



SPECIAL ISSUE

SLANF NEWS

Newsletter of St. Luke's Alumni Nursing Foundation, USA
In Partnership with United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia

Maraming Salamat



Aurora R. Rebortira '72

THE PAST TWO YEARS, 2007-2008 finished in a flash. The reins of our organization have been turned over to President Marlene de la Cuesta Kostik '75 and her officers.

The Executive Board led by Aurora R. Rebortira '72, thank you for the privilege of serving such a caring community. Our term as officers was doubly blessed as we worked on both the Philippines and the US centennial celebrations.

We are confident that our partnership with St. Luke's College of Nursing will help ensure St. Luke's as a school of excellence.

Thank you to all for supporting the projects and activities of SLANF, USA in 2007-2008.

Special thanks to members of Class 1972. Three of our officers belong to this esteemed class. We, as a class, are best characterized as individualistic. However, when challenged, we come together and inspire each other to be generous, to grow, and work in accordance to our gifts and God's purpose. We are truly proud of each other.

Please find ways to participate with SLANF, USA. How? By using your talent and responding to leadership calls; by attending all upcoming biennial reunions and scientific conventions.

Mabuhay!



Our *First* Endowment Account

In an unprecedented effort, SLANF, USA partners with United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) to create its first endowment account.

THE ORIGINAL CHALLENGE IS \$100,000 TO celebrate 100 years—St. Luke's College of Nursing Centennial. The other component to the challenge is 100% participation of SLANF, USA members.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000. This is to commemorate St. Luke's College of Nursing turning centennial. We are, as SLANF, USA organization, able to fund the \$25,000 to open the account. To date, we have raised a total of \$34,750 in direct contribution. This is encouraging and an

impressive beginning, but it is only a beginning. We should continue to work earnestly to make the endowment grow.

During the biennial celebration, the Endowment Committee headed by Virginia Cacho Almiron '72 (Internal Auditor) with Aurora R. Rebortira '72 (President), Elisa Calvelo Pamintuan '71 (Executive Director) and Marlene de la Cuesta Kostik '75 (Treasurer), presented the \$10,000 check to complete the opening of the Endowment Fund Account.

The check was presented to Emily Fries, the

ENDOWMENT

The Perpetual Gift



SLANF, USA Board of 2007-2008 is proud to present its milestone project—the first Endowment Fund.

“The Creation of this fund marks our purpose—to love, to serve, to give. All three work in symphony—one does not go without the other.”

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Class 1958
Class 1961
Class 1962
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Class 1965
Class 1966
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Class 1971
Class 1972

Class 1973
Class 1974
Class 1975
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(Contributions of \$1,000 and above)

Donor list updated as of press time. Please email Marlene de la Cuesta Kostik at kostikmc@yahoo.com if your name and amount of contribution are missing from the list.

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\$1000 SLANF, USA Midwest Chapter
\$110 Cash Contributions

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Check Memo:
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UNITED BOARD
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Trinity University of Asia

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representative of the United Board who was in attendance during the Saturday morning session.

During the morning session of July 5, 2008, Emily Fries met with Dean Gisela de Asas Luna '80, and Dean Emeritus Ester Abellera Santos '47 to continue to dialogue with United Board as they discussed the mechanics of the endowment and other projects that maybe undertaken.

This is historic, as it puts into action our core sentiment of ensuring the best nursing education to young deserving students, regardless of means or in spite of no means.

The first grant from the first \$100,000 will fund the Dean Emeritus Ester A. Santos Scholarship Fund.

As you can see, we still have a ways to

meet the \$100,000 goal. We have around \$30,000 in pledges. Some classes and individuals have pledged during the July 4, 2008 Endowment Fund Rally/Hospitality Night. We know you will fulfill your commitment.

We have about 10% participation from over 1,000 members. Surely, we can bring this closer to 100%. Please give any amount, but better still, be a centennial giver. This is a small way of returning a measure of gratitude from the abundance of our lives, shaped by the excellent education we received.

Your gift is unique, important and vital to the perpetual growth of this endowment fund. The gift is in giving.

Please give. The miracle of giving is that it grows in great numbers when single contributions gather together.

