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Raymund R Razonable

MD<sup>92</sup>, a valedictorian of his Class, #1 topnotcher of the Philippine medical board examinations that year, a prolific and prodigious medical writer,

an outstanding internist, and an infectious disease specialist, serves as the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Dean Lauro H Panganiban MD memorial lecturer during the 40<sup>th</sup> Balik-FEU.

His topic is *on emerging infectious diseases 2015*.

Dr Razonable is now a full professor of medicine at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester MN, capping upon various appointments, including as a program director of the transplant infectious diseases fellowship program, associate program director of the general infectious diseases fellowship program, and associate chair for faculty development and diversity division of infectious diseases.

On his research program in transplantation virology and infectious diseases research he aims at advancing the

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## AN OPEN LETTER

The FEU-NRMF Medical Alumni Society will hold its 40<sup>th</sup> annual *Balik-FEU* alumni homecoming, scientific seminar and Golden/ Silver Jubilee

celebration on January 21-24, 2015 with the theme *Wellness beyond Time*.

We invite you to attend the following activities:



JOSE RAVELO T BARTOLOME MD

**Wednesday, January 21,**  
8:00am - 10:00am FUN RUN, Barangay West Fairview, Quezon City;

1:00 - 3:00pm ZUMBA at the Dr Josephine C Reyes (JCR) Building, Fairview, Quezon City

**Thursday, January 22,**  
8:00 am registration  
8:30 - 9:30 am Thanksgiving Mass, FEU-NRMF Medical Center Chapel;

9:30 - 10:15 am opening of exhibits, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dr Ricardo L Alfonso Hall;

10:15 - 10:30 am breakfast;  
10:30 am - 12:00 noon 37<sup>th</sup>

Dean Lauro H Panganiban MD Memorial Lecture by Raymund R Razonable MD, professor of medicine and infectious disease,

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## FROM THE HOMEFRONT

LINDA D TAMESIS MD<sup>85</sup>

Dean, FEU-NRMF IM

**Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year!**

This is the perfect time, right between Thanksgiving and Christmas, to express my gratitude for the blessings, support, friendships and joys that I have received this year.

To the officers of the FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation, I thank you for continuously thinking of our Alma Mater. I can assuredly say that FEU-NRMF has one of the most generous, helpful and *in touch* US-based alumni societies. I am so fortunate to, not only have the present hardworking administrators, but also the former executives that have mentored and guided me down the correct path.

Donors have shared whatever money they could spare so that students and faculty could be recognized and rewarded for their achievements. The funds have been *Gracefully* managed by the treasurer who diplomatically handles requests, juggles

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LINDA D TAMESIS MD

## DECEMBER DONATION

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**DIVINA G AVERILLA  
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MERCURIO**

MERCURIO in Student Achievement Award in Family Medicine, the first to be handed on Thursday, January 22, 2015, during the 40<sup>th</sup> annual *Balik-FEUEU* Student Recognition ceremonies is donated by **DIVINAGRACIA AVERILLA OBENA MD<sup>85</sup>** of Las Vegas.

## FAITH CORNER

REV MELVIN ANTONIO MD<sup>65</sup>

Christmas Eve is a time



**REV MELVIN  
ANTONIO MD**

when the anticipation of Christmas Day comes to a fever pitch, especially among children.

For months now, we have thought of receiving such wonderful gifts that we tend to forget the greatest gift of all.

Here are some actual letters that were written to Santa:

Dear Santa Claus, when you come to my house there will be cookies for you. But if you are really hungry, you can use our phone and order pizza to go.

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## TENDERLY YOURS

NOLI C GUINIGUNDO MD<sup>62</sup>

As promised, the following is an account of our recent European trip. Some information provided are my comments and observations and do not represent facts encountered during the trips like the airport, hotels, point of interest, etc.

Late in the afternoon of day 1, Monroe to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport. It was a long wait since flights toward Europe leave in the early evening with arrival at London Heathrow Airport in the mid-morning. You do not get your

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**NOLI C  
GUINIGUNDO MD**

## DECEMBER IMAGE FEUMAANI Christmas Party



The FEUMAANI members in red and high spirit at their recent Christmas party.

# MY PROFESSOR, his LEGACY and ME

FERNANDO LAGRIMAS MD<sup>72</sup>



FERNANDO C  
LAGRIMAS MD

When a professor did an astounding job educating his students to become competent physicians and his students would not give him credit for a job well done, that was

shameful.

But when the same professor was even demonized by some of his ungrateful students, that was shocking. Unfortunately, this was the kind of ordeal that the late Dr Ernesto Rivera had gone through when I was his student at the FEU Institute of Medicine in 1962. I was intimately familiar with Dr Rivera's case, because I was one among the medical students who, with much regret later, vilified him with unrelenting animosity

To insure that you understand what I am talking about, let me walk you through the grading system at the medical school during that time. Back then a medical student could obtain grades in any subjects ranging from (1) the highest passing grade, down to (2), and (3), the lowest passing grade, followed by (4) a condition grade and lastly (5) a failing grade.

With a condition grade (4) one could either pass or fail on the subject by taking a removal examination.

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# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

PETE OBREGON MD<sup>60</sup>

JUDY OBREGON

This Christmas, may His



PETE OBREGON MD  
JUDY OBREGON

love be in every moment, may His joy be in every celebration, may His peace be in every heart. Let us always remember that Jesus Christ is the reason for the season.

Judy and I ended another year of medical ministry, our 27<sup>th</sup> year. The highlight of our year was our induction into the Medical Mission Hall of Fame at the University of Toledo last March. It was a wonderful occasion for us and many of our friends from the United States and Canada, who have joined us

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# CHRISTMAS 2014 UPDATE

ROGER ANG

ELSA P ANG MD<sup>65</sup>

The year 2014 has been a good year for the Roger Tayson Ang family.

Last June 14, Roger and Elsa celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at Bali Hai Shelter Island in San Diego. Reverend Alfredo Baliad of Michigan officiated the vow renewal, witnessed by their three children, grandchildren, the Ang family, friends, the Penaranda family of Arlington TX and Bakersfield CA.

It was a memorable occasion, not only for Roger and Elsa, but also for every one who heard Reverend Balaid homily on four reasons that held marriage strong and lasting.

FAME

F – for FAITH bound the couple together and guided them to train their children in the right path.

