



# SLANFUSA NEWS

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## Love Remembers...

*“Real death happens when we are forgotten...”*

We open our scientific convention and reunion with a service of remembrance in memory of all our departed alumni. It has been a ritual where the classmates of those alumni who departed in the last 2 years call out the name and lights a candle.

This particular year, we will honor our beloved Dean Ester Abellera-Santos '47. Our beloved Dean; Mentor, and the Pioneer of our SLANFUSA Inc., passed away last July 17, 2016. Dean Ester Abellera Santos'47 touched our minds and hearts in very profound ways it is but fitting that we give her honor.

Among our alumni who has departed in the past 2 years-2016 to the present:

- |                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ester Abellera Santos '47       | Pilar M. Vasquez '72             |
| Clarina Rabe Chu '53            | Constance Harn Chandler '72      |
| Lourdes Lardizabal Espiritu '56 | Ester Lopez Dimanlig'76          |
| Rosalina Isaguirre Marfori '57  | Anelyn Lusanea Ropisan '80       |
| Loida Mamenta Ernst '60         | Desiree Mangubat '88             |
| Carmelita Cheong Uy Ham '71     | Cesar V. Reyes, Founding Adviser |

**MEMORY BOOK ONLINE:** If you know any alumni who passed on from the time we celebrated 2016 Grand Reunion to the present, we ask that you provide name, class year and information/tribute through the form found in the “Memory Book Online” page of the SLANFUSA Inc. Website: <http://www.slanfusa.org/>. Please fill up the form with the appropriate information and click on the “SUBMIT” box so that the information can be linked to the website so the names can be included in the printed program. Having the information will make it possible for us to make a suitable tribute on “Memory Book Online” page. Additionally, you can also send the information to [stlukesalumni@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesalumni@gmail.com). Thank you



*We encourage you to come join us; help us honor them...come!*

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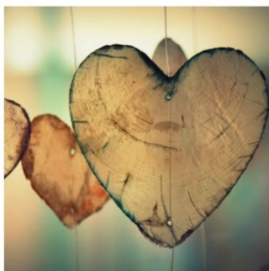
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♥ *May you find the Love in every moment--Happy Valentines every day.....!*

♣ *May the luck of the Irish Blessing greet you in your coming and going.....!*



## *Is Love "Expensive" ?*

We buy experience like travel. Travel back in time--back to our memorable youth that can only be witnessed, shared and experienced with those who were with us in the past; our classmates in nursing school. For better or worse but fun, deep and self-affirming--a touchstone of where we came from; the pathway to where we can go.

Travel to the present, meet old friends and bring them from the past to the present--our old selves enjoying our young days together. Travel into the future, our experience today travels with us into the future. A time well spent and cannot be undone. A treat to oneself, somehow more precious than a diamond ring.

I remember so very fondly our 25<sup>th</sup> jubilee, we were celebrated; we felt together and joyful. Since then, we have lost 5 of our classmates however, we had precious memories that cannot be bought.

Let us celebrate our Golden and Silver Jubilarians! The magic of gathering and paying our share of \$350.00 will enable us to come up with a \$30,000 party. Let us make it a big memorable Las Vegas Party for all to remember.

*July 2018 will be our journey in time--past, present and future. These three gifts we give ourselves--an expensive gift we cannot afford not to share together! Come.... Let us Party!*

## *Love Protects...*

### **Succession**

There is strength in numbers. Alumni engagement is key to protecting our alumni organization SLANFUSA INC. This organization grew from the volunteer and dedicated work of many alumni ahead of us. The fruits of this organization is numerous and far reaching; not the least is the telling of our diaspora story. To protect this legacy, get involved in its work--VOLUNTEER. Everyone has a talent and it is only a talent if you share. Please nominate candidates that can help with the work. When asked to serve, please consider the opportunity and work with a grateful heart. The positions open for nomination are:

- President-elect
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- PRO
- Auditor

There is a pressing and strong urgency to participate. You may choose to make a financial contribution, relinquish a few moments of your time to serve or attend the reunion every 2 years. Let us not just allow ourselves to simply be an alumnus of a legendary school of nursing -- become an active alumnus today.

**Note:** Please visit the website <http://www.slanfusa.org/>, click on the Forms and Documents, select and fill up the nomination form and mail to: Fely Lazaro Santiago '66, Nomination Committee Chair, 6093 Boyd Ct. San Jose, CA 95123 or email to [slanfusa@gmail.com](mailto:slanfusa@gmail.com).

## *Greetings to All Alumni....*

We are very delighted to invite you to the 21st Grand Reunion and Scientific Convention of the St. Luke's Alumni Nursing Foundation USA, Inc. (SLANFUSA, Inc.) Here are the details:

THEME: "PASSION FOR THE POSSIBLE!"

WHAT: 21<sup>st</sup> GRAND REUNION and SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION

WHEN: JULY 6-8, 2018

WHERE: PLANET HOLLYWOOD RESORT AND CASINO

3667 So. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89109

FEATURING: Golden Jubilarians: Fifty Years

- Class 1967
- Class 1968

Silver Jubilarians: Twenty-Five Years

- Class 1992
- Class 1993

## Group Information for Room Booking at Planet Hollywood

Group Name: **SLANFUSA, Inc.**

Group Code: **VM3SLA8**

Reservation Online link:

<https://www.totalrewards.com/reserve/?propCode=PHV&action=FindRooms&groupcode=VM3SLA8>

Reservation Department Call- in # **(877) 244-9474**

**To avoid a \$15 call center processing fee, please instruct your group to use the web link when possible.**

**Room booking days: July 4, 2018 Wednesday to July 8, 2018 Sunday**

Room rates: \$ 96.00 - July 4, 2018 (Wednesday)

\$ 96.00 - July 5, 2018 (Thursday)

\$162.00 - July 6, 2018 (Friday)

\$162.00 - July 7, 2018 (Saturday)

\$ 88.00 - July 8, 2018 (Sunday)

Reservation cutoff date is: Monday June 4, 2018. For any reservation concerns contact Carol Echalico Bautista '74 [slanfusa@gmail.com](mailto:slanfusa@gmail.com). Call or text at: (408) 921 0091.

### Notes to remember:

1. Early reservation preferred. Room rates are subject to change.

2. There is a 72-hour cancellation policy for individual reservations. All no-shows will forfeit the deposit.

3. Room rates are valid for Single/Double occupancy. All room rates contained within this agreement are subject to applicable **Occupancy Room Tax**, currently (13.38%) at **37.00**

4. **Resort Fee** per room, per night (also taxed at 13.38%). Resort Fees will include daily internet (for two devices), fitness center access (for two guests) and all local calls.

5. **Additional Person Charge (beyond double occupancy) Rates are based on one or two persons per room. Any additional person will be charged \$ 30.00 per person, per night. Maximum Occupancy in one room is four (4).**

6. **PARKING:** All properties are subject to various parking charges for both valet and self-parking. Please refer to the website for more details:

<https://www.caesars.com/parking>

### 7. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

Check-in time is 4:00pm; Check-out time is 11:00am. An early check-in fee may apply at the front desk. Upon check-in each guest will be responsible for showing valid ID and providing payment for any outstanding balance.