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WHAT'S NEW AND COMING?

First, the dates of our 38th annual reunion to be held in Long Beach CA to honor the 2017 Golden Jubilarian Class⁶⁷, Silver Jubilarian Class⁹² and other celebrants are yet to be announced. The FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation president, Licerio V Castro MD, and the reunion host Southern California officers and members are busy making the arrangement to finalize the convention venue, dates and related affairs' details. Announcement should be coming forth any time soon.

Second, the Winter meeting of the FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation board trustees will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the Monte Carlo Hotel Casino Resort in Las Vegas NV. The assembly is confirmed to the East Ballroom 8.

Reservations can be made directly to hotel group reservations department at 800-311-8999. In order to receive the group rate, callers must make their reservations on or before the cut-off date of February 24th, identifying one's affiliation with the Alumni Foundation group code XFEUMAF17.

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From your CHAIRMAN

From the July 2016 alumni homecoming, it is time to mention the new officers who are going to lead our FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation, from 2016 to 2018. I am heading as chairman; Licerio V Castro MD, president; Edgar Borda MD, executive vice president; Rogelio Cave MD, Recto de Leon MD, and Edgar Altares MD, vice presidents; Nida Blankas-



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Hernaez MD, secretary; Amethyst Cureg MD, treasurer; Cesar Jimenez MD, auditor; and

New board trustees: Drs A Cureg, E Borda, R Cave, Rene Estrella, Daisy Ramos, Gene Siruno, Hernani Tansuche, Daisy Castro, Manuel Malicay, Guadalupe Florescio, and Herminigildo Valle.

Dr Castro and I have made arrangement for our Winter Meeting in March 2017. He has made the announcement and all particulars including the venue which is the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas.

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PRESIDENT'S Message

As we are engulfed in all those global pleasantries let us pause for a moment, set aside our worries, ignore the unknown and gear up for a more tangible event that enable us to have a vivid control of our destiny. Let us focus on our pride and joy, our beloved FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation. Nostalgia always strikes me whenever I think



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of our fellow alumni. Do you remember that evening you have spent with your classmates, your best friends, your colleagues? Those priceless moments kept reverberating over and over again. Let us rekindle those moments to remember. Let us not allow them to just fade away and get lost in the dust.

Help me out with this endeavor. I **cannot** do it without you, for you are the life of our Alumni Foundation. Yes, you. Make no mistake you are a very important person in this organization and we expect you to feel that way, it is the only way. I have envisioned that we all could come together, have fun, share all our talents and most of all, enjoy the company with one another.

It is a challenging endeavor however we all are ready to meet all challenges. There is a huge clamor that every Alumni Foundation Chapter needs to be represented in our 38th annual reunion in

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ALADIN MARIANO PMAC Physician of the Year

Aladin M Mariano MD⁷², a university-wide scholar and student leader at FEU, FEUCSO chairman delegate, and consistent Class president, had his internship at Manila Sanitarium & Hospitals. After graduation he worked as a research and teaching fellow in biochemistry.



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MARIANO MD

His surgical residency at the Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn and Brooklyn Hospital/ SUNY Downstate Medical Center was capped by a thoracic cardiac surgery fellowship at the New York Cornell Medical College-Columbia Presbyterian which is now the Mt. Sinai University Health System.

In 2011, Dr Mariano also completed a master's degree in healthcare administration at New England College, NH.

For almost 30 years to date, he has practiced a community cardiovascular and thoracic surgery in Chicago and suburbs. He recently got promoted to clinical associate professor of surgery at the University of Illinois Abraham Lincoln College of Medicine at Chicago. His clinical affiliation is with the Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village IL where he has served as medical director of surgical services, surgery department chairman, medical staff

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FAITH CORNER

REV MELVIN ANTONIO MD⁶⁵

In the 6th chapter of the Gospel of St John,

Jesus emphatically declares,
I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never go thirsty. This opens the door to many questions. Is Jesus offering such a fantastic earthly feast that we go away

feeling like we never need to eat again?

Or, is he offering an everlasting spiritual

feast that feeds our souls continuously

from the time he makes this declaration?

What does it mean to feast on the Word of God, and to make it part of one's daily nourishment?

In the Philippines, each town adopts a patron saint. The anniversary of this patron saint is celebrated with a *fiesta*. Families, either individually or in cooperation with others open their homes to everyone, even to total strangers. No formal invitation necessary. Special dishes are prepared for the occasion. All you have to do is walk in and eat to your heart's content. When you get done at one house, you go to the next for some more if you are able. As the saying goes, *anyone who goes away hungry, it's their own fault*. As you can easily guess, my friends and I kept a log of when and where those fiestas would occur.

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IMPUNITY and AMNESIA

CESAR D CANDARI MD⁶¹

FCAP Emeritus, Henderson NV

From Wikipedia impunity is defined as *exemption from punishment or loss or escape from fines*. In the international law of human rights, it refers to the failure to bring perpetrators of human rights violators to justice and, as such, itself constitutes a denial of the victims' right to justice and redress.

According to a study of countries plagued by impunity, the Philippines topped the list of 59 countries-- the worst record in bringing wrongdoers to justice.

We Pilipinos are compassionate and magnanimous people. However, we are well known for our political culture of impunity. Wrongdoers are not punished enough. We are too humane and compassionate. We easily forget the corrupt, plundering politicians, the indicted bureaucrats of what they have done to the country, especially the ex-martial ruler-dictator Ferdinand Marcos. They must get their comeuppance.