A – for AGAPE which is their unconditional love for each other helped them navigate

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The **ANG clan**, from left, Tracy Pyles, Madeline Ang Heather Ang, Dr David Ang, Dr Elsa P Ang, Amanda Ang, Dr Natalie Roy Ang, Roger Ang, Mace Peng, Dr Roger P Ang, and Drs Ming and Nalyn Peng.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Manila, Philippines



Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines



Kauai Island, Hawaii



Angkor Wat, Cambodia

*May the Blessings of the Christ-child fill your hearts with joy, love, & peace! -- Gerry & Gigi Guzman  
December 25, 2014*

From **GERRY GUZMAN MD<sup>62</sup>** and **VIRGINIA GUZMAN RN**

## MORE PHILIPPINE PERSPECTIVE

**CESAR D CANDARI MD<sup>61</sup>**



CESAR D CANDARI MD

Today, the country is being subjected by oddity of events that it is a less-attractive place to live in permanently. As a retired physician, I thought of our country as my favorite place of retirement; many other Pilipinos working abroad have similar plans. We all now know that it is a politically beleaguered homeland that several are having second thoughts about it. The overwhelming events in the Philippines today...the civic, social, political and economic pictures...convey a sad story. The sentiments to go back home for Pilipino Americans as  
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## I AM PROUD TO BE PILIPINO-AMERICAN Part V

**JOSE M T ANTONIO MD<sup>63</sup>**



JOSE MT ANTONIO MD

Globally the devils are all around us. All of us must try to continue and contribute to improve with unified cohesive force for the goodwill of mankind. My beloved demised father further stated that money will follow when you are highly educated with greater passion to serve first in their own respected professional expertise. But educations are getting expensive exponentially every year. In case we have Pilipino-American with exceptional talents (in music, paintings, sculpting, physical activities, like playing soccer,  
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The re-issued best of FEUMAANI News is an awesome edition, enjoyed reading all of it. I cannot help but wish we were there too.



PATRICIO ANDRES MD

Not sure if you remember me, but anyhow Lyn and I joined the FEUMAANI and FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation in 2012 when we moved to the Great Lakes from Sacramento CA.

We were there only for two years. I worked at USMEPCOM in north Chicago.

I retired from the government Service in March 2014 and relocated to Fort Worth TX.

I thank you for including me in your emailing lists.

I enjoy reading all the articles and news. Even though we are far in distance, we often think about you all and all the events that we attended while we were there.

I hope to see you all again sometimes, someday, somewhere, somehow.

We also hope to be able to join your future trips and humanitarian missions too, someday.

Best regards and best wishes for the holiday season to one and all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A BLESSED NEW YEAR. **MALIGAYANG PASKO** to you all.

**PATRICIO ANDRES MD<sup>69</sup>**  
Fort Worth TX

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### FEUMAANI News



JOSE MT ANTONIO MD

November 2010 is a beautiful historical tour you all had. I had enjoyed the same in the mid -1990s... It is perhaps time for me to re-visit the Holy Land. I love history.

Thank you so much for the attached re-issue of the best of the FEUMAANI News.

Likewise, may you and all your love ones enjoy a **Merry Christmas**, and **healthful New Year**.

Thank you, enjoy, smile and take care,  
**JOSE MT ANTONIO MD<sup>63</sup>**  
Washington DE

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for sending us this reissue of **FEUMAANI News**.



MAX BASCO MD

Have a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

**MAX BASCO MD**  
Los Angeles CA

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the re-issued **FEUMAANI News**. I truly enjoyed reading about the trip to the Holy Land. I also enjoyed the article *It's All*

*About The Cross* by Dr Tricia Punzalan. Cong ratulations on renewing your vows in Cana.

**Merry Christmas** and **God bless**.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Advent is coming and I consider the trip to Israel as the



ED HERNAEZ MD  
NIDA B HERNAEZ MD

best trip I ever had. It was a spiritual rejuvenation and my faith became alive and stronger. It was a trip to remember. It was a trip where I met real nice people.

Have a wonderful holiday with you, Elisa and your family.  
Love from your *inaanak*,  
**ED HERNAEZ MD**  
**NIDA B HERNAEZ MD<sup>84</sup>**  
Niles IL

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for reissuing the November 2010 **FEUMAANI News**, great for reminiscing that wonderful trip, especially with all the turmoil in the area. I don't think we can duplicate it.



RENE ESTRELLA MD

Please, include Tem Montes in your mails, he changed his email to [evelynmontes@att.net](mailto:evelynmontes@att.net).

Thanks again and Merry Christmas to you and Elisa and the family.

Just in case you are in Manila during our FEU homecoming reunion in January 2015, please join us at the Legaspi's resort in Boracay February 1 to 5, 2015.

**RENE ESTRELLA MD<sup>68</sup>**  
Milwaukee WI

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nuvali Ayala development at Sta Rosa, which is further south of Alabang, is considered second Makati in future with both commercial and residential sections like Makati. Many well known universities have branches in there.



ANTONIO C ONG MD

The closest first class hospital is the New Asia hospital in Alabang. However, there is a plan to build a new hospital there.

My cousin bought threepieces of 1000-square-meter lot there. Four years ago I visited Nuvali, and thought of buying. But as an American citizen I did not qualify to buy realty property to build a house there; I could only buy condominium which was not available then.

If I have a chance, I would also like to visit Porac, Pampanga, and reminisce at the old US Clark Air Base Hospital in Angeles City where I had my internship and lived next to the medical center in 1967-1968. That was 47 years ago.

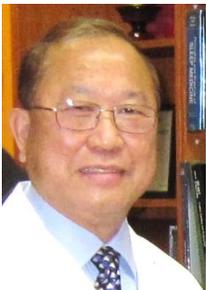
Wow, I am an old man now, retired and useless. Who would have thought that a young man as a nondescript Clark Hospital intern would become a board certified neurosurgeon, now living and luxuriating in Hawaii paradise island of clean air and blue sea, with a *pretty woman* at his side, trying to be a Chinese *Richard Gere*, keeping a BMI below 25 all the time, and hoping to live up to 100-year old ever trong.

Cheer, to *all the girls I have loved before!* Aloha.

**ANTONIO C ONG MD**  
Honolulu HI

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

So for those friends of ours who bought residential properties in Metro Manila; it is investments that may not be well-thought of, since at our age or any age for



**ANTONIO Q  
CHAN MD**

that matter clean air clean water are pre-requisites for healthy living and longevity. Just got back from Zhuhai, China, Singapore and Indonesia (Jakarta, Java: Subaraya, Bali). The contrasts of those cities are striking. Zhuhai – the coastal beautiful green city of Guangdong province 40 km west of Hong Kong has well-thought out urban planning and execution. In 2017 the longest bridge across the seas in the world would link Zhuhai to Hong Kong and Macau creating a giant megapolis and unsurpassed economic opportunity.

