



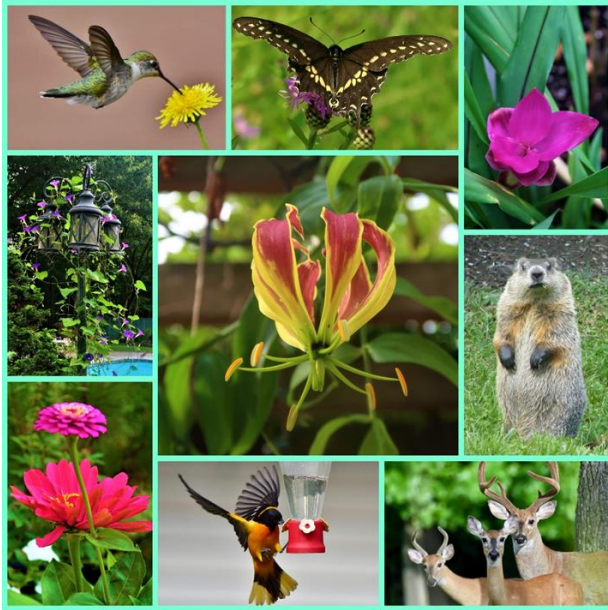
SLANFUSA NEWS

Newsletter for the St. Luke's Alumni Nursing Foundation USA, Inc.

June – September 2021

"Hello Summer...Goodbye" Issue

"Hello summer..."



*Bird Photography by: Juno Ilagan (Member, Baguio Group of Artists)

Rose-Lily-Zinnia-
Basil-Tarragon-Thyme-
Different forms, smell, color
Each unique ...
Different but essential.

Wind - butterflies-
Hummingbirds, Orioles,
Bees-
Busy - each giving breath,
beauty-
Energy - dance to the
garden,
Different and essential.

Different but Essential

By VCA

Groundhog, Deer-
Hosta and Kamonte leaves
Are salad to them.
Distractive and unashamed-
Different but essential?

Compost what is not needed-
Pile it back to mother earth,
With the help of worms-
It will be useful to help
flourish the garden.

**Build not destroy-
Make a beautiful garden;
All are useful-
Different but essential.**

The Human-Flower Relationship is Special...

The summer garden teaches us how to deal with different personalities within our relationships. There are flowers that attempt to reach the top at all cost - like the Morning Glory climbing up the garden lamp. We have the Hidden Ginger- one of the endangered species from the tropics but surviving in a strange and cold environment of the North. The Glory Ivy, beautiful but very deadly and poisonous; the Zinnia - consistent and beautiful all summer then by summer's end, even with the insects and groundhog devouring its petals and roots it is determined to survive till its last breath....

The garden experience is relational in that flowers are dependent on man's care; they have to be handled gently, watered, and nurtured. On all of these levels, the human interaction and the relationship with flowers seems to be an interesting example of embodied aesthetics.¹

Goodbye..."



Thanks for the Memory Summer 2021... Stay well everyone for Summer 2022...!

¹ Huss, E., et al. (2018). "Humans' Relationship to Flowers as an Example of the Multiple Components of Embodied Aesthetics." *Behavioral sciences (Basel, Switzerland)* 8(3): 32.



At this critical time of our profession, **thirty nurses** are in the field today because of the foresight and generosity of our alumni association who have been raising funds relentlessly and consistently for almost four decades. A St. Luke’s nurse is world-renowned and a coveted asset to any healthcare system, and the impact of our commitment will last for generations. This is the power of a coordinated and collective vision. **To date, we have a staggering \$130,000 in our Endowment; a cause for celebration!**

Thirty-eight years ago, fund-raising for St. Luke’s students was limited in scope. Alumni across the globe had no unifying entity. That was when SLANFUSA was chartered by a group of devoted alumni in Chicago. The stated vision for the Charter was: *To pledge and assist our Alma Mater to enhance its capacity for quality nursing education; and to yield a world class professional nurse in this age of globalization...*

In 2007, the Trinity College Centennial cemented our efforts to present our Alma Mater with a distinct endowment. We used the power of numbers and our “common-unity” to push for an increase in support. This enabled us to raise even more funds behind a common cause. *Today we support countless students through the Dean Ester Santos Scholarship Fund. Over \$34,000 from the proceeds of our endowment to TUA (Trinity University of Asia) since 2007 has had a lasting impact on St. Luke’s graduates.* Thirty students graduated and entered the field of nursing at a time when we were besieged globally by a pandemic. Our contributions, in essence changed the world!

