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TOGETHER AT SILVER, UNITED FOREVER

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After the successful reunion of ⁸⁸ alumni as the celebrating Silver Jubilarians at the 34th annual reunion and scientific convention last July 2013 in



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Chicago, the impetus for the group was to forge ahead and continue the celebration at the 39th annual alumni homecoming and scientific convention in Manila last January 2014.

Indeed that occurred.

More than 20 United States and Canada classmates (USAC) of Class⁸⁸ traveled to Manila. Others based in other parts of the globe, eg, Australia, China, New Zealand, and United Arab Emirates also made their presence known.

The Philippine-based classmates were well-represented and came from all over the vast archipelago. We all zeroed in on the theme of the Manila reunion *Together at Silver, United Forever*.

The reunion week for Class⁸⁸ began on Tuesday with a Manila Tour with stops at the
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PRESIDENT's Message TENDERLY YOURS

Tuesday, January 21, 2014,



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was our departure date. Atlanta to Tokyo was a direct flight, thank God. Our times are exact except when leaving Narita, we stayed for 30- 35 minutes at the Tarmac. We

arrived in Manila after midnight Thursday. We were so tired that we missed all the opening programs at the Dr Ricardo Alfonso Conference Hall.

We made it to the business meeting of the FEU-NRMF MAS and the FEUDNRSMAF. It was also the presentation of the new tower building construction and request for donation by the FEU-NRMF chairman Nicanor Reyes III. This was followed by sumptuous dinner at the executive/ VIP lounge at the 6th floor of the medical school building.

I was in a hurry to leave the Hall as we have to go to the wake of our uncle who died several days ago. Friday morning was spent at the St. Peter
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CHAIRMAN's

Message

This year's alumni homecoming coincided with the 50th anniversary celebration of the local FEU-NR Medical Foundation.

Noli Guinigundo md and I attended the *Balik FEU* celebrations in the Philippines.



HERNANI TANSUCHE MD

I attended the 2nd annual Dr Josephine Reyes Memorial Lecture delivered by Golden Jubilarian Emelie Ongcapin MD who interestingly talked on the future of medical education.

On Wednesday, January 22, 2014, Rolando Solis MD⁶³ delivered an insightful speech as the annual Dean Lauro Panganiban MD Memorial lecturer on the topic of *NinoyAquino, My Patient*.

I leave it up to Dr Guinigundo to report on the rest of the activities in his column. I will concentrate on other activities that I participated in last January.

In the usual tradition, I met with most of our FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation scholars. I mentioned to them that the committee on scholarship will initiate a new system of evaluating their performance

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TYPHOON IN THE PHILIPPINES

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The latest typhoon that hit the Philippines recently had a most severe devastating effect to all Pilipinos. Hence, the recent clamor for most of our medical practitioners to plan for a medical mission to help our fellow Pilipinos.

Of course, this would entail a lot of preparation on our part. We have to plan where to direct our intended mission since the devastation is widespread. We should have a contact person or group of persons in the intended area. We got to make sure we have a place to stay, a shelter for ourselves. This is quite different from our regular mission which has a visible sponsor, a place to stay, a group of support for whatever we plan to do.

Recently some of the doctors who went there to help do not have a place to stay, no food to eat, and no water to drink. I am not sure why they did it anyway. It was similar to the Haiti devastation where the initial doctors from Doctors Without Borders did not know exactly what to do as soon as they get to the area.

We also should make sure we have the necessary medicines to give to those who cannot afford to buy medicines, some financial support, and of course some moral support from the locals. Are we restricted by the government as far as

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FLOWER IMAGES

ROLANDO SOLIS MD⁶³



ROLANDO M SOLIS MD



Red Tulip Stamen



Gerbera Flower Reflection on Water Droplets

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.

I love thee to the depth and breath and height my soul can reach ----

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Though

written more than one and a half centuries ago, this well-known romantic love poem continues to touch our hearts. It speaks of pure love which goes beyond the superficial physical attraction and into the deep, inner beauty of the soul ---- a love that springs forth from a multitude of little things ---- little ways. It sends a message that it is in the numerous everyday observations that the deepest love is revealed.

