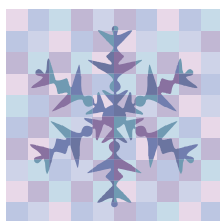




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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
MALIGAYANG PASKO AT MASAGANANG BAGONG TAON**

UP President Roman visits California Alumni



Dr. Emerlinda R. Roman made her first major trip to California recently after assuming office as the 19th President of the University of the Philippines. Dr. Roman, who was elected in February replaced Dr. Francisco Nemenzo who was a frequent visitor to California.

One of the objectives for this trip was to strengthen the relationship between UP and its many alumni all over the Golden State.

Although the Central Valley was not in her itinerary, several UPAACC members had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Roman during her visits to San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay area from October 6 to 20. The first stop of her two-week tour was San Diego, where she was the guest of honor and keynote speaker at the UP Alumni Association in America (UPAAA) 2005 General Assembly and Convention. UPAACC President Orly Dyoco met with Dr. Roman and reiterated our organization's commitment to support our alma mater in whatever we can; Dr. Roman in turn promised to send us her wish list for the University.

Her next stop was the UP Alumni Association of Greater Los Angeles 4th Anniversary Ball where Dr. Roman inducted UPAAGLA's new set of officers. In San Francisco, Dr. Roman was honored at a dinner which was jointly sponsored by the UP Alumni Association of San Francisco and the UP Los Baños

Alumni Association of America. Dr. Roman returned to the Philippines with donations and pledges from different UP Alumni Associations in America.

Who is Dr. Roman and what is her vision for UP?

Dr. Roman is mostly associated with UP Diliman because of her long affiliation with the College of Business Administration and her appointment to other key positions in the UPD Administration. At Diliman, Roman served as the Chancellor for three terms prior to her appointment as the 19th UP President. However, she traces her roots to UP Los Baños. A product of the UP Rural High School in Los Baños, she graduated with a B.S. degree in Agriculture from UPLB in 1972, and then moved to Diliman where she finished her M.S. in Agricultural Management in 1977, and Ph.D. in Business Administration in 1989.

In response to a survey made by the now-defunct Asia Week magazine regarding the alarming deterioration of the standards of education in the University, a committee under Dr. de Dios of the School of Economics was formed. The committee took the position that it was easy to blame the country's declining economy and political instability for everything that had gone wrong and put forward the following question— *"Has the UP's role so diminished that it no longer sets a clear example of what is superior for the rest of the country?"*

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**JANUARY 14, 2006
SATURDAY, 11 AM**

**UPAACC WINTER GENERAL MEETING
Galvez Residence, Stockton (Details on page 3)**

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President's Corner

By Orly Dyoco



Surely, you've heard the adage that "an association is only as good as its members." My favorite of the many definitions of *association* is "a relation resulting from interaction or dependence." Ergo, by definition, an association **needs** its members to interact.

What does the UP Alumni Association of Central California do? Well, quite a lot; among them:

- UPAACC provides a scholarship to a deserving student enrolled in a Bachelor's degree course at UP.
- We supply the *Carillon* with address

Why UPAACC needs you...

labels used for mailings.

- We send much needed textbooks and reference books to libraries in the different UP campuses.
- We provide funds for the purchase of a computer or other needed equipment to one campus a year.
- Whenever possible, we provide funds toward the completion of a project on the UP President's wish list.

To be able to do all these and more, UPAACC needs to continually solicit the help, support, and input of our Association members. When there are more minds **interacting** and working in concert, new, and often better ideas are

born. From these ideas, plans are drawn. Plans cannot be implemented without a majority decision. We cannot have a majority decision without a quorum at a meeting. We cannot have a meeting without members present. So friends, we really do need you. We need you so that collectively, we can give back to our beloved alma mater. We need you so that we can help UP continue producing outstanding students and citizens.

And anyway, you would not want to miss out on the friendship, fellowship, food and fun that characterize our activities, would you?



President Roman visits California (continued from page 1)

UP as a Center of Excellence and a Center of Culture:

1. The rationalization of program offerings in the constituent universities.
2. The strengthening of UP's position as the leading research and development university in the country and eventually in the region.
3. The strengthening of science and technology programs in all UP campuses.
4. Development of UP as a community of scholars with academic credentials comparable to their counterparts in the best universities in the world.
5. Review the admissions system for undergraduate program to ensure the admission into UP of the best and brightest students.

UP as an Efficient University:

6. Improve administrative efficiency.
7. Review tuition fees and the Socialized Tuition and Financial Assistance Program (STFAP).
8. Pursue aggressive resource generation and mobilization programs.
9. Upgrade faculty, staff and student welfare/benefits.