Former Senator Bongbong Marcos the son of the former dictator is saying that President Rodrigo Duterte has given the *go-signal* for his father's burial at the *Libingan ng mga Bayani* (Heroes

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TENDERLY YOURS

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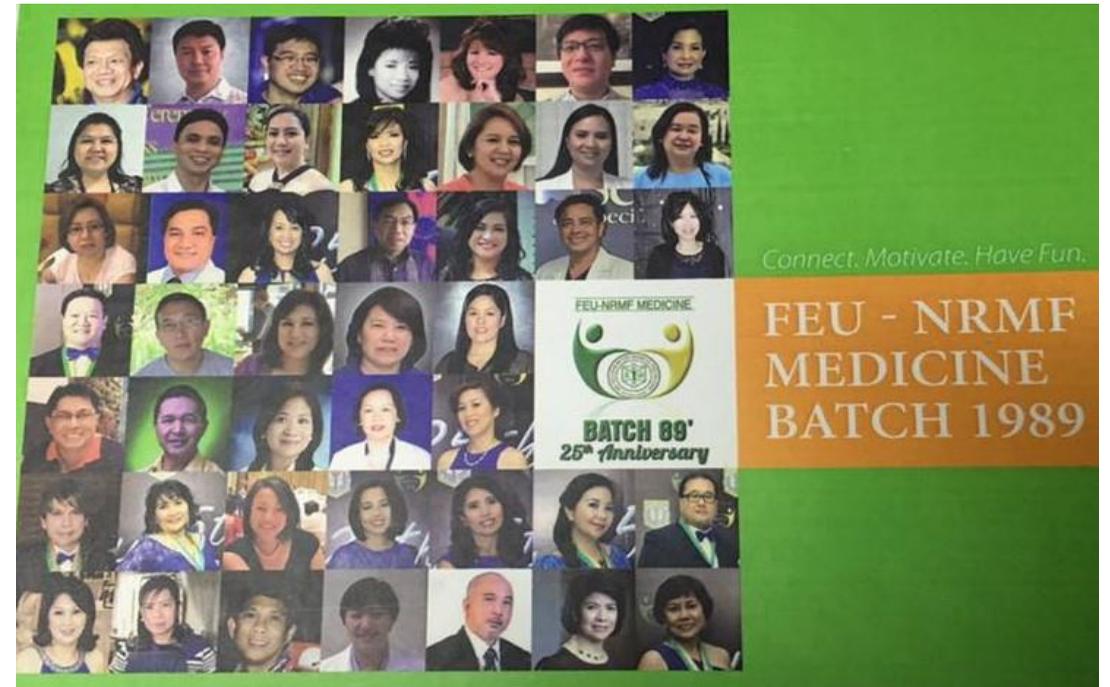
Another chapter has gone last July as

we concluded our last annual reunion. Let me congratulate all those responsible for giving us a good continuing medical education and functions, starting from chairman Oscar

Tuazon MD, and of course the rest of his staff particularly Pete Florescio MD, Minda Santangelo MD, Grace Rabadam MD, Manny Malicay MD, Cesar Jimenez MD, the different chairmen and members

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS⁸⁹!



Cover page of Class⁸⁹ coffee table book

CALLING CLASS⁶⁷

2017 Golden Jubilarians

in preparation of your Golden Anniversary in 2017 please submit graduation and recent pictures, including family picture, curriculum vitae and highlights of medical career in 250 words.

Submit all information to

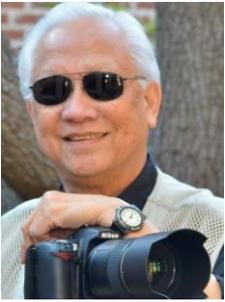
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ROLANDO M SOLIS MD

IMAGE of the MONTH

ROLANDO M SOLIS MD⁶³:



Phalaenopsis Orchid



Daniel Fabito MD⁶⁴ (left) receives 2016 Humanitarian award from PEACE president Bien Daus MD and past president Lestrino Baquiran MD.



On the occasion of its Pearl Jubilee celebration, PEACE (Philippine Economic and Cultural Endowment-USA) remembers and recognizes past presidents with a personalized medallion. The medallion bears the president's name, the year(s) of service and the words *PEACE Pearl Jubilee 2016*. The event was held recently in St Louis Hilton Frontenac, in conjunction with the 45th anniversary APPA annual convention. From left, Augustus Soriano MD; Virgilio R Pilapil MD⁶⁰, 2012-2013; Rolando Seneneng MD; Carmelo C Dichoso MD; Lestrino C Baquiran MD; and Cosme R Cagas MD. Ching Baquiran received the medallion for Frank Rabadam MD.



Surgeon General, Brig Gen Mariano A Mejia MD⁸⁵ is 2016 most outstanding alumnus of the Philippine Defense College of the Philippines. *CONGRATULATIONS!*



Some of the FEU alumni attendees at the 45th annual APPA convention held recently at the Hilton St Louis Frontenac MO



Claire De Leon MD⁶⁸ is the APPA Auxiliary 2016 Humanitarian Award. *CONGRATULATIONS!*



A group picture of guests during the 18th birthday and debutante celebration (left frame) of Jennilyn Cave who is serenaded by her *lolo*, Roger Cave MD⁶⁵ (right).



