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Winter 2007

Just like clockwork and a well-oiled machine, UPAACC started its seamless leadership transition during the general meeting in Fresno on October 14, 2006. As part of its traditional biennial rotation envisioned by our wise founders, the Association moves its "headquarters" from Fresno to Stockton with Helen Reyes succeeding Orly Dyoco as the new president.

Helen and the new Board face some new and daunting challenges. UPAACC's 25th anniversary celebration, the UPAA of America Convention 2007, and the UP Centennial Celebration in 2008. Planning and preparations are already underway for the Association's silver anniversary. At the last meeting, Helen announced that UPAACC's silver jubilee celebration will take place on March 17, 2007, at the Radisson Hotel in Stockton. The new officers and area directors will be

formally inducted into office during this special occasion.

**Helen Reyes is
elected 10th
UPAACC
president**

The University of the Philippines Alumni Association of America is planning a convention in September this year. The San Francisco-based president Ted Aquino has extended the invitation to UPAACC and its members to participate in this convention. The keynote speaker will be UP President Emerlinda Roman.

Although the UP Centennial is not until 2008, preparations in the Philippines started months ago. Surely, UP alumni associations all over the world are devising ways to contribute to or participate in this very important occasion, UPAACC is no different.

Add these Herculean projects to more "mundane" challenges that all past administrations have had to tackle: raising funds, recruiting new members, collecting dues from regular members, and the day-to-day running of a great organization. Helen and her Board will certainly be busy for the next two years.

As always, she can be certain that she has good people to rely on for help and support.

COMING EVENTS - 2007

- **January 20, Saturday:** Winter Meeting and Post-Christmas Celebration - Cora & Kit Galvez Residence, Stockton
- **March 17, Saturday:** 25th Anniversary and Induction of New Officers - Radisson Hotel, Stockton
- **September 1 - 3, Labor Day Weekend:** UPAA of America National Convention - Hilton Hotel, San Francisco

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President's Corner

By Orly Dyoco

*"And God for
giving me the
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Thank you

- For giving me the opportunity to be of service.
- Past presidents, Norma Espiritu, Cris Cabacungan, Max Parayno, Cora Galvez, Johnny Quijano, Rey Elizondo, August Lansigan and Pete Mayol for paving the way and building a vibrant organization.
- Board members past and present for your input, participation in decision-making, and hard work as we tackled one project after another.
- Helen Reyes for heading the Committee that worked hard and succeeded in increasing our membership, and for agreeing to take over the reins as President for the next two years.
- Renée Smith for your patience and diligent record-keeping of the minutes of our meetings.
- Chola Pascua for your impeccable book-keeping and accurate accounting of our treasures.
- Rey Elizondo for keeping the members informed through the newsletter, with the help of PRO Nenita Dean and the regular contributors.
- Siegfred Aseo and Rey Elizondo for designing, putting up and maintaining our website www.upaacc.org.
- Johnny Quijano for continuing to be in charge and keeping us informed of the Scholarship Program.
- Pete and Boots Mayol for collecting, storing, packing and shipping books and references to various UP campus libraries.
- August Lansigan for staying on top of the Computer Donation Program.
- Kit and Cora Galvez, Pete and Boots Mayol, Lydia Favor, Art and Nena Nisperos, Rey and Ligaya Elizondo, and Lito and Nora Cadiz for hosting our meetings and gatherings.
- Vintage Summer Concert 2006 Committee under the leadership of Marc and Norma Abenoja and Art Nisperos for a very successful fundraiser.
- Adolfo Cielo for pressing for UPAACC ID cards for lifetime members.
- Cesar Cutaran for researching and reporting on the pros and cons of UPAACC applying for non-profit status.
- Toky Fernandez for his willingness to set up and manage an email group to facilitate communication among members had the idea been implemented.
- President Emerlinda Roman for opening direct communications with UPAACC and recognizing the organization's support and contributions to our alma mater.
- All our members for your faith in UPAACC and for contributing your time, talent and treasure as we work together to fulfill our mission: to help our alma mater in the pursuit of academic excellence.
- Maribelle, who has been with me throughout the journey.
- And God for giving me the privilege of working with wonderful people in a great organization that is UPAACC.
- Truly, it has been a fulfilling two years and a joy to have worked with you all.

