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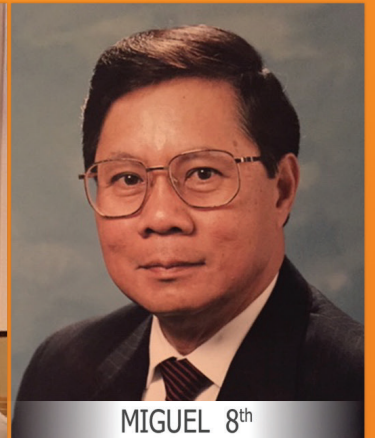
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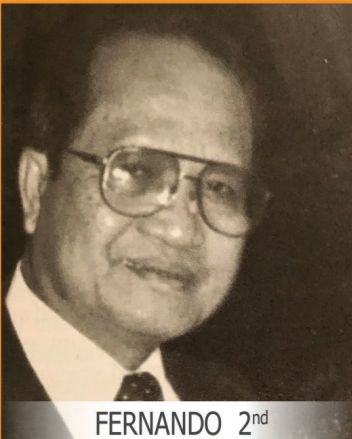
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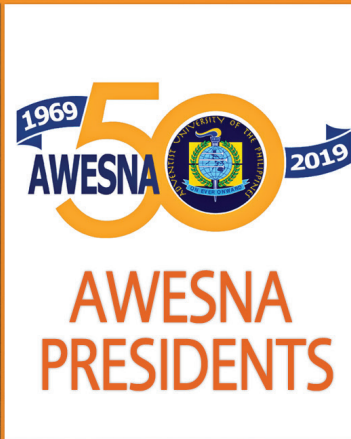
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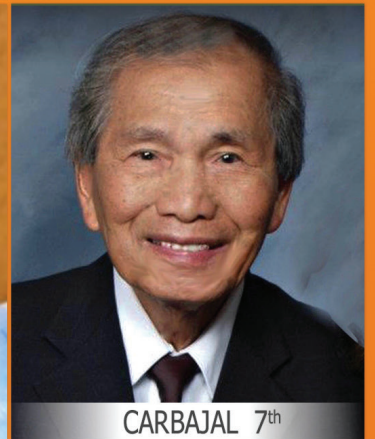
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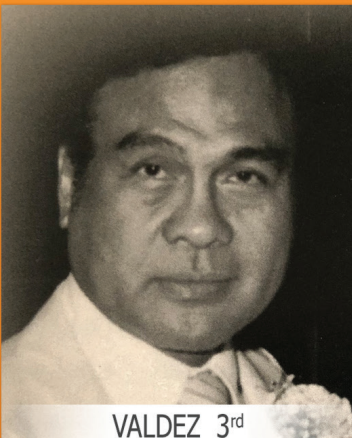
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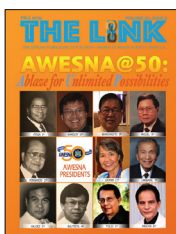
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AWESNA@50: Ablaze for Unlimited Possibilities

This issue's cover features all the presidents of AWESNA for the past 50 years of its existence.

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Message from the AWESNA President

August 30, 2019



Dear Fellow Alumni, Friends, and Guests,

Warm greetings to all of you!

On behalf of the executive officers of PUC/AUP Alumni of Western North America (AWESNA), I welcome you to our 50th Anniversary Convention here in Portland, Oregon focusing on our theme “AWESNA @ 50: Ablaze for Unlimited Possibilities.” Praise God for this milestone to celebrate His goodness to AWESNA for the past 50 years and look forward to the unlimited possibilities both for the present and the future! Thank you, Pacific Northwest Chapter, for hosting our 2019 Convention.

I salute our leaders who established and sustained AWESNA to where it is now! As I end my term as your president, may I express my heartfelt gratitude to our executive officers, spiritual advisors, chapter presidents, committee chairs, and all of you fellow alumni and supporters for your commitment and service to our beloved alma mater. Thank you for your confidence and for the opportunity to serve. Through God’s grace and with your continued support, we were able to accomplish the following programs/projects within the past three years:

1. Retreats and Convention
 - Annual Spiritual Retreat: Carlsbad, *As Jesus Loved*; San Diego, *As Jesus Served*; Desert Hot Springs, *As Jesus Forgives*
 - Annual Convention: Lorna Linda, *involve*; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, *Building a Transformational Future*; Portland, Oregon, *AWESNA@50: Ablaze for Unlimited Possibilities*
2. Annual Evangelism and Medical Mission: San Fernando, Pampanga - 2,822 patients served; Roxas, Oriental Mindoro - 507 individuals baptized and 4,949 patients served; Davao - 1,513 individuals baptized and 3,302 patients served
3. Added \$35,000 to the Endowment Fund
4. Created and maintained ongoing scholarship for working students
5. Organized additional chapters: San Fernando Valley and Arizona

Fellow alumni, I challenge each one of you to remain involved in our organization to reach out and be a blessing to others by helping them experience God’s eternal love. Let us continue to SHINE ON FOREVER for our dear Alma Mater and be inspired with the powerful thought from Matthew 19:26... “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” God’s richest blessings be with us as we reconnect with former acquaintances and meet new friends during our historic 50th Anniversary Convention!

CONGRATULATIONS INCOMING OFFICERS... MABUHAY AWESNA!

Sincerely,

Carmelita C. Laoyan, RN
President, AWESNA 2016-2019



Dear AWESNA Family,

Warmest greetings to all of you from your Alma Mater!

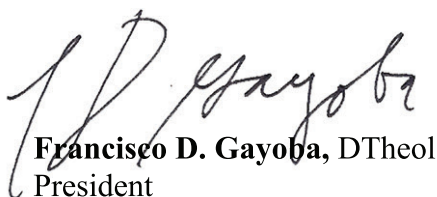
It is a delight to greet everyone and be part of this celebration. Truly, God has been faithful. We have strongly seen, felt, and witnessed God's faithfulness as He sustained us through the many challenges we faced.

We can say that 50 years of support and loyalty to the university is one great milestone that you have achieved our dear alumni. Proof to these are your contributions through the food support programs, educational and scholarship aids, building infrastructures as well as in the development of our faculty and staff through your endowment fund, and many more blessings you have contributed and projects supported. Fifty years since the establishment of the AWESNA, not just as a mere alumni association but as a partner in God's mission.

With your theme AWESNA@50: Ablaze for Unlimited Possibilities, I challenge you to use the unlimited possibilities God has bestowed upon you in furthering the gospel work, may it be in academic excellence through our educational institutions, and academic achievements, or the rendering of exemplary services in your work places within and outside our denomination. Most importantly is that you use the unlimited opportunities in reflecting Christ-like character. Let us serve like Jesus through unlimited possibilities, becoming less so others can become more, and being obedient to His will no matter the cost. I pray that you will cling to His commandments in Ecclesiastes 9:10 "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom."

May you continue to seize every moment in bringing souls into Christ's feet. Let us Shine On as we await His soon coming! On Ever Onward!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francisco D. Gayoba".

Francisco D. Gayoba, DTheol
President



Editorial

BY: MARJORIE REYNO HUYNH, AWESNA PRO

August 30, 2019

Dear AWESNA family and friends,

Welcome to the 47th AWESNA Convention and the 50th Anniversary of AWESNA in the beautiful City of Portland, Oregon on August 30 – September 1, 2019.

During the term 2016-2019, we witnessed historical events of AWESNA and AUP namely: 1) Yearly Medical/Dental/Evangelistic efforts of AWESNA volunteers together with local volunteers; 2) 50th Anniversary Celebration of AWESNA; 3) Centennial Celebration of AUP with participation of many alumni from here and abroad; 4) First graduation of the College of Medicine to name a few. These events attest to the dedication and commitment of our leaders and members to reach these significant milestones.

It has been an honor to serve as the Link editor for the past three years. I want to thank the Link Staff, Editorial Board and Adviser, Chapter Presidents and PROs, writers, photographers for their contributions in the last 3 years. Welcome and thanks to Jeruel Ibañez, who volunteered to do the Lay-out for this special golden anniversary issue of the Link and future issues! Jeruel is currently a College Instructor under the Department of the College of Arts and Humanities and just started a PhD program. He has been teaching in AUP for the past 20 years. Many thanks to my husband, Donald Huynh, for his patience and computer help. If you want to volunteer for our Link staff, please contact me.

Our theme “AWESNA@50: Ablaze for Unlimited Possibilities” we aspire to use our endless opportunities to serve not only our AWESNA organization, our Alma Mater but as children of God to further his work until the second coming. To our readers, may this Convention inspire you and get you more involved with AWESNA and AUP.

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In Retrospect: AWESNA at a Glance 2016-2019

BY: LITA LAOYAN
PRESIDENT, AWESNA 2016-2019

We are ending our three-year-term with much excitement as we celebrate AWESNA's 50th anniversary during our annual convention on August 30-September 1, 2019 with the theme "AWESNA @ 50: Ablaze for Unlimited Possibilities" to be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Portland, Oregon. Thank you, Pacific Northwest Chapter, for hosting this year's convention



in your area
for the very
first time!

2016

With much enthusiasm, the new AWESNA officers for 2016-2019 took oath during the 44th annual convention on September 2-4, 2016 at the beautiful island of Honolulu, Hawaii gathering many alumni and friends to visit the "paradise" for the very first time!

Elected AWESNA Officers 2016-2019:

President – Carmelita Laoyan
Vice President – Eppie Manalo
Secretary – Edwin Araba
Treasurer – Ella Alcaide
Auditor – Oscar Pablo
PRO – Marjorie Reyno Huynh

October 2 – 2017 - Medical Mission team meeting, Covina, California

– Loma Linda Chapter meeting, Loma Linda, CA

October 9 – Board of Officers meeting, Loma Linda, CA

October 12 to 19 – Provided assistance to Dr. Marissa Virgines, dean, College of Dentistry and Dr. Doris Mendoza,

dean, College of Medicine to attend the conference at Loma Linda University. October 18 – Attended Glendale Chapter meeting with AWESNA vice president, Eppie Manalo and spiritual adviser, Pastor Joe Manalo.

November 1 – meeting with AWESNA officers re: the 2018 convention

November 1 – San Diego Chapter meeting

November 15 – Endowment Fund committee meeting at Ontario, CA chaired by AWESNA

President
November 27 – Loma Linda Chapter meeting, re-election of new

officers with Jerry Deganos (COMELEC representative) and Eppie Manalo (Vice President), presiding

New Chapter Officers:

President – Joselito Co
Vice President – Perida Tongpo
Secretary – Amy Galang
Treasurer – Armand Zabala
Auditor – Violeta Palma
PRO – Elfrie Cuizon

December 15 – Endowment Fund new committee members meeting at Ontario, CA

December 19 – Loma Linda Chapter Executive Officers meeting, Loma Linda, CA

2017

January 13 to 15 – Spiritual Retreat at Staybridge Suites, Carlsbad, CA; theme – "As Jesus Loved."

