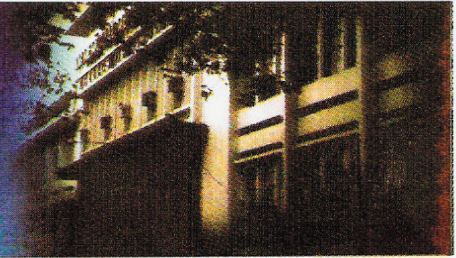


# UERMMMC MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome to the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Homecoming

Months of preparations have finally come to fruition as we celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Homecoming on December 14-17, 2005, with the theme “**Blasts from the Past...UERM goes Re-Bonding.**” At the forefront of this year’s celebrations are the Silver Jubilarians, Class ’80. Outstanding alumni in various fields will also be honored. The schedule of activities is as follows:

### **Kudos to our 2005 Awardees**

**Most Outstanding Alumni Award**  
Raquel B. Del Rosario-Fortun, M.D. ’87

**Outstanding in Leadership**  
Adrian C. Pena, M.D. ’75

**Outstanding in Community Service**  
Pedro M. Bañas, M.D. ’80

**Outstanding in Medical Education**  
Jonathan C. Amante, M.D. ’81

#### **December 14, Wednesday**

- 5:00 pm - Tour of the Center
- 6:00 pm - Grand Alumni Welcome Party (*UERM Gymnasium*)  
Colleges of Medicine, Nursing & Physical Therapy

#### **December 15, Thursday (*UERM College Auditorium*)**

- 8:00 am - Convocation Ceremonies
- 12:00 nn - Dr. P. Baccay Memorial Lecture & Lunch
- 2:00 pm - Alumni Business Meeting & Election of Officers
- 7:00 pm - Class Night of Silver Jubilarians  
(*Dr. Mario Ver’s Residence*)

#### **December 16, Friday (*Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Makati City*)**

- 6:00 pm - Cocktails, *Clipper Lounge*
- 7:00 pm - Grand Fellowship Night, *Mandarin Ballroom*  
(Formal attire/Tickets available at the Alumni Office)

#### **December 17, Saturday**

- 8:00 am - Class ’80 Outing (*Indang, Cavite*)



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Assembly and Scientific Meeting in Davao City**

The Association’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Assembly and Scientific Meeting at the Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City, on October 14, 2005 was attended by 70 alumni. Participants from Mindanao were joined by alumni from Metro Manila led by Dr. Tito Tanseco, Dr. Andy Borromeo, along with some faculty and residents of the UERM Department of Medicine. Medical Center President Dr. Romeo Divinagracia lectured on “Optimal Hypertension Management” and gave an update on the Center’s preparations for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations next year. Dean Georgina Paredes talked about the status of the College of Medicine.

In lieu of Alumni President Dr. Susan Pilapil-Lazaga who was on an emergency trip to the U.S., VP Dr. Antonio Anastacio presented the activities of the Association especially the forthcoming 35<sup>th</sup> Alumni Homecoming in December. The affair was sponsored by Therapharma.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUSAN PILAPIL-LAZAGA, M.D. FPOGS



About this time last year, I was elected president of the Association. Shortly after my induction to office, I personally asked the full support and active involvement of the members of the newly constituted Alumni Board. Their support was essential especially to me, the only female and the only one not directly connected with the Medical Center since my graduation more than 25 years ago.

At the risk of being immodest, let me narrate briefly what we have accomplished during the past twelve months.

In January this year we firmed up our **Program of Activities for 2005** and paid courtesy calls on UE Board of Trustees **Chairman P.O. Domingo**, Medical Center President **Dr. Romeo Divinagracia** and College Dean **Dr. Georgina Paredes**. We discussed with them our plans for the year and sought their support.

Foremost in our agenda was to organize three quarterly **Regional Assemblies and Scientific Meetings (RASM)** to establish links with the alumni in the various regions, one each for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

The **1<sup>st</sup> RASM** was conducted in March at the Holiday Inn Clark, Pampanga, with 22 alumni participants from Central Luzon. The **2<sup>nd</sup> RASM** was held in June at the L'Fisher Hotel in Bacolod City with 35 alumni participants from Western Visayas. The **3<sup>rd</sup> RASM** held at the Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City, in October this year was attended by 70 alumni participants.

To our partners in the pharmaceutical industry, particularly **Therapharma** and **Schering-Plough**, thank you for your generous support in helping us carry out this major undertaking.

We share the hope of many of our alumni that the RASM which we initiated this year will become institutionalized and will be undertaken more often so we can touch base with more alumni outside Metro Manila.

Dr. Divinagracia and Dean Paredes joined us in these out-of-town activities. Their updates on the affairs and status of the Medical Center and the College of Medicine sounded, as it were, like music especially to the alumni who have not visited the Center since graduation.

We hosted a **Testimonial Dinner** for this year's graduating batch (Class 2005) and gave them an overview of our Association,

including its goals and activities. **Dr. Rene Edgar Mendoza** (Class '65), a past president of our Association, delivered an inspirational message. Surprised why members of the graduating class recited the Alumni Membership Pledge with more feeling during their graduation rites?

We started the awarding of **Lifetime Membership Certificates** and **personalized medallions** to the topnotchers in the February and August Medical Licensure Exams. The awarding was made during the testimonial dinner given by the Administration in their honor.

We revived the **Quarterly Alumni Get-Together** to promote fellowship and camaraderie not only among the alumni at the Medical Center but also for those practicing their medical profession outside the Center. This will hopefully give them a reason to visit and reconnect with our Alma Mater.