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Endowment Committee Members (from L): Christine Rillera Ferrer '72, Dean Emeritus Ester Abellera Santos '47, Emily Fries (UBCHEA), Virginia Cacho Almiron '72, Elisa Calvelo Pamintuan '71, Aurora R. Rebornira '72, Lina Razon Phillip '74, Eulene Quines Mamaril '62, and Atty. Claro L. Mamari

During the business meeting on July 4, 2008, the new SLANF, USA officers for 2009-2010 were declared as elected by acclamation. They were inducted during the gala night by our very own Dean Gisela de Asas Luna '80. Best of luck to the new set of officers.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Marlene de la Cuesta Kostik '75

DID IT SEEM TO YOU LIKE WE HAVE BEEN HAVING a reunion every year since 2006? For me, it all started in Orlando in 2006 as I was the treasurer; followed by the Philippine centennial celebration in Manila on October 2007, and of course the 2008 US centennial celebration in Foster City, California. All events were well attended, productive and very successful. It was indeed a very busy two alumni years for me and the 2007-2008 SLANF, USA Executive Board headed by Rorie Rebornira '72. In behalf of the 2009-2010 Executive Board, we thank you for the dedication and work well done.

As an officer of the previous Board, I was encouraged and inspired by everyone's spirit of volunteerism and giving. Without the membership's unwavering support, we would not have been able to accomplish what we had set out to do:

1. To celebrate the 100 year anniversary of St. Luke's College of Nursing, Trinity University of Asia (formerly known as St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing and St. Luke's College of Nursing, Trinity College of QC). For those who were there, it was a "walk down memory lane". We witnessed significant and substantive change and progress. It also provided us an opportunity to

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reconnect with old friends and meet new friends. I was able to see the various SLANF, USA contributions and projects over the years and how they positively impact the school and its community. It makes me proud to be an alumna of Trinity University of Asia and a member of SLANF, USA.

2. To create the first SLANF, USA Endowment Fund; in partnership with the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA). The grant of the first \$100,000 will fund the Dean Emeritus Ester A. Santos Scholarship Fund to benefit deserving needy students. SLANF, USA provided the initial amount of \$25,000 to establish the endowment. To date, we have approximately \$34,750 (and counting) in direct contributions from all of you and so far, a total of \$60,075 has been deposited to UBCHEA.

It is my goal to continue the growth of the Endowment Fund. I may not have a lot to give financially, but my small contribution, together with the rest of the "St. Luke's Family," has now become something big. I have been blessed to be a graduate of an outstanding institution. In accepting the responsibility as President of SLANF, USA, I would like to give back a fraction of what the school has given me and what it means to me. It is also encouraging to be part of an organization that is doing something worthwhile and of value, like the Endowment Fund—a perpetual gift.

So once again, it's time to get together and prepare for another reunion. It will be in San Diego, California on July 16-18, 2010 at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center. I had the opportunity to see the venue and to meet with the Southern California Chapter who will be hosting this event. It is not only an ideal place to hold a reunion but also a family vacation. Please save the dates and I look forward to another fun-filled reunion.



Induction of 2009-2010 SLANF, USA Officers (from L): Dean Gisela de Asas Luna '80, Marlene de la Cuesta Kostik '75, Johannes Gabertan Villanueva '80, Liwliwa Reyes Villagomez '80 (proxy for Unidad Reyes Bonoan '75), Elvira Garcia Balinsat '80 and Melinda Zamora Bamba '76

SAVE THE DATES!
 See you all at the
 17th Grand Reunion &
 Scientific Convention
 in San Diego, CA on
 July 16-18, 2010.

A USA Centennial Celebration

SLANF, USA rolled out the red carpet to celebrate the centennial year of St. Luke's College of Nursing. About 300 alumni and their families trekked to Foster City near San Francisco, CA. The Crowne Plaza Hotel was the venue for the 16th Grand Reunion and Scientific Convention of SLANF, USA.

