

Glunz's vision of Silliman Church

Charles and Henrietta Glunz (1904-1945)

*The Foundation of God standeth sure.
(II Timothy 2:19)*

Charles A. Glunz had worked on the design and construction of the church in the early years of the war and on Founders Day, 1941, the cornerstone for Silliman Church was dedicated.

Engraved on the cornerstone was the text from II Timothy 2:19 which would serve as a rallying

call throughout WW II and the watchword of faith for Silliman University, its faculty, students and alumni in the years thence. He chose this Bible verse for the cornerstone of the Silliman Church recalling that it was the motto on the San Francisco YMCA building that had withstood earthquake and fire.

Dr. **Horace B. Silliman** conveyed a desire for an industrial school in the Philippines and that an industrial educator be secured for the Institute. A search in the Philippines led the Presbyterian Board to hire Mr. Glunz. He had volunteered for service at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and accompanied American troops in the capture of Manila. He had began Christian work as secretary in the Oakland YMCA, and in Manila founded the Army and Navy YMCA, serving as its executive-secretary.

Mr. Glunz received Board confirmation of his appointment as Presbyterian missionary April 1904 with an assignment for industrial education at the then Silliman Institute. He arrived on campus on Oct. 13, 1904. Wife Henrietta who shared in the missionary appointment arrived the following year from the States with their two small daughters **Kathryn Elizabeth** and **Anna Margaret**.

Charles Glunz was born in Evansville, Indiana in 1875 and completed high school education in Oakland, CA. He went to night schools and through correspondence, studied technical subjects and earned credits in Physics and Mechanical Drawing from the University of California as well as a certificate in a course for Teachers of Applied Subjects with credits in supervision of vocational education. He obtained certification in Mechanics and Art Subjects from the California State Board of Education. These were the modest credentials of the industrial teacher who would serve Silliman for the next 41 years and find his name looming large in the ranks of missionary builders and whose life story would become part of



Charles Glunz

Silliman history.

At the time their arrival, the Institute started to experience a growth in student enrolment, an increase in faculty, an enlargement of the campus with more permanent buildings and equipment and a development of curriculum towards the achievement of the educational goals of the Institution. A literary society and other student organizations began to appear in the school life.

Mrs. **Henrietta Heibold Glunz**, a graduate of San Francisco Normal School, taught Philippine history, English literature (See **GLUNZ**, page 2)



Henrietta Glunz

Leaders shaped chapter

The story of SUAF @ SD is a reflection of the interest and dedication of members especially those who helped found the alumni chapter in 1991 and the consistency in leadership by those who served as presidents. **Laarni Gularek (Catague)** is on the second year of her term in the office, but eight others preceded her with distinguished two-year tenures, including the late **Rev. Zosimo Jadloc** who passed away in 2008.



Rev. Jadloc

Two Silliman College of Theology graduates – pastor Jadloc and **Rev. Isaias Paniamogan** germinated the idea of an alumni group in San Diego, and a year later, in an organizational meeting at the residence of **Bill and Susan Soldwisch (Monte de Ramos)**, the chapter was born. In April the first officers were selected at the home of **Manny and Fely Narvaez (Tan)**. The founding membership would include former SU Church minister **Rev. Harry Pak** and wife **Carmen (Utzurum)** and long-time religion professor **Jose Jacinto** and wife **Julie (Datuin)**.



Susan Soldwisch



Amy Buluran

The initial president in 1992 was **Rev. Jadloc** who obtained theology and divinity degrees in 1956 and 1962, respectively, and a masters in sociology in 1957 at Silliman. He was succeeded by **Amelia Hernandez Buluran** from 1993 to 1995. Amy is a retired (See **LEADERS** page 2)

Glunz...

bookkeeping as well as Bible classes in the high school. She also organized the Christian Endeavor Society in 1909.

In keeping with the plans of Dr. Silliman, Dr. **David S.**

Hibbard and the Mission Board, Charles Glunz shaped a curriculum for industrial and engineering students which included carpentry, cabinet making, printing, masonry, blacksmithing, farming and gardening. Although he had never attended college and had no degree, Mr. Glunz became a college teacher of engineering students, a professor of mechanical drawing and Superintendent of the Industrial Arts department. He also taught physics and most of the home-made apparatus and tools used in the classroom were made by him.