January 15 – Board of Officers meeting, Carlsbad, CA

February 2 to 5 – Attended the AUP Cen-

ennial Celebration in Philippines February 2 – Participated in feeding the AUP working students in Philippines with the Los Angeles Chapter

February 7, 8, 9 – Medical, Surgical, and Dental mission in San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines coordinated by Loida Miguel, President of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter

March 11 – Service of Remembrance (phase I) held in Loma Linda, coordinated by Joselito Co, President of the Loma Linda Chapter, commemorating the AUP centennial event

April 9 – Board of Officers meeting, Riverside, CA. College of Education building Trust Fund was started

April 22 – Songs of Praise (phase II) by the Loma Linda Chapter commemorating the AUP centennial event

April 26 – Ad Hoc Medical Mission committee meeting, Ontario, CA

July 9 – Board of Officers meeting, Bradbury, CA

July 15 – Glendale Chapter Rally, Glendale, CA

New Chapter Officers:

President – Gorden Farinas
Vice President, Religious – Albert Regoso
Vice President, Social – Geraldine Gutierrez

Secretary – Cora Arguelles
Treasurer – Miriam Banaag

Auditor – Ben Co
PRO – Ismael Junio

Advisers – Ernesto Banaag, Wilma Daughash, Lemuel Niere

July 22 – San Diego Chapter meeting, Bonita with their new set of officers

President – Mar Mutya

Vice Presidents:

Religious – Lemuel Liwanag

Socials- James Tibudan

Young Alumni – Kym Liwanag

North County – Gloria Maravilla

Secretary – Sen Roble

Associate Secretary – Connie Mirasol

Treasurer/VP Membership – Nelly Alamo

Associate Treasurer – Josie Apilado

PRO – Fem Ramirez

Associate PRO – Ember Suasi



Project/Scholarship – Flory Velasquez & Nevin Napod

Advisers– William Ombao, Crisamar Anunciado

September 1 to 3 – the 45th Annual Convention held at Loma Linda Filipino SDA Church, underscoring the theme “iInvolve” aimed at encouraging more AWESNA members to be involved in alumni affairs, programs, and projects.

September 1 – House of Delegates meeting, Loma Linda, CA

September 15 – It was an experience of deep sorrow to witness our true servant-leader Ella Alcaide, AWESNA Treasurer, took her last breath during the night at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. She was laid to rest on September 24 at the Montecito Memorial Park in Loma Linda, California.

October 1 – Alumni meeting with Pastor Romy Mangiliman, President of the North Philippine



Union Conference, held at the Loma

Linda Filipino Church in Loma Linda, California, coordinated by the Loma Linda Chapter with Dr. Joselito Coo.

October 15 – Board of Officers meeting in Bradbury, California

The Board of Officers voted Rene Donato as AWESNA Treasurer.

November 18 – Reunion of international alumni and overseas missionary families: “Unity of Mission Amidst Diversity” hosted by the Loma Linda Chapter, with Dr. Joselito Coo, Chapter President. This was held at the Chinese SDA Church in Loma Linda, California in conclusion of the 2017 Centennial event.

December 2 – Alumni Fellowship Rally with the theme “Shining for Him” at the San Jose Fil-Am SDA Church, San Jose, California, hosted by the Greater Northern California Chapter with Roditha Pablo, Chapter President. Speaker during the Hour of Worship.

2018

January 12 to 14 – Spiritual Retreat with the theme “As Jesus Served” held at the Best Western Plus Island Palms Hotel and Marina in San Diego, California hosted by the Young Alumni Chapter with Liberty Olive Macias, Chapter President.

January 14 – Board of Officers meeting in San Diego, California

February 27 – Attended AUP Board of Trustees meeting in Silang, Cavite, Philippines.

February 27, 28, March 1 and 2 – Evangelism/Medical Mission in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines coordinated by our Community Affairs Chair and Co-Chair

Dr. Octavius and Araceli Quijada.

There were 56 AWESNA volunteers and about 100 volunteers



from the Philippines.

There were 507 baptisms including the Vice Mayor of Roxas and there were 4,949 patients being served. About 500 bags of non-perishable food were distributed at the Mangyan community.

March 28 to 30 – Visited Edmonton Marriott at River Cree Resort in Alberta, Canada to meet with the coordinators in finalizing our 46th convention event. Hotel was in transition of changing management to the new hotel name, River Cree Resort and Casino.

April 15 – Chaired Loma Linda Chapter meeting to elect Chapter President and Vice President to fill the vacant positions. Candidate nominations done instead of election.

April 21 – Glendale Chapter Rally at the Glendale SDA Church, Glendale, California with Gorden Farinas, Chapter President.

April 23 – Loma Linda Chapter votes tallied by designees and proclamation of new Chapter President and Vice President via email:

Chapter President – Perida Tongpo



Vice President – Edwin Tolentino

April 29 – Board of Officers (BOO) meeting in Loma Linda, California
The Honor and Awards Committee met before the BOO meeting.

The Endowment Fund Committee met after the BOO meeting.

May 6 – Fundraising concert featuring the Musikappelle for the Endowment Fund held in Rancho Cucamonga, California coordinated by Perida Tongpo, Chair AWESNA Fundraising and new Loma Linda Chapter President. Thank you to all supporters for providing assistance to AUP for faculty upgrading and research, important components for maintaining university, autonomous, and accreditation status. We raised about \$25,000.

May 29 – Lunch meeting with Pastor Wally Panaglima, South Central Luzon Conference President, and his wife, together with Chair and Co-Chair of Community Affairs Dr. Tavy and Cellie Quijada, re: Mindoro Outreach update.

June 23 – Attended rally hosted by the Greater Central Valley Chapter in Fresno, California.



New officers were elected and inducted.

Newly elected Chapter officers:

President – Gladys Gallego

Vice President – Geminiano Sulit

Secretary – Merilyn Pimentel

Associate Secretary – Doris Sulit

Treasurer – Russell Sulit

Associate Treasurer – Andy Tuazon

Auditor – Annie Polite

PRO – Doreen Cometa- Carter

Advisers: Pastor Abel Pangan and Jil Fadri

July 1 – Loma Linda Chapter meeting and induction of Chapter Officers with the newly elected President, Perida Tongpo.

July 15 – Board of Officers meeting in Arcadia, California

August 18 – San Diego Chapter’s meeting with Oemer Daquila, the AUP’s Director of the Advancement Office

August 19 – Loma Linda Chapter’s

meeting with Oemer Daquila, the AUP's Director of the Advancement Office
August 31 to September 2 – 46th annual convention in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada hosted by the Alberta Chapter with the theme “Building a Transformational Future”

August 31 – House of Delegates meeting, Alberta, Canada

September 2 – Bus tour to Jasper, Maligne Lake, Athabasca Falls, Glacier Skywalk, Lake Louise, and Banff
September 23 – Bangele Alsaybar, Jr, Chair of History and Archives with the PUCA Classes of 1964 to 1968 presented Tribute to Teachers held in Loma Linda Filipino Church

October 9 to 11 – Visited Weimar Institute with our founding COM Dean, Dr. Doris Mendoza to meet with Dr. Neil Nedley and other staff. Had learned more about their lifestyle medicine.

October 20 – Meeting of physicians, other alumni and friends with Dr. Doris Mendoza at the Quijada's



residence in Redlands, California
November 3 – Alumni rally of

the Central Valley Chapter in Fresno and Armona

November 10 – Get-together with some visiting AUP faculty and friends

November 18 – Fundraising “A Glimpse of the Philippines” for 2019 Davao Medical Mission with Marcus and Riza Printup and the “Kayamanan ng Lahi” held in Loma Linda

December 10 to 12 – Visited venue for 2019 convention in Portland, Oregon and met with the Pacific Northwest Chapter and hotel coordinator

2019

January 25 to 27 – Spiritual Retreat with the theme “As God Forgives” held at the Miracle Springs Resort & Spa in Desert Hot Springs, California

January 26 – Board of Officers meeting, Desert Hot Springs

February 9 – Meeting with COE faculty

and working student scholarship recipients of Loma Linda Chapter and the CORA Scholarship program in AUP
 Dinner get-together of the medical mission team with AUP faculty and friends at the Bangloy's residence nearby AUP
February 11 to 16 – Medical and Evangelistic outreach in Davao. Evangelism started September 2018 with total baptism of 1,513 from December to February. Total of 3,302 medical, surgical, dental and optical services rendered.
February 28 – Meeting with AUP administration and attended the Pioneers Banquet in AUP

May 12 – Fundraising “Pista sa Nayon” for the Endowment Fund held in Loma Linda, coordinated by Perida Tongpo, Chair AWESNA Fundraising and Loma Linda Chapter President

May 23 – Attended the AUP alumni banquet in Silang as speaker introduced by AWESNA Vice President Eppie Manalo. Husband and Spiritual Advisor Pastor Joe Manalo in

attendance
May 25 and 26 – AUP's graduation with AWESNA's

Spiritual Advisor Dr. VicLouis Arreola as Baccalaureate speaker introduced by Pastor Joe Manalo. Loma Linda Chapter member Angela Lalas as Commencement speaker, VP Eppie Manalo as organist, and I offered the Benediction
June 8 – The San Fernando Valley alumni decided to organize as chapter during their alumni meeting in the afternoon. Election of chapter officers done with Welmie Guerra as designated COMELEC representative followed by their oath of office.

President – Harry Avellona
 Vice President – Ruby Babista
 Secretary – Joy Clemente
 Treasurer – Myra Mitra
 Auditor – Mylene Avellona
 PRO – Marjury Agagas, Jr

Ernesto Babista, Jr
 Advisors: Pastor Reuben and Ruby Rafanan
June 29 – Met with alumni and friends

in Chandler, Arizona and they decided to organize the Arizona Chapter. In attendance were PRO Marjorie Reyno-Huynh, COMELEC member, Marcel Velasco, speaker for Divine Worship, and his wife Zeny Velasco. Election of their chapter officers done followed by oath of office.