The UP Centennial:

10. Celebrate the UP Centennial in 2008.

Source: http://www.up.edu.ph/peer_investiture_speech.htm



**Dr. Luis I. Velasco,
UPLB Chancellor**

At its meeting in September 2005, the UP Board of Regents appointed Dr. Luis I. Velasco as Chancellor of UP Los Baños (UPLB), replacing Dr. Wilfredo David. Dr. Velasco's professional career spans more than two decades in various fields of endeavor: administration as Dean of the College of Agriculture, college reaching as Associate Professor of Entomology, and research and extension as Director of the National Crops Protection Center.

A holder of B.S. and M.S. degrees from UPLB, Dr. Velasco completed his Ph.D. degree in Entomology from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. His continuous service to the University and the Alumni Association in the last 27 years is a manifestation of his commitment to the institution. He has been a member of the UPAA Board of Directors for the past five years.

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Important Dates to Remember

2006 Calendar of Activities (Tentative)*

January 14 Winter General Membership Meeting, Stockton, CA

May 27 Board of Directors Meeting, Turlock, CA

June 17 Summer General Membership Meeting, Modesto, CA

August 26 Board of Directors Meeting - (to be determined)

October 7 Fall General Membership Meeting & Election of Officers, Fresno, CA

November 18 . . . Board of Directors Meeting, Fresno, CA

*The schedule above is subject to change depending on availability of venue. Please watch for any announcement in this Newsletter or on the UPAACC website at www.upaacc.org.

Winter 2006 General Membership Meeting & Holiday Celebration



Please RSVP to your area directors
before January 5, 2006

Fresno and Vicinity:

Lydia Favor	(559) 435-5578
Art Nisperos	(559) 658-2498
Helen Reynolds	(559) 222-6922
Nits Verano	(559) 275-6208

Modesto/Turlock:

Nora Cadiz	(209) 384-1220
Fel Enriquez	(209) 394-8436
Melanie Espinoza	(209) 526-1098
Pete Mayol	(209) 632-5566

Stockton and Vicinity:

Arch Manganaan	(209) 933-1113
Romy Gonzales	(209) 477-7783
Manny Taylan	(209) 472-9228

UPAACC members from Stockton (Area 1) will provide lunch. Members from Modesto & Turlock (Area 2) and Fresno & vicinity (Area 3) are requested to bring dessert and fruits.

For our gift exchange, everybody is requested to bring a Christmas ornament worth about \$ 5.

"Show me a man with both feet on the ground, and I'll show you a man who can't put his pants on." 😊

Our traditional post-Christmas meeting and exchange of Christmas ornaments will be held on

January 14, 2006

**Saturday, starting at 11 a.m.
at the residence of**

Cora & Kit Galvez

**10324 Capewood Place
Stockton, CA 95212**

👉 Directions to the Galvez Residence 👈

From Highway 99 North (towards Sacramento), exit at Morada Lane, and head north (left) on frontage road.

Turn right on Ashley Lane.

Continue east past the railroad tracks.

Turn left on Fernwood Avenue.

Turn left on Roberta Place.

Bear right on Capewood Place.

The Galvez residence is on the right



Do not miss out on the fun, food and activities. See your old friends and make new ones. We look forward to your attendance.

Winter Meeting Agenda

- Fund Raising Projects for 2006
- Scholarship Supplement Fund
- 2005-2006 Budget Presentation and Review
- 2006 Schedule of Activities
- Membership Issues
- Application for Incorporation and Tax Exemption

Minutes of the Fall Meeting, Fresno—October 22, 2005



The General Membership meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with 31 members and guests present. The incoming President of the UP Alumni Association of Greater Los Angeles (UPAAGLA), Frank Mamaril was introduced to the body as special guest. Minutes of the meeting held in July 8, 2005, in Modesto were approved as read.

A. Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer's report summarized the following financial activities:

Checking account	\$ 14,722.95
CD#1	8,303.86
CD#2	<u>3,673.69</u>
Current balance	\$ 26,700.50

The treasurer's report was approved as read.

2. Discussions centered on how best to maximize funds generated by the Association. Treasurer Chola Pascua informed the body about the penalties that a bank could be levy if our CD were withdrawn before maturity. She also reported on how much interest could be generated on the CDs if the two were consolidated in December, as had been approved during the previous meeting in Modesto. Other suggestions put forward included a) putting money in a liquid money market account such as offered by ING, b) creating an endowment chair, and c) if feasible, adding to the existing scholarship fund or increasing the number of scholars.
3. Discussions on the disposition of the funds were deferred to the Executive Board. The Board will assign a committee to look into the suggestions, and present recommendations to the general membership for approval.

