

SUAfers back from golden reunions

Just returned from the 2011 Founders Day festivities are **Joel** and **Ligaya Simpkins** after an extended stay and visit with her family. Gaya marked the 55th year reunion of her SUHS class and the golden anniversary of her chemistry class.

Alma Pinili Lavergne also made the golden jubilee of her '61 BSN class which co-celebrated the homecoming with Class '62. Of the 24 who graduated in 1961,



Some of the '61 and '62 graduates

eleven came "home" to enjoy the fellowship, food and the side trips that included places like Balanan Lake and Palinpinon and Antulang beach resort. Alma's cohort included **Juliet Buhawe-Bacolod, Florence Dimaya-Martin, Ma. Angeles Bocanegra-Rabor, Eduvigis Baldado-Vergara, Modesta Bandoquillo-Ibera, Nenita Parreno-Tayko, Virginia Amor-Reyes, Rosa Alierno-Arrieta, Marina Edrial-Cabanlit and Corazon Santos-Go.**

Class '62 had 17 returnees on campus, anticipating its jubilee anniversary next year: **Memita Zerna-Absin, Claire Melendez, Fely Magdamo, Chita Calumpang-Labe, Alicia Maceda, Bessie Robinson-Tecson, Aida Tayko-Sy, Ligaya Lupisan-Cunanan, Raquel Luga-Gregorio, Roselyn Grino-Deloso, Sylvia Lemonsito-Villegas, Gloria Lecciones-Doig, Lorraine Villaflores-Imperial, Nenita Fontelo-Arroz, Fe Cabugnason, Maribel Rono-Schiewe and Elizabeth Broner-Arrieta.**

(More pictures next page.)



Current SUAF scholar at Silliman, shown here with scholarship committee chair **Ligaya Simpkins.**

Quarterly meeting:

October 22 at the residence of Pastor **Isaias and Mila Paniamogan.**

Agenda: Projects and auditor and committee reports.

Tootin' our horns... our projects

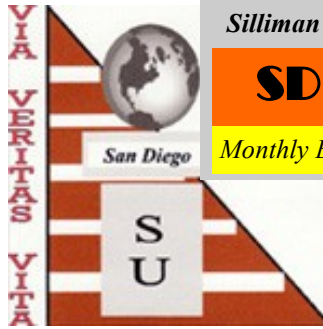
The Mira Mesa library is one of a few public libraries in California with a special Philippine collection of books, music and media.

Initiated by then chapter president **Susan Soldwisch**



(**Monte de Ramos**) and continued with subsequent donations under succeeding SUAF presidents **Nathaniel Tan** and **Fely Narvaez**, it remains an ongoing project. The chapter quarterly meeting later this month will discuss ways to expand the collection.

SUAF@SD members have shown active involvement with cultural and social events in San Diego and environs related to things *Filipiniana*.



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River cleanup

The San Diego River has regularly provided occasions for outings (and workouts) for SUAfers. This past summer again drew volunteers to clean up the river and surroundings.

The happy group posed for a picture: **Alma Lavergne, Fely Narvaez, and Laarni and Frank Gularek and son Sean.**



OSA nomination

SUAF@SD has a candidate for the 2012 Outstanding Sillimanian Award search. The OSA committee chaired by **Dinah Bibaoco Penaflores** with members **Ligaya Simpkins** and **Nathaniel Tan** last week submitted the name of the nominee to the Silliman University Alumni Association. Deadline is Oct. 15.



President **Ben Malayang** cuts ribbon to open SUACONA-sponsored Student Center. SUAF@SD is one of the alumni chapters that contributed to the project.

(See pictures next page)

SUAfers grace LA affair

The San Diego alumni chapter was represented during the Sept. 24 induction of officers of the SUAASC, its counterpart in the greater Los Angeles area.

Attending the event were **Laarni and Frank Gularek, Precy and Allen Garrido, Veronica and Jose-doro Garrovillo, and Dinah Penaflores.**

SUAASC will be headed by president **Jaime Ponce de Leon** and a new set of officers for the next two years.

Guest speaker during the ceremonies was **David Martinez**, a 1970 grad of the Silliman College of Law. (See next page for pictures)

New members

SUAF@SD welcomed new members this past quarter. Among the latest additions are **Alan and Edna Mann, Oswald and Tenette Esperat.**



Sue

Where are they? If you folks out there are wondering where members **Susan** and **Bill Soldwisch** are at the moment, they are doing a regular commute between Southern Cal and their Siaton home **Montesol**. Both are involved in publishing a monthly community newsletter in Cebuano in Siaton, **Kitang Lungsuranon**. You can check out the online version — the website is at <http://kitangsiatanon.com>. Sue says it is their way of "giving back".

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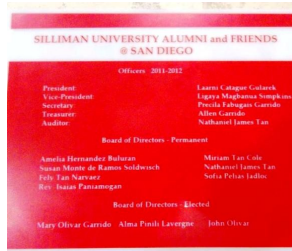
110th Founders Day

This year's Founders Day celebration brought SUAF members **Ligaya Magbana Simpkins** and **Alma Pinili Lavergne** back to Dumaguete to join classmates in jubilee celebrations of their chemistry and nursing classes, respectively.

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Wall plaque commemorating SUAF's participation in the SUACONA Student Center project



Gaya with OSA awardees — **Edna Callejas-Mijares** (Chemistry), and in photo to the left while being recognized for SUAF@SD participation in the SUACONA Student Center project, **Betsy Aya-ay Jackson** (Nursing) can be seen by Gaya's elbow.

The nurses are back!



At the President's home



BSN '62

Airport arrivals... bound for where else?



BSN '61



With President Ben



Joel Pal with other SUACONA officers

SUAASC induction
Sept. 24, 2011



Contingent from San Diego ↑



New officers ↑
for LA alumni



Vivien and Jojo dancing away



College classmates, now Cal neighbors

Alberto and Esperanza Abellaneda graduated from Silliman with Chemistry degrees, the same year Ligaya Magbana did. The three made their mark in the US, Gaya with husband Joel in New Jersey, and the Abellanedas in Illinois.



Bert and Pansing with Gaya behind them.

Retirement finds them in virtually the same San Diego suburbs — the Simpkins in Fallbrook and Bert and Pansing in Murietta. And they all belong to SUAF@SD.

Son Alex is a pilot with Delta Airlines and has a family in Minneapolis; daughter Eileen and family reside in Concord, CA.



The Abellanedas, Ligaya and Joel Simpkins with the family of Rev. Jonathan Pia.