and concerned alumni.

To move ahead then, let us affirm that we need both organizations. Two decades of tradition have since clarified that the association seeks to promote unity, camaraderie, education, and professional advancement while the foundation implements the charitable wishes of alumni.

Indeed, both are maturing. Both are savvier now. The foundation has firmed up its offering of programs from scholarship to community service for alumni to choose from. The association is pursuing a strategy of sustainable fiscal development to fund its own programs for our school, one of which is drug assistance for indigent patients. Likewise, the chapters are finding their niche projects. The Midwest specializes in scholarship support. Southern California is keen on faculty development while the Northeast chapter is into medical missions. MarVaDC has found its mark in its young alumni development program. Michigan is exploring equipment donations. Northern California is adopting medical missions also. In due time the fledgling Southeast and Nevada chapters will identify projects that

will define them.

The response of alumni to this array of choices has been encouraging but not well-focused. Encouraging because more are donating, online, by mail or directly to the chapters. Unfocused because of lingering misreading of program administration.

The challenge for all of us in leadership then is to coordinate and market these programs clearly and distinctly. Let us avoid duplication. Let us collaborate, complement and support each other. As we grow our pool of donors, let us continue to impart *tirelessly* a transparent process of stewardship and charitable giving to both our donors and beneficiaries.

The last alumni convention and reunion sought to find the right direction for our alumni work. With a stable foundation leadership and the promise of a new association team, I feel we are well on our way!

To our alumni and supporters, thank you for your trust. Better still, come and serve with us.

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