B. Non-Profit Status and Incorporation Discussions:

1. Orly Dyoco conveyed the results of Atty. Cesar Cutaran's research regarding the Association's plan to apply for tax-exempt status. Discussions centered on why UPAACC would want to file for tax-exemption status at this time. Frank Mamaril enumerated the disadvantages as he had experienced in other organizations. He stated that the main requirement for tax exempt status is that the organization must serve a local community. The term "local community" will have to be defined and clarified.

UPAACC bylaws specifically state that all its fundraising projects shall be for the benefit of the University of the Philippines. Therefore, serving a "local community" may be in violation of the Association's bylaws. A solution presented was to amend the bylaws to meet this requirement.

2. Another requirement is filing detailed reports to the State periodically. It will entail making all our records available to the State for inspection. Rey Elizondo suggested that this issue should be resolved once and for all in an Executive Board meeting, in consultation with Atty. Cesar Cutaran.

C. Fund Raising:

1. Ways and Means Committee co-chairman Mark Abenoja proposed that the proposed Musical Piano Concert fundraiser be scheduled for August or September, 2006. He believes that it will be financially feasible, with the Association incurring less expenses than had originally been proposed. A summer concert would coincide with the performing artist's annual vacation, making him available to come to the United States from Austria. He suggested that we start preparing for this project now.
2. Other ideas for fundraising: Casino night, network marketing investment, and voluntary contributions.

D. Membership and Dues:

1. The proposal to increase the annual and lifetime membership dues was tabled for the next meeting, when the Chairperson of the Membership Committee Helen Reyes is present.
2. Plaques were distributed to new lifetime members Judith Simuns and Art Nisperos.
3. Adolfo Cielo suggested that the Association create an ID card for Lifetime members to be used when visiting UP, and/or for getting discounts from other members with businesses. This could serve as an incentive to become lifetime members. This was tabled for a discussion at a Board Meeting.

E. UPAACC Website:

1. Rey Elizondo reported on the UPAACC website which he and Art Nisperos had been working on. A copy of the story-

board of the proposed website was passed around for members to see and comment on. The website is under construction and the address www.upaacc.org has been reserved. Rey said that the website will hopefully be launched by the end of this year. Rey expressed his appreciation to Siegfried Aseo and Johnny Abilay of UPLBAAA for their assistance in developing the website.

2. The initial cost involved is \$2.99 for obtaining the domain name and approximately \$ 9.00 to maintain the domain name annually.

F. UP Alumni Association of America (UPAAA):

1. Orly and Maribelle Dyoco reported on the UPAAA Convention in San Diego and their meeting with the UP President Dr. Emerlinda Roman. In answer to a question on the criteria for membership to the UPAAA, Orly stated that payment of convention fees automatically makes the **individual** a member. He opined that UPAAA is trying to establish itself as the umbrella UP Alumni Association in America. However, as an organization, UPAACC does not have to become a member.
2. The next convention in 2007 will be organized by the UP Alumni Association San Francisco chapter whose President is also the newly elected UPAAA president. He appointed Orly Dyoco as Liaison Officer for Central California and requested that UPAACC co-sponsor the convention, as well as help raise funds for the University. The issue will be raised in the next Executive Board meeting for consideration.

G. Miscellaneous:

1. During the UPAAA convention, copies of the fall issue of the UPAACC Newsletter were given to President Roman, Jaime de los Santos, head of the Diliman Alumni Office, and to various UPAA chapters. Orly and Rey called for solicitation for donations, sponsorships, or ads from our members to help defray the cost of printing/ mailing the Newsletter.
2. Nits Verano was appointed Board member for the Fresno Area to replace Noel Moya who moved away from Central California.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Next general membership meeting will be on January 14, 2006, in Stockton at the Galvez residence.

Submitted by:
Orly Dyoco, President
Prepared by:
Renée Smith, Secretary



Fall Meeting & Picnic, Fresno — October 22, 2005



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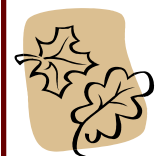
Nits seriously pondering on the next bite



All ears for Orly!



Guarding the guest of honor (or victim) — the Lechon



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Abellera, Editha
Abellera, Guido*
Agonoy, Linda*
Atienza, Annabelle & Regis
Biscocho, Gemma*
Cataylo, Lito & Poy

Cutaran, Cesar
Escobar, Virgilio & Ellen
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Marasigan, Rene* & Rose
Mercado, Ed

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Punla, Alvaro* & Carmen
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Romualdo, Marilyn

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Lubong, Lita*
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Oh, Joanne* & Harvey
Olay, Rodolfo
Paala, Eva

Palaganas, Teresita & Joey
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Rabago, Nani Neri*
Reynolds, Helen*
Rodriguez, Ben
Sadsad, Ramon
Sian, Kenty
Sico, Charito

Simuns, Judith*
Smith, Renée Zamora*
Torres, Gloria & Anchet
Uichanco, Vic* & Nellie*
Urubio, Cristina
Verano, Elenita (Nits)*
Villaluz, Romeo* & Gloria*
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UPAACC Members in the News