Orly



UPAA of America
Convention 2007
San Francisco

Make your plans now to attend the UPAAA CONVENTION 2007, San Francisco, September 1, 2 & 3

**University of the Philippines Alumni Association of America
Pre-Centennial Convention and Alumni Reunion**

Convention Date: September 1, 2, & 3, 2007, Labor Day Weekend.

Convention Venue: Hilton Hotel, San Francisco Financial District, 750 Kearny Street, San Francisco, CA 94108. Hotel Rate: \$ 149 double occupancy.

The main guest of honor is **UP President**

Dr. Emerlinda Ramos Roman. The Convention starts the celebration of UP's Centennial Year, which begins in 2007 and culminates in a big homecoming to the Diliman Campus in 2008.

Proceeds of this Convention will go towards a pledge of \$ 30,000 Professorial Chair.

Winter 2007 General Meeting - Stockton

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

January 20, 2007

Saturday, starting at 11 AM at the residence of

Cora & Kit Galvez

10324 Capewood Place

Stockton, CA 95212

(209) 931-6744



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

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

Meeting Agenda

- 2006 & 2007 Financial and Budget Review
- 25th Anniversary Celebration - Stockton, March 17, 2007
- UP Centennial Celebration - 2008
- UPAA of America Convention 2007 - San Francisco, Sept. 1 - 3
- 2007 Schedule of Activities
- Fund Raising Activities
- Other Association business

Directions:

- 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

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The Oblation, the Sablay, and the globe with a highlighted map of the Philippines

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UP Centennial Celebration - 2008

All Systems Go

On June 7, 2005 President Emerlinda R. Roman presented "UP Plan 2005-2011" before President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and the Cabinet and requested that Year 2008 be declared the UP Centennial Year. On September 6, 2005, the request was granted with the issuance of Proclamation No. 913.

The Centennial Commission

The proclamation also provided for the creation of a Centennial Commission (UPCC) to oversee preparations for the celebration and steer the UP System through the centennial year itself. On July 4, 2006, President Macapagal-Arroyo issued Executive Order No. 537, allowing the UP President to formulate and implement a plan of activities, including the creation of the Centennial Commission.

Lecture series

The Office of the President will launch "The President's Centennial Lecture Series," which will feature highly

respected academics who will write critical essays on UP, its role as a "university," its role in nation-building, and its performance for these first hundred years. The lectures will be held monthly starting in mid-2007. The writers of these lectures will be recognized as "Oblation Awardees." They will be selected based on a set of criteria more stringent than those set for professorial awards.

Centennial publications

A book on UP's history has been written and is now under review for publication. Another book featuring photographs of landscape, buildings, and other must-see spots in UP campuses is in progress.

Centennial logo

The UP System conducted a logo-designing contest, which was won by UP architect Ringer Manalang. His design brings together several elements: the Oblation, the sablay, and the globe with a highlighted map

of the Philippines.

Commemorative stamps and coins

President Arroyo has instructed the Postmaster General to issue a stamp to commemorate UP's celebration of its 100th year. The stamp will feature the Centennial logo.

Centennial fund-raising

The UP System has a PhP 5-billion target for its Centennial fund-raising efforts. It is hoped that aside from national government, the alumni, the private sector and friends of the University, and University development projects will prove sufficient resources. The funds will be used for faculty development and welfare, modernization, scholarships, and research and development. Already, inflows into the various constituents units of UP have reached PhP 395.4 million since February 2005.

UP System Website
www.up.edu.ph

UPLB Typhoon "Milenyo" Relief Fund

Fellow UP Alumni and Friends,

By now you are surely aware of the massive destruction in UPLB campus and in the 17 provinces in the Philippines as a result of the devastating typhoon "Milenyo" last October. The effect of this natural disaster will surely be felt for months or even years to come.

As a result, the UPLB Alumni Association of America (UPLBAAA) is launching a relief fund drive to raise funds for the relief and rehabilitation of the UPLB campus. It is time for us to

share and to give our support to restore the damaged infrastructures, other facilities and the beautiful UPLB campus to its original shape. The powerful typhoon "Milenyo" may have brought a lot of damage to UPLB, but we know that the "UPLB spirit" is much more powerful.

Please send your donation payable to UPLBAA-America and mail to:

Julie Ovejera-Belo
6425 Sussex Place
Gilroy, CA 95020

Since UPLBAA-America is a non-profit

association under IRS 509 (a)(1) and 501 (c)(3) sections, you can claim your donation for tax deduction. We will make sure that every penny of your donation will be remitted to UPLB Administration or to the UPLB Milenyo Relief Fund opened at the PNB branch in the campus.