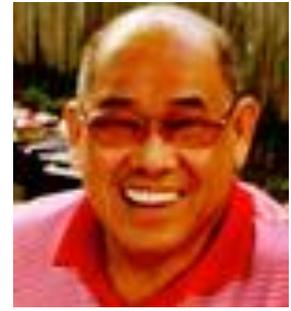
Singapore whose land area is less than the size of metro Manila has the best urban planning that I have ever seen with verdant immaculate trimmed tress and rainforest releasing oxygen and absorbing CO2 from their vehicles. Its streets are very clean, well-maintained and certainly walkable. A car their cost 400% more than that in the U.S. yet rich Singaporeans display their Rolls Royces, Mercedeses, Porcheses, BMWs. Their metro subways are so clean, and upkeep impeccable.

There is an inverse relationship between government corruptions and world-class urban planning and livable cities. Manila and Jakarta et al are at the bottom of what cities should and must be.

Meanwhile pollution, dirty water and sewage that drains into clogged waterways are causing diabetes, heart / respiratory diseases, cancers and infections. As physicians we all know that.

**TONY CHAN MD**  
Henderson NV

## OBITUARY



**RICARDO DELA CRUZ MD<sup>73</sup>**  
1948 – 2014

A close friend and colleague, Ricardo dela Cruz MD passed away at the age of 66, surrounded by his loved ones on December 8, 2014, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Ric graduated from Far Eastern University Institute of Medicine Class<sup>73</sup>. He immigrated to the United States and completed residencies in pathology and internal medicine.

He was an active member of the FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation, including the Michigan Chapter. He regularly attended the *Balik FEU* homecoming and regularly participated in medical missions to the Philippines.

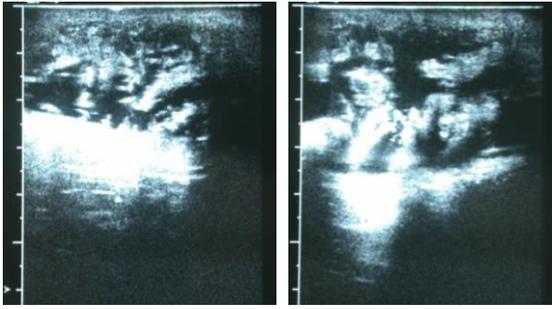
He practiced internal medicine in Sandusky MI and served that community for 31 years.

He was known for his infectious smile and as a hard-working physician, a devoted husband and father to his three children, and a loving *lolo* to four grandchildren and a forthcoming *apo* in March 2015.

Ric did everything for his family, making sure not to miss birthdays, graduations or any family gatherings.

# CLINICAL IMAGES

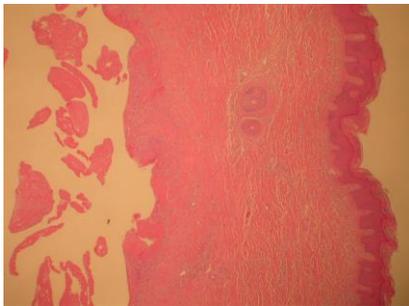
## CUTANEOUS METAPLASTIC SYNOVIAL CYST



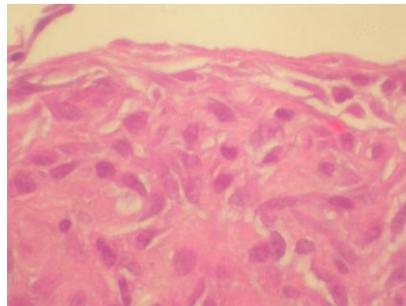
**Figures 1 and 2** – A poorly demarcated cystic lesion in the dermis and subcutaneous tissue with nodular intraluminal papillations noted on ultrasound.



**Figure 3** – An opened up inner cystic surface shows striking papillary excrescences, like a bag of worms.



**Figure 4** – The synovial cyst is located deep in the dermis, and more in the subcutaneous plane (HE stain, x40).



**Figure 5** – The cyst lining mimics thick synovial membrane (HE stain, x400)

These images are from an 86-year old woman who presented with a large palpable right buttock mass of about 8 x 7 x 4 cm size, of unknown duration. Trauma, surgery, and connective disease were denied.

Ultrasound of the right buttock palpable abnormality demonstrated a poorly margined complex mass, measuring 7.6 x 6.5 x 3.1 cm, containing irregular fluid collections as well as solid density (**Figures 1 and 2**). Adjacent soft tissue and overlying skin are grossly unremarkable.

The lesion was completely resected under local anesthesia as an outpatient. The specimen was composed of whitish tan,

soft and doughy cystic lesion that measured 7 x 6 x 3 cm, attached to an ellipse of skin, measuring 4.6 x 1.4 x 0.3 cm and partially covered by fibroadipose tissue. It contained thick, mucoid and viscid colorless fluid about 5 cc. The inner surface appeared partly membranous whitish tan, and smooth, and partly exhibited florid short and long villous luminal structures, like a bag of worms (**Figures 3, 4 and 5**). The lesion is located deep in the dermis with its bulk in the subcutaneous tissue; and surface is like synovial membrane, complete with synovial cells.

The final diagnosis was metaplastic synovial cyst or synovial metaplasia of the skin.

Long follow-up was negative for recurrence.

### COMMENTS and LITERATURE REVIEW.

Cutaneous metaplastic synovial cyst (CMSC) is a recently defined entity characterized by a cystic space that is lined by polygonal cells and villous structures resembling synovium. These structures are often hyperplastic and protrude toward the lumen as villous infoldings.

Sometimes, it is labeled an intradermal nodule that usually occurs at the site of previous surgical trauma.

In the first reported case of cutaneous metaplastic synovial cyst, there is an association with an Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. Cutaneous fragility and anomalous scarring typical of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome may be related to the development of a pseudocyst. If so, other connective-tissue diseases with increased skin fragility could be susceptible to development of such lesions.

Staining and immunohistochemical studies yielded results similar to those reported in cases of synovial cyst.

CMSC has been described around prostheses and breast implant capsules and may occur in postsurgical cutaneous scars, unrelated to prostheses or implants.

The lesion clinically appears as a tender subcutaneous nodule. Although the actual cause is unclear, a history of trauma usually precedes its onset.

This recently described cutaneous lesion arises most often in areas subjected to surgical or other types of trauma, although one reported instance is closely associated with a basal cell carcinoma and no history of trauma. Other associations include chronic inflammatory states such as rheumatoid arthritis or heritable disorders of connective tissue such as Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

Similar lesions have been identified in soft tissue, usually related to prior surgery or experimental induction. The differential diagnosis of tender cutaneous cysts should include CMSC.