Teodoro Manubay MD⁶⁹ and Teresita Manubay MD⁶⁹ thank you and retirement. *CONGRATULATIONS!*

CLINICAL IMAGES

PLEOMORPHIC SARCOMA

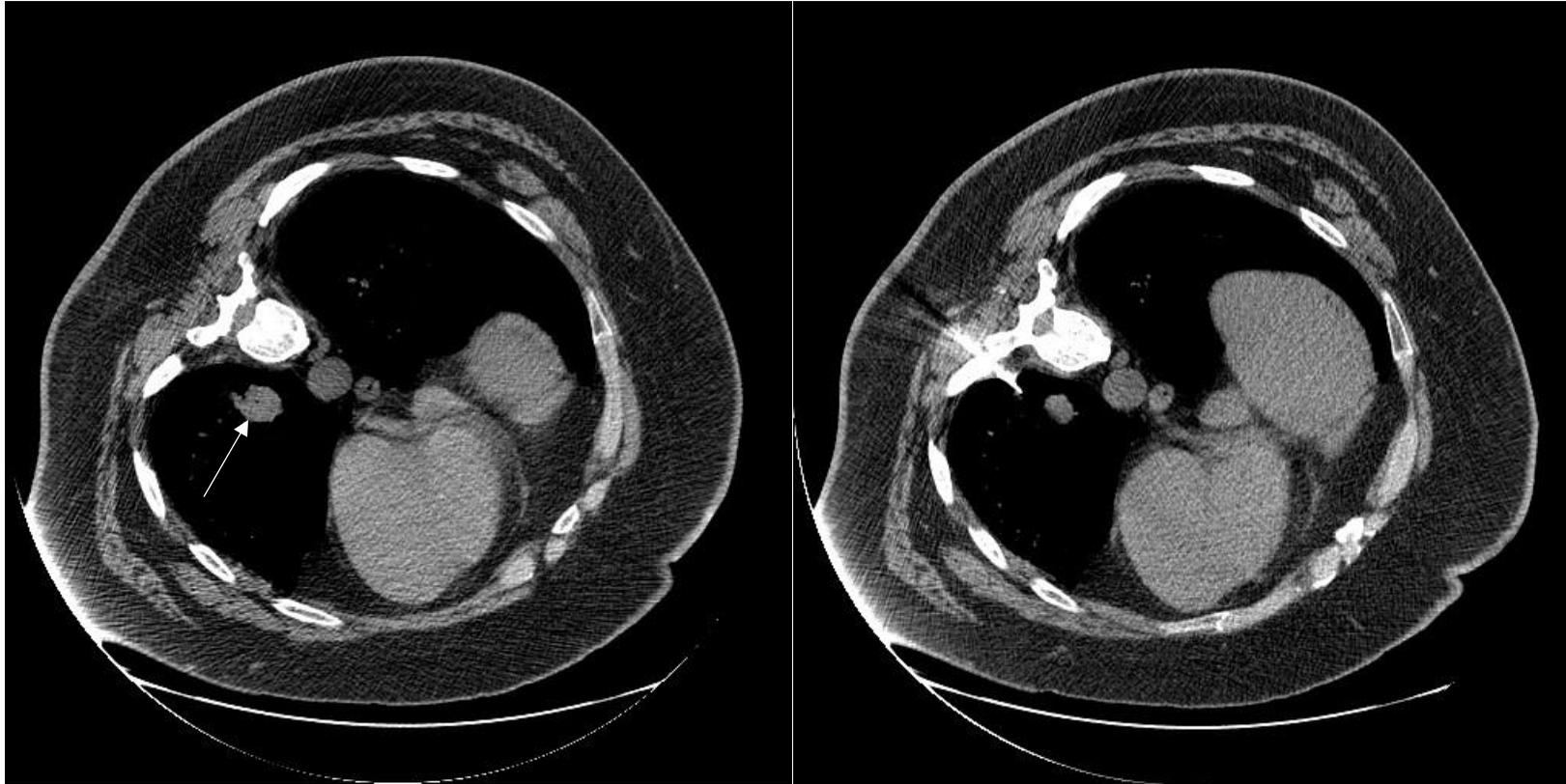
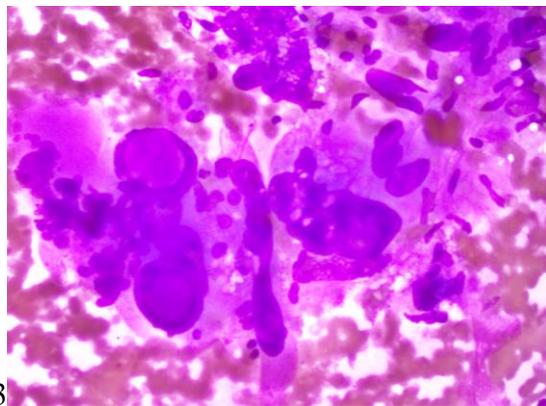
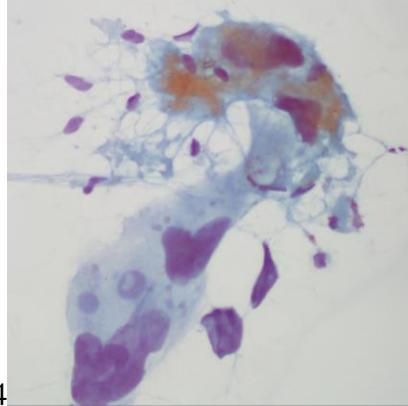