President – Pastor Geoffrey Tio

Vice President – Pastor Tony Cabaneras

Secretary – Nica Sta Ana

Treasurer – Marilou Bathen

Auditor – Joseph Dean Tolentino

PRO – Jennevi Yabut

Advisors: Lauran Mergerino

Noemi Douglas

Nerissa Schoop

July 7 to 19 – Provided assistance to Dr. Doris Mendoza, Dean of AUP College of Medicine, while attending the 3rd Global Conference on Health and Lifestyle at the Loma Linda University then meetings with LLU admission team and PUC/AUP alumni after the conference ending July 14

July 21 – Final Board of Officers meeting for this term at the Salt Creek Beach Park in Dana Point, California
August 30 to September 1 – 50th Anniversary Conven-



tion at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Portland, Oregon with Vespers Service speaker Angela Manalo Lalas and Hour of Worship speaker John Wesley Taylor, both connected with AUP as alumna and former faculty respectively. Theme “AWESNA @50: Ablaze for Unlimited Possibilities”

August 30 – Final House of delegates meeting for this term, Portland, Oregon
September 1 – Bus tour in Portland and Dinner River Cruise coordinated by AWESNA's Chair and Co-Chair of Social Events, Gladys and Don Roman.





CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER REPORT

By Doreen Carter, PRO

The Central Valley Alumni Chapter is excited to report that our group have grown to a total of 50 members and with God's help we hope to have more members in the future!

Pastor Abel Pangan- AB Theology, 1959 and Ofelia Aquino Pangan- BS Education, 1959, our Chapter Adviser, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last June 23, 2019. They are blessed with 3 children and 10 grandchildren. Both are honorees of PUC/ AUP this coming AWESNA Convention.




We are saddened to lose Nemy Marcelo last April 2019 after years of battle with cancer. He was an active AWESNA member.



Fresno Alumni & Armona Alumni & Group pic



Wedding Celebration with Chapter members



Major surgery
at Davao Adventist Hospital.

Reaching Out: AWESNA 2019 Mission to Duterte Land

BY: EPIIE MANALO

A continuing program of the Alumni of Western North America (AWESNA) is the annual medical-dental-evangelistic outreach to selected territories in the Philippines. This year's outreach was held in the beautiful Duterte land, the “durian capital of Mindanao”—Davao City. About 70 AWESNA and local volunteers from the shared their time, skills, and finances for this noble cause on February 11-16, 2019.

Dr. and Mrs. Octavius Quijada, chair, AWESNA Community Affairs, Lita Laoyan, president, and Merlyn Gersava, local Adventist Hospital of Davao representative—laid plans, made arrangements and ensured that details were implemented for this year's outreach.

Upon arrival on February 10, the Davao Fraternal Order of Eagles Club welcomed the team to a dinner treat and expressed their full support for the outreach event. The organization made this commitment of support tangible through special escorts to ease traffic jam coupled with the privilege of boarding the Duterte bus, provided by the Davao City mayor's office during the 3-day medical-dental outreach. In addition, the Adventist Davao Hospital officers and staff welcomed the team on February 11 with special leis and certificates.

Medical and dental services were provided at the Talomo Baranggay Hall and the Adventist Davao Hospital, while evangelistic meetings, led by Pastor Pliny Fond-evilla were held at the Bangkal Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Part of the team also shared medical and bible messages on the third day, February 13, at the Davao Women's Jail. In addition to medical and dental services provided in this facility, Pastor Jose Manalo, LLFC senior pastor, shared a message of hope to the inmates—most of whom were young ladies.

Besides experiencing the joy of service, the team also enjoyed sightseeing at tourist and significant Davao spots, and of course, feasting on and satisfying their taste buds with the famous durian, marang, mangosteen, lanzones, tar apple, pomelo, mangoes, buko and other fruits—originally thought to be out of season in February, but were readily available.

God indeed, is always good! The 2019 AWESNA outreach yield the following wonderful results:

Medical consult	704
Pediatric consult	540
Dental consult	1,080
Optical	900
Surgeries (major/minor)	78
TOTAL =	3,302

This year's evangelistic outreach, funded by donors from the Loma Linda Filipino Church—testify to God's power in using men and women who are willing to be His instruments in touching hearts and leading individuals to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition to the laymen involved in the groundwork, 15 ministers from the Adopt a Minister program fanned the designated territories, giving bible studies and preparing candidates for baptism since September 2018. Praise God for the marvelous manifestation of His great power and love: A total of 1,513 individuals were baptized from December 2018 to February 2019 (266 on February 16).

AWESNA conveys gratitude to the 2019 AWESNA and local volunteers who shared their skills, talents, and finances: Edith Acantilado, Esther Acob, Marcelo Acob, Ellen Aguilar, John Aguilar, Violeta Atiga, Yolanda Bagwell, Elmer Bangloy, Lorie Bangloy, Bernardo Begonia, Yolanda Begonia, Loida Cabaluna, Loreto Cabaluna, Cecilio Cabansag, Cherry Curameng, Fely Dawson, Summer Joy Enalen, Marilou Fondevilla, Pliny Fondevilla, Gheddy Gaje, Juvy Gaje, Anselma Garcia, Serafin Garcia, Alma Gonzaga, Eduardo Gonzaga, Lolita Hequibal, Leo Hequibal, Letty Lachica, Rene Lachica, Lita Laoyan,

Rafael Laoyan, Annie Madigan, Jesse Malaguait, Rose Malaguait, Eppie Manalo, Jose Manalo, Ruth Osio, Alfonso Miguel, Loida Miguel, Louella Miguel, Romeo Miguel, Abner Penaflorida, Crisly Penaflorida, Araceli Quijada, Octavius Quijada, Daniel Quion, Pearl Quion, Danny Ranchez, Ruth Ranchez, Joseph Rastrollo, Noeme Rastrollo, Elma Lou Roda, Glenna Sabalboro, Ray Sabalboro, Herminia Tamayo, Luz Ulanday, Manny Ulanday, Evelyn Victorio, Cordiceta Vigilia, Jun Vigilia. Volunteers from the Philippines: Edsel Cabaluna, Bernadette Calinao, Ruben Cosejo, Oemer Daquila, Pastor Arnel Gabin, Alejandro Gingco, Daisy Montejo, Tessie Pagunsan, Lydia Sullivan, Emelyn Sy, Felipe Sy.

The joy of service is beyond measure. How wonderful it is to be part of this noble cause ordained by our Great Physician and Redeemer of our souls! AWESNA invites each of you to experience the inexpressible joy that comes from seeing grateful, happy faces of people whose pain have been eased and those who have been saved by the blood of the Lamb! 🙏



3,302

The total number of patients who received medical, pediatric, dental, optical and surgical (major/minor) attention. The 2019 AWESNA outreach yielded these wonderful results.

Left bottom: Optical Services provided free eye check up and eye glasses

Right bottom: Pharmacy Services provided free medications



Adopt a Minister International

BY: REVA LACHICA MOORE

Last September 2018, Letty Lachica, my sister-in-law called from California. She told me about the AWESNA medical mission in Davao on February 2019. “You should come with us so we can go to your hometown after the medical mission,” she said. “And also, the AWESNA officers are asking if your “adopted ministers” can help do the groundwork for the evangelism there.”

And so, I went home with my sister-in-law and my brother. I checked on some of the adopted ministers in Mindanao, Cebu and Luzon and saw their situations. Just the traffic alone was enough to get me discouraged. I saw the sacrifices that they do every day for God’s work. How can they provide for their families with such meager stipends? (Note: Because our funds are so low, the majority of them without sponsors receive only \$60 each month. Those with sponsors receive \$130 each month. Yet, they are so faithful in doing the Lord’s work. And many more new theology graduates are applying each month.)

Praise God for the great harvest.

In the past 19 years of Adopt a Minister, I had received hundreds of baptism pictures from our adopted ministers, but that day (February 16, 2019) was my first time to witness a MASS Baptism with them involved. I was moved to tears. Precious souls started coming into the pool area until it got very crowded. I was told that 266 precious souls were baptized that day, and there were others being baptized in another place at the same time. Pastor Pliney Fondevilla prayed many



1,513

Number of precious souls
baptized as a result of the
AWESNA Medical Mission/
Evangelism.





times before each baptism. The TOTAL BAPTISM starting December to February for the AWESNA Medical Mission/ Evangelism TOTALED to 1,513 precious souls. Thanks to the adopted ministers, brethren, ministers for all their hard work. We know all of heaven rejoiced that day.

We also had an AMI Get-together that night and so adopted ministers from all over Mindanao came to the mass baptism and the Get-together.

During the “Adopted Ministers” Get-together at the Grand Menseng Hotel, the President of the South Philippine Union Conference spoke. He said that South Philippines (Mindanao where we have around 200 adopted ministers) is one of the top soul-winning areas in the whole world. South Philippines (Mindanao with 7 local missions) baptized 51,000 precious souls in 2018 and that half of this number was done by the work of the adopted ministers. To God be the glory!

And so, to our sponsors of Adopt a Minister International, we (JR, Mary Grace and hundreds of adopted ministers and myself) are so grateful to you all for your faithful support and prayers through the years. This is our 19th year and with God’s blessings, we hope to continue doing our volunteer work. Every dollar donation to AMI goes to the work for Jesus. We do not get paid for our volunteer work and we ourselves pay for electricity and other misc. expenses.

Again, to God be the glory!

Please share this story with your family and friends who would like to help finish the work so Jesus would come.

Our Adopt a Minister website is:
<http://www.a-a-m.org>

Or you may send your check to:
Adopt a Minister International
18027 Glen Park Dr
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

I will send you a tax-deductible receipt.

I thank you so much for your big help to God’s workers – the adopted ministers. 🙏

God bless you,

Reva





LOMA LINDA CHAPTER REPORT

By: **PERIDA TONGPO**
President,
Loma Linda AWESNA Chapter



A very important fundraising event was sponsored by the Loma Linda Chapter at the Chan Auditorium on May 12, 2019. It was a Filipino cultural program which depicted the different cultures of the 3 major regions of the Philippines: Northern Luzon, the Southern Philippines and the Tagalog region.

Parts of the program included different folk dances and kundiman songs from each region. From the Visayas, the songs *Pobreng Alindahaw*, *Matud Nila* and *Rosas Pandan* were depicted, and the dances *Itik-itik* and *Tinikling* were also shown. From the North, the songs *Bannatiran*, *Dungdungngoencanto*, *Ti Ayat ti Maysa Nga Ubing*, and *Malinac Lay Labi* were sung and the dances *Sayaw Sa Bangko* and the *Igorot Dance* were performed. And from the Tagalog region, *Gaano Kita Kamahal*, *Kailangan Kita* were sung and the dances depicted were *Alitaptap*, *Pandanggo Sa Ilaw*, and *Magtanim Hindi Biro* performed by different age group dancers. *Balagtasán*, a poetic debate from the Tagalog sector, was also depicted. The LLFC Rondalla graced the event with a medley consisting famous Filipino fun songs.