Projections from the cyst wall may attain significant size and give the intraoperative impression of a *bag of worms*. The changes are characteristic and identified at varying levels of the dermis and may extend to the cutaneous surface.

These consist of cystic structures with villous protrusions within lumens, lined by a thin fibrinous exudate and a connective tissue core consisting of loosely organized connective tissue, prominent vessels, and spindle to epithelioid cells. These changes closely resemble those of hyperplastic synovium.

The formation of true synovial-lined membranes at tissue sites not intimately related or close to an articulation or a tendon sheath has been described in a variety of pathologic and postoperative conditions.

Until recently this phenomenon has not been well recognized to occur in tissue

surrounding silicone breast implants. Of 15 cases with resected periprosthetic breast capsules, seven (47%) demonstrated true synovial metaplasia with capsule-implant interfaces lined by typical synovial cells. Histochemical and immunohistochemical staining reactions were essentially identical to those observed in synovial control tissues and featured positive reactions to Alcian blue-periodic acid-Schiff, reticulin, and vimentin.

Focal positive immunoreactivity was observed with *alpha* 1-antitrypsin, *alpha* 1-antichymotrypsin, lysozyme, and CD68. No immunoreactivity was observed with cytokeratin AE1/AE3, S-100 protein, carcinoembryonic antigen, or basement membrane antigens.

Transmission electron microscopy of the lining cells confirmed their true synovial nature with the type A (macrophage-like) cells, type B (fibroblast-like) cells, and intermediate forms or type AB cells identified.

It is now concluded that the cellular lining surrounding silicone breast implants is a true synovial membrane, that synovial metaplasia may occur in nearly one half of all resected periprosthetic capsules, and that awareness of this entity will enable the surgical pathologist to render an accurate histopathologic diagnosis.

Immunohistochemical staining is generally negative except for vimentin among the lining and stromal cells. Although some lesion slightly resemble digital mucous cyst, the constellation of these features is relatively distinctive

for metaplastic synovial cyst.

Immunohistochemical observations also confirmed a mesenchymal derivation for the *synovial like villous structures* but non-availability of a specific *synovial* marker does not permit us to conclude with certainty the synovial nature of the metaplastic tissue.

The presence of vimentin and CD 68 positivity of the cells lining the cyst walls supports the similarities between normal and metaplastic synovium.

Constant pressure on the great toe, repeated manipulation of the finger, and chronic inflammation around the affected joints may play some roles in the pathogenesis of some CMSCs.

In **CONCLUSION**, CMSCs are unique lesions which deserve attention and should be included in the differential diagnosis of cutaneous cysts.

The immunohistochemical studies showed strong staining with vimentin and scattered positivity with *alpha*-1-antichymotrypsin and lysozyme. No basement membrane antigens or elastic fibers were demonstrated.

It is believed that the name *cutaneous metaplastic synovial cyst* is an appropriate pathologic designation for this entity.

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

**CESAR V REYES MD<sup>68</sup>**

## **DECEMBER QUOTE**

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. **Psalm 98**

## I AM PROUD TO BE PILIPINO- AMERICAN

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football, basketball, tennis, etc) and sacrifice, like the first

settlers of this great Country. The latter refined their talents with hard work, bravery, and persistence, and enjoying their talents in any non-academic endeavors so they could be lifted up from their slums and

evil gangs. They had appropriate dress codes, using appropriate language, and etiquette --- developing their characters and virtues. Then we have to help materially to increase Pilipino-Americans of next generations' opportunities by increasing positively without relying on government hand-outs.

I am not preaching for I am not pretentious to serve and swindle their fanatical parishioners or their political constituents. These were my personal observations through the years with historical facts almost every single day.

Every single day we may lift them up with our materially-moral support for their children and siblings, not by raping, and killing, but by example of doing good. Therefore, our children's children will be all in the same playing field to minimize the devilish acts --- if we will be able to inculcate in their brain cells regarding higher degree of education with normal brain chemistries.

With our capitalistic way of life in any forms or shapes by Pythagorean principles, we will be able to help improve and at least minimize all these evil empires encircling us that continue to devour our unfortunate helpless people.

Now let me impart to all of you as legal American citizen I am very proud to be American. Our next generations, and succeeding generations should not forget their *ROOTS*. To learn, respect and love the legacies of our roots, and hopefully they will not be stranded in any forest.

Let them know that in a larger sense their travels would not be easy for there are always winding roads, at times with detours, and climbing up the mountain tops would not be easy for all of them, and survival of the fittest is to be applied; but with challenges of courage, persistence, perseverance, and hard work are ingredients to reach the mountain top.

On their way to the mountain top the sceneries of *Nature* will be beautiful, and breathtaking. Since, my childhood days I was Socratic, and my mother imparted to me few words of wisdom that along the way there would be beautiful roses (I said I love that). But you have to be very careful for every beautiful roses and stimulating aromatic scent they were usually plenty of thorns beside some poisonous snakes, and leaves. (I said I do not like that for its hurts and painful).

She further stated to me that when you are materially wealthy you would have plenty of friends; but when you are down your so-called *friends*

would disappear in thin air. Hence, be humble and learn how to sleep in the floor, or learn how to *mamuluktok ka* (or assume fetal position) when you went down materially, but never give up for health is wealth as she informed me that I should always pray.

Lastly, and the least we should never forget those who died, or those disabled when their blood were spilled for our Motherland, and in this great Country during the Civil War, so as the WWI, WWII, Korean war, Vietnam conflict, etc.

Humbly I am real proud to be American. This land of the free for all us. I am really grateful whether you are educated or not, but as long as you play the rules, and work hard as our brain-body mechanics would be able to tolerate with passion, and enjoyment for opportunity never ends.

When I first arrived here in 1965, I had first observed *the high dignity of labor*. I did not have that when I was growing up.

Let us be vigilant of our liberties, and obeying our Constitution so are the Federal and State Laws. Owning guns or weapons of mass destruction by killing our law abiding, and innocent peoples cannot be right!

Owning gun(s) and using them for self-defense, defending our Country, and for recreational activities should be the only purpose of owning guns. That is my own personal perspectives.

Our unalienable rights should not be trampled upon by anybody, friends and foes alike. We, the first generations



JOSE MT  
ANTONIO MD

for our children were very proud when took an oath for our American Citizenship.