Join the movement of support today with these opportunities in the field. Make your dollars count to change the lives of men and women just like you who are dedicating their lives to financial freedom, global healthcare, and the well-being of the world.

How can I help?

1. Through individual donation- “Centennial Circle Pledge”

The fund campaign requests all alumni to give any amount to the Charter’s cause, and they responded... all contributions can be viewed on our web site: <http://www.slanfusa.org/>. We created a “Centennial Circle Pledge” where individuals can pledge and give one thousand dollars to the Centennial Circle. This was marketed as giving yourself a gift and can be given in 3 installments... and many responded.

This is a heart-warming story of Ligaya Directo Mendoza ‘71 she started giving \$333.00 in 2007; followed by a 2nd installment of \$333.00 given in 2017; with the last installment given in 2020. The last installment almost got lost because of the change of SLANFUSA leadership. Luckily the check ended up with Carol Bautista our president. This singular touching story is a microcosm of the dedication and persistence to the vision and mission of SLANFUSA; and illustrates the strength of an individual’s focused intention and effort.

2. The profit of a well-thought-out party.

When you attended any or all of our Scientific Reunion convention, part of the profit goes to the endowment account. We, (your SLANFUSA) honor you with a great reunion party - a celebration with your classmates; a chance to revel and transport you to "Remember When Moments" ... while we make some profit to fund our endowment account. ***This is the power of membership -- a collection of a few but compounded by many.***

3. The collective collaboration of a chapter.

The power of real collective collaboration of a chapter, the belief that nurturing each other is the best way to strengthen our organization; so, we can be true to our vision as an organization. ***The love for one another in a regional way as the Northern California Chapter gathered their energy and good will and has donated \$8000.00 to the endowment.***

Do Together What We Cannot Do Apart

Let us grow the endowment from \$130,000 to \$230,000. It is the gift that keeps on giving.

- **Be an Individual Giver...** any amount is welcome!
- **Be a Centennial Member...** \$333.00 x 3 = **Centennial Member for Life!** Christmas, your Birthday and Valentine's Day--give \$333.00 as a gift to yourself-- and send the check in your name.
- **Plan with your classmates to give a gift to the "Endowment Account"** ...your class will be engraved in the endowment page of SLANFUSA. This Endowment Account is for sure a lasting compounding gift to celebrate your classmates. The challenge is 100% participation.
- **Consider Legacy Giving with United Board...** considering your estate plan- to benefit the St Luke's College of Nursing Endowment Account. **Make checks payable to SLANFUSA-Memo Endowment and send to:**
Treasurer: Nati Labalan Sawi '77
St. Luke's Alumni Nursing Foundation USA, Inc.
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SLANFUSA, Inc. will acknowledge receipt of your donation and place your name in the endowment page of our website and the United Board will acknowledge your donation as well.

***All monetary gifts given to the SLANFUSA Endowment Account 501 (c) 3 are Tax Deductible.**

Thank you and more power to us - Mabuhay!



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Connect and Unite

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We urge all younger graduates to lead the way.... this is your challenge... Help Us Connect and Unite.

The older graduates are not native to the digital world. While it is not impossible it is more challenging with the learning curve. The younger graduates- the digital world is native to them. It is an ongoing challenge for SLANFUSA as it adopts to digitalization. Digitalization makes our organization relevant to the younger generation of Alumni.

Postage has gotten very expensive. \$1000.00 was spent on mailings in the past, not to mention 30% of RTS (return to senders). Please send us updated contact information. Send us your updated email, address, mobile and home phone number. For those who cannot be reached by email, please request to get mailed material with an updated address to:

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“One Amongst Us” *

Feature: Edna Tapon Trepanier '90, PhD, MBA, RN, CCRN,
SLANFUSA Press Relations Officer, 2020-2023

Edna is a distinguished nursing leader. During the past 18 months, she found herself in the heart of the Covid 19 pandemic. For the past 20 years, Edna has been a Nurse manager of the Memorial Regional Hospital, Hollywood, Florida. As she says, – *“We are in a fight for our lives as we face the greatest healthcare crisis of our time. The latest battle in this war has been unfolding rapidly as we see the sharp and steady increase in cases, hospitalizations and deaths (especially among the unvaccinated) associated with the highly contagious Covid-19 Delta Variant.”*

Edna, a St. Luke’s nurse in the frontline is in a leadership position and accountable 24/7 for a 41-bed Stepdown Unit. She is the steadfast, professional energy that takes care of the sickest and most vulnerable among us. She is also tasked to take care of an ever-exhausted staff in this very trying time.