All the participants were local talents from neighboring churches,

mainly from the Loma Linda Filipino SDA church. They were selected from diverse age groups, thus making the event very picturesque and dramatic. The decorations were superb, with a *Bahay Kubo* well-decorated with bamboo trees and bougainvillea flowers, enhanced by poles of decorative balloons which depicted the theme of *Pista Sa Nasyon* in the Philippines.

The evening was full of gaiety and fun. There were enormous great comments expressed that evening which paid off the hard work done by everybody who pitched in to make the event a success.

Funds raised benefit the AWESNA Endowment fund. Thanks to all the supporters for that event.

Another accomplishment done by the Loma Linda chapter was the financing of the tuition of an AUP student, named Merlyn Abon Pitallano, on the last year of her schooling. She was a full time self-supporting student in education and in order for her to graduate sooner so she can serve the institution, LL chapter gave her the tuition assistance. She recently graduated with the Bachelor of Secondary Education and can start as a faculty in AUP. 🙏



AWESNA ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE



By: **DR. ALFONSO MIGUEL**
Chairman,
Endowment Fund
Committee

In our last Endowment Fund Committee meeting on the eve of January 26, 2019 at Desert Hot Springs, the venue of our Annual Spiritual Retreat, the members present unanimously voted to get legal opinion regarding the possibility of totally or partially liquidating the existing Endowment Fund to AUP (sole beneficiary). The reasons were: 1) snail's pace progress reaching the targeted goal of \$1 million dollars due to lack of donation over eight AWESNA administrations, and 2) uncertainty of eventual fund disposition with new generation AWESNA leadership to come.

Legal consultation was contacted and on the time of this writing, we're still awaiting response. This time allotment gives us pause to perhaps reconsider our decision, and explore other options and possibilities: 1) AWESNA Endowment Fund as an ongoing major project,

*Spurgeon, a noted evangelist,
made mention of an
old gravestone said
of a dead man --*

**"What I spent I had,
what I saved I lost,
what I gave I have."**

\$414,559

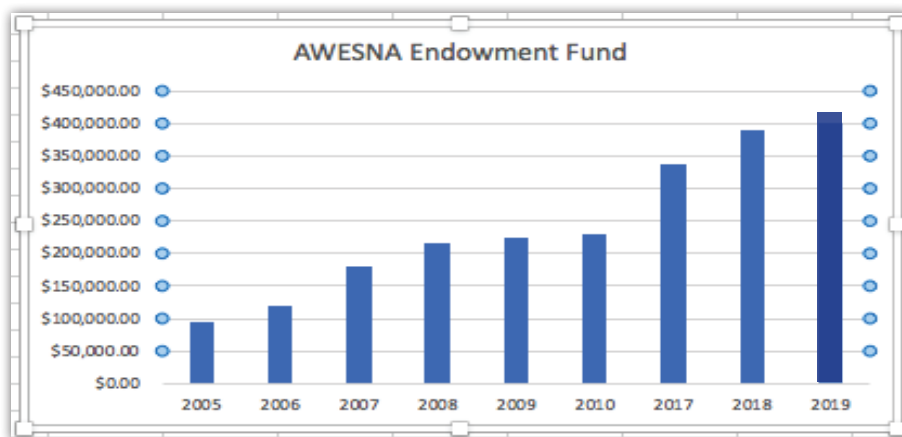
The amount reached with two fund-raising events last year and this last May in Chan Auditorium of Loma Linda Academy. Kudos to the Loma Linda Chapter under the leadership of their President Perida Tongpo in collaboration with our ever active AWESNA President Camelita Laoyan.

showcases our continued long-term commitment in supporting and serving AUP today and for posterity as demonstrated by annually giving a portion of interest earned to AUP President or his representative during the Annual Convention Banquet event. The allocation comes with a stipulation that funds given are for faculty continuing education (75%) and research (25%); and, 2) pioneering alumni cannot un-

derestimate the incoming generation of alumni leadership – who, with commitment and imagination, has limitless possibility of reaching or exceeding the \$1 million goal.

Of significant note – kudos to the Loma Linda Chapter with President, Perida Tongpo at the helm, in collaboration current AWESNA President Carmelita Laoyan, reached \$414,559.00 with two fund-raising events on November 2018 and on May 2019 at the Loma Linda Academy – Chan Auditorium, Loma Linda, California.

Charles Spurgeon, a noted evangelist, mentioned an old gravestone caption, "What I spent I had, what I saved I lost, what I gave I have." Indeed, Giving is true "having." Let us continue to optimistically support the future of our AWESNA organization and in the capabilities of our future leaders and members by continuing and growing our Endowment Fund of posterity. God bless you all. 🙏





AWESNA Elections

BY: **JERRY DEGANOS**,
COMELEC Chairman

Vote counting was held on July 14, 2019, 1:05 pm through 7:00 pm at 25824 Kellogg Loma Linda CA 92354

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerry Deganos, COMELEC Chair,
Presiding
Torcuato Billones, COMELEC Member
Mar Velasco, COMELEC Member
Perida Tongpo, Loma Linda Chapter
President
Loida Miguel, Greater Los Angeles
Chapter President
Gorden Farinas, Glendale Chapter
President
Not Present-- Ben Cuizon, COMELEC
Member

ELECTION RESULTS:

AWESNA -- Parent Organization
President -- Eppie Manalo
Vice President -- Liberty Olive
Bautista
Secretary -- Bernadette Junio
Treasurer -- Rene Donato
Auditor -- Oscar Pablo
PRO -- Marjorie Reyno-Huynh

CHAPTERS RESULTS

ALBERTA CHAPTER

President -- Roger Rodriguez
Vice President -- Julius Betoya
Secretary -- Nanette Quines
Treasurer -- Marilyn Garin
Auditor -- Jocelyn Adante
PRO -- Fred Bandolla
Jeanette Raquntin

CASCADIA CHAPTER

President -- Rachel Pedernal
Vice Presidents -- Michael John/Jade
Astores, Susan/Abner Olit, Armand
Cruz, Juliet Alcaide Crisley Penaflores,
Teody Malabanan, Ellen Zarate
Secretary/Treasurer -- Christie Rosa
Treasurer -- Cora Arguelles
Auditor/PRO -- Lucille Batulayan

GLENDALE CHAPTER

President-- Gorden Farinas
Vice President, *Religious*- Albert Regoso
Vice President, *Social* -- Arlene Ferrolino



The AWESNA COMELEC Chair
and Members religiously
count all the ballots.

Secretary -- Wilma Dauglash
Treasurer -- Miriam Banaag
Auditor -- Robert Arguelles
Parliamentarian/COMELEC Representa-
tive -- Yvonne Familara
Advisers -- Ernesto Banaag, Don Fer-
rolino

GREATER CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER

President -- Gladys Cometa-Gallego
Vice President -- Geminiano Sulit
Coordinators:
Hanford -- Donna Madia, Nestor Arit, Jr.
Bakersfield -- Dannah Gagatam-Tomas
Secretary -- Marilyn Pimentel,
Associate -- Doris Sulit
Treasurer -- Russel Sulit
Associate -- Andy Tuazon
Auditor -- Annie Polite
PRO -- Doreen Cometa-Carter
Advisors -- Abel Pangan, Cajil Fadri

GREATER NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

President -- Roditha Pablo
Vice Presidents -- Obed Apostol, Primo
Mercado
Secretary -- Cel Apostol
Treasurer -- David Narbarte
Associate -- Ray Corpus
Auditor -- Esther Tan
Associate -- Lehroy Querol
PRO -- Edwin Araba

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

President -- Gladys Araba Roman
Vice President -- Angelita Corrales
Secretary -- Fernaline Kintanar
Treasurer -- Percy Cucueco Canlas
PRO -- Luz Basit Ulanday

HAWAII CHAPTER

President -- Ric Calla, Jr.
Vice President -- Melba Manzano
Secretary -- Brenda Dolormente
Treasurer -- Moises Medrano
Auditor -- Romy Viloso
PRO -- Elmy Ann Peralta

LA SIERRA CHAPTER

President -- Miguelito Fernando
Vice President -- Mario Manalo
Secretary -- Teresa Fajardo-Sajid
Treasurer -- Lucy Fernandez-Fernando
Auditor -- Nap Alinsod
PRO -- Ralph Tigno

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

Delayed election results
Elected officers to be announced later

LOMA LINDA CHAPTER

President -- Perida Tongpo
Vice President -- Edwin Tolentino
Secretary -- Amy Galang
Treasurer -- Armand Zabala
Auditor -- Violeta Palma
PRO -- Elfrie Cuizon



PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

President -- Ardina Wang
Vice President -- Linda Miguel Brown
Secretary -- Sheila Eusoya
Associate -- Jennifer Dalusong
Treasurer -- Ardina Rabanal
Associate -- Art Clemencia
Auditor -- Valerie Ledsma Do
PRO -- Eden Gaje Aguilar

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

President -- Francimar Mutya
Vice Presidents -- Limuel Liwanag--
Religious; James Tibudan -- Social
Nelly Palomero Alamo -- Membership
Secretary -- Connie Roda Mirasol
Treasurer -- Nelly Palomero Alamo
Auditor -- Paz Agustines
PRO -- Fem Ramirez

YOUNG ALUMNI CHAPTER

No nominations received, no election

NEWLY FORMED CHAPTERS

ARIZONA CHAPTER

President -- Geoffrey Tio
Vice President -- Tony Cabanezas
Secretary -- Nica Santa Ana
Treasurer -- Malou Bathan
Auditor -- Joseph Dean Tolentino
PRO -- Jennevi Yabut
Advisers -- Nerissa Schoop
Noemi Douglas
Presiding for COMELEC -- Mar Velasco

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

President -- Harry Avellona
Vice President -- Ruby Babista
Secretary -- Joy Clemente
Treasurer -- Myra Mitra
Auditor-- Mylene Avellona
PRO -- Marjury Agagas, Ernesto
Babista, Jr
Advisers-- Reuben and Ruby Rafanan
Presiding for COMELEC --
Wilmie Guerra





Meet the Incoming AWESNA President

EPPIE A. MANALO, PH.D.

