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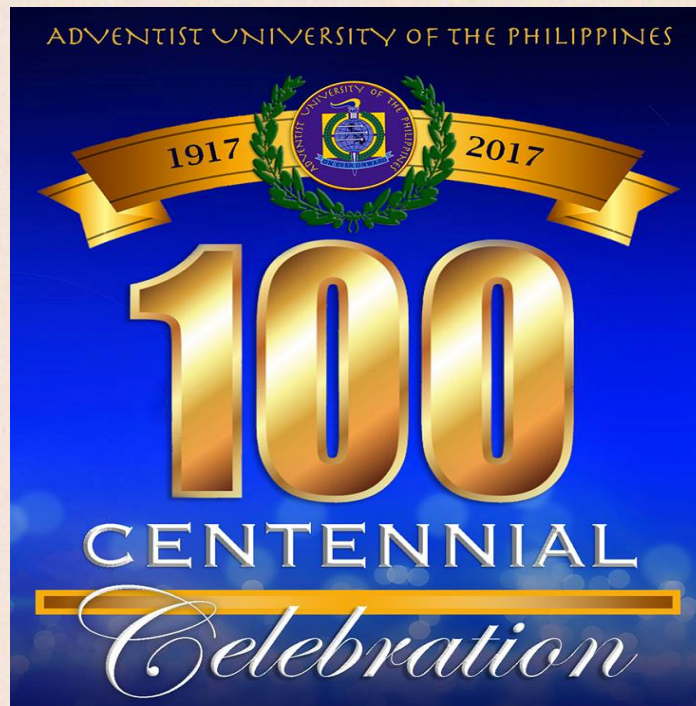
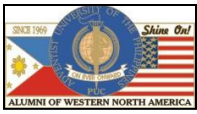


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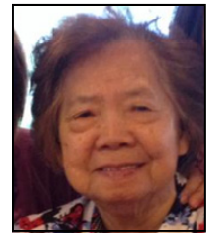
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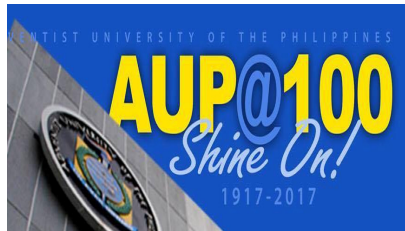
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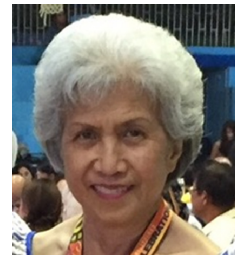
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iInvolve: AUP SHINE ON FOREVER!

“ Together with the new set of officers, I am excited to welcome you to the first convention of our three-year-term, focusing on the theme “iInvolve” which underscores the need for more AWESNA members to be involved in its alumni affairs, programs, and projects. I pose a question for us to consider: What can I do to make a difference? ”

September 1, 2017



GREETINGS from Loma Linda!

Praise God for 2017! It is a memorable year to all alumni and friends, the historic Centennial Year of our beloved Alma Mater, the Philippine Union College (PUC) now Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) and at the same time, it is the 45th annual convention of our organization, Alumni of Western North America (AWESNA).

It is a great honor to be a part of the centennial celebration with the theme *SHINE ON @ 100!* On behalf of AWESNA executive officers, I salute our leaders who founded and built PUC, now AUP over a century into a great Christian institution— where thousands of professionals have passed through its doors who are now doing outstanding services around the community and throughout the world to keep *Shining for Him*. Fellow alumni, yes we are proud to be a part of a long, glorious history of our dear Alma Mater, AUP!

I want to thank the Loma Linda Chapter under the leadership of Dr. Joselito Co, its chapter president, for hosting two events in Loma Linda, California commemorating the AUP Centennial celebration. The first event held on March 11, 2017: Service of Remembrance, was a worship service honoring memories of former faculties and staff who passed on January 2016 through January 2017. The second event held on April 22, 2017: Songs of Praise, a worship service featuring different children and youth choirs.

The celebration on September 1-3, 2017 marks the 45th AWESNA annual convention, which is held for the first time at the Loma Linda Filipino SDA Church multipurpose building in Loma Linda (Spanish for “beautiful hill”) in San Bernardino County, California. Together with the new set of officers, I am excited to welcome you to the first convention of our three-year-term, focusing on the theme “iInvolve” which underscores the need for more AWESNA members to be involved in its alumni affairs, programs, and projects. I pose a question for us to consider: What can I do to make a difference?

Thank you for attending our convention, for your financial contributions, for volunteering your time, for your commitment and participation, for your feedback and suggestions, and above all, thank you for your prayers! I want to take this opportunity to thank our officers, event planners, and chapter hosts, the Los Angeles and Glendale chapters, for diligently planning for this convention. Let us embrace change as we enjoy the camaraderie of former classmates, friends, and new acquaintances.

Through God’s grace, our AWESNA family takes the challenge and opportunity to continue the ongoing task with much commitment as exhibited by our pioneers to make **AUP SHINE ON FOREVER!**

God bless AUP...

Carmelita C. Laoyan, R.N., M.H.A.
President, AWESNA

September 1, 2017



Dear Alumni,

It gives me immense pleasure to greet everyone for the 45th AWESNA Annual Convention, held at the beautiful city of Loma Linda.

It is admirable that AWESNA never fails to come together and keep in touch even after all these years. We at the university are beaming with joy to see our alumni gathering together, supporting one another and working together towards fulfilling the mission of the church. As alumni, you have given back to our very own Alma Mater in many ways and the university cannot thank you enough. We sincerely appreciate your active participation in the AUP Centennial celebration, especially your role in supporting the College of Medicine building project. This was once a dream, now it is a reality and we have you to thank for that. Its culmination is nearing and we lay our trust on your continuous support.

My beloved alumni, we have been honed in the portals of our university to be the light and salt of the earth. And now, we are living in the solemn hour of earth's history. Moral decay is rising and we are witnessing a Godless generation. In fact, love is perishing around the world. Therefore, there is an urgent need of people who can influence others in making the difference. As alumni of AUP, we are called by God to shine on for Him. I can hear Jesus say "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven".

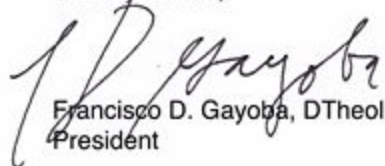
A big task is ahead of us, may you continue your zeal in dedicating your lives fulfilling the commission.

"Involved" is indeed a fitting theme, that calls you and me to contribute to this noble and solemn responsibility.

May you continue to influence new generations of AUPians to serve God, your Alma Mater, and the world!

Mabuhay Tayong Lahat!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Francisco D. Gayoba". Below the signature, the name and title are printed in a serif font.

Francisco D. Gayoba, DTheol
President



AWESNA Board of Officers 2016-2019



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10. Loma Linda - Joselito Co
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12. San Diego - Mar Mutya
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10. Scholarship & Aid Program - Emily Garcia & Jun Tangonan
11. Social Events - Don and Gladys Roman
12. Sports and Recreation - Doug and Cris Anunciado
13. Souvenir Program - Rene Donato and Fenina Garaza

In Retrospect: AWESNA at a Glance (2016-2017)

Lita Laoyan, President, AWESNA 2016-2019



With much enthusiasm, the new AWESNA officers for 2016-2017 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

This year, 2017, the first convention year during our three-year-term held at the Loma Linda Filipino Church, underscoring the theme “iInvolve” aimed at encouraging more AWESNA members to be involved in alumni affairs, programs, and projects.

Thank you fellow alumni and friends for your continued commitment and support as we journey together to make AWESNA greater organization!

2016

October 2 – 2017 Medical Mission team meeting, Covina, CA

October 2 – 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 on 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 Coo

Appointed Associate Vice President -Myrna Dial

Vice President – Perida Tongpo

Secretary – Amy Galang

Treasurer – Armand Zabala

Auditor – Violeta Palma

PRO – Elfrie Cuizon

Advisers: Dr. & Mrs. Romulo Tabo,
Ben & Carmen Nate

(Photo credit: Don and Marjorie Huynh)



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

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



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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 Centennial Celebration in Philippines

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

March 11 – Service of Remembrance (phase I) by Loma Linda Chapter commemorating the AUP centennial event, Loma Linda

April 9 – Board of Officers meeting, Riverside, CA. COE building Trust Fund started.