We must be proud immeasurably with the height and depth to be an American. History will attest that the American colonization and war with the Pilipinos, thousands had died not in vain. In a larger sense we have to be proud also for our contribution of human lives to this new Empire when our Pilipino soldiers side by side with the American fought and had died during the Japanese Imperialism. So as our contribution during Civil War, and conquering the west; and Mexican-American War beside the Korean, Vietnam, Iraq & Afghanistan wars as American citizen our forefathers before us had immensely contributed immeasurable without boundaries for our love to U.S.A..

Our great contributions in science, technologies, medicine, etc. we're something to behold with the greatest pride as an American.

Again, I am very proud to be American with our blood that runs the legacies from our immortal seeds, and forefather's heroism. Some of you may have known that three years ago Pilipinos in every States of the Union must be proud that our contributions to this great Country at last had been recognized by U.S. Senate Congress passed, and approved a resolution in October 5, 2011 designating that every October should be "Pilipino-American History Month."

Please ask ourselves if we need this accolade like "African-American Month?" Are majority of us with a

cohesive force in politics, and other important agendas like in government affairs, business, education, science, mathematics like the Jews? Jews are the single minorities with strongest cohesive force that controls our economy, our Congress, and including our Executive branch. Therefore, if our house is divided we will be weak to stand strong. Would all of you prefer to be like bamboo trees that sway according to the direction of the strong typhoon or wind? Remember the bamboo trees in your backyard back home they continue to stand erect when that winds dies down for the resilient bamboo trees goes back in the original position when the wind calms down. Ideally I would prefer all Pilipino-American to be stronger with undying unified cohesive force not falling behind from other ethnic groups, because the European Caucasians are still the majority. Hence, it had been stated that majority rules in democratic form of government. If an African-American was able to become President why not a second or third Pilipino-American generation to be a President of this great Empire?

To be continued.

## MORE PHILIPPINE

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they age are varied. At the point of retirement, a notable percentage of Pilipino Americans return back to the Philippines. There is no doubt, like everything in life, there are

pros and cons and retiring in the Philippines is no different.

It is far more complicated. According to the Filipino American Senior Health

Assessment, a longitudinal study conducted by the Filipino American Community Health Initiative of Chicago, half of 35 immigrant seniors surveyed between 2008 and 2010 still plan to return to the Philippines, The other half do not, and a handful are not sure.

Reality check: *They want to return to their home country to derive maximum benefits from savings*, says Leo Herrera-Lim, Consulate General for the Philippines.

A drawback: *The problem in going back to the Philippines is that when you get sick, you spend your own money. I prefer to stay in the United States because of health coverage.*

A friend says. *It is good that when my husband got sick this year, we were here in the United States. We have money from retirement, pensions, social security and health insurance.* These problems echo those shared by other Pilipino Americans.

Therefore, with my opinion of going home and enjoy your retirement, consider the following points to ponder:

You and your spouse must be in good health.

Are you willing to leave your children and grandchildren in the U.S?

Those that came back to the US said relatives constantly having their hands out?

Infrastructure problems,



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traffic, brownouts, outdoor humidity, and lots of rainy days. Public utilities like electricity and water, telephone, Internet and mobile phone, Ipad reception and access and not to mention the postal service, things that you are not used to.

Perspective continued:

Our country, the Philippines appears to be on the move forward. A few months ago, my wife and I went home, stayed in Manila for a few days in a five star hotel with Casinos occupying three of its floors. It is full of people, a mixture of well-dressed and ordinary individuals.

One night we were at Solaire Casino and Resort, situated near the bay, this luxury hotel is close to SMX Convention Center, SM Mall of Asia, and Baclaran. It reminded me of Las Vegas and Macao.

Yesterday, a friend sent me a u-tube online about the Philippines Moves Forward. Stunning and awesome - Metro Manila skyline photos of beautiful, progressive city! The City of Manila forms only the city proper of Metro Manila. Consisting of 16 cities in 630 square kilometers, the metro is the national capital region, and the center of Philippine culture, arts, commerce, industry, and tourism.

Taking a short tour of Metro Manila, huge shopping malls are crowded with people *malls* and 90% with cell phones or ipods in their hands . The rise of *megamalls*, was a phenomenon developed by Chinese Pilipino businessman Henry Sy and his company SM. Three SM shopping malls are among the top 10 largest in the

world. Previously, the SM Mall of Asia in Pasay was the country's largest mall, and before it the SM Megamall in Ortigas Center in Mandaluyong held the distinction from 1991 to 2006.

What impressed me most are building structures mostly high-rise condominiums under constructions. It is so amazing to appreciate the presence of retail stores and expensive gourmet restaurants in every part of Manila and Makati, where you can enjoy a buffet service of unimaginable food ranging from native Pilipino to French or anything you like to taste.

Vikings Luxury Buffet is a contemporary and stylish restaurant that overlooks the majestic Manila Bay through its' vast windows. These restaurants are jam-packed with people, maybe the local rich, or the *Balikbayans* with their dollars or Overseas Filipino Workers and families. The prices per person are more expensive than one can have in M Resort and Casino and Reo Hotel and Casino here in Las Vegas.

Urban centers abound such as Ortigas Center, The Podium, Eastwood City, Rockwell, Global City, the Fort and many more. The skyline of Manila is comparable to Hongkong, with skyscrapers; all these are in Manila to Pasig, Mandaluyong and Makati. It has the semblance of a progressive country.

Where can you find new plush subdivisions built in areas near the roads and freeways along Dasmarias, to Carmona Cavite, Laguna and Santa Rosa?

Casinos and first-class hotels are all over.

When you are told that traffic in Manila is hellish, with jeepneys and all kinds of buses and taxis – you will be impressed with the mingling of luxury cars, Pajeros, SUVs, and some Mercedes Benz in this horrible gridlock.

In the early 1990s, it was not what it is now. It is a fast growing city becoming like Hongkong, where astonishing skyscrapers catches your eyes. It is a picture perfect for a city on the go, a picture of richness, progress and affluence.

What we saw are all signs of progress. News of the rise in Philippine economy are daily covered in media and online.

The world's biggest financial organizations – Moody's, Standard & Poor, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and major international banks – all predict a 6.5 to 7 percent growth for the country's economy this year, with Moody's even calling the Philippines a *rising star* and S&P upgrading the country's credit rating.

A recent report by S&P even described the Philippine peso as the third best performing currency in the world, next only to the Chinese renminbi and the Singapore dollar.

The Philippine economy in recent decades was dubbed as *the sick man of Asia*. Now, it is said to have finally caught up with the Asian economic tiger – the neighbor countries of Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

The stark contrast - Poverty: All these I just described are strong signs that the country – with its young population of

nearly 100 millions people, the world's 12<sup>th</sup> largest – has turned a corner?