We thank you very much for your generosity and may all the blessings be with you and your family.

Sincerely,
Panfilo S. Belo, PhD
President, UPLBAAA, 2006-2007

Minutes of the Fall Meeting - Fresno, October 14, 2006

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM with 25 members and guests present. The minutes of the June 17, 2006 General Meeting held in Modesto was approved with the following corrections: The Scholarship fund deposited with UP Foundation has a balance of Philippine peso (PhP) 477,866.00, and the UPAACC scholar graduated April 2006 is Gerard Dumancas.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer's report reflected the following:

CD	\$ 15,512.33
Checking	\$ 19,572.94
Current balance	\$ 35,085.27

The Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Orly Dyoco enumerated the projects and activities completed during the past 2 years: creation of UPAACC website, very successful fundraising effort (Vintage Summer Concert 2006), revival of the UPAACC newsletter, increased membership through recruitment, and UPAACC ID Card. He confirmed that the Association is continuing with the scholarships and computer donations programs. He also gave recognition to those involved in the different projects and activities and thank everyone for their support.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Scholarship Program: Discussions centered on the mechanics of increasing the scholarship award money and how to effectively use the funds we have generated for this project. August Lansigan put forward a motion to do two separate transactions with the UP Foundations: a) add \$ 5,000 to the principal (deposited with the UP Foundation), and b) to increase the grant to PhP 50,000 to the scholar per year. August added that to make UPAACC's scholarship more attractive, effective next school year, each

scholar should also be provided with a laptop computer, bought in the US, cost not to exceed \$ 1,000. The motion was carried unanimously.

Johnny Quijano reported that the next UPAACC scholar has been chosen. Her name is *Marilag de la Cruz, Psychology major*.

Computer Donation: August Lansigan has reported that all arrangements for computer donations to UP Mindanao and UP Cebu are in place. He had received price quotations and all that is needed is for UPAACC to transfer funds to the UP Mindanao Trust Fund. UP Cebu made 2 requests: a desk-top computer and computer textbooks. A motion to allocate \$ 1,000 for the computer textbooks for UP Cebu was approved. UP Cebu suggested we send the check directly to the supplier of the computer, after issuance of the Purchase Order. Also, if the books are not available locally, they asked that we purchase them here. August will follow-up on this matter.

UP Carillon Labels: Johnny Quijano reported that he received a letter from UP Alumni Relations Office informing him that as a cost-cutting measure, UP has decided to slash the number of Carillon newsletters they mail out to alumni. The representative added that the office has enough address labels to last until next year. It was the consensus of the group that we stop sending labels.

President Roman's Wish List: Orly Dyoco reported that he received a letter from the Office of President Roman stating her request for UPAACC to provide ~ US\$ 2,000 to help fund the Centennial Fellows Program. He also received a letter from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor of UP Diliman requesting seed money to establish an "Emergency Loans Program" for students who are facing financial difficulties that prevent them from continuing their college studies.

The consensus was that discussions on the wish list would be deferred to an Executive Board Meeting.

Other Matters: Dates to remember

UPAAA Convention in San Francisco, September 1, 2 & 3, 2007, Labor Day weekend.

UPAACC 25th year anniversary celebration and induction of new officers on March 17, 2007 at Radisson Hotel, Stockton.

Next general membership meeting will be on January 20, 2007, Kit and Cora Galvez' residence in Stockton.

Results of the Election of Officers (2007-2008)

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Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Submitted by:
Orly Dyoco, President

Prepared by:
Renée A. Smith, Secretary

UPAACC SEAL COMPETITION

The competition for UPAACC seal is still open and the deadline

for submission is on January 20, 2007 during the Winter meeting in Stockton. The winning logo will be presented during the Association's

25th anniversary and Inaugural Dinner-Dance. A \$100 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner.



Emperatriz "Nani" Neri Rabago

February 7, 1923—November 23, 2006

Many, if not all of you who came this evening have your own story to tell about Nani. Please allow me to share mine with you.

I don't exactly recall the very first time I met Nani and her husband Greg. Somehow, looking back at the early 1980s, when I moved to Fresno, Greg and Nani Rabago were already a vital force in our community. As a couple, they had already made their mark. They worked hand in hand helping to build or strengthen organizations which they belonged to; and there were several organizations – the UP Alumni Association of Central California, the Fil-Am Association, the Filipino Catholic League, the Philippine Educators Association, just to name a few.