April 22 – Songs of Praise (phase II) by 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 Dauglash, 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 – 45th annual convention, theme “iInvolve,” at Loma Linda Filipino SDA Church, CA

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



Editorial

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"Joining a group of diverse individuals can stimulate and serve as a learning experience and friendships. Secondly, we can train others with new skills such as leadership, management, writing and other skills. Thirdly, alumni groups have a shared purpose where they move together and finish the goals faster as compared to individuals working alone."

AWESNA's *iInvolve* and AUP's 100th Anniversary



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elcome to the 45th AWESNA Convention during the Centennial Celebration of the Adventist University of the Philippines!

The Adventist University of the Philippines had its humble beginnings as Philippine Seventh Day Adventist Academy (1917) at Pasay City and became Philippine Union College (1932) at the Baesa Campus and later Adventist University of the Philippines (1996) in Silang, Cavite. The Lord has led and guided AUP to reach this 100th year milestone.

I had the privilege to attend and participate at the Centennial Celebration at AUP speaking about the Generosity of God's people on February 5, 2017 at the College of Medicine (COM) Alumni Hall. AWESNA members have generously supported the COM building and it was an honor to be standing on the podium.

This Convention's theme: "iInvolve" is a fitting theme because it gives purpose for AWESNA. What is our purpose and how can we get involved? First, join the local alumni groups and participate. There are 13 chapters in Western United States and Canada. Joining a group of diverse individuals can stimulate and serve as a learning experience and friendships. Secondly, we can train others with new skills such as leadership, management, writing and other skills. Thirdly, alumni groups have a

shared purpose where they move together and finish the goals faster as compared to individuals working alone. Current opportunities within AWESNA are: 1) Endowment Fund and 2) Medical Dental Mission in Mindoro on February, 2018.

I would like to thank the following contributors: Dr. Elma Lou Roda, Dr. Eppie Manalo, Loida Miguel, Dr. Alfonso Miguel, Lita Laoyan, Wilma Dauglash, Oscar Pablo, Ephraim Roxas, Crisamar Anunciado. Special thanks to the Editorial team, Edwin Araba, Crisamar Anunciado and Rene Donato whose help made this edition possible. Photo credits to Josemar Mercado, Joy Orbe, Don Huynh, Crisamar Anunciado, Elfrie Aristorenas Cuizon, Gladys Roman and Yolanda Bagwell.

Happy 100th birthday to AUP!

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Marjorie Reyno-Huynh
AWESNA PRO

Theme: As Jesus Loved

AWESNA Spiritual Retreat 2017

By Marjorie Reyno Huynh



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WESNA's Spiritual Retreat on January 13-15, 2017 was at Staybridge Suites, Carlsbad, CA. It was hosted by the Young Alumni Chapter, with co-coordinators Liberty Olive Roda Bautista-Macias, Gladys Araba-Roman and overall coordinator Dr. Eppie Manalo,

Multi-talented husband and wife team guest speakers, Antonee Leo and Girlie Zuniga-Aguilar (both AUP alumni), who are currently working and pursuing advanced degrees at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, graced the weekend event.

Vespers opened with singing "Holy spirit you are welcome here," which served as retreat theme song. Focusing on the theme, **As Jesus Loved**, the audience was divided into small groups to discuss various topics relating to the theme. These small group discussions were preceded by brief introductions to set up the subtopics for the groups to discuss among themselves. Topics included Jesus sacrifice for us and loving as Jesus loved. The informal small group setting allowed participants to delve deeper into their individual spiritualities within the confines of fellow like-minded and supportive Christian environment.

Of course, a spiritual retreat is not the same without a talented praise team and special music led by Rico and Marco Macias of La Sierra University and a Young Alumni Chapter Choir directed by Liberty Olive Roda Bautista-Macias.

Team building socials on Saturday did not disappoint with various parlor games played and prizes up for grabs. Sunrise 5-mile Potato Chip hike was led by Doug and Cris Anunciado of the San Diego Chapter while the rest of the board officers closed the program with a business meeting.



AUP COLLEGE OF MEDICINE UPDATE

To our Friends & Supporters in the US:

Warmest greetings from AUP Campus!

Time seems to have flown very fast since the inauguration and opening of the College of Medicine in August 2015. God has truly blessed our College of Medicine since then, and come Academic Year 2017-2018, we will be welcoming a new batch of first year medical students, which is more than triple the number of the pioneer class! We will open our doors to a medical student populace of over a hundred this August 2017. Simultaneous with our growing student population, however, grows the need for more facilities (rooms/ equipment) and man power (faculty/ staff).

In relation to this, as of today, I would like to give a **Summarized Report of the State of Affairs of the COM** going into AY 2017-2018.

THE COM ORGANIZATION

Going into Academic Year 2017-2018, the College of Medicine Administration and Staff consist of the following:

Founding & Current Dean:

Doris A. Mendoza, MD

Administrative Assistant to the Dean:

Demuel Dee Berto, MD

Academic Assistant to the Dean:

Carolyn Joy Felicen, MD

Head - Medical Education Unit: Zenaida Antonio, MD

Chair – Family, Comm, Preventive Med & Research Dept:

Bienvenido Tamano, MD

Chair (acting) – Basic & Pre-Clinical Sciences Dept:

Carolyn Joy Felicen, MD

Chair – Clinical Sciences Department:

Bibly Macaya, MD

Academic Coordinator/Director of University Infirmary:

Prudencio Sta. Lucia, Jr., MD

Clinical Coordinator for Batangas Medical center:

Elmer Valenzona, MD

Clinical Coordinator for Adventist Medical Center Manila:

Linda Varona, MD

College Secretary: Mary Anne Grace Dorado, MAN

Laboratory Custodian: Japhet Delima, BSBio

MEDICAL EDUCATION UNIT

The COM Medical Education Unit was established, and the Head, Dr. Zenaida Antonio was appointed, in compliance with the CHED PSG, CMO Series 2015, which recommends that a medical school should have such, as stated in Article VI, Section 11, to wit: *“It is desirable that all medical schools shall have a medical education unit composed of qualified academicians who shall be responsible for faculty development and training and other functions as designated by the dean.”*

TRAINING HOSPITAL / BASE TEACHING HOSPITAL

The Training Hospital for our College of Medicine is an important area of concern because of the change of policies, standards, and guidelines of the CHED. In December 19, 2014 CHED Resolution 785-2014 granted AUP the Government Permit to conduct and operate the Doctor of Medicine program. This approval was based on CHED MEMORANDUM ORDER (CMO) NO. 10, Series of 2006 Article VI. Section 9, to wit: *“When the school does not own its training hospital, it shall be*

required to enter into an affiliation arrangement with an accredited hospital in the same geographic area.”

The latest PSG for Medical School CMO Series of 2015, however, which took effect after our school was approved to open, states in Article VI – Required Resources, Section 11: *“Whether public or private HEI, when the school does not own its base training hospital, it shall be required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with an accessible, appropriately-accredited hospital in the same city/province.”*





The COM founding dean has been repeatedly advised/reminded by the CHED TCME members during APMC & CHED meetings to

communicate with and bring to the attention of the AUP Administration the need to have its own teaching hospital build within 10 years of the opening of the College of Medicine. It is our wish therefore to ask the help of our US friends and supporters to help start a fund-raising activity to build our own Adventist University of the Philippines Training Hospital within the campus.

Meanwhile, in the next few years, while awaiting the construction of our own teaching hospital, and during this time that our COM has not found a more suitable teaching/ training base hospital in the same city/ province, the following health institutions will serve the purpose of our training hospitals, based on the MOU/MOA we have with each of them:

Batangas Medical Center:

Clinical exposure for 1st-3rd year levels of medical students (History-taking & Physical Exam for Organ-System Integrated topics) Clinical Clerkship (10 months during 4th year level medical students)

Adventist Medical Center Manila

Clinical Clerkship Mentoring Program (2 months during 4th year level medical students)

Research Institute for Tropical Diseases (RITM)

Clinical exposure in Dermatology for 2nd year level medical students

Cavite Center for Mental Health

Clinical exposure to psychiatry patients for 3rd year level medical students.

FACULTY

A list of new faculty, submitted to and approved by the AdCom, for the incoming Academic Year has already been notarized, in preparation for the forthcoming Academic Year 2017-2018 beginning August 2017.