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Educational Background

Ph.D. in Education
University of the Philippines, Diliman,
Quezon City, 1991

M.A. in Education
Philippine Union College, Baesa,
Caloocan City, 1978

B.S.E. in Education
Mountain View College, Malaybalay,
Bukidnon, 1973

Family

Spouse: Jose L. Manalo, Ed.D.
Senior Pastor, Loma Linda Filipino
Church

Children/Grandchildren:

(1) Jose "Pong", Jr., MBA, J.D.
Associate, Corporate Practice Group
Akerman LLP-Los Angeles, California

(2) Angela, CPA, Executive MBA
Chief Finance Officer and Senior Vice

President for Finance, Loma Linda
University Health
Married to: Serafin T. Lalas, Jr., M.D.
Assistant Professor, Department of
Psychiatry Child and Adolescent Fellow-
ship Faculty Loma Linda University and
LLU Behavioral Medicine Center
Children: Anna Sophia Lalas, 7th grad-
er, Loma Linda Academy
Serafin Alexander, 4 years old

(3) Carlo, M.D., Assistant Professor/
Pediatric and Cardiac Radiologist Loma
Linda University Medical Center
Married to: Domilyn Gonzales-Mana-
lo Nurse, Behavioral Health Institute
Loma Linda University
Son - Joseph Colin (5 months old)

Philosophy of Leadership: My phi-
losophy of leadership is anchored on
two important Biblical principles:
First God is the source of all wisdom
and strength. This is clearly articulated
in Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things
through Christ who gives me strength."
Next, as exemplified in the life of Jesus
Christ, whoever leads should be willing
to apply the principle of servant-lead-

ership underscored in Luke 22:26-27...
"Instead, the greatest among you
should be like the youngest, and the
one who rules like the one who serves."

Service Involvement in AWESNA (2005-present)

Loma Linda Chapter: Member, PIO,
Vice President for Membership
Advisor General AWESNA
- Secretary (2013-2016)
- Vice President and Overall Program
Coordinator (2016-present)
- Advisor, The Link (2013-present)
- Chair, Honors and Awards Committee
(2013-2016)
- Recipient of the 2008 AWESNA Leader-
ship Award
- Through the initiative of the Almario
and Gonzaga families, established the
CORA (in honor of Dr. Cora Almario
Caballero) Scholarship Fund for College
of Education working students. Since
2018, a total of \$19, 100.00 have been
donated towards this fund and two
scholars graduated on May 26, 2019.
- Currently serves as alumna visiting/
volunteer professor to AUP

- Coordinator and Fundraiser for the AWESNA/Loma Linda Filipino Church medical-dental-evangelistic outreach:

- 2009 - AUP
- 2012 - Mountain View College
- 2015 - Northern Luzon Adventist College (NLAC) International Alumni Homecoming
- Fundraiser for the AWESNA/Loma Linda Filipino Church Evangelism:
- 2018 - Roxas, Mindoro
- 2019 - Davao City

Service/Work Experience Summary

2005 - Present- Associate Director, Office of Academic Publications Loma Linda University

2004 - 2005 - Administrative Assistant/ Senior Administrative Assistant, Loma Linda University School of Medicine Office of Admissions and Office of Continuing Education

2002 - 2004 - Piano/Organ teacher, Brampton, Ontario, Canada

1978 - 2002 - served at Philippine Union College/Adventist University of the Philippines in various capacities:

- Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dean, School of Education
- Dean, College of Arts, Sciences, and Technology
- Chair, English Department
- Faculty/Professor - PUC Academy, College English and Music Departments
- Faculty Representative to the PUC/AUP Board of Trustees
- Vice President, Alumni Association, Philippine National Chapter

1973 - 1975 - English/Music Teacher Matutum View Academy, South Cotabato

Summary of Program / Platform for AWESNA

In conjunction with AWESNA's rationale for existence as stipulated in the association's Constitution—to promote the advancement of and loyalty to the Adventist University of the Philippines, represent the interests of its members, and encourage service to the community, by God's grace and with the support of the members, I have set the following objectives for the next three years:

1. Start with the most essential - the spiritual component. Encourage unity, teamwork and service-oriented atmo-

“ -- to promote the advancement of and loyalty to the Adventist University of the Philippines, represent the interests of its members, and encourage service to the community...”

sphere within AWESNA through more emphasis on Bible reading and prayer to emulate Christ's model of leadership and service. This will include encouraging a positive relationship within AWESNA and between AWESNA and AUP. Unity is not uniformity; thus, the need to provide an atmosphere where members can freely, yet in a courteous manner, communicate their opinions and suggestions for the welfare of the both AWESNA and AUP.

2. Create more avenues for open communication (verbal/written) between AWESNA and AUP. This will include forums/dialogues between AWESNA and the University, e.g., during convention HOD meetings and other appropriate venues.

3. Encourage community engagement through mission outreach programs both locally and abroad.

4. Revive “dormant” chapters through personal contact and regular communication; and organize at least 2 chapters during this term.

5. Encourage more participation from the young alumni through increased involvement in planning, decision-making, and implementation of programs and projects. This means inviting more young alumni to the AWESNA Board as chairs/co-chairs of committees. Off-hand, young alumni will be from age 25-45 (age bracket to be clarified by the AWESNA Board).

6. Provide and encourage more efficient and effective means of communication among alumni officers and members through use of social media/technol-

ogy. Seminars and workshops on use of technology/social media will be provided. Of course, although I believe that members of all ages are capable of learning “new tricks”, we need to respect individual preferences and provide alternative means for those who may not be comfortable with learning technology.

7. Focus on the following projects for this term:

- Continue fund raising for the Endowment Fund.
- At least one collaborative major project in cooperation with the AUP administration
- Improve the association's finances and increase membership through intensive promotions, including AWESNA Board members' and chapter officers' modeling of giving for the annual souvenir program ads/greetings, membership fees; and encouraging more involvement in the various chapters through meaningful, productive programs and activities.

On behalf of the incoming AWESNA officers, I solicit your prayers, support, and suggestions towards achieving the objectives set for the next term. With God at the helm of AWESNA, we will accomplish His purpose to “Shine On, forever for AUP” and above all, for His glory!



Eppie Manalo, PhD
AWESNA President,
2019-2022



“To sum it up, beloved PUC trained us very well, after all.”

some rumbling because we could not recognize each other. Forty years have changed us and we were no longer those young giddy students we



Nursing Class '69 Turns Golden

A Personal Reflection BY: PERIDA TONGPO

Fifty years is a very long time – that’s half a century, and that’s how long PUC Nursing class 1969 graduates have been nurses, which coincides with how long AWESNA has existed.

What a coincidence!

I happen to belong to that class, so allow me to say something about it. I should say it was a very unusual class, or a very peculiar one. We were 37 when we started. We were closely knit with each other, but the trade mark of our class was,


it was a fun-loving class, or to be more specific, it was a “happy-go-lucky” one. We did not seem to be serious in our studies, and we took everything easy just like good high school days. I don’t know if that was some kind of retrogression or what not, but we just didn’t want to sweat it out.

Funny thing is, when we were about to graduate, we wanted a class ring instead of a nursing pin – unbelievable, isn’t it? – but that’s how weird our class was, and can you imagine that one of us was so brave enough to speak up for our request to (DBS) Miss Salmin, the Dean of the School of Nursing. I remember her reply, “You all have gotten crazy”. We also requested to be accompanied by at least one of our instructors when we took the nursing board, just for emotional support, but her answer was, “We should not graduate you if you are that immature.” I don’t know if that was some form of punishment, but probably she had a strong point.

Board exams came, and I am sure all of our instructors were very pessimistic about our passing rate. It was because they knew that we were not that serious in our studies. But can you believe that everybody got shocked and in awe, when the results were released because ALL of us passed the board exam. That happy-go-lucky class wasn’t such after all. Previous classes always had some failures, 2 or 3, but I am so proud to say that Nursing Class ’69 registered a 100% passing – we broke the record! Weird – yes, that’s what I call it.

Another weird thing about our Nursing ’69 class is the fact that we did not have any class reunion until our 40th anniversary. We finally had our first get together in May of 2009 in Las Vegas (of all places) and it was a very good turnout as there were 27 of us excluding our spouses and guests. When the introduction time came at the Fil-Am SDA church, each one of us went to the front as our names were called, and you could hear

were before when we were still at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital where we were together for 3 years. Unusual – isn’t it? Well, we have had our reunions every two years since then.

Each one of us got gainfully employed, some went to Canada, some are in the USA, and some to other places. Only two were left in the Philippines, but we all became successful in our careers. To sum it up, beloved PUC trained us very well, after all. 



Perida Tongpo
BSN Batch 1969,
Registered Nurse
is the Loma Linda Chapter
President and Fund Raising
Chairwoman

RAMON LIJAUCO JR. WINS MOST OUTSTANDING CONDUCTOR AWARD IN 2019 CHOIR OF THE WORLD

Reprint from: <https://www.goodnewspilipinas.com>
by: Nicole Del Rosario

Ramon Lijauco Jr., Thailand's Suanplu Chorus' Filipino conductor and music director, won the Jayne Davies Prize for Most Outstanding Conductor during the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod Festival's Choir of the World 2019 held in Wales, United Kingdom. Lijauco also led Thailand's Suanplu Chorus to win the 1st Prize in the Open Category of the competition held last July 7. "I am delighted and honored to be among you, Suanplu Chorus. You have given your all and did your best to this musical endeavor, and have achieved such a high level of performance. I am proud of you," said Lijauco in a Facebook post.

Ending with the highest score of 93.7 percent, the judges also praised Suanplu Chorus for its artistic arrangements and high standard of vocals.



Established in 2000, Suanplu Chorus has been a pioneer in combining the beauty of Thai music with Western choral tradition. Lijauco started leading the choir in 2017. Ramon Lijauco Jr. also brought the Adventist University of the Philippines Ambassadors to the same competition in 2011, bringing home the top awards in three categories including the Choir of the World title and the Pavarotti trophy.



SERAFIN LALAS, MD

On July 9, 2019, Serafin Lalas, MD received a recognition for "Outstanding Teaching Attending in Psychiatry Award" second year in a row. The recognition was given by Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry Medical Student Education Program in recognition for excellence and enthusiasm in the teaching of medical students 2018-2019. The plaque was signed by Melissa Pereau, M.D., Directory of Medical Student Clerkship and William Murdoch, M.D.,

Chair of Psychiatry given at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. This recognition was awarded after the Department of Psychiatry solicited the feedback of medical students.

Serafin graduated from AUP with a BS Biology degree in 1999 and a Medical Degree from MCU in 2003. He is currently with the Loma Linda University Medical Group as an attending physician at the LLU Behavioral Medicine Center. He is Medical Director of the Child Inpatient Unit and at the LLU Behavioral Health Institute. He is also an Assistant Professor at the School of Medicine and Board certified in General Psychiatry and in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He is married to Angela Manalo-Lalas and have two children, Sophia and Serafin Alexander III. He is the son-in-law of our new AWESNA President, Eppie Manalo and our AWESNA Spiritual Advisor, Pastor Jose Manalo.





Adventist University of the Philippines College of Medicine Pioneer Graduation

REPORT BY

DR. DORIS A. MENDOZA, *FOUNDING AND CURRENT DEAN*

It's been a historic weekend for the Pioneer Med Grads – the PRIMA LUX.