But I came to know Nani and Greg more intimately when I signed up for ballroom dance lessons with Pete and Millie Amomonpon. Yes, Nani and Greg Rabago took cha-cha, waltz, and rumba lessons also, and they did quite well! I can still hear Nani lovingly chastising Greg to hold her closer with his hand just at the right spot on her back... the way Pete had shown them. It was after one of those lessons in the summer of 1994 when my then fiancée, now my wife, Maribelle, told me that she wanted Nani to be one of the sponsors at our wedding. She recounted how Nani had welcomed her warmly, and eased her assimilation into the group.

Ninang Nani by Orly Dyoco

And that was how Nani and Greg became Ninang Nani and Ninong Greg.

Nani took her title as Ninang to heart. She used to send us beautiful, heartwarming hand-written notes on our birthdays, anniversary and on Christmas. She would treat us to lunch or dinner to make sure we took time off from our busy schedules to celebrate properly. Oftentimes, she would call simply to check on us. She would invariably end the notes, phone conversations or voicemail messages with those three precious words, "I love you!" And Maribelle and I always knew that she truly meant it.

Ninang Nani also loved the people we loved. Some years ago, Maribelle told Ninang Nani about her best friend in Fresno, Bess Liganor who was undergoing treatment for cancer. Maribelle had asked her to pray for Bess. Nani started calling Bess and ministering to her. Even if she knew that Bess was an oncologist, Nani did some extensive research on alternative treatments and sent volumes of material to Bess to consider. Bess appreciated every single generous gesture. She was most thankful to Ninang Nani for the healing she brought, by bringing Fr. Perry of St. Paul Newman Center to her bedside to administer the last rites. At the time, Bess felt that she would not survive that last painful bout of illness. She knew then that Ninang Nani loved her, and through her, that God loved her. Before she passed away, Bess specifically requested that Fr. Perry officiate at her funeral Mass.

When the *Samahang Bayanihan* was being formed, Ninong Greg had already passed away. Also, Nani had stopped driving after her horrific accident one fateful Sunday morning. For those of you who do not know, she and her sister, Virgie had just

attended Mass at the St. Paul Newman Center, and Nani was pulling out of the parking lot when she fainted at the wheel of her car and drove into a young family's kitchen across the street. Luckily no one was injured, but Nani was discouraged from ever driving again.

Despite the limited ability to move around town, Ninang Nani thrust herself to the fore and agreed to head the Cultural Committee of the fledgling *Samahang Bayanihan*. With the help and support of Virgie and brother-in-law, Don, she guided the organization towards the focus on sharing our culture with the rest of the community. She was influential in the formation of the

Samahang Bayanihan's cultural group which has staged several shows in Fresno and neighboring cities.

She said repeatedly that it was important for us Filipino-Americans to impart to our youth the culture and traditions of our motherland, the Philippines. Like the true educator that she was, she gathered as much material as she could get her hands on, such as books, magazines,

and articles, and donated much to the organization's library. In contrast, she did not want to learn how to send email because she preferred writing letters by hand, with the good old pen and paper. She donated as much time, effort and resources to the other

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organizations to which she belonged. For many years, she was in charge of calling volunteers, donors, and participants for the annual CCAPW race at Woodward Park. On the day of the race, come rain or shine, she manned the refreshment table. She was in charge of calling "volunteer" doctors and nurses to man the First Aid Center during the annual Marian Conference. When August came around, I knew she would be calling soon to inquire as to which day and time slot I was signing up for.

Even when Ninang Nani's health started to fail, she wouldn't give up the task until she knew she could turn it over to someone trustworthy. Chola Pascua now assumed that task, but she herself would tell you that she can't get as many "volunteers" as Ninang Nani did. Ninang Nani was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and as such, was more than eager to volunteer to help organize the Fatima procession and Mass every first Saturday of October.

As a member of the UPAACC, she often led the Fresno Group in preparing for our dance or song number for the induction parties. She loved line-dancing and so the Fresno Group line-danced many times. She also

loved singing, and so many times, she led the members in singing "UP Beloved" at the start of our meetings. She sang each word with pride and so the members sang along with pride.