HUMAN SIMULATION MODEL & SIMULATION ROOM

The LaerdalSimMan 3G Human Simulator Manikin has already been ordered/purchased by the University Purchasing Department for almost P3 and a half million pesos from the funds donated by Dr. & Mrs. Octavio Quijada and awaiting delivery prior to the opening of medicine classes. The manikin will be housed in the Simulation Room (Room 107), which was also paid for by the generous couple.

The eventual plan of the University, in consultation with COM, is to have a University interdisciplinary Simulation Lab Center, which will serve to train the medical students, the nursing students, and the medical technology students, under the management and supervision of a COM staff member.

This summarized report is far from complete, but hopefully it will suffice for the time being. With wisdom and guidance from God above, we will strive to further improve the quality of medical education delivery to our students and continue doing our very best to "let our light shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father Who is in heaven."

Thank you so very much, my brothers and sisters in Christ in the US of A for your continued prayers and support. To God Be the Glory!!

In Christ's service,

Doris A. Mendoza, MD, FPPS
Founding & Current Dean and Professor
AUP College of Medicine

2017 AWESNA MEDICAL MISSION

San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines



In every Medical Mission, the purpose is to help people in remote places who wouldn't have a chance of a better health.

Upon the invitation of the Cucueco family, who hails from Pampanga, AWESNA Greater Los Angeles Chapter was designated to coordinate the preparation of the Medical, Surgical and Dental Mission in San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines. This is the second time that the Cucuecos sponsored a Medical Mission. The first one was in 2010.

Since AWESNA started the Medical Mission Outreach, it has been a self-funded endeavor because AWESNA has no budget for such an Outreach. It has been funded by donations from Alumni and friends. Even volunteers who join the Team contribute in the purchase of medicines, dental and surgical supplies which is costly.

Despite the time off from their jobs, expenses incurred for transportation, lodging and food, many of these volunteers continue to join year after year because they find satisfaction in serving others.

After attending the AUP Centennial Celebration in Silang, Cavite, Philippines, a team of 46 enthusiastic Medical Mission volunteers boarded a bus on February 6, 2017 to San Fernando, Pampanga. Upon arrival, we were warmly welcomed by the Cucueco family with an early dinner buffet at the Otel Pampanga, where we stayed for the duration of the Medical Mission. Three (3) more Alumni joined the group, making a total of 49 participants.

Despite the busy weekend activities at the AUP Centennial, and long travel with heavy traffic, the team was eager and ready to work.

The venue of the Medical Mission was a gymnasium at an impoverished section of town. Surgery and Dental services were done at a nearby Birthing Clinic.

Before seeing patients, the group had morning Devotionals led by Drs. Morada, Miguel and Quijada. In the early hours of the first day, there was confusion over the whereabouts of the fourteen (14) boxes of medicines and supplies brought from Manila. After searching and praying, the boxes were found at a locked Bar room at the Hotel.

What a relief! We thank God for answered prayers.

Three (3) Barangays were served during the three-day mission. Numbers of patients seen in each category are: Medical- 1117; Surgical- 49; Dental- 742; Reading glasses- 729; Diabetes testing- 185; TOTAL Patients seen- 2822

There was also counseling and health teaching between patients. A local Pastor conducted nightly evangelistic meetings, for which we encouraged our patients to attend. Baptism was held on a Sabbath afternoon. Our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the Cucueco family who provided the lodging, local transportation, delicious meals, snacks and venue preparations. For Rest and Relaxation, they even brought us to a well-known Resort- ANVAYA Cove Beach and Golf Club in Bataan, where we ate lunch while two members of the group played golf.

For those who were left behind till the weekend, we were able to attend Church Services at a big Hall, where members from other Churches came. Dr. Felcar Morada delivered the Sermon and the group sang "If I Can Help Somebody".

We attribute the success of this Medical Mission to the hard-working and dedicated team members. Some of them helped in areas where help was short or needed. Above all, we praise God for His guidance, answered prayers and protection during our travels.

We acknowledge all the 49 volunteers comprising the Medical Team:

Drs. Angel & Esther Arafiles, Fe Asuncion, Dr. Elmer & Lorie Bangloy, Yolanda Bagwell, Esther Bautista, Dr. Luz Concepcion, Alfredo & Zenaida Concepcion, Wilma Dauglash, Felicitas Dawson, Dr. Nida Galeon, Ray & Ceres Gurango, Lilia Guadiz, Fernaline Kintanar, Ralph & Carmelita Laoyan, Dr. Nemy & Pearl Legaspi, Annielie Madigan, Dr. Alfonso & Loida Miguel, Dr. Felcar & Emilie Morada, Miriam Oconer, Herbert & Merci Puen, Drs. Daniel & Agnes Quion, Dr. Octavuis & Araceli Quijada, Danny & Ruth Sanchez, Marlene Robertson, Dr. Elma Lou Roda, Dr. Don & Gladys Roman, Josie Sta. Ana, Dr. Romulo & Arlegie Tabo, Angelina Tamayo, Herminia Tamayo, Emmanuel & Luz Ulanday, Eleuterio & Cordecita Vigilia, Meldie Ward.

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WHOLE PERSON CARE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017; 0830 – noon
FELLOWSHIP HALL, LOMA LINDA FILIPINO CHURCH
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April Fernando, PhD

TOPIC: Understanding the Whole Person: An Approach to Screening and Assessment in Integrated Care

Dr. Fernando is a Policy Fellow and the Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) Lead at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. A licensed clinical psychologist, she has many years of experience as a practitioner, administrator and educator. She currently consults to mental health and child welfare systems nationally.

TOPIC: Perspectives on the California End of Life Option Act

Dr. Earl Quijada, a passionate palliative care and pain management specialist, is a Geriatrics and Palliative Care physician at Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center. He received numerous teaching awards as a dedicated educator on cancer pain, chronic pain, and opioid management and substance abuse. Dr. Quijada has several peer-reviewed publications and serves in various local, regional, and national committees related to his profession.



Earl Quijada, MD



Eduardo Gonzaga, MD

TOPIC: The Effects of Dietary Sweetness and the Consequent Sourness in our Health!

Dr. Ed Gonzaga is an Internal Medicine doctor who served in various capacities as administrator and clinician at the Jerry Pettis VA Medical Center and the Loma Linda University Medical Center. He also served as clinical instructor for the LLU School of Medicine and was involved in various research/clinical studies. Although retired, he continues to guest lecture and get involved in planning and conducting clinical studies.

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CELEBRATING 100 Years - AUP COMMENCEMENT

By Crisamar J. Anunciado, PhD



AUP at 100 years have never grown nor accomplished so many milestones in the few decades leading up to its' 100th year. It was then fitting to celebrate graduation weekend, May 26 to 28, 2017 with full regalia. The *Iridescent* Class of 2017 with 707 graduates, to date, is largest graduating class in AUP history. Speakers invited to this year's graduation had personal ties to the university as either alumni or former faculty/staff.

Consecration: Pastor Bienvenido E. Capule (Former Business Manager, AUP; Former President, Adventist Medical Center, Manila)

Baccalaureate: Dr. Octavius C. Quijada, MD (Senior Parter, Premier Anesthesia Group in San Bernardino, California)

Commencement: Dr. Crisamar J. Anunciado, PhD, FNP-BC, BC-ADM (Clinical Faculty, University of San Diego; Consultant, Glytec; Nurse Practitioner, Transtreme, LLC; Founder, Critical Essentials)

The entire weekend event was streamed lived on Facebook with almost 100,000 views worldwide. Archived footage can be found on <https://www.facebook.com/AUPPIC>.

Dr. Anunciado delivered her commencement speech to more than 3,000 live and > 45K online audience. The message, when dissected to its' core was succinct, close to heart and personal. She admonished the graduated to go out in the world and S.H.I.N.E.

S stands for *Strong*. Pushing forward even in the face of fear.

H is for *Happy*. Happiness is a choice you make every day; it is not a destination or a goal to be achieved, but a state of being.

I is for *Ikigai*. Ikigai is a Japanese word that means the reason for being or the reason for waking up in the morning. Find your purpose.

N is for *Nurture*. In order to truly succeed in life, take care of yourself, your health, your relationship with God, and keep your loved ones close to heart.

E is for *Exceptional*. Success in life is not measured in the prominence we achieve, the amount of money we acquire, or the level of education attained. It is measured by the individual people whose lives with have touched along the way.

Shine on, forever, AUP....