Tidings of Great Joy!!

After an exciting and challenging four years of the fledgling College of Medicine since it opened its doors to its inaugural batch of medical students in August 2015, the first Graduation Weekend finally arrived for AUPCOM Class 2019 or PRIMA LUX batch this June 2019, namely the Vesper Consecration on the 21st, on the 22nd, the morning Sabbath School and Baccalaureate Service and the Tribute to Faculty and Parents in the afternoon; and the Commencement Ceremonies on the 23rd of June.



The Pioneer graduation weekend activities of the PRIMA LUX batch were graced with our ever-supportive General Conference and Loma Linda University friends. Consecration Speaker was the General Conference Director for Education, Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy; the Baccalaureate Speaker was the General Conference Director for Health Ministries, Dr. Peter Landless; the Tribute to Faculty and Parents Speaker was by the College of Medicine Founding and Current Dean, Dr. Doris Mendoza; and the Commencement Speaker was Loma Linda University Heath President, Dr. Richard Hart.

The PRIMA LUX batch of Adventist University of the Philippines Class 2019 is made up to sixteen (16) future physician missionaries: Drs. Jon Sergei Aclan, Jessly Rose Acoba, Alexzan Bernardino, Joy Belarmino, Janina Bianca Cabili, Christopher Dale Chua, Lexian Cordial, Vanda Dejolde, Paul Rothwel de Jesus, Weamirson Estrada, April Rae Garces, Eimarlouyd Mansaguiton, Aedrian Rodriguez, Andy Graham Rosas, Nim Franzio II Salazar, and Julianne Sanchez.

These sixteen PRIMA LUX medicine graduates have been trained to become the uniquely AUPCOM-produced five-star plus physicians,

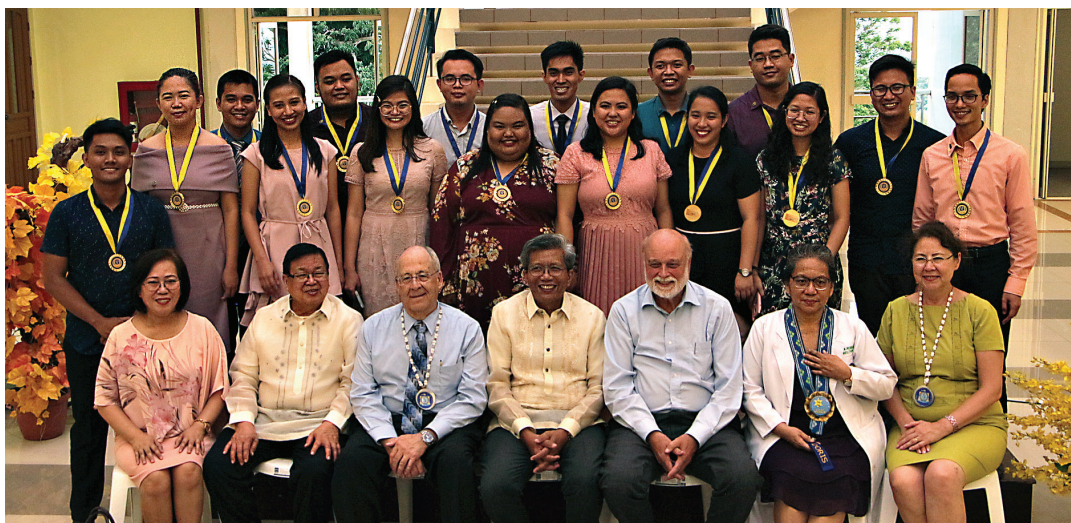


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Top: (L-R) Dr. Rosas, Andy Graham; Dr. Chua Christopher; Dr. Mansaguiton, Eimarlouyd; Dr. Estrada, Weamirson; Dr. Bernardino, Alexzan; Dr. Aclan, Serge Middle: (L-R) Dr. Salazar, Nim Franzio; Dr. Sanchez, Julianne Rowellie; Dr. Cabili, Janina Bianca; Dr. Belarmino, Joy; Dr. Cordial, Lexan Erdin; Dr. Acoba, Jessly Rose; Dr. Garces, April Rae; Dr. Dejolde, Vanda Charisse; Dr. Rodriguez, Aedrian; Dr. De Jesus, Paul Rothwel
Front seated: (L-R) Dr. Narbarte, M.; D-Hum. Bang-ingito, A. ; Dr. Landless, P.; Dr. Gayoba, F.; Dr. Hart, R.; Dr. Mendoza, D.; Dr. Beardsley-Hardy, L.

Dr. Doris Mendoza wipes her tears, beside Dr. Gayoba, as she becomes emotional when she receives her award as the Founding and Current Dean of AUP College of Medicine.

namely: 1) clinician, 2) teacher or educator, 3) researcher, 4) manager, 5) social-mobilizer, plus 6) physician missionary.

Beginning in their very first week of medical schooling, these students have been taught to render to every patient “Whole Person Care”, min-



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Dr. Lisa Beardsley-Hardy
Consecration Speaker

Dr. Peter Landless
Baccalaureate Speaker

Dr. Richard Hart
Commencement Speaker

istering to the healing of the body, mind and spirit. They have put to heart the College of Medicine motto: "Through Christ, Healing and Wholeness" ever aware that each heart without Christ is a mission field.

They rotated for 10 months at the Batangas Medical Center for clinical clerkship exposure, and 2 months at the Adventist Medical Center Manila for Clinical Mentorship & Chaplaincy.

Awards to the Graduates
The Graduates received awards as Outstanding Clerks in the Clinical Departments at the Batangas Medical Center, as well as the Adventist Medical Center Manila.

Most Outstanding for the Clinical Clerkship in Batangas Medical Center was awarded to Dr. Alexzan Bernardino.

Over-all Most Outstanding Clinical Clerk Exemplifying Whole Person Care was awarded to Dr. Paul Rothwell De Jesus.

Dr. Paul Rothwell De Jesus is also the recipient of the most meaningful award in the AUP medical school – the Most Distinguished A.C.E Award which stands for A: Academic excellence; C: Christ-like character; and E: Exemplary service. Aside from graduating at the top of his class with the highest GPA, he has served as the Class Pastor; he established the MEDS (Medical Evangelists Dedicated for Service); he gave Bible studies to his medicine teacher who has since been baptized into the Adventist faith.

Dr. Jon Sergei Aclan garnered the Most Outstanding Leadership Award, having served as the president of Prima Lux from the first year; being the founding president of the medical students council, being a national officer as board member of the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges Student Network; having founded the nationally and internationally acclaimed missions-oriented Project Gifted. 🙏



Successful doctors, pastors, teachers, businessmen and other professionals from all corners of the globe gathered at AUP on Thursday, February 28 through Sunday, March 3, 2019. Greeted by banners heralding their grand reunion, it was a special time set aside to remember, to reconnect and to revisit a time in their past, to experience again their years on this campus where they came together 40 years before to begin their college years.

Members of the first freshman class of then Philippine Union College descended on the campus for a weekend of reunion activities which included a Thursday evening banquet, a health and wellness seminar on Friday and full Sabbath services from Vespers through Sabbath School and the Hour of Worship. The group of nearly 60 alumni from the Pioneers Class participated in a special luncheon followed by a baptism of 4 precious souls which was the result of an evangelistic crusade also sponsored by the Pioneers. They spent the afternoon touring the campus which afforded them special photo opportunities as they were able to see the results of 40 years of progress. A solemn sundown service was then capped with a dinner and social time for this group of enthusiastic classmates now in their late 50's and early 60's.

Flashback to 40 years ago when this same set of young high school graduates arrived at the new, nearly desolate campus of PUC Silang, then a distant and provincial location. A bumpy jeepney ride on the narrow, dusty pothole-ridden main road to Santa Rosa or up the hill to Tagaytay were the only links to the civilization of a city. Only a few buildings existed in strategic points of the campus of this budding college—just a couple



Pioneers Celebrate their 40th Year

By **Arlene Tordecilla - Ferrolino**
Reprinted from AUP Website

of classrooms, dormitories, the cafeteria and the graduate school, the motorpool and a few faculty homes. Sugar-cane fields and pineapple plantations marked the rolling landscape with a few lush mango and coconut trees when a total of 110 students from educational institutions near and far came to the school to seek higher education.

They were bright-eyed and eager to begin their classes as new college students and little did they know that their existence would carry such great significance in the amazing history of this school. It was this group of young men and women who were the first occupants of the new Modulares and the newly erected and freshly painted Sampaguita Hall, the first to dine in the new cafeteria. Their feet were the first to traverse the sidewalks and, yes, even the unpaved trails that connected the motor pool to the cafeteria, the dorms to the gym and PIC which were both still under construction at the time.

What are now stately and mature ipil-ipil and acacia trees were mere saplings planted by the caring hands of the Pioneers who participated in two hours of work education every day before they began their classes. The work-study program yielded countless hours of valuable manpower which helped shape and construct the sprawling campus into what it is today. Where there are now concrete and asphalt roads were once dusty paths on sunny

days or muddy dirt roads on rainy days for these Pioneers to plod. There were not many vehicles on campus 40 years ago. The modes of transportation back then were just a few cars and mopeds whose engines would break the stillness of the then quiet and tranquil rural atmosphere.

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GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER REPORT (2012- 2019)

By: **Loida M. Miguel**
President,
Greater Los Angeles Chapter

ACTIVITIES:

Held Rallies, Fund-raising by Individual solicitations, Christmas caroling, Socials and Picnic at the Park.

PARTICIPATIONS:

Yearly Medical Missions with Evangelistic Outreach to the Philippines and once in Africa with the Southern California region of the Adventist Health; Feeding 600 AUP working students and distributions of clothing and personal items; Involvement at AWESNA Conventions and Spiritual Retreats and Fund-raising events.

PROJECTS:

1. Tuition aid to deserving students at AUP. To date- 18 students have graduated.
2. Rice program to around 600 needy students at AUP.

DONATIONS:

1. Cash donations to victims of typhoon “Yolanda” in the Philippines.
2. Donation to AUP College of Medicine.
3. Solicited donations for the Food Service room named after AWESNA Los Angeles Chapter and Service area room named for the “Cucueco” family- College of Medicine Building.
4. Donated four (4) Cows to four poor families during the Medical mission outreach in Zambia, Africa. The Cows’ milk will provide needed nutrients for the family and help in carrying household loads as a “beast of burden”. The Cows were named “AWESNA Los Angeles Chapter”.