Let's take time to count the ways we love our beloved ---- and let's take time to express it. Let's take notice and convey anything appealing we see externally and especially, internally ---- the compassion, kindness, reverence, wisdom and much, much more. The ways seem small when considered individually, but collectively, it represents the source of our consummate love.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always



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hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. **1Corinthians 13:4-8**
New International version

Chapter 13 of the First Epistle of the Corinthians covers the subject of love ----- an unconditional love which is God's love towards us. This should be the way we love each other and God. May you all cherish your beloved forever and may each day be a Valentine Day.

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licensure, permit to treat

patients, etc as was recently debated on the prohibitive price of doing medical missionary work in the Philippines.

How do we support ourselves while doing

medical mission, food, water, shelter, and protection from evil characters? Can the military help us in our endeavor?

I spoke to my brother, Diwa Guinigundo, one of the deputy governors of the Central Bank regarding our plan to conduct a medical mission. He had started from the point of view of the Central Bank of the Philippines to conduct medical missions and of course to help the needy victims of the recent typhoons. They had already recruited from the different hospitals on doctors who can help to do the mission. They can provide a place, a shelter to those who can do medical

missions, provide food, water, and necessary support.

Right now, there is no electricity in the devastated area. He said, they have at least two generators that will provide the utilities to power different equipments. I will be more familiar with the situation when we go home in January 2014. Right now, the news says several doctors from the international scene had gone to the Philippines. We do not know if this is with the blessing of the Philippine Government, Department of health, or the Philippine Medical Association. It was also reported that if you donate cash to the victims, the BIR will have to levy the donor some tax liabilities. As far as monetary support, we cannot promise anything at this point. The Alumni Foundation board trustees have to make this important decision.

Please keep on praying for enlightenment.

CHAIRMAN'S

Message

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by a top ten ranking in their respective Classes.

In the past once a student is accepted in the program as long as there are no failures, the scholar maintains their eligibility

even if the grades are low as 2.5.

In this new system at the end of the year if they are not ranked in the top ten we will

reevaluate their status in the program.

The medical school has recently adopted a new grading system whereas they narrow the range of the raw scores to qualify a grade of 1.

To illustrate which by no means is the official system, a raw score of 97-100 would qualify for a grade of 1; whereas in the past the range was 94-100.

The concern of some particularly the senior students is that based on this new system some of them may no longer qualify to graduate with honors.

I mentioned this to Dean Linda Tamesis MD who told me she would address the student body about this matter and would explain the rationale behind the change.

Since the untimely and sudden passing of Sen Martin MD last July 2014, the Alumni Foundation has had no replacement in the scholarship committee.

I was very fortunate to have met Robert Arias MD, one of our young graduates and an academic scholar who volunteered to help. He had experiences in the past helping Sen recruit scholars for the school.

I took the responsibility in an interim basis to help out the program while the Alumni Foundation looks for a suitable replacement.

Due to Dr Arias prodigious recruitment, we have received applications from several candidates with sterling academic credentials. One is a *summa cum laude* graduate



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from our school of medical technology. The other three have NMAT scores of 94, 96 and 99, respectively. One was recruited by Sen during one of his medical missions in Cagayan. She graduated *magna cum laude* with a BS in Physics and is presently completing her master degree in physics in University of the Philippines Diliman. We are hopeful and waiting for her final decision to enroll at Fairview.

The FEU-NRMF Chairman Nicanor *Butch* Reyes III attended the joint FEU-NRMF MAS and Alumni Foundation meeting, and personally asked the help of the latter to support their *growing through giving program* (benefactors to support the new medical building that is currently under construction and will be completed in 2015).

I promised to bring this up in our forthcoming Spring board meeting in New Orleans on March 29, 2014, and during the general membership luncheon meeting during our annual reunion at the Wynn Las Vegas.

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Funeral Home and then to the cemetery in Novaliches the next day.

