



## SUHS '70 reunion in Vegas

Forty two years after high school graduation at Silliman, 34 class members spent a four-day weekend together in Las Vegas, Feb. 24 – 27. The class had 145 graduates.

The occasion, the first for class members who are in the US, was a make-up for those who missed the ruby reunion August 2010 on campus.

They came from all over the country – and continent – San Jose, Southern California, New Jersey, Texas, Arizona, Chicago, Ohio, Oregon, New York and Canada.

The reunion was organized by **Chiquit Teves Tan**, **Mina Montilla Ladlad**, **Laarni Gularek** and **Joel Pal**. The class plans another gathering in 2013.



Among the SUHS '70 alumni: Seated (l-r): **Laarni Catague**, **Jean Edrial**, **Edna Magdamo**, **Rosemay Sumalpong**. Standing: **Ninan Malahay**, **Nerissa Ollague**, **Kerima Tuvera**, **Susan Claire Ceniza**, **Mina Montilla**, **Fe Macias** and classmate **Clyde Herhuela's** spouse, **Nancy**.

## Temblor fund drive nets \$1,225

When the earthquake hit Negros Oriental last month, the hometowns of three members were hit the hardest – Tayasan (**Precy Garrido**), Ayungon (**Chona Maribao**) and Guihulngan (**Laarni Gularek**).

**Amy Buluran** initiated a fund drive among members, and during the *despedida* party for **Vivien** and **Jojo Garroville** March 3, chapter treasurer **Allen Garrido** reported a collection of over \$1200 from members and friends. SUAF also added \$200.

In addition several members made contributions directly to campaigns for assistance in Negros. SUAFer **Len Pellettieri** and three of his colleagues at First UUCP San Diego brought in \$300.

The contributions raised will be endorsed to help the three hometowns, according to chapter president **Laarni**.

## Another notch for March celebrants

Quite a large group of SUAFers celebrating birthdays this month: **Amanda Garrido**, **Blanche Craig**, **Carmen Pak**, **Richard Jansen**, **Ben Sy**, **J.B. Lavergne**, **Warlin Laguda** and **Gino Maribao**. Always getting younger, these folks.

## SUAF quarterly meeting April 14

Next chapter meeting will be Saturday, April 14, 2012, 11am to 2pm at the residence of **Mila** and Pastor **Isaias Paniamogan**.

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[www.sdsuaf.com](http://www.sdsuaf.com)

## American Missionaries 3rd in a Series



**Drs. George W. and Janice Van Zomeran Beran**  
1960—1973

By **Ligaya Magbanua Simpkins**

When one speaks of the Van Houweling Laboratory for Microbiological Research at the Silliman University Medical Center, **Dr. George W. Beran** immediately comes to mind. He was instrumental in its founding and its role in the anti-rabies program from 1964-1970.

**Dr. Beran**, his wife, **Janice**, and their children, **Bruce**, 4, and **Anne**, 2, came to Silliman University in 1960 as fraternal workers under the Presbyterian Church, USA. **George**, with a Ph. D. in Epidemiology/Microbiology (1959) and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (1954), became the head of the Department of Agriculture for several years where he taught animal nutrition, animal husbandry and animal disease. He also taught microbiology for nursing students.

**Jan** had a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education



The Berans, with Anne and Bruce

(1953) and became professor of Physical Education for both basic and major courses and director of the year long intramural program in addition to coaching the university athletic teams. She started a worship dance group and published research studies on Filipino children's play and games.

**Jan** and **Sophia Ravello** co-authored a textbook "Physical Activities for the Filipina" that is still in use by many schools.

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**BERANS...** The Berans were very active in the church, teaching and leading youth fellowship groups, Galilean fellowship, and church women activities.

Jan was involved in the Christian Education program and the Womens' Association. The Berans started and led a weekly Visayan language Bible study

group for pedicab drivers, tartanilla drivers and household helpers for many years with as many as 25 in attendance.

**George Stuart**, the youngest child, was born in 1963 at SUMC and finished grade four by the time the Berans left Silliman University. He and his wife, **Jennifer**, reside in Minnesota. **Bruce** and **Anne** both graduated from SUES and SUHS and Jan's sister, **Mary Van Zomeren** and brother, **Mark Van Zomeren**, each studied one year at Silliman in the early 1960's. Bruce and his wife **Delores** live in Maryland while Anne resides in Iowa with her family. To the delight of their classmates, Anne, husband **Terry Stark** and their three children returned to Silliman University for her 25<sup>th</sup> reunion as did Bruce and Delores for two of his class reunions.

In 1964, Dr. Beran founded the Van Houweling Laboratory for Microbiological Research at SU Medical Center to address multiple public health problems facing the Philippines. An epidemic of Asian cholera occurred and he developed a serum which was effective in preventing it from spreading. With the help of **Samuel Gregorio** and his small staff, the VHL also took on the massive task of producing a quarter of a million doses for the national rabies program. Vaccination went beyond Dumaguete to municipalities in the provinces of Negros, Siquijor, Cebu, Bohol and Zamboanga. Close monitoring of all areas where vaccination was done demonstrated that the aggressive stance had successively eradicated rabies from those municipalities.

Before his retirement from Silliman, Dr. Beran received a Doctor of Humane Letters from Silliman in 1973 in appreciation of his service to Negros Oriental and the neighboring provinces. That same year, the Negros Oriental Provincial Board passed a resolution to make him an Honorary Son of Negros Oriental.

