



## New officers gear up for 2013-2014

The San Diego alumni chapter installs a new set of officers to guide the organization for the next two years. That dinner dance event will be on Saturday, March 23 with the formal induction of officers for 2013-2014 to be held at the MCAS Officer's Club in Miramar.

Taking the helm of SUAF@SD following elections held last December will be **Julia Datuin-Jacinto**, president; **Dinah Bibaoco-Penaflorida**, vice-president; **Fely Tan-Narvaez**, secretary, **Allen Garrido**, treasurer, and **John Bandala**, auditor.

The incoming board of directors is chaired by **Amelia Buluran Hernandez**, with past chapter presidents as members: **Susan Monte de Ramos-Soldwisch**, **Nathaniel Tan**, **Fely Narvaez**, **Sofia Pelias-Jadloc**, **Isaias Paniamogan**, **Miriam Tan-Cole**, and **Laarni Catague-Gularek**, immediate past chapter president. Elected new board member is **Teogenes Tawagon**.

The affair runs from 6pm to 10pm at the Marine Corps Air Station officer's club in Miramar. Because the venue is inside a military base, guests are reminded to present documents at the gate: driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of vehicle insurance.

More information about the event may be directed to **Amy Buluran** (619 710-8875 or **Fely Narvaez** (858 549-9521). The number at the officer's club is 858 577-4808. For GPS purposes, the address of the officer's club is: 4472 Anderson Ave., San Diego, CA.

Proceeds of the dinner dance will benefit SUAF service projects. Attire is semi-formal. Tickets/donations are \$40 per person.

The new president is married to Dr. **Jose Jacinto**, long-time Silliman professor. The Jacintos reside in Ramona, a suburb of San Diego County.



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## SUAF in transition

Another two-year term for chapter leadership with new elected officers.

**Laarni Catague Gularek** completed a tenure as president Dec. 31, 2012 to be succeeded by **Julie Datuin Jacinto** following elections held last December.

Last Jan. 5, during a meeting held at the Jacinto residence in Ramona, CA, the formal turnover of responsibility saw the new charge transferred to the incoming president.



Julie taking charge from Laarni and Gaya.

During the meeting, not only were financial records and files endorsed but also reports on projects and community activities conducted by the organization during the previous two years, particularly the book drive to benefit a San Diego library.



Gaya shows the posters donated by the Philippine consulate in Los Angeles.

## Past chapter leaders

**Zosimo Jadloc** – 1992 – 1994  
**Amelia Hernandez-Buluran** – 1995 – 1997  
**Susan Monte de Ramos-Soldwisch** – 1998 – 1999  
**Nathaniel Tan** – 2000 - 2001  
**Fely Tan-Narvaez** – 2002 – 2003  
**Sofia Pelias-Jadloc** – 2003 – 2004  
**Fely Tan-Narvaez** – 2005 – 2006  
**Isaias Paniamogan** – 2007 – 2008  
**Miriam Tan-Cole** – 2009 - 2010  
**Laarni Catague-Gularek** – 2011 - 2012

## Chapter fetes 'own' OSA

Members gathered Jan. 26 at the Savory Chinese Buffet to welcome **Tenette Roble Esperat** while she was in San Diego attending a conference in Coronado Island. Tenette was one of the 2012 Outstanding Sillimanian Awardees and was nominated by the San Diego chapter.

Among those present were **Fely Tan**, **Dinah Penaflorida**, **Laarni Gularek**, **Priscilla Madrid**, **Ligaya** and **Joel Simpkins**, and **Julia** and **Jose Jacinto**.



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They have two daughters and immigrated to the US in 1965.

Julie obtained her BA from Silliman in 1955, then worked as librarian at the College of Nursing and the College of Engineering. She earned her masters degree in library science from the University of Southern California and served as librarian at the Honnold Library of Claremont University in Claremont, CA until her retirement. The Jacintos are founding members of SUAF@SD.



Dinah resides in Diamond Bar, a Los Angeles suburb, where she is medical-surgical nursing faculty at Santa Monica College, and recently retired as clinical nurse from UCLA from where she received the prestigious Casselman Award in 2006.

Dinah graduated with a BSN from Silliman in 1969 where she was student leader and cheerleader for SUCN, and edited the nursing paper, *The Nurse*. Active with the A Capella Choir under Prof. **Leland Chou**, she served as Archoness of the Gamma Sigma Sorority. Upon graduation, she started as clinical instructor in Pediatrics and Psych

Nursing at Riverside in Bacolod, and then as regional nurse supervisor of the Department of Health, Western Visayas. She was married to the late vice-mayor **Virgilio Penaflores** of Pototan, Iloilo with whom she has one daughter.

Dinah is president for 2012 to 2016 of SUCNAAI, the Silliman University College of Nursing Alumni Association International. SUCNAAI sponsors a yearly Nursing **BalikTalent** conference on the Silliman campus coinciding with Founders Day activities.

## **Passing of Dr. Elwood strikes SUAF chord**

The passing of Dr. **Douglas Elwood** Dec. 31 was felt hard by alumni who knew him and his family during his service years at Silliman. For San Diego Sillimanians, it struck a special chord. The series *American Missionaries* by previous chapter vice-president **Ligaya Magbanua Simpkins** and published in *PortalXtra* issues last year featured the Elwood family (May 2012). As such, readers of the newsletter were given a flashback to the contributions of Dr. Elwood to Silliman life and community.

In a short sermon Dr. Elwood gave (“Death as Life’s Final Fulfillment”), he said: “One who has lived his/her life in self-giving service for others can, like Christ, anticipate his own death... My death is the fulfillment of my life and my last great achievement. It is the last important decision I can make, and it is the best thing I can do, for no man has any greater love than this.”

Son Chris, during funeral services, spoke of his father: “He wants more than anything, for us to live a life of purpose, overflowing with abundance and fulfillment ... like he did”.

San Diego alumni feel we know Dr. Elwood and the life he led much, much better.

## **A newsletter call:**

### **Share yourself with us**

What would you want your friends to know about you? **PortalXtra** invites you to tell us about yourself, and so together we recall and share Silliman experiences. Here are some guidelines.

We are starting out in this issue by presenting the incoming officers of our San Diego chapter. Down the road, we intend to feature our membership and their families. And if you know of any Sillimanites, SUAF members or not, let us know so that we can invite them to participate in this new project.

We are interested to know -- do you still remember “**The Silliman Song**” .... *all three stanzas*?

“...*stands a College we all honor...*” How and when “did you and Silliman meet?” And our Alma Mater wants to know: “Where had you been before I met you?” State name (maiden name in parentheses, if applicable); your hometown; when you first came to Silliman.

“...*happy days of school and college...*” (Were you staff, faculty, or student at Silliman? What degrees did you earn; people that you remember; and, perhaps, teachers who influenced your life, classmates you enjoyed being with. What can you tell us about those “... happy days...”?)

“...*when we leave the halls of Silliman...*” (Tell us about your “post-Silliman experience” ... about further studies; ... about your family; ... AND - do your Alma Mater proud - we’d like to know “how well you’ve done: ...” C’mon now, don’t be shy; blow your horn, thump your chest...we’ll celebrate with you.)

And most important: your present address; telephone (line or cell); e-mail, or fax number – WE DON’T WANT TO LOSE TRACK OF YOU (again).

Thank you for letting us into your life.

**Joe Jacinto** (for PortalXtra)

**“Loyal we will be to Silliman  
Here’s a cheer, boys, three times three:  
Silliman our Alma Mater –  
Silliman beside the sea.”**

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# SUAF 'Charge' meeting Jan. 5, 2013

Ramona, CA