Full of energy and practical knowledge, to his students "...Mr. Glunz,

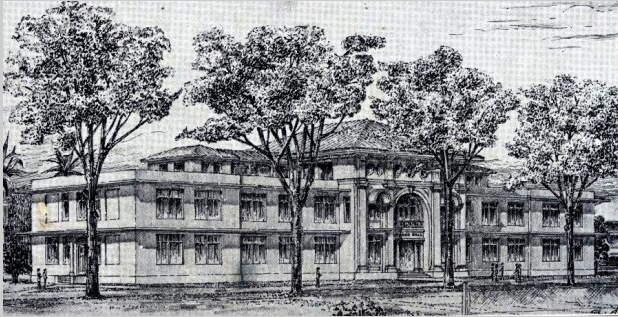


One of Glunz's first pre-engineering classes

...is the carpenter shop" and many boys learned from him to "do with their might, whatever their hands find to do." His gift for grasping applied knowledge and mastering its use was demonstrated at one instance by his idea of putting wooden rollers beneath the superstructure of the wooden houses that were intended to be moved and by means of pulleys roll the structure from its original site to another place around campus. In 1940, the former School Exchange was converted into a faculty-student cooperative store and, for this purpose, Mr. Glunz moved his old residence to the corner of Hibbard and Silliman avenues, raising the original building and adding the first story underneath. Since then, faculty homes have been moved from their former sites with this technology for relocation to new sites and to make way for new buildings such as the new Silliman Medical center and the Luce auditorium.

Mr. Glunz designed and built most of the buildings on the Silliman Institute campus. All constructions --- buildings, office desks and chairs, plumbing, electrical connections--- at Silliman were provided by the industrial arts department. As a self-educated engineer, Mr. Glunz took charge of the practical implementation of campus development and by 1905, Silliman Institute was well on its way to becoming a self-contained campus with missionary residences, a windmill, water tower, acetylene lighting system, ice-making machine, a printing press and an industrial building.

In 1910, Charles Glunz became a member of the first Board of Trustees of Silliman Institute. Dr. Silliman had passed away that year and the Institute would lose the financial support he had provided. Faced with urgent and mounting demands for increased service and expansion in 1914-1915, the Institute initiated fundraising efforts in the Philippines from 1915 through 1930, enlisting the help of the (See **GLUNZ page 3**)



Design of what would become Hibbard Hall

Leaders...

nurse and health administrator who graduated from SUCN in 1964 and currently chairs the alumni chapter board of directors.



Nate Tan

From 1996 to 1998, Susan Soldwisch became president and was instrumental in organizing the first Tipon gathering under SUAACONA at Stony Point, NY in 1998. Susan obtained her biology degree in 1963 and graduate work in biology and Southeast Asian Studies in 1969.

Nathaniel Tan succeeded Susan the next term, 1999-2000. Nate, married to '76 BSN alumna **Grace Villanueva** holds a string of Silliman connections as member of the graduating classes of SUES '63, SUHS '67 and BBA '71.

The only chapter member who served two non-consecutive terms as president is Fely Narvaez, from 2001-2002 and 2005-2006. A retired ER nurse, Fely matches Nate's SU years - SUES '63, SUHS '57 and BSN '62.



Fely Narvaez

graduated in 1957 from the College of Theology with a BS in Christian Education and is a retired teacher.

Church minister Pastor Paniamogan presided over the chapter from 2007-2008. A 1964 graduate of the College of Theology, Rev. Paniamogan is married to **Mila Opalia**, educator and author of math textbook for children. He serves as senior minister at First Congregational Church of Christ in Perris. He undertook graduate and post-graduate studies in the US, and served churches in Iowa, Michigan and Ohio.



Miriam Cole

who with husband **Donald** and family recently moved to Rhode Island and is the immediate past president of the organization, served from 2009 - 2010. Miriam obtained a BS in Music degree in 1973; she is also a member of SUES '65 and SUHS '69.

Laarni, married to **Frank Gularek**, is a 1974 BBA graduate and also member of SUHS '70. She is a trust administrator at City National Bank in San Diego.

Sofia Pelias-

Jadloc, president from 2003 to 2004, continued her husband's commitment to SUAF. Sofia



Sofia Jadloc



Pastor Paniamogan

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Laarni Gularek

GLUNZ ... Mission and faculty members. Mr. Glunz and Dr. **George W. Dunlap** embarked on a fundraising effort among friends in Cebu. Government approval was secured in 1941 for Silliman to offer four years of vocational education which allowed BSE candidates to teach in secondary schools. In addition, this program replaced the two-year vocational normal curriculum developed prior whose main thrust was directing shop courses towards the preparation of prospective teachers of elementary gardening and industrial arts. Technical instruction continued to be given by Mr. Glunz and his staff. A professional contribution by Mr. Glunz were his published notes on "*Woodworking and Construction in the Philippine Islands.*"

The Glunzes had reached the time for retirement in 1941 but were caught up in the war. WW II also came at a time when building operations on the Silliman church and Hibbard Hall were underway. With no cash to meet the payroll, Mr. Glunz met with the laborers

who were willing to continue until they had finished the walls and put on the roof and wait for their pay. It is recounted that **Gil Severino** of the industrial department was still resolutely putting up the cross on the roof of the church while Japanese planes flew overhead. The cross was placed in position and a final picture was taken on April 2, 1942.