Life experience and a world class St. Luke’s education makes her excel in this role. We are mighty proud of her. She also keeps in touch with St. Luke’s Alumni in the Florida area. She currently serves as Press Relations Officer for the SLANFUSA Board.

Edna lends her talent as an educator in various universities. She has been a regular lecturer for the past 3 Reunion and Scientific Conventions. Her unique education with a Masters in Chemistry from UST along with her BSN from St. Luke’s makes her acutely knowledgeable in the chemical component of Medical Surgical analysis. She also obtained her Masters and Doctoral Degrees in the US. She is an indispensable resource and a coveted national and international lecturer.

She also serves as an inspiration to all facing difficult life challenges. She will always remind us that - “hope springs eternal” ...and YES, “Love is lovelier... the second time around!”

As she fights for each patient’s life in the ICU, she urges everyone to please get vaccinated. Educate yourself, so we can all fight to end this pandemic.

* **“One Amongst Us”** is a new feature in our newsletter. Every life is a story to tell and inspire when told. If you know a compelling story or you want to feature a classmate or a fellow alumnus.... write about them. The editorial Board will review and publish it.



Artist: Antonio Limpin
2020 'Covid19 and the Health Worker'
Oil on Canvas 16" X 20" inches



The Chosen Path

By: Guillermina Echalico Almerido '76
SLANFUSA President Elect 2020-2023

As I reflect on all those years that I have devoted myself to my chosen profession, I cannot help thinking about all the nurses who have dedicated their lives so tirelessly in caring for the sick, especially since the beginning of the pandemic. We are so fortunate to be working in a health care setting where we are adequately equipped with up-to-date technology, supplies including PPE's and testing supplies among other things, so we can better care for our patients.

For our fellow nurses working in the Philippines who do not have the same advantage that we have, I ask the question, "What can we do to help?"

For starters, I am reaching out to all alumni of St. Luke's College of Nursing - Trinity University of Asia, formerly known as St. Luke's College of Nursing, Trinity of Quezon City to join and be an active member of St. Luke's Alumni Nursing Foundation USA, Inc. (SLANFUSA, Inc). The goal of this organization is to assist our Alma Mater in enhancing its capacity to provide quality nursing education and positive learning environment so as to produce world-class professional nurses and excel in whatever nursing path they choose.

Let us all be connected, regardless of the many adversities and challenging times we are in, so we can help our Alma Mater nurture and produce more competent and dedicated nurses.



Artist: Gloria C Orden '75

◆ PARTICPATE:

Please Log in and regularly check our website www.slanfusa.org . Learn what is new and what was old, study our constitution; find the leadership need and match your talent to help grow our association. We can do a whole lot of good if we all work together.

◆ CONTRIBUTE:

Send your messages to your officers; send us news about your class. Update us with what is going on with your own alumni circumstances. www.slanfusa.org .

◆ BE A MEMBER OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Please Log in: memberplanet.com/slanfusainc ("**Log In**" NOT "**Sign Up**" as you are already listed as a member). Use the email along with the password you provided or used when you requested to join or when you signed up for membership with SLANFUSA. Upon your acceptance to join or renew membership, you will be directed to a site where you can Pay your membership fees electronically.

Membership is from January to December. Current membership requires that payments are made on or before January 31st of the current year. Any payment received after January will be applicable for the current year. Members who pay membership dues after January will not be considered as Current Members.

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LET'S PLAN for 2023!

2023 Jubilarians	
Golden	Silver
1970, 1971, 1972, 1973	1995, 1996, 1997, 1998

A big party is underway to celebrate the long-delayed Reunion and Scientific Convention. The board is betting that 2023 will be when we can gather together with Precaution but No Restrictions due to Covid19. The venue is open for discussion. The reuniting classes may present their suggestions to the Board for discussion and consideration.

Flashback.... 2018 SLANFUSA Grand Reunion in Las Vegas



*While we were Blessed by the presence of Perla Ramirez Teraoka '68 during our 2018 Grand Reunion, it is with sadness that she has since passed on. (3rd Top R Photo seated on a wheelchair)

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