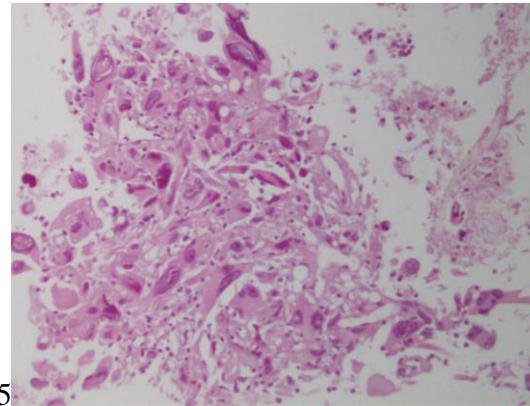
Figure 1 – CT scan shows a 2.7-cm left lower lobe nodule (arrow). Figure 2 – The fine-needle aspiration needle is on target.



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Figure 3 – Diff Quik stain displays pleomorphic giant cells with spindle and epithelioid malignant cells in the background (x400).

Figure 4 – The bizarre gigantic neoplastic cells in Papanicolaou stain (x400).

Figure 5 – The cell block histological evaluation reaffirms pleomorphic sarcoma or giant cell malignant fibrous histiocytoma (x100).

These **IMAGES** are from a 37-year old man with a history of a soft tissue sarcoma of the left lower leg resected eight years earlier. On routine follow up, the chest x-rays were within normal; however, the computer tomographic scan revealed a nodule in the left lower lobe, which had enlarged to 2.7 x 2.7 cm (Figure 1). A second nodule anteriorly in the right upper lobe had also enlarged to 1.0 x 1.0-cm size; and a new third nodule was noted in the right lower lobe of 5-mm dimension.

A CT scan-guided fine-needle aspiration of the left lower lung lobe nodule (Figure 2) was interpreted as giant cell malignant fibrous histiocytoma (Figures 3, 4 and 5), a diagnosis affirmed on immunohistochemistry, namely: positive vimentin and S100; and negative cytokeratin, thyroid transcription-1, melanin markers, and *beta*-HCG.

Because the patient opted to be managed in the institution where the initial diagnosis of sarcoma was made, there are no follow-up data herein available.

COMMENTS and **LITERATURE REVIEW**. The differential consideration includes giant cell carcinoma of the lung, giant cell malignant fibrous histiocytoma (MFH), malignant melanoma, and extragonadal choriocarcinoma. The immunostaining results readily resolve the diagnosis of giant cell MFH.

MFH --- more recently also known under the umbrella term of undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma a type of sarcoma, is a malignant neoplasm

of uncertain origin that arises both in soft tissue and bone. It was first introduced in 1961 and controversy has plagued it since.

MFH is usually defined as a tumor rich in histiocytic cells with a characteristic storiform growth pattern. By 1977, MFH is found to be the most common soft tissue sarcoma of adult life. Despite the frequency of diagnosis, MFH has remained an enigma. No true cell of origin has ever been identified.

In 2002, the World Health Organization declassified MFH as a formal diagnostic entity and renamed it as an undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, not otherwise specified. This new terminology has been supported by a compelling body of evidence over the last decade to suggest that MFH represents a final common pathway in tumors that undergo progression towards undifferentiation.

While it remains unclear how to most accurately organize these tumors, the term malignant fibrous histiocytoma represents the diagnosis for thousands of patients and has remained in the present literature and is still commonly used by both patients and physicians.

MFH manifests a broad range of microscopic appearances with four subtypes, namely: storiform pleomorphic, myxoid, as in the index patient--giant cell, and inflammatory. Of these, the storiform pleomorphic is the most common type, accounting for up to 70% of most cases. The myxoid variant is the second most common accounting for about 20% of cases.

Giant cell MFH, as with the other varieties, is diagnosis by exclusion, ruling out giant cell or large cell carcinoma of the lung, malignant melanoma, other soft tissue sarcoma, and extragonadal choriocarcinoma. The giant cell variety specially is an undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma with prominent osteoclast-like giant cells, also called malignant giant cell tumor of soft parts, malignant osteoclastoma, giant cell sarcoma.

The giant cell variety comprises 3-15% of MFH. The number of cases is declining as specific sarcoma types are identified. It is rare in children. The extremities and trunk are usual location. Microscopically, it is characterized by osteoclast-like cells that have functional features of osteoclasts and 20-100 uniform nuclei. As noted in the index tumor, there are small and round/oval, accompanied by smaller stromal cells with similar nuclei. Mitosis may be brisk. Angiolymphatic invasion is easy to find.

The neoplastic cells stain positively with vimentin, CD68, S100 and, SMA.

The vast majority of metastatic MFH present as pulmonary disease (90%), along with lymph nodes, bone, and liver.

A coordinated treatment of surgery irradiation and chemotherapy. In a large prospective randomized trial of surgery alone versus surgery plus brachytherapy of 164 patients, patients with high grade tumors, the 5-year local control rate was 89% in the brachytherapy group, compared to 66% in the surgery only

group. There is no difference in overall survival between the groups.

The factors that correlate consistently with metastasis, survival, or both are depth, tumor size, grade, necrosis, and local recurrence, although they are not necessarily independent variables.