AWESNA CASCADIA REPORT



Our health activity picture, with the President of our BC Conference, Pastor Wesley Torres (center). photo).

On June 30-July 2, 2017 the Annual Filipino Camp Meeting was held at Camp Hope, BC. Our keynote health speakers are Dr. Blessy and David Varona with their sons, Mark and Michael Varona. They're all AUP alumni.

They presented "Joy and Wellness" seminar and there were a number of non-Adventists, including a group from "Jesus Is Alive" congregation who joined and heard for the first time the Biblical, Levitical diet. They're so eager to know the truth that their Mother Church in Manila, Philippines endorsed the seminar to all their congregational churches.

We praise God for His moving Spirit. This event was mostly attended by our Filipino Churches, Vancouver Filipino Main Church, Inspire Ministries - Vancouver Church-plant, North Shore new partnership-church-plant group, Surrey Filipino Church, Burnaby Filipino Church, Abundant Life Church, Fraser-Valley Filipino Church, Victoria Fil-Can Church, and some Filipino members from Oakridge Church and Coquitlam Church. And then we have visitors from USA as well.

Another AUP Alumnus, Pastor Abel Cordero, from Moreno Hills Church, California led our morning manna worship. His wife Beth Varona Cordero, also an AUP alumna supported us through music as she played on the piano. "GOD'S PLAN" - health ministry event. That same

weekend, we also did a health activity using GOD'S PLAN method which acronym stands for Godly trust, Open air, Daily exercise, Soothing sunshine, Proper rest, Lots of water, Always temperate/self-controlled, Nutrition. Sister Beth Varona Cordero, who works at Loma Linda Hospital as nursing instructor, gave Diabetes teaching with Dr. Blessy Varona to special participants.

Discipleship training - our church have launched a discipleship training program, led by Linson Pedernal, an AUP alumnus, training those young in faith to become full time workers for God. We have good speakers and are graduates of AUP. They bring the curriculum with them and use some topics for their preaching as they visit churches.

We did some small reunions like the visit of Toto and Mannyl Fabella last May 27, 2017, both AUP Alumni. They were here to visit their sick sister Ellen Fabella Zarate who's also an AUP alumna. We praise God she's declared under remission. We continue to pray for God's will for her complete healing and recovery.

Pray for our chapter here and may the Lord find us all faithful.

Reported by Rachel Pedernal, President of Cascadia Chapter

AWESNA 45th Annual Convention Program

Theme: *iInvolve* , September 1-3 , 2017

Opening Ceremonies, September 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Loma Linda Filipino Church, Multipurpose Building

Opening Prayer

Roditha Pablo,
President, Northern California Chapter

Welcome

Carmelita Laoyan,
President, AWESNA

PROCESSIONAL Rene Donato and Orlando Palitang
LLFC COLOR GUARDS - LLFC Pathfinders

6:30 p.m
Coordinator

Musical Festival, Ephraim de la Cruz,

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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

LLFC Children's Choir

Ripples

San Diego Chapter

Singing Men

Strummers

Solfeggio Tones

Praise Unlimited

Noel Abuel

Aweng Ti Amianan

Musikapelle

ALBERTA CHAPTER

President: Roger Rodriguez

CASCADIA CHAPTER (British Columbia)

President: Rachel Pederal

GLENDAL CHAPTER

President: Gorden Farinas

GREATER CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER

President: Noli Poblacion

GREATER LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

President: Loida Miguel

GREATER NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

President: Roditha Pablo

HAWAII CHAPTER

President: Ric Calla, Jr.

LA SIERRA CHAPTER

President: Miguelito Fernando

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

President: Cris Genobaga

LOMA LINDA CHAPTER

President: Joselito Co

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

President: Ephraim Roxas

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

President: Mar Mutya

YOUNG ALUMNI CHAPTER

President: Olive Bautista Macias

National Anthems Athena Francisco, Anna Sophia Lalas,
Julienne Role

Philippines

USA

Canada

AUP Song "Shine On, Forever, Dear AUP"

Benjamin and Pridelyn Francisco, leading,
Berti Fabro, pianist,
Cora Co, Organist

715 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

Edwin Araba and Rene Donato,
Coordinators

Vespers Service

Friday, September 1, 2017, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Loma Linda Filipino Church Multipurpose Center

Praise Time

La Sierra Chapter members

Opening Song "Praise Ye the Father"

SDAH 70

Scripture Reading and Prayer

HermindaQuion Verde

Opening Remarks

Miguelito Fernando

Special Number

FielPoblete

Call for Offerings

Lucy Fernando

Offertory

La Sierra Chapter Sextette

Introduction of Speaker

Ralph Tigno

Message "So 3 Jewish Guys Walk Into This Furnace..."

– Daniel 3:1,2

Pastor Mark Johnson

Closing Song

"Stand Like the Brave" SDAH 610

Closing Prayer

Teresa F. Sajid

Program Coordinator, Lucy Fernando
Organist, Elma Lou Roda
Pianist, Leni Espiritu

AWESNA 45th Convention
SABBATH SCHOOL SERVICE
September 2, 2017, 8:30-10:15 a.m.

Praise Time San Diego Chapter
Opening Song "There's Sunshine in My Soul Today" SDAH 470
Scripture and Prayer Don and Arlene Ferrolino
Welcome Remarks Gorden Farinas
Focus on Missions Loida Miguel
Musical Number Jing de la Cruz
Lesson Preview

Simeon Rosete,
Moderator Jose Manalo
Octavius Quijada

Receiving of Offerings Offertory Organist and Pianist
Feature Mar Mutya and
Nevin Napod
Closing Song "Working O Christ, With Thee" SDAH 582
Closing Prayer Ernie Banaag

Pianist: Miriam Banaag
Organist: Arlene Ferrolino

Program Coordinators: Gorden Farinas and Mar Mutya

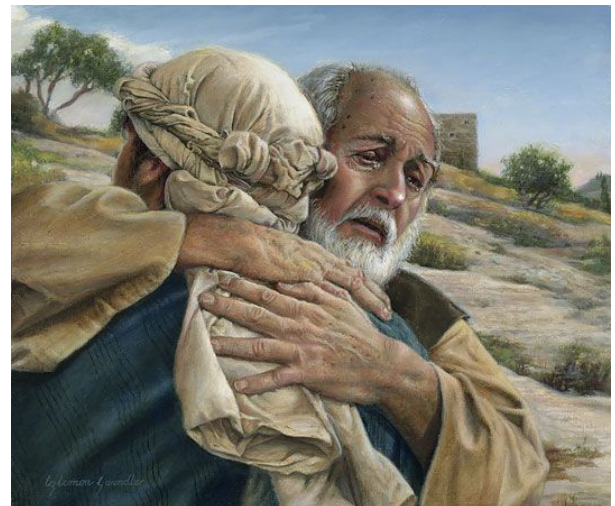
Prayer Felcar Morada, BSMT '69
Prayer Response "Spirit of the Living God" Congregation
SDAH 672
Offering Invitation and Prayer "Convention Expense"
Elfrie Aristorenas Cuizon, BSN '67
Ben Cuizon, BS '64
Offertory "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Arr. Nestor Zamora
Fil-Am Adventist Youth Chamber Orchestra
Anthem "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" Lillenas
Convention Choir, Norizcel Arit Regoso,
Conducting

Scripture Reading Percy Cucueco Canlas,
BSN '75
Introduction of Speaker Vic Louis Arreola III
Sermon "Homecoming!" – Revelation 21:1-3 Mark Johnson
Hymn of Response "Give of Your Best to the Master" SDAH 572
Closing Prayer Speaker
Postlude LLFC Instrumental Ensemble

Organist: Olga Rodriguez
Pianist: Angela Lalas

Program Coordinator: Loida Miguel
Praise Team: Jerry Ada, Fern Kintanar,
Mayflor Mallari, Marvyn Zenith
Pianists: Michael Marquez, Carrie Gonzalo
Platform Coordinator: Fe Asuncion

DIVINE WORSHIP
45TH AWESNA ANNUAL CONVENTION
10:15 am- 12:00 noon
September 2, 2017
Welcome Jose Manalo, Senior Pastor, LLFC
Carmelita C. Laoyan, President, AWESNA
Felicitations/Greetings Rhodes Rigsby, Mayor, City of
Loma Linda
Prelude Francisco Gayoba, President, AUP
Fil-Am Adventist Youth Chamber
Orchestra, Bangele Alsaybar, Jr.,
Conducting
Call to Worship Psalms 29: 1, 2 Esther Acopio Bautista, BSN '62
Song of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Praise Team and
Congregation, SDAH 12



Homecoming!