Has President Aquino determined and turned the corner by instituting genuine, wide-ranging, meaningful reform, and acting on its belief that good governance is the bedrock of equitable progress?

Reality check, there are slums of Metro Manila where six million poor survive — barely. The faces on the city streets told many sad tales. I witnessed the travesty of 30,000 helpless, impoverished squatters living around the waste dump in Payatas, the Manila's main waste dump; garbage is piled seven stories high.

Twenty-five percent of the inhabitants live in informal settlements, often in places unsuitable for living.

Urban poverty is caused by low household incomes and the internal migration of poor rural families to urban areas.

I saw a large slum area near the outlet of Pasig River with shanty houses; families living on carts under stinky bridges; it was a heart-breaking sight to view the scores of gloomy shantytowns along the banks of the river, some precariously constructed on stilts.

Somehow 800,000 people live there. Pasig River flows right through the heart of Manila. Tons of sewage, including human excrements was conveniently dumped into the Pasig River. Little wonder why the river stinks to high heavens.

The abject poverty lingers as poverty rapes and kills the spirit of the poor. We all too often underestimate poverty's complexity and cruelty, how it

kills, maims and aborts life. But once you see it first hand, you can never forget. I have to look at facts that are, like the sun, too painful for my direct gaze; instinctively, I look away.

*The unreported deaths of the poor by reason of their lack of food, shelter, clothes, medicine and simple hope are underestimated* according to a Philippine columnist.

Skyscrapers, hotels and casinos, high rise condominiums are façade of progress but beyond lies the stark of poverty in the Philippines - a major obstacle to the success of future generations of the Pilipino.

According to the most recent data collected by international sources concerning poverty in the Philippines, 44% of the population survives on less than \$2 US per day! And yet we are reading conflicting reports of economic growth.

Here is what we are told:

First, the Philippines, after years of indebtedness, is a net creditor. Overseas remittances from the roughly 8 millions Pilipinos working abroad have steadily added to foreign exchange reserves. At nearly \$80 billions, these are higher than the external debt. Revenues from back office businesses have quintupled over six years from \$2 to \$11 billions.

Second, the country is getting its fiscal house in order. The deficit has narrowed from a worrying 5-6 per cent a decade ago to a manageable 2 per cent.

Third, the political situation is vastly improved. Benigno Noytoy Aquino, elected president in 2010, has made a creditable start. For one, his

government has sent out a strong message that it will not tolerate corruption.

*Thy will be done?*

Yet all said and done, the government has not made a dent on its drive against poverty. The poor and the oppressed masses in the Philippine society have always gotten the worst of both worlds. With greater propensity, their political leaders have been unresponsive to their economic plight, a dismal crisis that has been encumbered by the deficiency of the country's democratic process.

According to the report recently by National Census Statistics Board that in July 2012, the Philippine poverty rate was at 27.9% which is practically unchanged from the 2006 and 2009 data.

Twelve million Pilipinos were trapped in extreme poverty and surviving on less than P56 a day according to Asian Development Bank. Social Watch Philippines and the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, in coordination with the United Nations, stated that the country's poverty situation was worse than in 2000 when it started the Millennium Development Goals that the UN designed to eliminate poverty.

The generation of increasing jobs in the Philippines is not well addressed.

Apparently, the robust growth failed to generate the jobs because it was fueled mostly by the continued increase in remittances from eight million overseas workers and the increased consumer spending generated by these remittances.

Despite the robust 6.6% economic growth,

unemployment remains unchanged at 7.1% in January, from 7.2% a year ago.

Whatever growth the country reports simply goes to the country's wealthy few.

The number of unemployed and underemployed is estimated at 10 million. There is that Conditional Cash Program by President Aquino which doles out cash at the rate of P1,400 a month to poor Pilipino families. In my opinion, this will not stamp out the chronic and widespread Poverty in the country's 100-million population.

The Philippines must develop industries that could generate more jobs, such as manufacturing, tourism, information technology, and agribusiness.

It is our country's leaders who can make the Philippines to become an *Asian Economic Tiger* and join the First World; otherwise it will still remain on its reputation as *The Sick Man of Asia*.

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and survive all the hurdles in the 50 years journey.

M – for MONEY that aided them to send all their children to doctorate degrees, and pay for groceries, rent and gas.

E – for EDUCATION opened their eyes to the realities of life and enabled them to achieve goals, which in turn provided family stability and financial security for them and children.

FAME also gave strength and longevity.

Roger had a successful surgery to remove a carotid artery obstruction in January. He celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in February 2015.

Elsa is in her second term as president of the Pilipino American Military Officers Association of San Diego.

Both are active volunteers at the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum, Miramar and Ladie fellows for Feeding the Homeless.

They regularly visit fitness center and ballroom dancing to keep them physically fit.

The four grandchildren made good progress. Christian missed the wedding anniversary because he was on Maritime Academy ship duty in Vallejo CA. He came to visit La Jolla during summer.

Amanda will be an Oxford scholar in England come Fall 2015.

Our youngest *gift of God* Mace Zuoming Peng is our 2011 miracle, now three and very active preschooler in Hilo HI. His parents waited for 16 for his arrival.

We are very grateful for all His blessing.

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in many of our mission trips, honored us with their presence.

We worked in Palompon, Leyte, to help treat people who were victims of one of the world's strongest typhoons, which hit the island very hard. Some 5,000 people perished and thousands were rendered homeless. It will take a long

time for Leyte to get back on its feet in spite of the generous help of international donors.

We also worked in the northern Iloilo town of Barotac Viejo. Part of the Philippine team also worked in southern Leyte and Palawan. We performed hundreds of cases and many surrendered their lives to the Lord.

Last October, we also worked in Kibogora Hospital in Kibogora, Rwanda, our 18<sup>th</sup> project there. We performed 88 major cases and 46 people accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior.

We were supposed to work there for 4 weeks but shortened our work to only two weeks as we came home to be with our daughter-in-law, Cathy, who had a bilateral mastectomy for breast cancer and is presently undergoing chemotherapy. She is doing well and tolerating the chemotherapy. Please pray for her.

The rest of our family is doing well. We plan to drive up to Columbus in December to be with our children, grandchildren, and one great-grandchild for Christmas.

In January, Pete will work with Lyndell, our daughter, and her church team in Cuba.

In April, we will work in San Carlos, Bolivia.

In June, we will be taking one of our granddaughters, Sydney, and our niece, AprilLyn, with us on a mission trip to Panama; and in October or November, we will again work in Kibogora, Rwanda.

May the coming year bring you much joy and happiness.

Love and prayers.