Our index patient has survived eight years, suggesting a tumor of low malignancy and perhaps biologic heterogeneity in this entity. In a series of 31 patients with tumors meeting the traditional criteria of giant cell MFH but having only mild to moderate nuclear atypia indicated recurrences in four patients, but none developed metastasis.

This behavior contrasts significantly with the high-grade behavior traditionally associated with giant cell MFH. Although the long term metastatic risk is not fully defined, a term giant cell MFH of low malignant potential has been recommended; and this variety has been regarded as an analogue of giant cell tumor of bone which is osteoclast-rich lesion.

In **CONCLUSION**, an interesting and rare instance of giant cell malignant fibrous histiocytoma, so-called undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, is described.

Its clinical course and cytological appearance are probably of those of giant cell MFH low malignancy.

A list of **REFERENCES** is available upon request.

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TENDERLY YOURS

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of the committees unable for me to mention because I might miss some.

Again we have started preparing for the next annual reunion in July 2017, and of course the winter meeting in March 2017.

Our congratulations to PEACE, particularly Cosme Cagas MD, with their recent celebration in St. Louis and honoring all the past

presidents of the organization. PEACE has accomplished so much in building artesian wells all over the Philippines and also its benevolent donations. I have not joined them in the celebration as I used to during the term of Saniel Ablaza MD was the president, and when used to serve as the secretary and chairman of the Constitution and By Laws Committee. I still intend to rejoin them soon.

This last few days, part of my time especially in the evening is spent on watching the Olympics in Rio. I have wondered on the United States players how they manage to perform in an excellent matter and beat the other teams from another country. Most are in swimming where the United States garnered several gold medals and some silver and bronze too. The United States is number one in the gold medals, same with silver and bronze on top of China. One area that the Chinese manage to excel is in the diving competition what with their



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very young players. Same is true with their young athletes in Gymnastics but the United States manage to obtain the gold medal for their outstanding performance. There are some more competition left as of this writing and I hope the United States will also win. I don't know how many times I heard the United States national anthem played after awarding the gold medals.

Coming back from Monroe, the Rio Olympic started around 7:00 pm and had the chance to see the rest of the gymnastics headed by that 4'8" girl Simone Biles and got another gold medal for the vault competition. Got to watch also Jamaican Bolt, the fastest man in the world. Then of course the beach volleyball United States team headed by Kerri Walsh-Jennings and April (cannot remember her last name) and they are both headed to the finals. When watching these games, you got involved so much you cheer for the United States team, your heart rate and blood pressure probably go up too if the team is losing. This brought me back to the 1970s when we were still in Indiana and cheering for the Cincinnati Reds versus the Boston Red Sox. I have to assist my surgeon in Connersville IN and I said why did you call tonight, of all times, and will be missing the game. Anyway, there will be other games, too, to follow.

So much for the Olympic games. Cincinnati reminded me of the times in the 1970s when I have to drive from Brookville IN to downtown Cincinnati OH

to play fencing with my fellow professionals who were involved in the foil, sabre, or epee. To me foil is the best because of the real fine movement and delicate *touche* inflicted on your opponent. I have quit fencing when I got to Louisiana as there is no one to fence with. The University of Louisiana in Monroe just discontinued their fencing classes to my dismay.

We are preparing early for our Alumni Foundation's Winter and Summer meetings, and of course the *Balik*-FEU in January 2017 that we did not want to miss. I encourage Class⁶⁷ and later Class⁶⁸ to start preparing for their respective jubilee.

This is a one in a lifetime occasion that one should not miss and may not have the chance to participate in. Contact all your classmates who are involved in the Alumni Foundation for the exact date, venue, and what type of participation you are expected to do. Will continue to inform everybody as we go along.

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Cemetery) because he was a Pilipino soldier, period, declared Duterte. Militant groups in Manila are all opposed to the simmering burial event in September 2016.



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Bongbong Marcos Jr. might regret just for insisting that his father

be buried at the *Libingan ng mga Bayani*. Doing so, it will ensure discovering, detailing, and uncovering the atrocities and lies about his father's 34 World War II medals, lies about his *Ang Maharlika* Unit. The main reason for the *Libingan ng mga Bayani* as provided in Section 1 of Republic Act No. 289 is *to perpetuate the memory of all the Presidents of the Philippines, national heroes and patriots for the inspiration and emulation of this generation and of generation still unborn*. During the dictatorship regime and what transpired, it would be very hard to justify making Marcos as somebody to emulate and as a model to inspire any generation.

President Duterte must listen to the vehement disapproval of significant number of Pilipino people and that he must follow under the current trend; there is a need to move from the *traditional hierarchical exercise of power by the government* to the new notion of a *dispersed and relational power in governance*—from government to governance. To govern, should now mean to facilitate or regulate, not to dominate or command. This is what we are told: To burry ex-dictator as a *Hero*, just swallow it, said Duterte. Shall Pilipinos forget the ex-dictator Marcos Sr self-declared World War II as hero and his *fake military medals*? Shall we forget the Marcos' atrocities, his deceptions and his dishonorable and brutal dictatorial regime, the 10,000 human rights victims of the dictator? Shall we forget the billions of

peoples' money plundered and never returned by the Marcos family?