The Chapman and Glunz families then fled to the mountains forming a nucleus from Silliman known as the **Dalasang** community. They were joined by Professor **Guillermo Magdamo** and his family. They were subsequently captured, imprisoned in Silliman Hall and transported with other missionaries to the internment camp in Manila. The Silliman faculty members had survived starvation and the imminent danger of death alongside their captors and soon found their way back to the United States upon the liberation of Manila. Although Mr. Glunz had retired in California at age of 70, he continued to be involved in the work on both Hibbard Hall and the church.

Charles Glunz passed away in 1948 and Mrs. Glunz died three years after. Their absence was deeply felt during the celebration of the first service of Silliman Church in 1950. At the time of their deaths, they were survived by their children **William**, Kathryn (Mrs. **William Work**) and Margaret (Mrs. **Donald Bowman**). William and Kathryn Work donated the church pulpit in memory of her parents. The stained glass window depicting Jesus, the Teacher, in the church chancel was provided by Dr. and Mrs. **Pedro Ylagan** in honor of

Pioneer faculty of Silliman Institute



Silliman's early teachers were family affairs as indicated by the faculty roster: left to right - Carlos Smith (1906, arrival year), Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glunz (1904), Dr. and Mrs. David Hibbard (1901), Mr. and Mrs. William McIntire (1902), and Dr. and Mrs. Henry Langheim (1901).

In remembrance †

Emmanuel Janolo Narvaez, Sr.

April 4, 1938—May 12, 2012

A poignant military ceremony, with U.S. Navy Corpsmen in attendance, was held for the interment of **Emmanuel "Manny" Narvaez**, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, at the Miramar National Cemetery, San Diego, on May 18, 2012. Manny's casket was brought to the service chapel in a horse-drawn hearse, followed by his family and friends.

After a brief service at the site, the U. S. flag was presented to **Fely Narvaez** (nee Tan), Manny's wife, "Taps" was played by a bugler, a nine-gun salute was given and 30 doves were released with the help of Manny's grandchildren. Interment was private but visitation at his final resting place was allowed a few hours later.

The vigil for Manny was held May 17th at El Camino Memorial in San Diego from 4:00-8:00 p.m. attended by packed audience. SU alumnus Rev. **Isaias Paniamogan** conducted a service which family members and friends participated in sharing their memories of Manny. A service celebrating Manny's life was held the next day at the Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. Eulogies were rendered by Manny's three sons, Eddie, Jay and Eric and by his sister, **Priscilla Shurney**; passages from the Scriptures were read by grandsons **Jeremy, Jed and Jason**; and granddaughters **Emily, Macie** and **Emma** sang "What a Wonderful Day" as a tribute to their Lolo. The Rev. **Brad Roth** conducted the service and music accompaniment was provided by sister-in-law, **Miriam Tan Cole**.

Manny was born on April 4, 1938 in Cavite, Philippines, and was a graduate of the Union High School, Class '55. After he obtained his AA degree, he joined the U.S. Navy in order to help provide for his family and eight siblings. On his retirement from the U.S. Navy, Manny worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 20 years. He was a member of the SU Alumni and Friends at San Diego for 20 years. A quiet and private person, Manny was very supportive of his wife who served as the President of the association for two terms and was always ready to lend a hand at the various social gatherings of the association. Manny's father, **Damiano Narvaez**, was a pastor in the Philippines.

Manny is survived by his wife of 46 years, **Fely Narvaez** (nee Tan), a graduate of the SU College of Nursing, sons **Edward** (wife **Carla**), **Emmanuel "Jay-jay"** (wife **Carina**) and **Eric**, six grandchildren, and a large extended family comprising Manny's and Fely's siblings and their families.

Ligaya M. Simpkins

San Diego Briefs:

Rev. Dr. **Frank Somera** correctly identified the group picture (1966 Bachelor of Divinity class) accompanying the Elwood family feature in the May issue. He graciously donated the prize of \$73 to SUAF of SD. Thanks, Frank.

SUAF officers and board of directors will jointly meet Wednesday June 20 6:00 pm at Savory Buffet on Miramar Road.

the Glunzes.

It is often said that deeds counted more than words with Charles Glunz and that "*with patience and perseverance, he succeeded in establishing the Industrial Department which is a credit to Silliman Institute. He has planned and built most of the magnificent buildings that adorn the college campus today.*"

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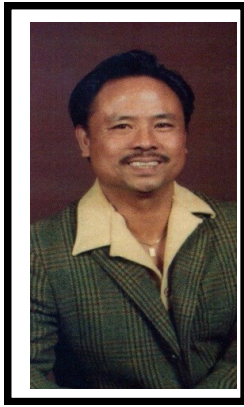
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'Manny' Narvaez remembered*



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