We made it to the Student Achievement Award ceremonies at 1:00 pm. Dean Linda Tamesis MD called me to go to the podium. Dr Manuel



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Sanchez joined us and later on Dr Ed Relucio. There were 42 recipients as compared to more than 100 the year before. It was therefore a short program but we left 42 excited and happy medical students.

Saturday morning, January 25, was spent preparing for the grand ball and jubilarian's night. We got in at 6:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza, adjoining to the Manila Galleria Holiday Inn. I was escorted to the VIP table by our nice Ms Cely Ocampo.

Ding and I met the FEU-NRMF president Atty professor Antonio Abad, and chairman N Reyes III. Vice chairman Mr Enrique Reyes came later on, along with Dean Tamesis and her husband Jesus Tamesis II MD, Academic Affairs vice president Poly Chua-Chan MD.

All speakers for the night were all lined up at the side of the podium. Invocation was delivered by Silver Jubilarian Manuel Dominguez MD. I gave a short message as FEUDNRSMAF president.

Class⁶⁴ Golden Jubilarians numbered around 42. This was followed by different Class presentations and the valedictory address of outgoing FEU-NRMF MAS president Rene Mendoza MD.

Finally around 9:00 pm, after dinner, the anticipated dancing came alive to the music of Music Genre.

The rest of the evening was spent taking Class pictures, renewal of old acquaintances, and humble reminiscences.

Meanwhile, veteran medical missionaries were in and out of Manila. We hope to hear from

them during the FEUDNRSMAF Spring meeting in New Orleans.

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FEU Morayta campus, Intramuros, San Agustin Church, and dinner at La Cocina de Tita Moning.

All the tourists were clad in the sharply-designed 25th anniversary Class shirts.

Wednesday was spent at Antipolo's Valley Golf and Country Club, the site of the golf tournament. Class⁸⁸ used the afternoon to practice for their dance presentation.

The CME convened on Thursday and Friday at the Dr Ricardo L Alfonso Hall. Speakers from Class⁸⁸ included a cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon, endocrinologist, family physician, gastroenterologist, pediatrician, and a past president of the Philippine Medical Association.

On Friday, Class⁸⁸ gathered at the Bayanihan Hall of Unilab for the Class night of fellowship.

Class⁸⁸ was honored on Saturday night as the Silver Jubilee celebrants and afterwards delivered a spectacular dance presentation.

It was truly a memorable reunion week for the Class⁸⁸ attendees.



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The Facebook group page was filled with expressions of sentiments, some of which are a collated herewith and entitled, as follows:

PRISTINE QUOTES from Class⁸⁸

Great recap. This week was fantabulous! Really fun to see a lot of our batchmates! I enjoyed every second of it. Thank you to the organizing committee and to all attendees. Till next time!

I hope next time doesn't mean 25 years. It will be much sooner. I am thankful to have met you all and proud that I am a part of Class⁸⁸.

It was a fun and hectic two weeks that passed with a blur ... But the memories are very clear and ingrained in our minds but more so in our hearts. Thank you very much Batch 88. We all made the reunion a joyous celebration of who we are as friends, classmates, physicians, family, parents, brothers and sisters and keeping the happy child in all of us, too. We look forward to seeing you all again soon. God Bless Us All.

Congratulations to the organizers of the reunion. For all your hard work we can't thank you enough. We know how intense the work was. Now you can all breath give a tap on each other's shoulder for a job well done.

Grateful also for the support and cooperation of the USAC group. It would not have been that successful without your full support. Feeling happy just knowing that everybody had a great time. Worth the pagod, puyat and stress. It was not

after all an ordinary class reunion but a re- union of friendships for a bigger, happier and more united Class⁸⁸.