The last time I saw Ninang Nani was at the UPAACC meeting on October 14 at Woodward Park. Rey Elizondo picked her up from her home and all those present at the picnic were pleasantly surprised to see Nani. Her osteoporosis had been troubling her in the past months and she was in constant pain, so nobody expected her to attend. I thought she looked quite radiant as she beamed her genteel smile. She moved cautiously, shuffling from bench to bench exchanging niceties. She felt cold but she never complained. Maribelle wrapped her in her shawl and she stopped shivering. She was in pain, but she never complained. She ate a hearty meal, belying her petite frame. She thanked the powers above for the gorgeous weather that day. She thanked the powers above that our park shed was near the restrooms. She thanked the powers above that she saw friends she hadn't seen for a while. She eagerly sang along as we sang UP Beloved, even if she didn't lead this time. She was in serious thought as she picked her candidates during the elections. When the meeting and the elections were over,

she sat and posed patiently as the traditional picture-taking took place - camera, after camera, after camera. Soon, the out-of-towners prepared to leave and Nani sent them off with her customary hug and "See you at the next meeting!" When they had all left, she reminded the Fresnans who remained that we should start preparing for our song or dance number for the Induction dinner in March, 2007. I think she wanted us to line-dance once again.

Nani finally agreed to leave when she saw how well we had cleared the tables and that we had thrown away the garbage. Ever the gracious host, she was always one to stay behind until all the guests had left and everything was clean and tidy. Never mind if she had to endure over four hours of sitting on stone-cold concrete benches. Before Rey drove down the hill, Ninang Nani craned her neck and shouted out to Maribelle and me, "I love you!" And Maribelle and I knew she meant it.

Ninang Nani, we love you, too.

*Eulogy after the prayers on
December 8, 2006, at
Whitehurst-Sullivan-Burns
& Blair Chapel, Fresno*

Jovanni's Concert Fund

As you know, UPAACC's Vintage Concert 2006 last August was by all account a great success. This was made possible by the efforts and support of many of you, and of course, the huge contribution by our featured performer, Jovanni-Rey de Pedro and his family. We thank you

Now, Jovanni needs our help.

He is preparing to give a grand concert in the Philippines in March of 2007 in preparation for his graduation. Jovanni is asking for sponsorships and donations to help his expenses.

If you are interested in helping or would like to know more about this, please e-mail Jovanni at jovanni-rey.depedro@gmail.com or call his

mother, Trina de Pedro at (626) 338-2480 or (626) 622-4259. You may also go to Jovanni's website at <http://www.jovannidepedro.com>.

This could be an opportunity to once again show our appreciation for what others do for us.

Thanks and push on UP!
Orly

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UP President's Christmas Message to the UP Community

Although Christmas carols have been dominating the air waves, and both streets and shops have been displaying Christmas lights for some time now, many of us have not felt very celebratory.

This may be partly because of the recent natural disasters, and the continued state of political and economic crisis, not to mention the perilous global situation (the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the genocide in Rwanda, the proliferation of nuclear arms, etc). But the gloom may also be the result of the controversies in which the University itself is involved.

It is unfortunate, but perhaps understandable, that we

tend to focus on the things that divide us rather than on the things that bind us. But surely this is short-sighted. The University of the Philippines will outlast personal and political conflicts, ideological and philosophical differences.

Christmas - a holiday which commemorates the birth of the Jew whose message of peace and love embraced all of mankind - is a good time to remind ourselves of this.

Let us seize it. And let us wish each other well. We are one in our desire to serve the University and the country.

EMERLINDA R. ROMAN
President

December 12, 2006
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2007 Calendar of Activities

January 20, 2007. . . Winter Meeting
and Post-Christmas Celebration,
Stockton

March 17, 2007. . . . 25th Anniversary
and Induction of Officers, Radisson
Hotel, Stockton

June 2, 2007 **. . . Board of Directors
Meeting, Modesto (final date and
place will be announced later)

June 30, 2007 **. . . Summer Meeting,
Modesto (final date and place will be
announced later)

September 1-3, 2007. . . UP AA of
America Convention 2007, Hilton
Hotel, San Francisco

September 15, 2007 **. . . Board of
Directors Meeting, Fresno (final date
and place will be announced later)

October 13, 2007 **. . . Fall Meeting,
Fresno (final date and place will be
announced later)

****The schedule above is subject to change
depending on availability of venue. Please
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