AWESNA Glendale Chapter



AWESNA Glendale Chapter is ALIVE! A meeting was held at the Glendale Filipino Adventist Church on July 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM. Attendance was 33 The AWESNA Representatives were Ralph & Carmelita Laoyan, Philip Trilles.

Introduction: Wilma Dauglash

Opening Song: "The Lord Is My Light" Chorister: Mercy Luna

Scripture Reading & Prayer: Dida Ferrolino

Message from AWESNA President: Carmelita Laoyan

Message from a Glendale Chapter President: Leticia Banaag

Message from a Glendale Chapter Member: Ernesto Banaag

Election of Glendale Chapter Officers: Wilma Dauglash, Philip Trilles

Acceptance and Acknowledgment: Gorden Farinas

PUC/AUP Song: "Shine On, Forever" Delma Chen, Chorister

Closing Prayer: Delma Chen

Pianist: Miriam Banaag



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AWESNA 45th Convention
Afternoon Service, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Loma Linda Filipino Church Multipurpose Center

Music Feature

Angela Lalas, Coordinator

Ripples
LLFC Children's Choir
Praise Unlimited
Solfeggio Tones
Strummers-Cascadia Chapter
Singing Men
San Diego Chapter
Aweng Ti Amianan
Fil de Voce
Musikappelle

Welcome
Reading from Scripture
Opening Prayer

Ephraim Roxas
Serafin Lalas
Joselito Coo

HEALTH FORUM/INTERACTION

Benjamin Francisco, moderator
Gina Siapco
Eduardo Gonzaga
Bevan Ali Geslani
Euly Sharifi

UPDATE ON AUP
Vocal Rendition
Closing Prayer

Francisco Gayoba
Noel Abuel
Noli Poblacion

Program Coordinator: Edwin Araba

AWESNA 45th Convention Banquet
Wong Kerlee International Conference Room
Loma Linda University

Saturday, September 2, 7:00 p.m.

Mood Music
Welcome
Prayer
Opening Remarks
Choral Rendition
Felicitations/Inspirational Message
Presentation of Honor Classes

Lorie Bangloy
Emcees
Elmer Bangloy
Eppie Manalo
Young Alumni
Richard Hart
Jethrone Role

DINNER
Special Feature

BSN '67
Noel Abuel
Strummers (Cascadia Chapter)

Honors and Awards

Herminia Tamayo
Lita Laoyan

Endowment Fund Update
School Song "Shine On, Dear AUP"
Closing Prayer

Alfonso Miguel, Jr.
Young Alumni, leading
Oscar Pablo

AWESNA Greater Los Angeles

Chapter Report

By Loida Miguel, President, AWESNA Greater Los Angeles Chapter



**House of Delegates, September 1, 2017
Loma Linda, California**

Chapter Officers meeting, May 20, 2017
Reviewed the Projects of the Chapter for AUP:
To continue Tuition aid Program to seven (7)
students at \$400 each

Total- \$2800 a year

Continue Rice Program- \$2000 a year

Sponsored a free- lunch to about 500 working students
during the AUP Centennial Celebration last February 1,
2017. Support of AUP College of Medicine Building
The Cucueco family- members of LA Chapter donated
\$33,000 for the Service Room area.
Alumni from LA Chapter and friends donated \$42,000 for
the Food Service area.

PARTICIPATION:

Coordinated Medical Mission, February 7-9, 2017 in San
Fernando, Pampanga,
Philippines

Forty nine (49) Volunteers participated

Total Patients seen- 2,822

Co-Host 45th AWESNA Convention, September 1-3, at
Loma Linda Filipino Church Multi-purpose Center
Los Angeles Chapter in Charge of Divine Worship Service
OTHER AGENDA:

Promoted payment of Membership dues

Christmas caroling Fund-raising- December 10, 2017



Show Me His Glory

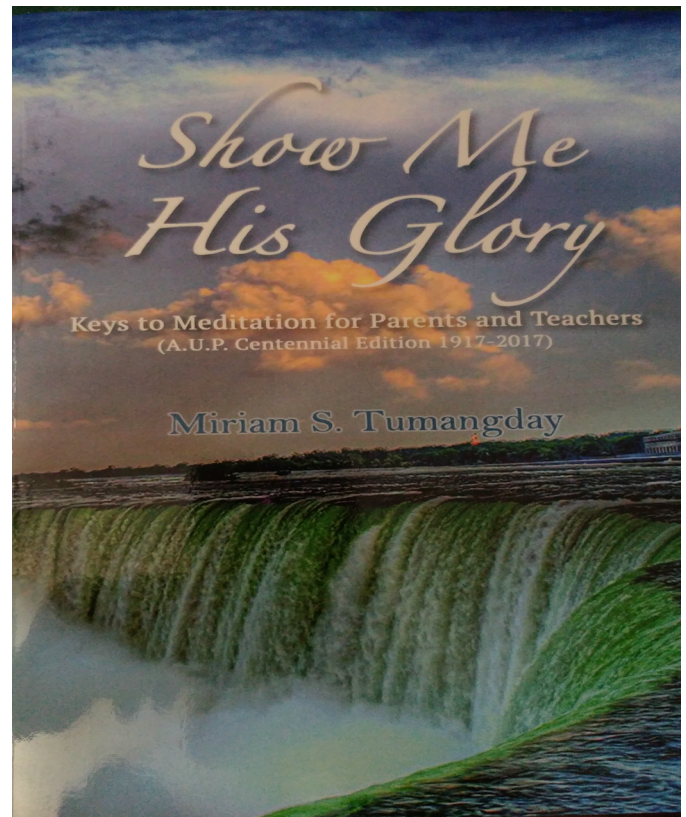
Keys to Meditation for Parents and Teachers

By Miriam Sarno Tumangday, Ed.D.



A new book on Adventist education, *Show Me His Glory*, has just come off the press. The author, Dr. Miriam S. Tumangday, a dynamic advocate of faith and learning integration of every aspect of instruction toward the learner's beholding God's glory - the Divine character in all its beauty, wrote this book for the AUP College of Education as her gift to Adventist University of the Philippines on its centennial celebration. In this 187-page volume she offers teachers and parents various glimpses of that glory as shining keys to meditation and a personal relationship with Jesus. Meaningful, relevant and inspirational, this book is evidence of the author's commitment to and passion for Adventist Education.

Dr. Miriam Sarno Tumangday is a former Dean of Graduate School at Adventist University of the Philippines. She is a writer, author, and a resource speaker. She lives with her daughter, Dr. Gladden Tumangday-Herrera in Loma Linda, California.



AUP Centennial Celebration Report

By Elma Lou Roda, M.D.



Korean dancers in colorful costumes

The Adventist University of the Philippines celebrated its 100th year of existence on January 29 – February 5, 2017.

On the pre-Centennial weekend, Pastor Jose Manalo was the guest speaker during the Friday evening (January 27) Vespers service. On Saturday evening (February 28), at the Opening of intramurals, the Gymnairs for Christ performed at the AUP Gym.

The official first day of the Centennial Celebration was on Sunday, January 29th which started with the Centennial Run (Torch Relay) which began at Pasay (where the beginnings of old PUC began in 1917). The run continued to Baesa, and then on to Silang. Meanwhile, in AUP a Medical Mission was done at the University Clinic and Opening of Centennial Display was held at the breezeway/Library Museum.

In the evening, everyone present waited on the soccer field, for the arrival of the runners. Past SA (Student Association) presidents of PUC waited at the entrance to the soccer field for the runners led by Henry Galang, who upon arrival passed the torch to the first past SA president and relayed the torch to all SA presidents present. Ephraim Roxas (current AWESNA Pacific Northwest Chapter President, who was PUC's 1962 SA President), handed it to President Francisco Gayoba. The President offered a prayer, lighted the big torch atop the triangular shaped bamboo-made stand. It was awesome! Everyone sang the PUC School song, exchanged greetings and the evening event ended with a display of fireworks!

Monday and Tuesday mornings (January 30 and 31) were intramural days held in the Gym and on the soccer field, with lots of booths outside the Gym selling food (kakanin), souvenirs,

etc. Tuesday evening was Cultural Evening, with dance performances from different countries (Philippines, Korea, China, Rwanda, etc.).