On their return to the U.S., George became a Distinguished Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State Uni-

versity (Ames, IA) from 1973-1999. Jan, having obtained an M.Sc. in 1969 during their tenure at Silliman, went on to earn a Ph. D. in International Comparative and Philosophy of Education in 1976. She became a professor of Physical education at ISU from 1976-1992. When Dr. Beran retired in 1973, VHL had lost the grant from the U.S. Army and the National Science foundation in the Philippines and without this support, the potential to become an important viral studies center in the Philippines. Dr. **Angel Alcalá** lamented that: "...The University, through the Van Houweling laboratory, could have contributed to a better understanding of viruses causing so much misery in Asia these days, including the SARS virus, the human influenza virus, the bird-flu virus, etc." However, the role of the Van Houweling Laboratory, and more importantly, Dr. Beran's previous success in eliminating rabies, did not go unnoticed.

Dr. George Beran will return to the Philippines this year, 2012, with another professor from Iowa State to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between ISU College of Veterinary Medicine, the University of the Philippines College of Veterinary Medicine and Silliman University. The rabies program will be the first project undertaken in this agreement. He will be in Dumaguete from July to August with his family to restart the anti-rabies program under the auspices of the World Health Organization and will be assisting the National Health Department in making the rabies vaccine.

Jan Beran fondly recalls "*We had such wonderful years in the Philippines. We learned so much, the intangibles, particularly interpersonal relationships. We are happy to say we have life-long friends from our Philippine days. We grew spiritually as we witnessed the strong faith of our colleagues. On Christmas day our main course is still pork and chicken adobo.*"

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## Focus of *American Missionaries* project is remembering fraternal workers

An initiative by SUAF@SD, the alumni chapter in San Diego and suburbs, to recall and remember the services of early American missionaries and fraternal workers at Silliman has received support and endorsement from President **Ben Malayang**.

The project entails research and possible publication documenting the history and lives of these missionaries and their families. It is undertaken by SUAF members **Ligaya Magbanua Simpkins** and husband **Joel**, according to SUAF president **Laarni Gularek**.

Ligaya and Joel are in contact with a few of these fraternal workers and/or their surviving families, and are calling for the alumni base to share anecdotal and archival resources that can help fill in gaps in the narratives of their service years.

Preliminary coverage is published in PortalXtra. The series is accessible on the chapter website [www.sdsuaf.com](http://www.sdsuaf.com). Dr. **Gordon** and **Helen Mahy** and Dr. **James** and **Ethel Chapman** were featured previously. The Berans, the focus this issue, are expected on campus later this year. The series continues every month.

President Malayang has created a working committee on campus

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**The Berans today:** In center, George and Jan, surrounded (clockwise from top) by George S. and Jenni, Danny Stark, Bruce and Delores Beran, Terry and Anne Stark, and in front, grandchildren (l-r) Joey Beran, Katie Stark, Abby Beran, Teran Stark and Jack Beran.

## SUHS class '70 lives it up in Las Vegas

And they did not leave anything behind in Vegas, either. Instead, brought home tons of memories, that is, in the form of smiles as these pictures show. The reunion was centered at Tahiti Village.

Unable to join his erstwhile classmates for the Vegas gathering Feb. 24—27 was **Ben Malayang, III**. SU President Malayang will speak at the first SUCNAAI nursing alumni conference at the Tropicana March 21—24.

The class took occasion to remember and celebrate the lives of departed classmates with a solemn candle ceremony, topped with the class graduation song “You’ll Never Walk Alone”.

Eleven classmates have passed on since graduation in 1970.



**Smiles in a row—once more:** (kneeling, l-r) Ramon Carampatan, Susan Ceniza, Nerissa Ollague, Ninan Malahay, Edna Magdamo, Fe Macias, JoAnn (Bando) Battista; (standing) Sandy Estoye, Nassi and Margie (Barraquias) Ocariza, Etienne and Lorna (Kirit) Balatero, Dolly and Phil del Rosario, Joel Pal, Ed Estoye, Laarni Catague, Consuelo Dedel Ansaldo, Rosemay Sumalpong, Nina (Correos) Reyes, Jean Edrial, Susan (Togle) Abellera and Felix Leonardo (Ninan’s hubby).

**Focus...** chaired by Prof. **Carlos Magtolis, Jr.** to start collecting scanned and printed archival pictures. Dr. Malayang explained that the University intends twin thrusts to collaborate with SUAF – the creation of historical visual displays in the Library and the publication of a “coffee table format book with personal reflections from those fortunate to know them”.

Any alumni wishing to share information relative to these missionaries may email Ligaya at [simpkins1922@att.net](mailto:simpkins1922@att.net). Pictures sent in will be handled carefully and returned safely.

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Laarni with Mina Ladlad



↑ Phil del Rosario, Clyde Herhuela, Laarni, Joel (keyboard) and Nancy.

Vegas Venue for high school reunion

↑ In remembrance...  
Departed classmates: **Jimmy Abarca, Bernard Florendo, Florante Gervacio, Ricardo Murallon, Jose Ortouste, Sol Ebarle, Edgar Flores, Francisco Logronio, James Siao**. Not shown: **Hydon Sinda and Pastor Merced**.



At the Bellagio: Susan Claire, Ninan, Consuelo, Rosemay, Edna, Laarni, Margie, Jean and Susan.



← Tram ride: Ninan, Laarni, Margie, Edna, Consuelo, Rosemay, Nina and Susan.



Outlet malling:  
← Mina and Jun Ladlad, Nerissa, Laarni, Jean, Margie, Don Gonzaga, JoAnn, Chiquit, Rosemay and Nassi Ocariza.