## MY PROFESSOR, HIS LEGACY

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The safer option when dealing with a condition grade was to repeat the subject if it involved pathology. Why? Because the medical school had earned the reputation as a *terror* subject since most if not

all of the medical students who were delayed or even *kicked out* of in the past was due to their inability to pass pathology A and B. Of course there was a fee for the removal exam--are you kidding me--10 pesos per subject!

What happened to me was, I got a condition grade in pathology A. Since I had the option to proceed to pathology B without taking the removal examination in pathology A, I went ahead to pathology I problem was I did not pass pathology B either. I also got a condition grade.

Dr Rivera, as the chairman of the student deliberation board, advised me that I could take the removal exam for I A. If I passed pathology A, I will have to repeat pathology B, or he might permit me to take the removal examination in pathology B if I wanted to. The consequence of failing the removal examination in pathology A was chilling: I must repeat pathology A and pathology B, one semester at a time.

Surprisingly there was a dozen of us who had decided to

take the removal exam. Guess what? Nobody passed the removal examination but one, yours truly! As a consequence, I became an instant celebrity for achieving the dubious distinction of having passed a removal examination in pathology, a *terror* subject!

Boy, it really was an exhilarating feeling to be somebody among *nobodies* --- --- the *conditioners*.

In a triumphant mood I went to Dr Rivera's office to inform him that I would go for the removal examination in pathology B, *Sir, I have decided to take the removal examination in pathology B.*

Dr Rivera answered, *the institute wants me to tell you that you cannot take the removal examination for pathology B anymore. Your only option now is you must repeat pathology B.*

*That's not our prior understanding!* I vehemently protested. *We have a gentleman's agreement, remember? You told me that if I passed the removal examination in pathology A I could take the removal examination in pathology B.*

*Well, the medical school feels that it would be in your best interest if you just repeat pathology B. I assure you that if you take the removal examination in pathology B you will fail for sure,* he added.

*Excuse me?*

He retorted *What I'm saying is, you still lack the solid understanding in pathology necessary to pass the removal examination and the solid foundation when you practice medicine later on.*

But I insisted, *Then let me take the removal examination and let see what happens.*

He repeated, *Don't you get it? I'm giving you a big favor. If you want to remain in the institute, follow my advice. Believe me, you won't regret it if you did.*

I persisted, *How can you do this me? I was a member of our institute's basketball team. I had to attend practice every other night and played games on weekends leaving me no time to study my lessons. But those efforts and sacrifices are not in vain. Sir, we are the inter-institute basketball champion in FEU! Don't I deserve any credit for that, huh?*

*Actually, it came up during the I meeting. But the student deliberation board cannot lose sight of the fact that you came here to become a doctor, not to be a basketball player. The institute has absolutely no objection of your playing basketball as long as you can satisfy academically what is required of you to graduate in medicine. But the medical school will never lower its passing standard because a medical student happens to be a member of the institute basketball team which much to his credit helps bring home the bacon. Is that clear?* Dr Rivera clarified.

I was stunned. I never felt so disappointed in my life before. Convinced, that nothing favorable will ever come out of our talk, I reluctantly relented, *All right, I will repeat pathology B.*

*Good,* he said.

*How many subjects can I have in addition to pathology B?* I asked.



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None, he murmured.

*What! Don't tell me I will only have one subject for the whole semester, I complained.*

Dr Rivera concluded, *You heard me. It is the opinion of the institute that if you carry more subjects you will end up having condition grades again and you'll be back on square one again. The medical school strongly suggests that you quit basketball. Hijo, listen to me, I commend you for passing the removal examination in pathology A, that was not an easy task. Look, I see in you the making of a good physician, strive to be a good one, will you? There is nothing more to talk about. You can go now.*

As soon as I closed the door behind me, I silently unleashed the anger seething inside of me with a venomous vow, *mga walang utang na loob. May araw then kayo, Lintik lang ang walang ganti. Ingrates! I will have my day.....)*

My ulterior motive to prove to Dr Rivera that pathology was inconsequential and absurdly overrated subject in medicine became an obsession. The opportunity came during a case presentation about a patient who died of pulmonary tuberculosis. With blatant display of arrogance, I led the opposition against the diagnosis of tuberculosis for the obvious reasons that the patient's tuberculin test was negative, the sputum smear for acid fast bacilli was negative, and above all the pathology report did not show the pathognomonic finding of caseation necrosis.

His comment which has reverberated in my ears since then was *the absence of proofs of a disease is not a proof of its*

*absence.* As he elaborated the wisdom of this principle, I felt so embarrassed realizing that I still have a lot to learn if I wanted to become a better physician.

When I started practicing medicine, I tried to deny that Dr Rivera was never a factor in my being a competent physician. The fact was, I learned valuable knowledge in medicine at the institute sitting on Dr Rivera's lap.

I realized further that other faculty members had done far more terrible injustice against me. For instance, I got delayed also for doing make-up in medical clerkship, not because I could not satisfy the requirements but because the instructor who was trying to earn the dubious reputation as a *terror instructor*, would maliciously conduct the roll calls whenever most of the students were not around.

The result was, I and few others incurred undue number of false absences and the only remedy was to make-up for the course, to the perverted delight of this miserable *terrorist*.

When I met this former tormentor in Michigan during one of the FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation annual reunions with continuing medical education, it was pitiful to see that he still looked miserable. Silently, I forgave him and sincerely wished him well. I have never felt so good since that moment. I was free at last.

Repentant, the search for Dr Rivera began. I must apologize to him. My search finally paid off when a colleague and friend of mine, Dr Marcelino Dagdagan called me that my quarry, Dr Rivera was the

pathologist in their hospital in California. Shortly, after he hang up, the phone rang; it was no other than Dr Rivera himself on the line.

*Si Dr Lagrimas ba ito? (is this Dr.Lagrimas?)*

*Oho. (speaking)*

*Hinahanap mo raw ako. ( I heard that you are looking for me).*

*Matagal na po sir. (Yes Sir, for quite some time now).*

*Alam ko na kung bakit., Galit ka sa akin. Marami na akong mga studianting tumawag sa akin para morahin lang ako. ( Now I know why. I have some former students who had called me before just to curse me.) Go ahead say what you want to say, I'm listening.*

I was shocked by the tone of his conversation. I told him that I was sorry to hear the cruel treatment he had been receiving from us (former students).

I told him that I was really mad at him but I realized, I was wrong and I wanted to apologize.

There was a long pause of silence, then I heard a muffled sound which unmistakably suggested that someone was sobbing. Indeed he was crying as he was almost choking with emotion when he finally managed to speak up again.