Levy and Lita Perez were very active UPAACC members when they lived in Turlock. They now reside in Mendez, Cavite. Levy is the director of the Cavite Coffee Development Board and chairman of the Cavite Coffee Growers. He holds office at the National Coffee Research Center, Cavite State University. In his farming operation, he has a laboratory where he propagates orchids, *lacatan* banana, and coffee by tissue culture. The *lacatan* in the Philippines had been virtually wiped out because of the bunchy top disease. Levy's healthy young crops are in great demand. His coffee seedlings are also in demand since a many farms in Cavite are being converted to coffee plantations.

Johnny Quijano attended the 3-day Golden Jubilee celebration of the UP College of Agriculture Class of 1955. The festivity was held during the Loyalty Day Celebration at Los Baños. Members of the Class of 1955 were the guests of honor at the parade grandstand. Of the 131 graduates, 47 brought their spouses and children to the luncheon reunion and grand parade. Class '55 had the largest number of Distinguished Alumnus awardees. Four members received the TOYM awards for outstanding scientific achievements: two in genetics and plant breeding, one in entomology, and one in animal science.

Johnny Abilay stepped down after three 2-year terms (1999-2005) as the president of the UP Los Baños Alumni Association of America (UPLBAAA). Under Johnny's leadership, UPLBAAA experienced tremendous growth in its membership and completed several major projects that assisted the UPLB campus in Los Baños in its many objectives.

UPAACC is still well represented in the new set of UPLBAAA officers elected during the Loyalty Day Ball in Sunnyvale, California last October 8. **August Lansigan** was elected as the new vice-president, while **Arch Manganaan** and **Rey Elizondo** were elected as members of the Board of Directors for the Central California region.



Dr. Macasantos, Pete and Boots, Professor Bagamaspad

Pete Mayol recently retired from the CSU Stanislaus and soon after, his wife, **Boots Mayol** followed suit, retiring from the Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock. Nowadays, they spend a lot of their time fulfilling their passion for travel. They recently returned from a 12-trip which started in Barcelona, Spain and covered major cities such as Naples, Rome, Venice, Athens (Greece) and Istanbul (Turkey). A few weeks before the cruise, the Mayols went home to the Philippines. They visited UP Baguio and UP Cebu, campuses where UPAACC has been donating text and reference books. The Chancellor at UPB, Dr. Macasantos, and the Dean at UPC and their librarians strongly expressed their thanks and appreciation for UPAACC's support.

Norma Espiritu retired almost four years ago, and husband **Mars Espiritu** joined her in blissful retirement two years later. Mars's golfing days are plentiful while Norma enjoys her Henderson semi-desert garden. They travel between cool Pebble Beach and warm Las Vegas, and often visit Maryland and Hawaii where their daughters' families reside. They are enjoying their retirement and have learned to adjust to each other emotionally, mentally and physically. They have also explored some other sites in California as they drive back and forth to Henderson, Nevada. Their foreign travels have been exciting for them especially since they know that there is no work waiting for them at home!

† Obituary †

UPAACC mourns the loss of our beloved and oldest member. **Ceferina Johnson Quijano (BS Education 1930)** passed away on November 15, 2005, in Modesto. Mrs. Quijano celebrated her 100th birthday last August, and during the last UPAACC Induction of Officers and Dinner-Dance, she received the Distinguished Alumni Award (see the Fall '05 UPAACC Newsletter). We will miss Mrs. Quijano's presence during our meetings and activities. Let us join Johnny, Paddy and the rest of their family in remembering her, and let us keep her in our prayers.

UP News Briefs

The UP Chapel of the Holy Sacrifice in Diliman, Quezon City will celebrate its 50th anniversary on December 20, 2005, with a Eucharistic celebration at 5:30 p.m. . Among those who are expected to be present at the celebration are past and present community members, including UP officers, students, non-academic personnel, fraternity and sorority members, friends of Fr. John P. Delaney S. J., former chaplains and parish priests, members of the UP Student Catholic Action, alumni, and many of those who helped build the UP Chapel through their prayers and sacrifices.

Alumni Awarded Panasonic Scholarships: UP alumni Olivhal Paghangaan Borda (B.S. Civil Engineering, UPLB) and Karen Gutierrez Rosal (B.S. Biology, UPLB) are among this year's recipients of the 2006 Panasonic Scholarship Grants. They will be given the opportunity to conduct research and to complete Master's degrees in Natural Sciences and Engineering at universities in Japan.

2005 Geodetic Engineer Licensure Exam: UP Diliman dominated the 2005 Geodetic Engineer Licensure Exam with the seven of its graduates making it to the Top Ten list.

