

Field (fun) trip for SUAFers

The one-time gold-mining town of Julian was the destination this past weekend of a day-long field trip Oct. 29 by SUAF@SD members who used the occasion for fun and fellowship picking apples, train-riding...



and looking for gold nuggets.

Julian, the location of the only gold rush mine in the county, is one hour drive east of San Diego in the Cuyamaca mountains where the San Diego River has its

source. It also is the location of several award-winning apple orchards which draw visitors and tourists during its Apple Festival in October.

Smith Ranch, site of the gold mine, operates a vintage railroad in the property.

Field trips are regular events that the San Diego chapter arranges for its members, families and friends.



Tap Xmas party Dec. 10

The annual Christmas party for SUAF is set for Saturday Dec. 10 from 11am—4pm at the Perris Fellowship Hall.

Details are being finalized by the committee headed by **Grace Tan** and includes **Fely Narvaez** and **Precy Garrido** as southern and northern coordinators, respectively. Please contact them with menu assistance for the event.



Set caroling for the holidays

Chapter members are getting ready for a spate of caroling activities to usher the Christmas season as done in previous years.

Members will get those wind pipes singing their merry tunes soon.

Carolers are scheduled for weekend gigs starting Saturday, Nov. 12 at the residence of **Bonette and Romeo Cruspero (Luzuriaga)**, and then Saturdays or Sundays Nov. 20, Dec. 3 and 4, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17.

Practice sessions are held at the homes of **Fely and Manny Narvaez** and **Pastor Isaias and Mila Paniamogan**.

New chapter 'friend'

SUAF@SD takes in retired English instructor **Leonard Pellettieri** as its newest member. Len is involved with a project to construct student dormitories in Dumaguete funded by the SD First Unitarian Universalist Church.



Len with Precy Madrid (Gallardo) during Oct. 22 SUAF meeting

The dorms will serve students from SU and other Dumaguete colleges.

SD alumni in 'social' mood

Ahead of the coming holidays, SUAFers are already immersed in social and fellowship activities involving "kababayans" and Sillimanians.

San Diego has a large portion of Filipinos in its populace and an umbrella group COPAO (Council of Philippine-American Organizations of SD County) coordinates activities for the coalition members.

SUAF@SD is one of COPAO's active members. Two of its members, **Amy Buluran** and **Mary Garrido** served in its board of directors.

This past month, the Paniamogans were involved with the celebration in Perris of October as Philippine-American month.

On Sunday Nov. 13, **Alma Lavergne, Laarni and Frank Gularek, Precila and Allen Garrido** are off to Anaheim for the 20th anniversary and induction of officers of the Negros Oriental Association-USA based in the Los Angeles area.

And no telling what happens when Congressman Manny Pacquiao fights again this month. SUAFers will find some way, somewhere to spend a Saturday evening, Nov. 12.

Book donation considered

The public library at Mira Mesa will receive new book donations from SUAF@SD under a chapter project to replenish and maintain its Filipiniana section current.

The library is down 50% in Philippine-related books and multi-media resources from its previous volume inventory. SUAF@SD initiated the project in the 1990s during its early years.

Mary Olivar Garrido chairs the library committee with members **Precila Fabugais Garrido, Dinah Penaflorida** and **Sonia Sheeks**.

SUAF website to get facelift

Expect our website to get a facelift and upgrade pretty soon.

Sillimianian **Dorothy Yells (Salaver)** presented a plan during the Oct. 22 quarterly meeting to do a design assessment and will assist webmaster **Ryan Paniamogan** on the work-over. Dotti operates an internet consulting business in So. California.

Taking care of business

Audit committee will meet Sunday, Dec. 4, 1pm at the home of chapter auditor **Nathaniel Tan** in Escondido to consider year-end statements.



Dotti with Laarni and Joel and Gaya Simpkins, Oct. 22.