Ironically, it is in today's socio-political milieu—free from the clutches of tyranny—that the Marcos' (wife, son, and daughter) have reclaimed political power. There is also that power of amnesia among Pilipino people to allow this to happen.

What did EDSA mean to Pilipinos, other than the ouster of a reviled autocrat? I thought EDSA represented a new dawn for the common Pilipino. With their future all but mortgaged and their existence turned into a reservoir of despair and degradation, the common Pilipino folk were shown by the new leaders of the country the tapestry of social and economic reform. People Power helped revive the hearts and minds of the masses for it granted them a hearing for their long-ignored needs and concerns. The masses now discerned a positive meaning in the countless wrongs and deprivations that had been inflicted on them under the Marcos administration. The success of People Power promised to reward their suffering with their rebirth as a proud, liberated, and prosperous people.

How hollow my lofty observations sound now for Pilipinos have squandered the miracle of EDSA. Since 1986, the Philippines has experienced the historic continuum of growing socio-economic inequality, rampant political corruption, massive levels of poverty and a host of other intractable problems; problems that should have been alleviated, if not completely solved by now had the country

had any lasting semblance of credible and effective political leaderships. Whatever episodes of success have actually materialized in the story of the post-EDSA Philippines have fallen through the proverbial cracks.

In the 21st century Philippines, materialistic attitudes do the talking. History meanwhile has devolved into a redundant, almost irrelevant feature of Philippine society. For these reasons, EDSA has been relegated to being a historical afterthought, especially for Pilipino youths. Older folks have that amnesia and it is lamentable fact that the so-called *EDSA spirit* is barely visible on the radar screen of younger generation Pilipinos. These younger Pilipinos simply have other more acquisitive priorities than thinking about something that happened before many of them were born.

Modernity has taught Pilipinos to avoid living in the past. Yet, they can never escape that past until they understand its lessons and implication for the future.

In the Philippines forgiveness and forgetfulness go a very long way. This imply to the congenital culture of forgiving those who have hurt them. We can ascribe it to Pilipinos' Christian faith.

What made the Philippine government decide to allow the Marcos family to return to the Philippines without the return of the billions of dollars that has been plundered is somehow a mystery. To forgive a plunderer/ a criminal is not only

stupidity, it is also unwise. Indeed, a culture of impunity remains despite promises of reform. Whether or not the current administration is serious with its commitment to address corruptions and human rights issues has yet to be seen.

Pilipinos must not succumb to a culture of political impunity. Pilipinos must never forget the political history of the recent past.

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Fiesta – it is about feasting. It is a word



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that many in our world do not comprehend on a personal level. Like it or not, we live in a world with staggering poverty. In Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love, the most recent hunger statistics state that 1 in 3 persons suffer from *food insecurity*, which

means they are not sure where the next meal is coming from. On a global scale, there are places where starvation is the reality for most people. According to World Hunger, one in seven people in our planet are undernourished. Forces of nature take their toll when drought and floods wipe out the year's harvest such as what happens in North Korea and in our own backyard. Humanity contributes its own toll with its wars and greedy consumerism. It is not easy to talk about

feasting in such an environment. I am quite sure that similar conditions existed during the time of Jesus, yet he talks about feasting. To his listeners, he audaciously declares, *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.*

So how does this statement about bread come together as a statement of belief and faith? In many cultures, bread is at the center of the meal. In Asia, it is rice. Jesus sees his place as being at the center of our lives. When we feed on the bread, that bread, or rice for that matter becomes a part of us. When we feed on Jesus, he becomes part of us and we become part of him. How do we feed on Jesus? By listening to the stories about him, by hearing the message he brings to the world and by the sacraments which are the means of receiving God's grace. Our bodies are in need of physical nourishment over and over again. Food is used for growth, repair of worn and wounded tissues, to strengthen our bodies for the work ahead. We must eat over and over again.

By the same token, there is a recurring need to re-connect with Christ to feel spiritually satisfied and at peace again and again. I don't have to remind you of the many challenges to our faith day in and day out. Not a day goes by that we hear of crimes against humanity, corruption, terrorism, economic collapse, poverty and starvation. Not a day goes by that we don't hear the news of a sick friend, a job

lost, crops devastated by drought or floods, a relationship gone sour. We need to be constantly re-assured that God is with us by re-connecting with Christ again and again.

Our physical senses are stimulated by food brought before us. We feel for freshness in fruit and vegetables. Food satisfies our sense of taste and smell. Our eyes are delighted by the presentation of a dish. What about the bread of life that Jesus offers in Word and Sacrament? As the Word is read, preached, sung and prayed, do our ears listen in awe and wonder? Do the images of our sanctuary draw us into a feeling of peace and security? The Gospel teaches us that Jesus is the bread of life, and when we consume the bread and wine in the Eucharist, we share in Christ's gift of grace. Like the food that nourishes our bodies, the bread of life nourishes our souls. We need the bread of life that Jesus offers to satisfy our spiritual hunger for peace, salvation and hope. Make every Sunday a feast on the Word of God and as you take the bread of life and the cup of salvation at Holy Communion, you may go in peace.

AUGUST QUOTE

Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.

Luke 13:30

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president, and several other professional duties and responsibilities. His social, civic and medical involvement is arm-length long.

He was the Philippine Medical Association in Chicago president in 1997.

Dr Mariano likes to say:

Life is not just work and patient care; I also enjoy playing golf, chess, table pool and tennis as well as scrabble,

gardening and nature walk, which keep me attune with God's creation.