THE THREE-DAY FESTIVAL WAS WELL ATTENDED and the camaraderie of the alumni was palpable. The Friday Hospitality Night started with a General Membership meeting. In this meeting, changes to the Policies and Procedures and the Constitution and Bylaws were ratified. The full text of the Constitution and Bylaws can be found on the website—www.slanfusa.com.

This was followed by a service of remembrance officiated by Rev. Christian Villagomez (husband of Liwliwa Reyes '80).

In keeping with the spirit of the centennial celebration, Mrs. Erlinda Bustamante Ahorro '61 read the names of nursing leaders and administrators that made St. Luke's a beacon of excellence. Some of the names that were read were: Bishop Lyman C. Ogilby, Ellen Hicks, Deaconess Charlotte Massey, Eliza Davis, Lillian Weiser, Vitaliana Garcia Beltran '17, Emelda Tinawin Jones '36, Asuncion Parreñas Koenig '39, Mary Vita Beltran Jackson '41, Herminia Reyes '42 and Fe Alcantara '52.

This was followed by the calling of the names of departed classmates from each class. A very moving tribute; a chance for our alumni community to remember.

The speech of our featured guest speaker for the evening, the present dean of the College of Nursing, Gisela de Asas Luna '80 followed.

The highlight of her speech was the present state of the college.

She reports, "Currently, St. Luke's College of Nursing, is one of the top nursing schools in the country, by virtue of its being #1 in the nurses' licensure examination for three consecutive times."

She further expresses that St. Luke's College of Nursing recognizes the vital and significant role

that the alumni play. Some ways by which she encourages participation is partnering with the project "Handog Alumni Balikturo." For those who have expertise and want to share and participate, email her at gdaluna@tua.edu.ph. More than anything, she continues to express the need for providing scholarship for our students.

The financial need has been overwhelming. Some extremely deserving students have to drop out from the nursing program to support other siblings. There are countless stories upon stories of different tones and levels of difficulty.

The evening was also capped with the award and recognition of four outstanding SLANF, USA members, namely: Fe Corazon del Rosario Mendoza '69, Elisa Calvelo Pamintuan '71, Evelyn Quijano Jirasakhiran '73 and Atty. Claro L. Mamaril.

There was a rally for the Endowment, and we were able to raise around \$30,000 in pledges and \$34,750 in direct contribution.

The evening ended when we joined to watch a spectacular firework display at Leo J. Ryan City Park.

Day two was the continuing education seminar. Four St. Luke's experts: Thelma Veloso Kuska '65, Melinda Zamora Bamba '76, Edna Tipon Trepanier '90 and Atty. Claro L. Mamaril spoke on their topics of expertise.

The most endearing exercise was to watch the expression on the faces of Dean Santos and Dean Luna, as they listened to their former students. They were gleaming with pride.

The evening was introduced by Ambassador Marciano Paynor, Jr., husband of Teresita Bustamante '71, as he welcomed us to the City of San Francisco in his capacity as Philippine Consul General.

Dean Emeritus Ester A. Santos '47 was our

guest speaker at the gala dinner dance.

She reflects on her life as she says, "Memories now help sustain me... St. Luke's has always been my life, with you and among you, I feel I am alive ... You have become the preferred nursing professional, our competencies have become benchmarks for the rest of the field, our compassion and care have become legends... You and I are graduates from what is in my heart, the undisputedly best nursing school in the Philippines."

She continues to give us our marching orders. "My last chance to pass on to you the torch that gives light to the school that we love... Let us make sure that our St. Luke's College of Nursing continue to provide quality nursing education to qualified young men and women... Be involved... Let us together—do what we can."

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Above all, she reminds us, "that we are St. Luke's family—that is what it must always be. You will never be alone—there will always be others there. I will always be there—even only in spirit." These are words to live by.

Day Three—Sunday started with a Thanksgiving service. The Northern CA Chapter gave a gift—the grand reunion picnic.

There was good and plentiful food. Thank you Northern CA Chapter. Surely, you outdid yourselves.

These occasions show the amazing commitment of time and energy of innumerable volunteers. *Salamat sa lahat.*

The three day event was full of fun and remembrances. It was great time of celebration. It was far from perfect, but the spirit of working together in bringing our common interest to light was enough. Thanks for the memories.