Pioneers Celebrate their 40th Year

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Undoubtedly, this unique, adventurous, trailblazing and historically special pioneering class was divinely placed at this specific time in PUC/AUP’s timeline. As young college freshman then and now, 40 years later, as leaders and solid workers in their chosen fields of ministry, medicine, education, business, nursing and allied health among others, it is clearly evident that the years they spent as Pioneers has contributed greatly to the solid foundation of character building, the tenacity to become high-achievers and the desire to be of greater service. On ever onward, the Pioneers have gloriously gone, as they have truly and most certainly exemplified the school’s motto.

Gratefully blessed, proudly inspired by their history and enthusiastically eager to continue their legacy, the Pioneers Class was responsible for the construction of Pioneers Hall and will soon announce their next project for the continuing advancement of their alma mater. 🙏



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER (NEW CHAPTER)

By: **Lita Laoyan**
AWESNA President

OFFICERS OF THE NEWLY-ORGANIZED CHAPTER:

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
President – Harry Avellona
Vice President – Ruby Babista
Secretary – Joy Clemente
Treasurer – Myra Mitra
Auditor – Mylene Avellona
PRO – Marjury Agagas, Jr
Ernesto Babista, Jr
Advisors: Pastor Reuben
and Ruby Rafanan

June 8, 2019 – The San Fernando Valley alumni decided to organize as a chapter during the alumni meeting in the afternoon at San Fernando Valley Church. Election of officers was witnessed by Welmie Guerra as the designated COMELEC representative. The oath of office followed immediately after the elections. Welcome to the AWESNA family!



VIVA LAS VEGAS – BSN CLASS '72 REUNION

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many, Philippines and USA) were able to virtually and vicariously participate in the celebrations. It’s a testament of enduring friendship forged in Christian education that began in college, and a shared belief in the God of love and selfless service over decades that when brought together on this reunion weekend, made the song That’s What Friends are for (by Dionne Warwick) the most fitting theme to close the event until the next reunion. 🙏





ARIZONA CHAPTER (NEW CHAPTER)

By: **Lita Laoyan**
AWESNA President

June 29, 2019 – Met with alumni friends in Chandler Fil-Am SDA Church in Chandler, Arizona and they decided to organize the Arizona Chapter. In attendance were AWESNA PRO, Marjorie Reyno Huynh, pianist for Divine Service; COMELEC Representative, Marcel Velasco, speaker for Divine Worship and his wife, Zeny Velasco. A video presentation of the recent Medical/Dental/Evangelistic Mission in Davao, Philippines was shown during the Sabbath School Program. During the afternoon meeting, the election of chapter officers was done followed by the oath taking ceremony. The Arizona alumni were very enthusiastic and great singers especially when they sang the AUP Song, “On Ever Onward”.

After the services, the group proceeded to Scottsdale for a celebratory dinner at the home of Glenn and Nica Sta Ana, chapter Secretary. The next day, a trip to Sedona was planned with chapter Vice President Pastor Tony Cabanesas with his wife, Medz and daughter, Shine.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

New officers:
President - Geoffrey Tio
Vice President - Tony Cabanesas
Secretary - Nica Santa Ana
Treasurer - Malou Bathan
Auditor - Joseph Dean Tolentino
PRO - Jennevi Yabut
Advisors - Lauran Merginio,
Noemi Douglas, Nerissa Schoop



VIVA LAS VEGAS – BSN CLASS '72 REUNION

By: Erlinda Reyes, BSN '72
Edited by: Crisamar J Anunciado, PhD, FP-BC, BC-ADM

Viva Las Vegas legendary singer Elvis Presley rocked the stages in Nevada while Rocket Man by Elton John topped in 100 music hits in the US in 1972. The year marked a turning point in Philippine history as well – typhoon Konsing landed on June 25 killing 131 and costing damages at upwards of \$15 million. Philippines participated in the Munich Summer Olympics – the deadliest Olympics in history when the massacre of Israeli Olympians played out in the media worldwide. Barely a few weeks after the Filipino Olympians returned to the country, Philippines fell into martial law under president Ferdinand Marcos where hero, Benigno Aquino was arrested and newspaper, radio and TV media was shut down.

Fast forward 47 years – these '72 graduate nurses met on Valentine's weekend in Las Vegas, Nevada for a

reunion. Though marred by hardship and significant events coming into the world as new graduate nurses in 1972, they rose above these tragedies, prevailed and succeeded over the years. Welcomed by Fred & Laura Banaag, hosts of the 3-day reunion accommodations at Westgate Las Vegas Resort, the attendees settled into excited chatter even before the festivities commenced.

The weekend program was filled with planned and spontaneous activities that took attendees down memory lane – the shared experiences of the sleepless nights studying, long clinical hours, Sabbath activities, blooming relationships and the camaraderie bound this class with the unbreakable and special bond, a feat flawlessly executed and led by Asher Reyes. It was “a dose of bliss to our souls” and topping it up with the renewal of vows of two couple's wedding



anniversary celebration complete with wedding entourage. Other program participants included Abelardo Osorio (speaker), Dem Villar (prayer), Lala Andres Banaag, Ofelia Osorio (class tee cosponsor), and many others.

Although not everyone in the class was able to come, through social media photo and video sharing, classmates from around the world (Canada, Ger-

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Dr. Ulysses Carbajal, MD

(August 10, 1922 – February 22, 2016)

BY: CRISAMAR J ANUNCIADO, PHD, FNP-BC, BC-ADM

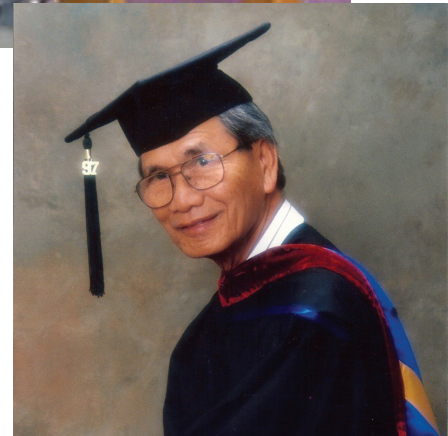
Ulysses Carbajal was one of those AWESNA presidents that came into the position at the twilight of his life. A very accomplished physician who specialized in eyes, ear, nose and throat (EENT), he dedicated his life and work to others from the time he graduated AUP in 1947 until his last days when he physically could no longer serve. As much as AWESNA wants to honor a man for his short term as president, the man was larger and bigger than the sum of his AWESNA accomplishments. To focus only on this would certainly be myopic considering the breadth of his impact to AWESNA and beyond.

In the 1950s, Dr. Carbajal arrived in Los Angeles for his residency program. He quickly got introduced to a few Filipinos attending Los Angeles Central City SDA Church. Together, they worked hard to organized the first Filipino SDA group in Wilmington, CA (1957) – which, after several changes due to growth, aggressive

campaigning for funds, and negotiations with the city by Dr. Carbajal and colleagues, eventually culminated in the building of the Central Filipino SDA Church in 1992 on its' present location in Los Angeles.

In the 1960s, Dr. Carbajal saw a need for a health plan for the Philippines. His activities with the Philippine Medical Association (PMA) and local government officials eventually led to the establishment of PhilHealth Health Plan. More 50 years later in 2018, the insurance serves over 104 million Filipinos. On the same token, Dr. Carbajal also organized free medical missions throughout the Philippines over many decades, starting with the first medical mission in Legaspi City in the early 1960.

Fast forward to the 21st century, Dr. Carbajal became president of AWESNA soon after the turn of the century (2004-2005). He was in his ripe age at 80s. Upon review of his accomplishments on old BOO meeting minutes, Dr. Carbajal was instrumental in many of the projects we continue to support to this day: (1) launch and growth the endowment fund which is now at \$400,000; (2) sold out the 1st publication of Mirroreflect under Ban Alsaybar & started publication of 2nd volume – today, Mirroreflect is on its 5th volume; (3) spearheaded the planning and execution of the 2005 Joint Mega-convention EASNAC/AWESNA in Houston, Texas; (4) collaborated with AUP president in dissemination of funds; and lastly (5) in collaboration with San Diego Chapter,



Cris Anunciado (president) & members, offered the first formally funded CME event co-sponsored by Sharp Healthcare called The Heart of Diabetes Care: New Approaches in the Management of an Ancient Disease. This event in Industry Hills, CA brought locally & nationally renowned endocrinologists/speakers such as Etie Moghissi MD, Daniel Einhorn MD and Eric Gold MD. This CME event was awarded \$13,000 for AWESNA from Novo Nordisk and Sanofi Pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Carbajal was truly the epitome of a life spent in service to others. His legacy is larger than his impact in AWESNA alone, and that was plenty enough. Dr. Carbajal improved and saved patients' lives as a physician but as an outstanding person in his own right, helped improve the lives of thousands of people with PhilHealth insurance, benefited from Philippine Medical Missions, and the hundreds of members that went through Central Filipino SDA Church. He is survived by his wife Jovita Carbajal, his children and grandchildren. 🙏

AWESNA Spiritual Retreat 2019

By: Crisamar J Anunciado, PhD, FNP-BC, BC-ADM

Nestled in the heart of the Desert Empire's Coachella Valley in Riverside County is the Miracle Springs Resort & Spa – venue of the 2019 AWESNA spiritual retreat on January 25-27, 2019. The summers can be scorching at highs in triple digits, however, the winter temperatures are perfect. Hence, it was a proper site to hold 2019's retreat for mind, body and soul.

Friday night vespers greeted attendees to singing with song leaders Berti Fabro, Ophelia Daus, and Eunice Jornada and opening welcome remarks by Perida Tongpo. The AWESNA retreat theme As God Forgives was introduced by Eppie Manalo. Message titled The Struggle to Forgive was delivered by Pastor Dem Robles. Sabbath School Service was led by Miguelito (welcome) and Lucy Fernando (scripture). Octavio Quijada shared a provocative message, Why Zebras Do Not Commit Suicide, and closed in prayer by Alfonso Miguel. The Medical Mission volunteers for Davao Outreach was dedicated in prayer by Pastor Pliny Fondevilla. The Hour of worship was welcomed by AWESNA president Lita Laoyon with call to worship by Eduardo and Alma Gonzaga. Following on the forgiveness theme, Jose Manalo preached on Forgiveness and Beyond, and the service was closed in prayer by Armand Zabala. Sabbath afternoon service praised God in music with groups such as Ripples, AWENG TI Amianan, and Advent Vocal Ensemble. Dynamic bible learning was led by Olive Bautista and it was closed in prayer by Roditha Pablo.