On Wednesday morning, February 1, there was Open House of the Ladies' and Men's dormitories and there was a Centennial Display at the Conference/Multipurpose Room. At the Midweek Prayer Meeting, testimonies were given by Dr. Maria Tumangday and one of the Pioneers in the Silang campus who related the difficulties during those early days. Dr. Tumangday told her life story of how she became a Seventh-Day Adventist.

A Thanksgiving program on Thursday morning, February 2, was held at Philippine International Church, filled with testimonies and stories about life in the dormitories, and campus life as a whole. This was followed by a Service Recognition. The stage was aptly decorated with two big cornucopias. After the program, breakfast was served to the attendees. The rest of the day was Community Service Day done at Silang and at Sta. Rosa. In the evening, there were reunions of different religious associations/organizations and music groups.

On Friday morning, February 3, there was symposium on different topics, by different lecturers, by colleges. In the College of Nursing, Dr. Patricia Jones from Loma Linda University School of Nursing, presented "Updates on Nursing;" in the College of Health, Dr. Everet Witzel, was the Keynote speaker; in the College of Art Humanities, Dr. Armand Fabella talked about "Social Interest and Well-Being"; and there were other lecturers in the College of



Gymnairs for Christ

Business, College of Education, College of Science and Technology, College of Theology and College of Medicine. Lunchtime was by colleges, while the working students were given free lunch by the AWESNA Los Angeles Chapter.

Near sunset time (5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.), people gathered at the newly constructed Centennial Park where the Centennial bell was rang 100 times! The evening vespers service was a musical program performed by different singing groups (Sunbeams, Ambassadors, Torchbearers, Unceasing Cantica, Celestial Echoes, Regent Square Chorale, Little Singers, Vocal 7, Indonesian Chorale, AUP Chamber Singers, and Canticles). The finale song performed by the mass choir, singing “The Gift of a Lifetime,” was conducted by Ramon “Bojo” Lijuaco, Jr.

On Saturday, February 4, during the Hour of Worship, Eppie Manalo was the organist. The main speaker was Pastor James Nix, Director of the E. G. White Estate, of the General Conference. He related the history of the Estate and early missionar-

ies, some of them went to the Philippines.

Saturday afternoon was the Festival of Remembrance and Mission Program held at the newly constructed Centennial Park. This was constructed to remember and honor certain significant events, developments and people in the history of Philippine Union College---now the Adventist University of the Philippines, for the past 100 years. It has four major components:

1) The Globe, made of seven arches of mirror polished stainless steel forming a globe that follows the design of the University Seal.

2) The Pillars. This is a replica or reproduction of the Jackson-Sevrens (of old PUC in Baesa) porch with its long columns (“pillars”). The “Pillars” refers to the four aspects of holistic Adventist education. Atop this replica is the bell (saved from the Jacksons-Sevrens building in Baesa) and Ephraim Roxas rang the bell seven times, to start the afternoon program.

3) Walk of Service. This commemorates two things: a) the significant events and developments in the history of the school and b) persons who exemplified its core value of service. There are different markers on the Walk of Service. Someone read history of the decade and representatives of honorees stood on the marker of the person being honored. For example, Ephraim Roxas stood on the marker of his Grandfather, Marciano Roxas, who was the first Filipino teacher when PUC started in June 12, 1917. Dr. Honesto Pascual, Jr. stood on the marker of his father, Honesto Pascual, Sr. who composed the PUC school song. Tessie Fajardo stood on the marker of her uncle Dr. Reuben Manalaysay who was the first Filipino PUC president.

I stood on the marker of Dr. Alfonso Roda (in the place of his son, Dr. Ferdinand Roda), who served the longest as PUC president (almost 20 years). I also stood on the marker of my aunt, Miss Margarita Arriola, who spent her 38 years of service in our denomination, most of it in PUC, starting as elementary teacher and retiring as the principal. There were other honorees and many musical numbers.



Rwanda dancers



Pose in front of the main Torch: Rebecca Barizo, Elma Lou Roda, Ephraim Roxas holding torch, Lorena Magsalin.

4) The Commission Point. A place for remembering supporters of Christian education. It's also a place where the future students may be reminded and challenged to live holy lives and of service. Constructed as an amphitheater, it will be used as venue for commitment or sending-off programs of the religious organizations.

The Saturday afternoon program was interesting and very entertaining, ending with Dr. Honesto Pascual leading the PUC School song, accompanied by Delio on the piano (as recorded on CD, as he could not be present). The final part was the distribution of battered candles given to each one in the audience, and when lighted it was an awesome sight because it was dark already by then, and the music "Into All the World" was performed by a mixed choir, with Armand Apalat conducting.

On Saturday evening, they held a "Throwback sa Silang (A Taglamig Fair Special) held at the Gym.

Sunday morning, February 5, was the dedication of the Alumni Hall in the College of Medicine (celebrating the generosity of God's people). Testimonies were given by Dr. Alberto Bagingito, Dr. Alfonso Miguel, Dr. Octavius Quijada, Dr. Elmer Bangloy, Mrs. Marjorie Reyno Huynh and Dr. Charles David. Manny Noel Abuel provided the special number. This program was followed by the unveiling of the "Dr. Elmer Bangloy Hall" name. Then lunch was served in one of the rooms in



L-R: Fe Asuncion, Ephraim Roxas, Minnie Tamayo, Elma Lou Roda, Miriam Oconer, Esther Bautista, Esther Arafiles, Lilibeth Casel, Annie Madigan, Meldie Ward, Alberto Bagingito, Abdul Rajagukguk.

the Dental building. Sunday evening was the big event, the Banquet. It was good to see many former friends!

After the Roll Call by Dr. Miriam Narbarte, Dr. Francisco Gayoba gave the Welcome. In his speech, he mentioned/recognized the presence of six AWESNA presidents and one former First Lady, and requested them to stand: Atty. John Tulio, Dr. Honesto Pascual, Jr., Dr. Alfonso Miguel, Dr. Alberto Bagingito, Dr. Elmer Bangloy, Carmelita Laoyan, and former First Lady Esther Acopio Bautista. There were four EASNAC presidents and one former First Lady in attendance (Israel Castro, Dr. Conrado J.R. Miranda, Jr, Dr. Laurence Gayao, Dr. Salcor Quines, and former First Lady Dr. Elma Lou Roda). Felicitations were plenty from different persons: President Mangiliman of NPUC, Barangay Captain Pulido, Silang Mayor, Governor of Cavite province, Congressman Loyola,



L-R: Dr. Everett Witzel, Janilyn Caballero, Lilibeth Casel, Esther Bautista, Estrellita Gensolin, Ephraim Roxas, Miriam Oconer, Angelina Tamayo, Edith Fessler, Fe Asuncion, Arlene Gayoba, Marlene Robertson, Elmer Bangloy, Lorie Bangloy, Annie Madigan, Weldie Ward, Minnie Tamayao, Elnora Inandan and her sister.



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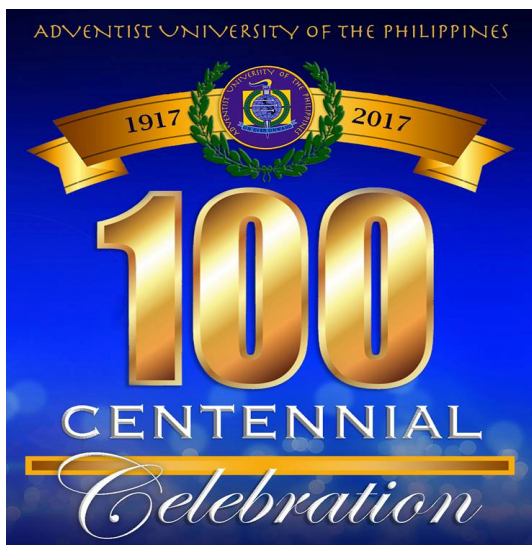


L-R: Elizabeth Frias, Elma Lou Roda, Charity Curameng, Wilma Dauglash, Dr. Francisco Gayoba, Ruth Sanchez, Carmelita Laoyan.

Congressman Abayon, Pastor Perdon, Pastor Abdul Rajagukguk, Dr. Salcor Quines as EASNAC president, and Lita Laoyan as AWESNA president. Past PUC/AUP presidents (Fabella, Rafanan, Ellacer, Saban) gave messages, followed by Pastor Ann Hernandez Roda who gave the last speech. In between, there were musical numbers.