To all my USAC and Philippine classmates, Goodbye! But this is just a temporary one. The fun that we all had together was priceless! I'm so happy I actually received my copy of the coffee table album, I was laughing and...yeah, a little teary-eyed seeing all your faces again;) We don't know who'll still be around during our next reunionhopefully pretty soon...but already looking forward to seeing you all again as this experience I'm pretty sure I'll remember for the rest of my life!!!! (Tumutulong luha)"

What a fantastic reunion we just had!... Acquaintances from 25 years ago are now life-long brothers and sisters!! The USAC family have now become the Class⁸⁸ family! Hopefully, next time, those who were not able to make it -- either by choice, by necessity, or just because -- will be able to join us so we can become a bigger, happier and more dysfunctional (normal is boring) Class⁸⁸ family. It is very sad to say so long, but I am also looking forward to the next time we all will say hello again!

Alas , after 25 years we came back to meet old familiar faces. As we rekindle old friendships and forge new ones, we shared fond memories of our lives past. Same laughter filled the air as we reminisced our past experiences. Fond memories shared and bound our lives together for the past 25 years...

Farewell for now dear classmates! Goodbye Manila! We're going back home enriched with beautiful memories. This was a beautiful reunion courtesy of a beautiful

batch.

The reunion may not be perfect just like our dance number but I believe it was a success...despite controversies. it is the outcome that matters. i feel sorry for others who were not able to witness how happy all of us were. Congratulations to all of us classmates!

To all my classmates who attended the batch night and grand reunion, maramang salamat sa inyong lahat! Sana makita ko pa ulit kayong lahat! Mwaaaahhh to all of you!! God bless you all....

Talagang ramdam ko na ang reunion..... Tarp with it own stand...

Thank you everyone! See you soon hopefully wherever you guys want us to have a reunion God- willing, health and finances permitting! Take care dear brothers and sisters of FEU⁸⁸! Look after yourselves!

To Class⁸⁸. Thank you. Just Simply Thank you. It doesn't mean a lot... it means Everything to me.

To everyone involve in this grand reunion thank you very, very much for a wonderful, and certainly very memorable experience. Words are not enough to express the gratitude I have for each and everyone involved. Certainly a great week. One of the best if not the best! I will leave with a big smile on face.

Ang ssaarraaapp ulit-uliting pagmasdan mga larawan natin! Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat at sa wakas nakahabol din kami. Alam naming hindi matatapos at mananatili sa puso nating lahat ang magagandang alaalang sinimulan natin. Mabuhay tayong lahat mga a-classmates! Hanggang sa muling pagtitipon



Class⁸⁸ wearing their Class shirts at the Alumni Night at Unilab



Class⁸⁸ donates \$12000 to the Indigent Patient Fund.



The treasured Silver Medallion



The Class⁸⁸ Silver Jubilarians with their medallions on the Grand Alumni Night



Class⁸⁸ enjoying each other's company at the Alumni Night



Class⁶⁴ in a picnic group picture.



Class⁶⁴ at *Balik-FEU* scientific convention at the Dr Ricardo Alfonso Conference Hall.



The Golden Jubilarians during Saturday grand reunion night at the Crown Plaza Manila Galleria.

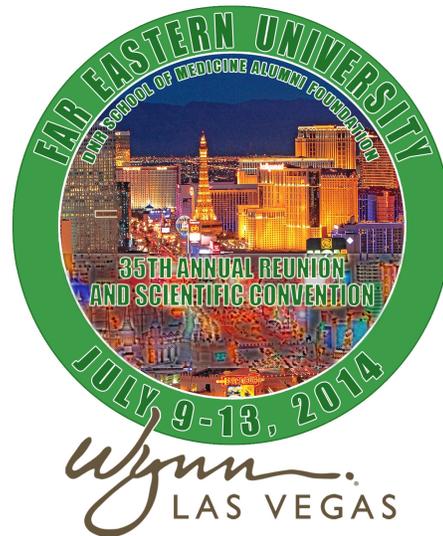


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- Class⁸⁹ (Silver Jubilee)
- Class⁶⁹ (Sapphire Jubilee)
- Class⁷⁴ (Ruby Jubilee)
- Class⁷⁹ (Coral Jubilee)
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- Class⁹⁴ (20th Anniversary)
- Class⁹⁹ (15th Anniversary)
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