We completed the installation of a new software that facilitates the updating of our **Medical Alumni Directory**, thanks to the MIS staff of the Medical Center President. This will pave the way for next year's updating of important alumni information using our Association website: **uerm-med\_alumni@yahoo.com**.

We reformatted our **Medical Alumni Newsletter**, which by the way, is also posted in our website. The maiden issue came out in June this year. We are happy to note that in all the alumni gatherings where we distributed our publication, not a single copy was left for the waiters to dispose of. In Bacolod I recall seeing one copy on the table after the meeting. Just when I was about to pick it up, the alumni participant who inadvertently left it came back for it.

We conducted a **Strategic Planning Workshop** at the Eugenio Lopez Center in Antipolo City in July this year, with **AIM Prof. Eduardo Morato** as facilitator. The workshop evaluated the vision, mission and values of the Association to make it more relevant to us in the years ahead.

Together with Sports Committee chair **Dr. Jumbo Garcia**, we organized last November the **1<sup>st</sup> Lucio Tan Invitational Golf Tournament** at the Valley Golf and Country Club in Antipolo City.

Lastly, may I express my heartfelt appreciation to the Medical Center Administration, to the members of the Alumni Board, and to all my fellow alumni for making my term as president of the Medical Alumni Association a most memorable, productive and fulfilling experience. I sincerely thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to be of service to our Alma Mater. The support you extended to me was truly beyond my expectations.

In behalf of the Alumni Board, I welcome everyone to the **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Homecoming**. And to the celebrating classes, especially the Silver Jubilarians (Class '80), congratulations!

May the joys of Christmas be with you and your loved ones. Mabuhay and God bless!



# 1<sup>st</sup> Lucio Tan Invitational Golf Tournament

The golf tournament at the Valley Golf and Country Club in Antipolo City was attended by 60 alumni golfers and guests led by PAL president Jimmy Bautista who made the ceremonial tee-off. Some of the participants came from as far as Baguio, General Santos and Davao City. Non-golfing alumni from Metro Manila and even from New Jersey, USA, joined the fellowship. Dr. Gary Cortez and Dr. Andrew Opulencia each won the grand prize of two round-trip tickets to Hongkong. Thanks to the organizers headed by Dr. Jumbo Garcia; Dr. Bing Martinez for arranging the venue; Dr. Dennis Lolarga for the beautiful trophies; and most of all, to the tournament sponsors.



Alumni President Dr. Susan Lazaga and sports committee chair Dr. Jumbo Garcia, together with Drs. Ben Pedro, Dennis Lolarga, Butch Tamesis, Tony Anastacio and Alfred Tan, welcomed the alumni golfers to the tournament.

## The Tournament Winners

<b>Overall Champion</b>	<b>Ronald Samson</b>
Low Gross	Bayani Fontanilla
Longest Drive	Romarico Azores
Nearest to the Pin	Dennis Lolarga
<b>CLASS C</b>	
Champion	Jess Lazaro
1st Runner-Up	Benjie Rodrin
2nd Runner-Up	Randy Barba
<b>CLASS B</b>	
Champion	Cesar Orbe
1st Runner-Up	Joel Mercado
2nd Runner-Up	Astero Lagura
<b>CLASS A</b>	
Champion	Dennis Lolarga
1st Runner-Up	Jumbo Garcia
2nd Runner-Up	Nick Diaz



PAL Pres. Jimmy Bautista (third from left) prepares for the ceremonial tee-off with Drs. Jumbo Garcia, Tony Anastacio, Willy Campos, Butch Tamesis, Andrew Opulencia and Gary Cortez

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## 2005 ACHIEVERS

- Dr. Joven R. Cuanang '62**, *Professor Emeritus in Neurology*  
**Dr. Romeo A. Divinagracia '63**, *President, Philippine Society of Critical Care Medicine*  
**Dr. Oscar T. Cabahug '83**, *President, Philippine Society of Gastroenterology*  
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**Dr. Gabriel L. Martinez '73**, *Chairman, Board of Governors, Philippine College of Surgeons*  
**Dr. Romeo G. Encanto '72**, *Outstanding Professional of the Year 2005 in the Field of Medicine*  
**Dr. Sonia C. Rodriguez '86**, *President Philippine Psychiatric Association*  
**Dr. Brigido L. Carandang '68**, *National Representative, Association of Southeast Asian Neurologists*  
**Dr. Amado M. San Luis '74**, *First Elected President of Asian and Oceania Association in Neurology*  
**Dr. Abdias V. Aquino '73**, *President, Stroke Society of the Philippines*  
**Dr. Eric V. Nagtalon '78**, *President, Philippine Society of Anesthesiologists*  
**Dr. Edith Magos-Regalado '65**, *Most Outstanding Physician 2005, awarded by the Philippine Medical Association*  
**Dr. Susan Pelea-Nagtalon '78**, *President Philippine Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
**Dr. Cirilo R. Galindez '78**, *PMA Governor, Northeastern Luzon*

## Quarterly Alumni Get-Together

The Association recently organized two alumni gatherings to promote camaraderie among the alumni within and outside the Center. The first was on September 25, and the second on November 24. This activity serves as a special occasion to honor the birthday celebrants with catered buffet dinner at the College Auditorium complete with formal table settings and waiters in uniform. The affair provides a reason for alumni to come and visit the Medical Center.



*September get-together  
with Dr. Divinagracia, department  
heads and faculty members of the  
Medical Center*



*November get-together  
with Dean Paredes and alumni  
within and outside the Medical  
Center*



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