Biblical research is his passion, while political and investment-trading news stimulate his inquisitive mind.

But, most of all, he gets more fun and comfort just strolling or cuddling with his wife Evelyn while listening to classical or contemporary music.

Dr Mariano is the 2016 distinguished physician to be awarded during the 56th anniversary dinner dance of the PMAC on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel O'Hare in Rosemont IL.

The evening ceremonies will feature the induction of Nida Blankas-Hernaiz MD as PMAC Auxiliary president, and preceded by a morning scientific seminar on physical medicine and rehabilitation, robotic surgery and clinicopathologic conference.

CONGRATULATIONS, AI!

PRESIDENT'S Message

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July 2017, may it be in a singing format, comedy, zarzuela, drama, musicale, dance performance, etc.

We may present it as FEUDNRSMAF inter-Chapter soiree, *FEU Got Talent; Hindi Pa Kami Laos*, etc. All suggestions are welcome.

Let us not just think about it. Let us do it. Each and everyone have that talent to show.

Please share it with us.

When we have enough groups or representatives, then we will incorporate an evening devoted for this show.

I am pretty much aware that it is a daring move however as the saying goes, *It is better to have tried and succeeded (not failed) than not having tried at all.*

Kindly notify me which Chapter you are representing at lvcastro2011@att.net. Are you in?

Rest assured there are other important issues under consideration in our organization.

Be counted, we will be waiting for everyone on our next reunion in Southern California on July 2017.

Be there.

Be well, stay safe and thrive.

LICERIO V CASTRO JR MD⁷³



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From your CHAIRMAN

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The *Balik*-FEU will be held on January 18-20, 2017, with the grand homecoming night on Friday, January 20, 2017, and venue of Novotel in Araneta Coliseum, Cubao, Quezon City.

I am still waiting for the complete program for the homecoming.

The summer homecoming will be July 2016, not sure yet of the exact date. The venue is either Long Beach or Anaheim. More to come when information is complete and definite.

The duties and powers of the Alumni Foundation officers have been detailed in a recent e-mailed to the Board of Trustees. It specifies duties and functions of each officer. I hope we will not have any problems with the specifications mentioned in the four page items. But, if there still some question or problem, please let me know right away.

The initial duties of the officers have been revised to include some important names. Will keep on revising until everything is in order and to everyone's satisfaction, although I cannot satisfy everybody.

The July 2017 venue is being worked at now. Deciding on the venue and of course the exact date. Will notify everybody as soon as these items are decided upon. I am making this as short as possible so it is easy to comprehend.



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Information about the *Balik*-FEU is not complete according to FEU-NRMF secretariat, Cely Ocampo. She will send as the schedule as soon as it becomes available. You got the date anyway.

Again, will keep you informed. God bless.

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Rates cannot be changed at check-in, or check-out, for guests who fail to identify their affiliation at the time the reservation is made, namely: \$129 plus resort fees.

Balik-FEU January 2017 schedule (see page 23-24, is, as follows: January 18th golf tournament, January 19th for the 39th annual Dean Lauro H Pangaaniban MD memorial lecture and welcome *Barrio Fiesta* reception, January 20th continuing medical education meetings/ student achievement recognition ceremonies and grand reunion dinner dance to honor Class⁶⁷ Golden Jubilarians and Class⁹¹ Silver Jubilarians, along with Class⁶¹ Emerald Jubilarians, Class⁷¹ Sapphire Jubilarians, Class⁷⁶ Ruby Jubilarians, Class⁸¹ Coral Jubilarians, Class⁸⁶ Pearl Jubilarians, Class⁹⁶ 20th anniversary, Class²⁰⁰¹ 15th anniversary, Class²⁰⁰⁶ 10th anniversary, and Class²⁰¹¹ 5th anniversary.

From the board chairman, Noli C Guinigundo MD, a review and update of the powers and duties of Alumni



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GUINIGUNDO MD

Foundation officers/ trustees, beginning July 2016 through July 2018, is or until another update, is imperative.

1 - Chairman. I prefer to be called chairman rather than chairperson. A luxury I would probably enjoy and relish. I am the chief executive officer of the Alumni Foundation. I preside on all meetings of the board of trustees during the Winter and Summer meetings.

2 - President Licerio (Jun) Castro MD is the chief operating officer and has the general power of supervision and management of the Alumni Foundation. He usually arranges for the annual winter and summer meetings, and signs the contract with the reunion venue/ hotel.

3 – Executive vice president. Edgar Borda MD exercises all functions of the presidency in the absence of the latter, and he may be assigned the duties of the executive director, sargent-at-arms, and parliamentarian.

4 - Regional Vice Presidents Edgar Altares MD, Rogelio Cave MD, and Recto de Leon MD liaison with the board of trustees, and perform additional duties assigned by the trustees.

5 - Secretary Nida B Hernaez MD keeps the minutes of the meetings of the board of trustees, sends out notice of the winter and summer meetings, and does duties related to a secretary.

6 - Treasurer Amethyst Cureg MD (thank you for accepting this position and we sure do appreciate it) takes care of the custody of all the funds and property of the alumni foundation. In general, she

performs all such duties as are incidental to the office of the treasurer of a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of New Jersey, subject at all times, to the direction and control of the chairman of the board of trustees, or the president.