After all the speeches, Dr. Elma Lou Roda was called to the stage, and was awarded a Plaque of Appreciation for soliciting more than 200 ads/greetings (245 total), as the International Advertisement Manager of the AUP Centennial Memoirs.

There were raffles done in between parts at the end. Among the performances was the Igorot Cultural Dance number from the Mountain Province Mission. The Centennial celebration ended with fireworks display! And then the next day, Monday, February 6, the AWESNA group (47) held a medical mission in Mexico, Pampanga.



Dr. Elma Lou Roda

QUIJADA RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

IN SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

By: Eppie A. Manalo, Ph.D.



Dr. Octavius Quijada, M.D., who is currently chair of AWESNA's Community Affairs, was named recipient of the Distinguished Achievement in Service to the University Award during the Centennial commencement exercises at Adventist University of the Philippines on May 28, 2017.

The citation reads:

Dr. Octavius Quijada has made his alma mater and homeland proud in his five decades of distinguished medical practice. He completed his medical education with honors at the Manila Central University in 1966. He then migrated to

California where he obtained his license to practice in the United States. While his successes have grown in a foreign land, he has never forgotten his roots, and has more than given back through his encouragement and to the founding of the Doctor of Medicine program of the University.

In order to ensure quality medical education, his most recent tangible contribution was the human simulation skills laboratory and learning equipment.

His encouragement and philanthropy will forever be etched into the minds of future physician-missionary graduates. For having shared of himself, the Adventist University of the Philippines is proud to present him the DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AWARD.

Given in Silang, Cavite this 28th day of May in the year two thousand and seventeen.

Signed: Francisco D. Gayoba, DTheol.

University President

Romeo T. Mangiliman, MPS

Chairman, University Board of Trustees

Dr. Octavius Quijada—husband, father, grandfather, physician, and PUC alumnus—exemplifies Seventh-day Adventist Christian service at its best; having been actively involved in AWESNA affairs, not only as member, but also a servant-leader, who has unselfishly shared his talents, skills, and financial resources for various AWESNA endeavors—medical mis-

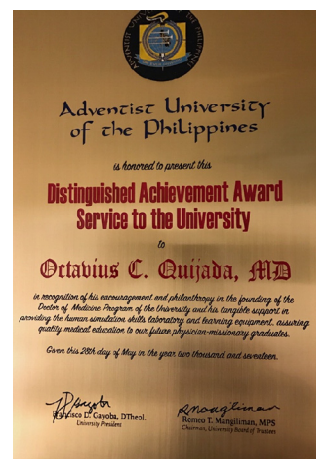
sions, spiritual retreats, conventions, board meetings, alumni and AUP projects.

Certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology and a Fellow of the American College of Anesthesiology, Dr. Quijada's notable service/outreach experience which has spanned five decades, included: serving at Loma Linda University as instructor and assistant professor of Anesthesia (1973-1977; 1978-1988), Chief Anesthesiologist Loma Linda University

Open Heart Surgery team for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia (1979) Beijing China (1984); Chief of Anesthesia for the following medical institutions— Glendora Community Hospital, Glendora, California; Doctors Hospital of Montclair, California; East Valley Hospital Medical Center, Glendora California (1995-2006). Also, he was medical staff member of Montclair Hospital Medical Center (2007-2011) and Chino Hospital Medical Center (2007-2011); partner for Apple Valley Anesthesia Medical Group, Apple Valley, California, and Premier Anesthesia Medical Group, Community Hospital of San Bernardino (2011-present). He has likewise served in the Z-79 Committee (US and International) Z-79 Committee of the American National Standards Institute—a committee that develops standards for anesthetic and ventilatory equipment. The label "Z-79" signifies that a device meets the established standard. Further, he was a member of the Hospital Advisory Board, National Medical Enterprise (1988-1995).

For all his successes and challenges, Dr. Quijada ascribes the honor and praise to God, the Great Physician; and his loved ones who have been with him through his colorful and successful personal, professional, and spiritual journey: his wife, Araceli (nee Calderon), a nurse; his children— Valerie, C.P.A. accounting and economics major from Claremont Colleges, who formerly worked at Ernst and Young- married to Greg Mowery, M.D., practicing head and neck surgeon in Franklin, Tennessee ; Earl, M.D. (assistant professor, Family Medicine, LLU), specialist in Pain Management from Harvard University and currently with Kaiser, married to Sana (nee Johnson), a private practicing psychiatrist; and Trixie an M.P.H. from LLU and is currently administrator at Casa Colina, married to Edward Hidalgo, Vice President, Beverly Hills Real Estate Acquisition; and his grandchildren— Hayley, Christopher, Ethan, Cameron, Ella, Quentin, and Matthew.

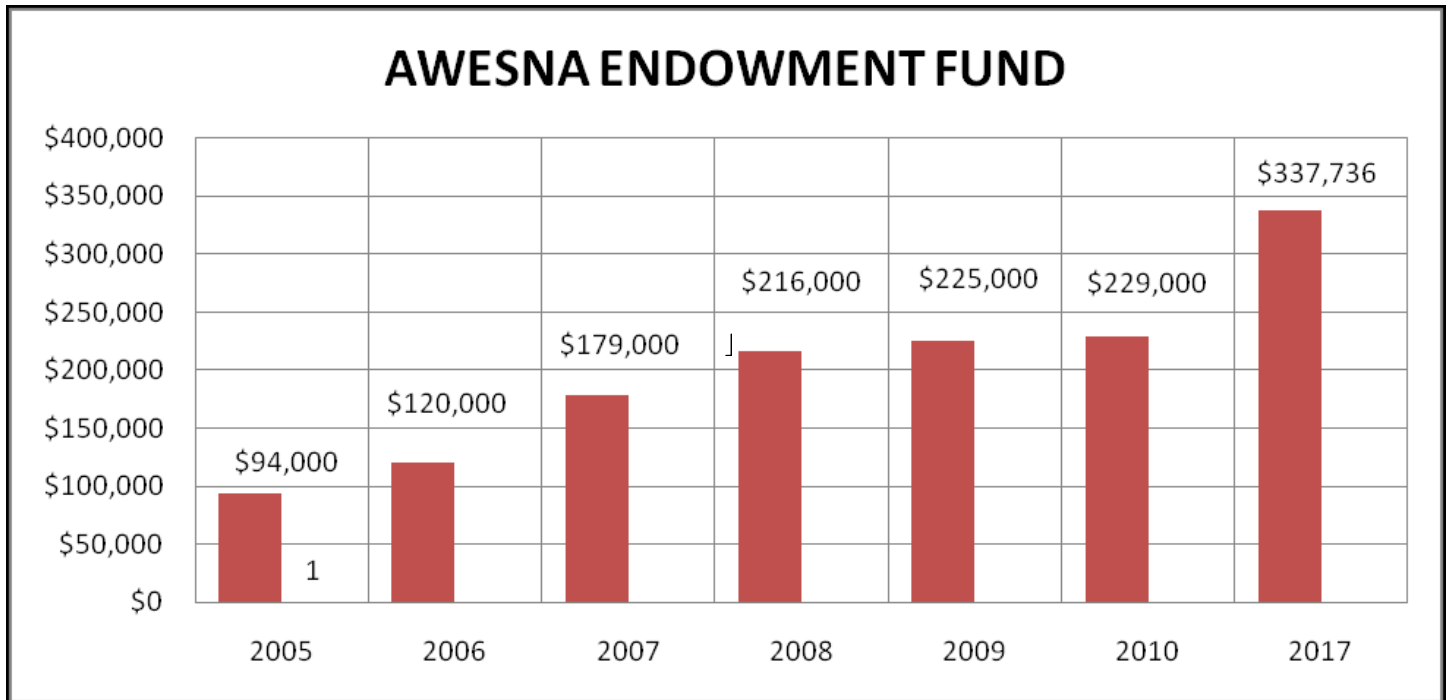
Praise God and congratulations, Dr. Octavius Quijada and Cely!





AWESNA ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

By Dr. Alfonso Miguel, Jr. MD, D.Hum



The AWESNA Endowment Fund program is now twelve (12) years old since it was reactivated after a few years of inactivity. Over the past twelve (12) years it has continued to slowly progress from an initial amount of \$7000 to its present amount of \$337,736.35 which is still far from our goal of \$1 Million. Alumni financial support by personal donations has dwindled considerably despite ongoing communications of solicitations to all our Alumni, friends by Newsletter (LINK), letters and verbal promotions.