AWESNA board of officers meeting was held Saturday night at sunset – business meeting completed earlier than the traditional Sunday morning meetings. In lieu of the traditional social night, retreat attendees had options to enjoy seven natural hot springs available on the property or enjoy facials and massages offered at the spa. Alternatively, just a few miles from the Miracle Springs Resort & Spa are hiking



trails to take in a bit of sunlight, nature and fresh air to renew not only the spirit, but also the body and mind amidst God's creation. This event allowed AWESNA BOO and families spend time in spiritual renewal while enjoying the company of fellow alumni as they move forward in planning activities for the organization. 🙏





GIFTS From AWESNA and other alumni

By Marjorie Reyno-Huynh & Alfonso Miguel

AWESNA has given standing and lasting testaments of loyalty and support to PUC/AUP over the past 50 years. The contributions of AWESNA with other alumni in collaboration with the AUP Administration to our Alma Mater, AUP is presented in the form of pictures:

- 1) Alfonso P. Roda Alumni Hall
- 2) Romulo and Dalisay Valdez Service Center building
- 3) Eliseo M. Bautista School of Nursing building
- 4) Herminio Reyes Guest Faculty Duplex building
- 5) AUP Silang Pioneer Class building

- 6) AWESNA History and Archives Museum at the Detweiler Library building
- 7) AUP Centennial Park
- 8) College of Theology Building
- 9) College of Medicine Building
- 10) Elmer Bangloy Dentistry building
- 11) AUP Gate—an EASNAC project supported by some AWESNA members;
- 12) AUP Mango Grove;
- 13) AWESNA Endowment Fund—an ongoing annual contribution of 75% for AUP Faculty Upgrade and 25% Research fund from the annual interest yield for the past fifteen years (>\$55,000). Truly we are proud of our supportive AWESNA members!
14. Visiting Professors





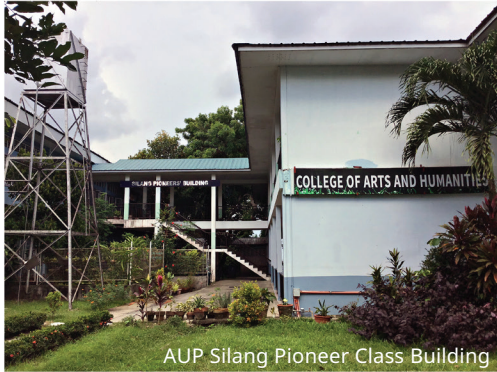
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AUP College of Theology Building



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AUP College of Medicine Building



AUP Centennial Park



AUP Mango Grove



AUP Centennial Park



AUP Centennial Park

An informed historical perspective on the Adventist University of the Philippines Alumni of Western North America's (AUP AWESNA) origins and development must be situated within the context of the great Filipino Diaspora, the dispersal of Filipinos over the face of the earth (esp. last 40 years of the 20th century), largely to North America. Values of Adventist spirituality and work ethic acquired from PUC/AUP, combined with old-fashioned Filipino cultural values, have served alumni abroad in good stead. Here is AWESNA'S historical timeline:

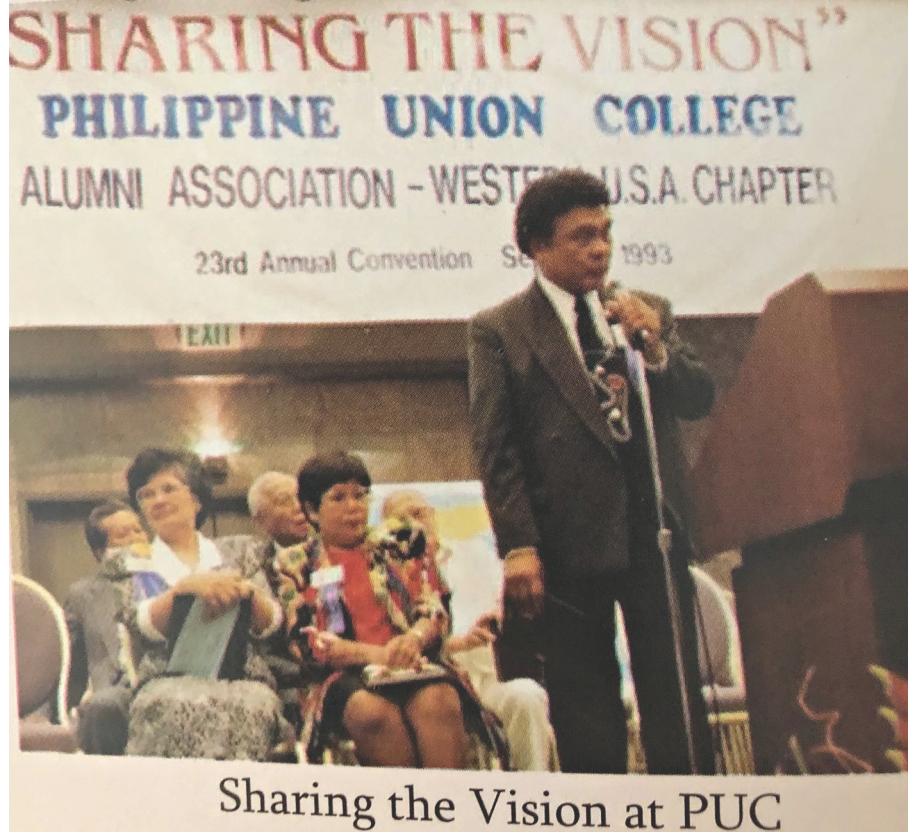
1950s: PUC Baesan medical doctors, nurses, and medical technologists come to America via the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP). Includes Celedonio Fernando and Eliseo Repique at White Memorial Hospital, Ulysses Carbajal at UCLA and others. Many Filipino professionals want to stay on but are constrained by immigration law to exit after expiration of their fellowships and re-apply for visas.

1960s: More alumni, mostly nurses, arrive, many work in Glendale Adventist Hospital (e.g. Angie Mendoza Cabellon, Jerida Alsaybar Magas, Ludy Malaguit Mendoza and others).

1965: Landmark Immigration Reform Bill clears US Congress, assigns 20,000 visas annually for Filipino immigrants under the family reunification principle. This triggers immigration fever, engendering virtual transplantation of the PUC Baesa community to American shores.

AWESNA'S STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT:

1969-1974: Embryonic Stage: Refers to the group's conception and gestation in the institutional womb of the pioneering Central Filipino Church. It began as the "Pacific Union Chapter" of the Philippine Union College Alumni Association. It had no Constitution and Bylaws. Its purpose was to get PUCians together, to fellowship in a religious setting. Elected first president, Dr. George Atiga provides spiritual guidance during CFC church retreats. He exhorts alumni to help finish God's work in both the Philippines and North America.



AWESNA at 50: True and Faithful, on a Different Shore

BY BANGELE D. ALSAYBAR, PHD (ANTHROPOLOGY)

1974-1989: Formalization, Stabilization, and Crisis Intervention Stage: At some undetermined point, Pacific Union Chapter became "Western USA Chapter" (WUSAC). Dr. Celedonio Fernando a neurosurgeon and spell-binding orator, becomes president and moving spirit, professionalizes the association, and begins lengthy era (15 years) of stabilization, supportive intervention for PUC, and organizational growth. His first act was to draft a Constitution and Bylaws, draw a roster of membership and collect dues.

1976: Called the "SOS" or ("Save Our Silang") campaign, Dr. Alfonso P. Roda travels across North America to appeal for funds. The \$30,000 raised signals the beginning of active North American alumni support for the fledgling Silang campus.

1980: The Link founded, first issue comes out, Alfea Salvador is first Editor-in-Chief. The newsletter helps bind the community together by providing information on current developments in PUC. (We might consider it as

precursor to today's digitally-driven Cyberlink). Also providing writing stimuli to the literary-minded. Original subchapters organized, from Fresno in the north to San Diego in the south. Tradition of annual honor classes started (a Nestor Zamora brainchild).

1984: Beginning of AIIAS/PUC Graduate School Crisis; higher, colonial-driven authorities try to gain control of coveted program. Dr. Alfonso P. Roda fights to prevent hostile take over, faculty, students, and alumni in the USA rally behind him. It is to be emphasized that without a viable graduate school, one of the Philippine government's requirements for upgrading to university status, PUC would not be called "AUP" today.

1986: Alumni Center Project (in the Silang campus) launched; ground-breaking ceremony in December 1986.

1987: On March 5 President Roda dies of a broken heart; interim president Dr. Esmeraldo de Leon continues fight to prevent AIIAS takeover of Graduate



PRESIDENT
Eppie A. Manalo

AWESNA ELECTED OFFICERS 2019-2022



TREASURER
Rene Donato, CPA

Degree in AUP - Bachelor in Business
- Major in Accounting, 1967
Current Degree - CPA and Certificate in
Governmental Accounting

Current occupation - Retired from City of
Corona as Accounting Supervisor



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Doctor of Nursing Practice
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SECRETARY
Bernadette Junio,
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BS Psych - 1994

Work Experience

- Guidance Counselor AUPA 1995-1996
- Instructor Psych Dept 1995-1996
- Entrepreneur - Aetna Phils 1996-2003
- Tax & Financial Consultant/Entrepreneur
- 2006 to present

Investment Marketing Solutions
with 2 offices located in Tarzana
and Glendale
- Glendale Chapter member



AUDITOR
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Bachelor of Science in Commerce
Major in Accounting, 1972

Accountant
Northern California Conference of SDA
(recently retired)

Treasurer (current)
Lodi English Oaks SDA Church
Lodi CA



PRO
Marjorie Ann Reyno-Huynh,
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Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology
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Master of Science in Microbiology
Loma Linda University, 1990

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– Ernesto Banaag
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Co-Chair - Eduardo Gonzaga
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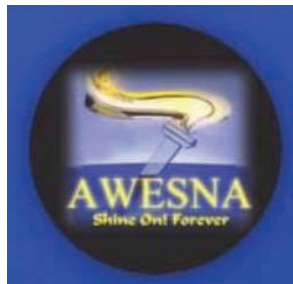
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 12. Scholarship and Aid Program
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 14. Souvenir Program
– Rene Donato
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 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm AWESNA House of Delegates
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Opening Ceremonies
 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Choral Festival/Vespers
 (Opening night attire - Filipiniana)

Saturday, August 31, 2019

8:30 am - 12:00 pm Sabbath Services
 Adult/Youth/Children
 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Special Feature, AUP Update
 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Banquet Dinner

*Save the
 Date!*

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Honor Class

Class '59 - Diamond Jubilee - 60 years
 Class '69 - Golden Jubilee - 50 years
 Class '74 - 45 years
 Class '79 - Ruby Jubilee - 40 years
 Class '89 - Pearl Jubilee - 30 years
 Class '94 - Silver Jubilee - 25 years
 Class '99 - 20 years
 Class 2009 - 10 years
 Class 2019 -
 Other Honor Classes

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