7 - Executive Director Pete Florescio MD is the administrative officer of the Alumni Foundation, executes all orders of the board of trustees, keeps records of all minutes of meetings furnished by the secretary, prepares for the annual alumni homecoming, registers alumni and celebrating jubilarians, and accomplishes the intent of the Alumni Foundation.

8 - Auditor Cesar Jimenez MD checks and reviews that all orders and resolutions approved by the board of trustees, and implements and shall insure financial accountability of the officers and the Alumni Foundation.

9 - Investment/ financial coordinator Renato Ramos MD facilitates and coordinates periodic meetings of the Finance Committee which is composed of the executive officers.

10 - Membership Committee Chairpersons Rene Estrella MD and A Cureg MD, along with members of Macario Corpuz MD and Richell Dignam MD are responsible for keeping the list of all members with such a list to be provided by the secretary and or executive director, and can recommend suspension or cancellation of membership privileges or expulsion for failure to discharge any indebtedness to the Alumni Foundation.

11 - Constitution and By-laws E Borda MD takes care of the amendments of the constitution and by-laws, and appraises everyone if they are in violation of the by-laws and its provisions.

12. Awards Committee Daisy Ramos MD and Grace Rabadam MD determine the annual most outstanding alumnus (alumni), and transmit the same recommendation, when it becomes available, to the BOT.

13 - ECTOPIC MURMURS and Continuing Medical Education Cesar V Reyes MD and N Blankas-Hernaez MD. publish the e-newsletter every month, take care of the annual reunion continuing medical education program, select speakers from different specialties, and coordinate the annual memorial lecturers with the respective committee chairman.

14 - Medical Mission L (Jun) Castro MD takes care of the Alumni Foundation's annual medical mission.

15 - Scholarship and Student Achievement Award Hernani Tansuche MD keeps track of the Alumni Foundation's scholar(s) and our status with the Philippine Medical board and the recipients of the Student Achievement Awards.

16 - Fund Raising D Ramos MD and G Rabadam MD raise funds to help the Alumni Foundation.

17 - Endowment Committee R Ramos MD takes care and keeps track of the individual Class donation.

18 - Convention Chairman reports to the board of trustees on the current

convention, both pre- and post-convention results.

19 - Nomination and election Delfin Dano MD, Rogelio Cave MD, and Virgilio Jonson MD recommend candidates for the board of trustees and executive officers, and conduct the election of the same annually.

20 - Annual Memorial Lectures overall chairman CV Reyes MD oversees Dean Ricardo Alfonso MD Annual Memorial Lectureship with Philip Chua MD and CV Reyes MD; Jesus B Nolasco MD Annual Memorial Lectureship with Ed Relucio MD and Danny Fabito MD; and Dr Nicanor Reyes Jr Annual Memorial Lectureship with R Ramos MD and Emelie Ongcapin MD.

21 - Liaison Officer with the FEU-NRMF School of Medicine Dean Linda Tamesis MD the **Balik**-FEU homecoming celebration, with D Fabito MD, FEU-NRMF Medical Alumni Society president, and with the FEU-NRMF board of trustees.

22 - **Balik**-FEU Pepito Rivera MD represents the Alumni Foundation during the annual **Balik**-FEU homecoming in West Fairview, Quezon City.

23 - Board of Trustees run the Alumni Foundation. (I expect you to attend the Winter and Summer board of trustees meeting.

Please do not disappoint me by not attending except in valid reason like sickness, etc.

For the committees without members, the respective chairman selects his members of two to three fellow alumni.

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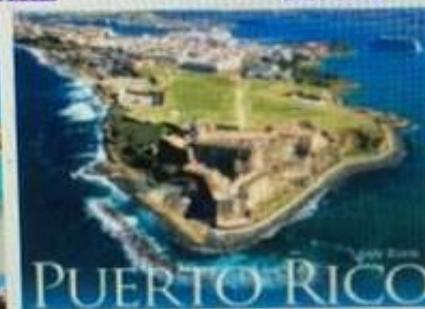


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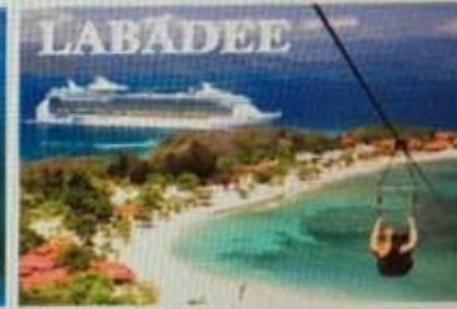
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January 18 -20, 2017

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**GRAND ALUMNI, GOLDEN & SILVER
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January 20, 2017 (Friday) at 5:30 pm

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Class '86 (Pearl Jubilee)

Class '91 (Silver Jubilee)

Class '96 (20th Anniversary)

Class '2001 (15th Anniversary)

Class '2006 (10th Anniversary)

Class '2011 (5th Anniversary)

(This serves as an invitation)

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 18 - Golf Tournament

JANUARY 19 - Registration

Thanksgiving mass

Opening of exhibits

Breakfast

39th Dr. Lauro H. Panganiban Memorial Lecture

Luncheon Symposium

5th flr. Dr. Ricardo L. Alfonso Hall

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WELCOME RECEPTION "*Barrio Fiesta*"

JANUARY 19-20

State of the Arts Lectures

Luncheon Symposium

Student Achievement Award

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