However, the Endowment Fund Committee, through the blessings of our Board of Officers has embarked since five (5) years ago to invest some of our funds to a low-risk Investment Scheme (Primerica fund- \$120,777.10 and America Fund- \$100,000= \$220,777.10) and \$40,000 in CD accounts). We were able to increase our EF and continue to fulfill our obligations of providing the Annual Fund to our

Alma Mater- 75% for AUP faculty upgrade and 25% for AUP Research) since its inception except for one time due to the provision in our Constitution and By-laws on the Endowment fund about securing certain amount as a hedge for inflation.

The recent two-fold actions of our AWESNA Board of Officers last April 9, 2017 were- first, to continue and maintain our AWESNA Endowment Fund as structured and second, to start active voluntary solicitations and donations for the much needed AUP College of Education Building will keep us all settled for now about our EF. Your present Endowment Fund Committee continues to protect and monitor the activities of our Funds.

We strongly solicit and appeal for your financial support for our AWESNA EF as you are blessed by our Lord. Let us serve as a solution rather than as an obstacle to the progress of our endeavors for the credibility of this God-given Alumni organization.



Combined Children's Choir

Loma Linda Chapter Centennial Celebration

By Marjorie Reyno Huynh

AWESNA - Loma Linda Chapter commemorated the Centennial Celebration of AUP with two jam-packed events. Sabbath, March 11, 2017 was held at Loma Linda Chinese SDA Church in Loma Linda, CA. Program theme was *A Century of the Adventist Educational Mission in the Philippines Service of Remembrance*. AWESNA President, Lita Laoyan welcomed attendees and invocation was by Tita Rose Villanueva Rada. Singing of the of University Hymn and AUP School Song was led by Honesto Pascual, Jr.

A video presentation was introduced by Eppie Manalo entitled "In Memoriam - Former Faculty and Staff," showed former teachers that had passed on. Former AUP faculty and students across the years spoke during the program. Lydia Cruz Williams and John R. Jones from the Pasay City Academy era; Romulo Tabo, Leong Swee Gin, Gil Fernandez, Sr., Baesa era; and, Hedrick J. Edwards, Silang campus era.

The prelude were rendered by Cecile Coe Cruz, violin and Medeon E. Marian, guitar. Honesto Pascual, Jr., baritone, Georgette Jornada Lisud, soprano accompanied by Eunice Malqued Jornada gave vocal solos. The ladies' ensemble, "Ripples" was conducted by Eppie Adil Manalo sang "With All my Heart" as a dedicatory song. Benediction was offered by Pastor Jose Manalo.

Tita Rose Villanueva Rada was the program coordinator and Corazon Arevalo Coe was the organist. Overall coordinator was Joselito Coe, Loma Linda Chapter President. Reception followed at the Fellowship Hall was coordinated by Myrna Novilunio Dial.

Sabbath evening, April 22, 2017 celebrated the musical tradition of AUP in "Songs of Praise by Children and Youth Choral Festival" was held at the Loma Linda Elementary



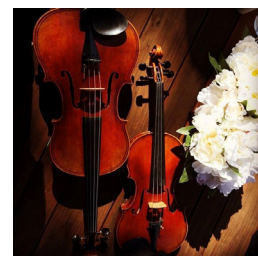
Dr. John Jones

Dr. Gil Fernandez

Dr. Joselito Coe



*Lenora Edwards, Dr. Hedrick Edwards,
with Dr. Honesto Pascual Jr.*



School Chan Auditorium, Loma Linda, CA. AWESNA President, Lita Laoyan gave the welcome remarks with invocation by Puji P. Tamba. Program introductions by Eppie Manalo followed the University and School Song accompanied by Corazon A. Coe. The musical extravaganza was hosted by Marigold Jeanie S. dela Cruz with performers: Loma Linda SDA Indonesian Children's Choir, Gamaliel Simorangkir, conductor and Kevin Simamora, pianist; The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts Youth Chorus of La Sierra University, Joel Punay, conductor and Lily Yan pianist; Jubilant Sounds Strings Ensemble; Loma Linda Filipino SDA Church Children's Choir, Jethrone Role, conductor; and, Resonating Generations, Arvin John Macalintal conductor, Shaelen Gagatam and Laura Albano, pianists.

After each rendition, the commentator panel included Eunice M. Jornada, Ephraim dela Cruz and Melvir Ausente gave both praise and advice to the performers. Loma Linda Chapter President, Joselito Coe closed with call for offering with Norman Yazid giving the benediction. Reception was coordinated by Myrna Novilunio Dial followed.



Angela Manalo Lalas

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Alumna Angela Manalo Lalas was named "Rising Star in Healthcare" by Becker's Hospital Review, a leading publication for healthcare business. Angela's undergraduate degree from AUP was in Accountancy. She received her MBA from Claremont Graduate University. She is a licensed CPA in California and currently works at Loma Linda University Health as Senior Vice President of Finance. Angela is the daughter of former AUP faculty, Drs. Jose and Eppie Manalo. She is married to Dr. Serafin Lalas and they have two beautiful children.

AUP College of Dentistry ***Unveiling the* Dr. Elmer E. Bangloy Hall Marker**



*Pastor Francisco Gayoba, AUP President, with
Dr. Elmer E. Bangloy and Lorie Fe R. Bangloy*

The **Dr. Elmer E. Bangloy Hall** building marker for the College of Dentistry was unveiled on February 5, 2017 during the week long Centennial Celebration at Adventist University of the Philippines in Silang, Cavite. Dr. Elmer Bangloy, AWESNA's past President from 2013-2016 was instrumental in obtaining the permits to establish a College of Dentistry at AUP. He also has a hand in providing financial help and guidance for the school. The school has produced topnotch graduates and enjoyed a 100% passing rate since its inception. Congratulations Dr. Bangloy !



AWESNA PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

AWESNA: PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER (Oregon & Washington) OFFICERS 2017-2019

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PacNor Chapter meets each quarter. Potluck in a home and sometimes in a restaurant are venues of meetings and alumni fellowship. The Chapter is in its renewed state of making the members gather warmth and interest. There is an air of getting prepared for the proposed AWESNA Convention coming 2019 in Portland, Oregon.

The Chapter's goals are geared to membership, spiritual inspiration, social activities, and community relations.

The pictures below show images of Chapters meeting and participation in AWESNA Convention. Also visitation of the sick among us.



GREATER NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEW SET OF OFFICERS

By Oscar Pablo



(Left to right) Edwin Araba, Primo Mercado, Roditha Pablo, Cel Apostol, Obed Apostol, and Dave Narbarte.

GNCC Elects New Chapter President to replace Edwin Araba who relinquished his position being president of GNCC since he cannot hold two elected positions. Currently Edwin is serving as our AWESNA Secretary. The elected officers for the term 2016-2019 are:

President: Roditha Pablo
1st Vice President for membership: Obed Apostol
2nd Vice President for membership: Primo Mercado
Secretary: Cel Apostol
Associate Secretary: Myrna Malqued
Treasurer: Dave Narbarte
Associate Treasurer: Rey Corpus
PRO: Ruby Camagay-Tangonan

Oriental Mindoro Medical Dental Mission 2018

Dr. Tavy Quijada, AWESNA community affairs coordinator, is leading a medical dental mission in the underserved areas of Oriental Mindoro. This is in coordination with the Health Ministries of North Philippine Union Conference and the Governor of Oriental Mindoro. The week-long event is on February 27-March 1, 2018 alongside an evangelistic crusade. Volunteers for this important cause are still welcome. Please contact Dr. Tavy at 909-727-7575 and email drqmd@aol.com for details.



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Convention speaker: *Pastor Mark Johnson*. The constituency of Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada reelected Pastor Mark Johnson as President for the next five-year term. After serving as President in Alberta and as Secretary in British Columbia, he came in 2010 to Oshawa following the appointment of Elder Dan Jackson to the position of the NAD President. Pastor Johnson is appreciated for his openness, availability to church members, ability to listen, and a strong vision for evangelism. His vast experience in so many aspects of God's work in Canada, US, and also in the mission field, as well as his desire to see the involvement of the youth in all levels of church leadership will certainly be a blessing for the Seventh-day Adventist church. We wish him success in his ministry and will continue to pray for the Holy Spirit who will transform all challenges into a tremendous demonstration of his power and his love.