



## Pennies in your pockets. Anyone?

San Diego area Sillimianians are in the thick of penny-pinching and all for a good cause -- to support the Ronald McDonald House charity, a regular beneficiary of SUAF.

SUAF raises funds through the SoupPlantation program, and this holiday season will augment that yearend contribution to RMH with cups full of pennies, calling on members to collect pennies (a standard-size cup amounting to \$3).

Members are quick to latch on to fund-raising charity campaigns. **Ligaya Simpkins** chairs the ways and means committee.

## Meet our members

They were high school sweethearts, natives of Tayasan, Negros Oriental, and now reside in the San Diego suburb of Rancho Penasquitos. Both are active members of SUAF@SD.

**Bonette Luzuriaga and Romeo Cruspero** got married and settled in Southern California after Romy completed a stint with the US Navy. Romy retired in 1993 with a chief



E-7 rank and currently works for a cable company.

Their extended family includes three children and a son-in-law. The Crusperos are expecting their first granddaughter this month.

Bonette works in a nursing home in suburban Poway.

Beauty runs in the Luzuriagas. A

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Spreading holiday mirth with songs and fellowship at the Cruspero home, Nov. 12.

## Merriment & cheer

SUAF Carol Ensemble:  
**Amy Buluran, Fely Narvaez, Grace Tan, Sonia Sheeks, Prescy Madrid, Alma Lavergne and Ryan Paniamogan**, carolers;  
**Cory Bandala**, soloist;  
**Laarni Gularek**, pianist;  
**Sean Gularek**, flute/recorder player;  
**Ligaya Simpkins**, conductor;  
**Nate Tan and John Bandala**, guitarists;  
**Frank Gularek and Joel Simpkins**, maracas/tambourine.



Christmas caroling activities of SUAFers are in full swing going into December.

Eagerly breaking their vocal chords early, alumni members make appointments to carol and visit with three to four families and/or health facilities on weekends during the holiday season.

The caroling gigs continue Dec. 3, 11 and 17.

## A fruitful year — thanks

Let's share a toast to all our members for another successful year of teamwork, comradeship and accomplishments we can be proud of. Make 2012 even better.

**Laarni Gularek**, SUAF president

niece **Ella Clavano** was 2010 Miss Silliman (from SUHS), and another, **Joahna Carla Saad** (College of Engineering and Design) was first runner-up in the 2009 Miss Silliman contest.

## Christmas party Dec. 10

SUAF@SF hosts its Christmas party this year on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 11am to 4pm at the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church of Perris.

**Grace Tan** chairs the annual event this year with help from **Fely Narvaez** and **Prescy Garrido**.

## Church group links with SUAF

Leaders of a church group with Negros Oriental connections made contact with SUAF during a recent San Diego visit.

The ministers, Revs. **Rebecca Quimada-Sienes** and **Nihal Attanayake**, completed theological training at Silliman's Divinity School.

Rev. Attanayake, who gave a lecture-talk to a gathering Nov. 26, is director of faith in action department of Unitarian Universalist Church Philippines (UUCP). Rev. Quimada-Sienes, daughter of the late Rev. Toribio Quimada who founded UUCP in 1955, is president of the 29 UUCP churches in the Philippines.

SUAF member **Len Pellettieri** works with the church in San Diego and in the Philippines.

UUCP intends to build a 31-room student women's dormitory on Rovira Road in Bantayan. The dorm will serve the housing needs of students from Dumaguete schools, including Silliman University.

UUCP maintains congregations in Negros and actively participates in community outreach, interfaith work and theological training for its members and partners.

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