*I never had the wildest expectation that I will ever be hearing a heartwarming call from a former student.*

I told him that I apologized further that it took me a long while to accept the truth. Near the end of our animated conversation, I informed him that I was one among the Jubilarians of the upcoming FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation reunion – continuing

medical education in Dallas Texas that year 1997. I eagerly let him know that I would appreciate it very much if he could come as my personal guest. Although very hesitant, with persistence he gave me his word that he would come to Dallas. There, I invited him and Mrs Rivera to lunch. When they came, he was not wearing a bow tie, his trademark back then. I shook his hand and hugged my erstwhile hated mentor turned cherished idol after all these years.

We had a long and hearty conversation once more. Before we parted we discovered a pleasant surprise: both of us played tennis. We excitedly arranged to play tennis early the next morning. Amazingly, he was playing well for his age.

But at long last I exacted the revenge I have been waiting for, in tennis. I beat the old man in a hard fought and heartbreaking tie breaker. One thing I noticed though, every time we changed court; he would glance at his halter/ watch. I found out that he did not want his heart rate to go out of bounce. This observation proved tragically prophetic three years down the road.

The following year in Anaheim CA, Dr Rivera was there and this time we did not have much time together. Almost everyone wanted to reunite with him. He had become the most sought- after colleague.

The year following Anaheim's reunion, I missed the reunion. I was looking forward meeting him again the following year when I heard the tragic news. Dr Rivera had died!

I found out that he was playing tennis when he dropped dead from cardiac arrest. I learned further that days before his death, Dr Rivera was visibly upset by something parallel with I myself would go through later on.

In 2007 when the never ending rise in malpractice insurance premium ultimately put my solo obstetrics gynecology practice out of business in rural Virginia, I ended up employed as a primary care physician, minus obstetric care.

The reason that nobody would hire me, skilled and broadly experienced obstetrician gynecologist was, my board eligibility had lapsed long time before. Like Dr Rivera, I compared myself to a wine mellowed by nature's finest aging process, but no one would want to drink it simply because it was not contained in a fancy-looking bottle.

To avoid being accused of sour grape, I say no more. I must add however that I put my money where my mouth is. When I needed an open quadruple coronary artery bypass surgery, I told my cardiologist in response to his question, that I would prefer an experienced surgeon who had done a lot of this surgery without postoperative complications, and I stressed the fact that, I did not care much whether he was board certified or not.

When I was his medical student, the molecular composition of human chromosome was only superficially understood as a double helix strand of amino acids. Yet Dr Rivera had

already predicted then that, time will come soon when man will be able to tweak our genetic structure. The implication as he put it was incredibly phenomenal. We could delete our susceptibility to diseases for good!

Introspect I realized that what he was talking about then was about genetic engineering today. I wished we had been on the state of human cloning already, Dr Rivera would have been a perfect specimen for cloning. Had we done that before he died, we would have been assured of unending supply of competent physicians and outstanding medical educators combined into one.

I was indeed fortunate to have been mentored by a challenging professor. Dr Rivera aroused that dormant desire in me into one fiery obsession that drove me to pursue far reaching goals in life. Above all, I am one happier person today for one reason: since I asked Dr Rivera to forgive me. I have found what my restless soul had been longing for, inner peace.

To my fellow alumni who are still harboring animosity against Dr Rivera, please understand that unforgiveness is a double-edged sword. It cut both ways. Someone said: *Unforgiveness is like drinking a poison expecting the other person to die.*

Believe me, Dr. Rivera did not intend to hurt us when he acted the way he did. Dr Rivera did only his duty as an educator to the best of his God-given ability. Because his ingenuity was so far advanced of his time, he was woefully misunderstood by many of us.

Unquestionably, the man was brilliant, a genius, peerless, a consummate teacher, regrettably the unrecognized titan in the realm of medical education. Please let it go. And do not fall into the trap of conditional forgiveness by demanding an apology.

As my retreat master in cursillo said, *conditional forgiveness is like burying the hatchet with the handle sticking up high above the ground. There is only one answer to unforgiveness --- love.*

My friends, look inward and you will see that even when unforgiveness is firmly reigning within yourselves, you will still see a glow of love in your hearts. Make it shine and embrace it. Love will brighten your path toward a happy, fulfilling and meaningful everlasting life.

Good luck and God bless!

To sir, with love, Dr Lagrimas, eternally grateful student.

## TENDERLY YOURS

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luggage at Heathrow since you are connecting from there to Lisbon, Portugal. But you get to



*At Lourdes Grotto, France*

another security check with the TSA in Heathrow. Checking of



*At St Benedict, Subiaco, Italy* hand carried luggage, x-ray of all personal belongings. Agents in this Airport are very rude. They are mostly foreigners. We finally left HR-London on another American Airlines Flight to Lisbon (Lisboa), Portugal. We arrived at the Hotel Florescente after a short ride in a Mercedes Van. It's also important you don't leave the Airport unless your driver had seen you with your luggage.

Allow adjustments on time since Europe is at least 8 hours ahead of US and depending also on what part of the US you are from. We arrived at the Hotel F late the next day. Hotel accommodation is fair. Lisbon is Lisboa locally. I am not sure if we made it to church in Lisbon this weekend. Anyway that Sunday, all 4 of us had a guided tour of Lisbon and free time after the formal tour this was day 2.

Day 3 Monday was a full day excursion to Our Lady of Fatima. It was a cold morning with some drizzle. The open space between the Cathedral and the church under construction makes the weather cooler since there are no trees or buildings to stave off the cold wintry wind. There was mass

going on in the chapel where the apparition happened. There is a big area where you can buy candles of different sizes and be lighted in the same area. Rest rooms are not readily available and had to look for them in the area.



*In front of the Vatican, Rome*

From this area we were brought to the houses of Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia. Their houses were quite small and rooms are shared by the three shepherds. We had the chance to meet the niece of Francisco and Jacinta but she was able to communicate her relationship with the shepherds. We also met the niece of Lucia. She is up in age and unable to communicate in English but when you hug her, she would kiss your hand and smile. Most of the visitors in the area does not know she is a relative of Lucia. This is the advantage of having a guide in the area since she can alert you to whatever is to be seen or looked for.

The area is quite cold and you almost always prefer to stay indoors and you could just imagine how the houses were heated other than the old fashion fireplace where the cooking is also conducted.

After this encounter we were brought to the cafeteria, where you fall in line and select your lunch. I got the baked chicken which was really good and tender. We saw several visitors from the Philippines on tour also. Of course the trip is not complete unless you are brought to gift shop to look at all the nice religious articles.

It was late when we reached our hotel in Lisbon. We got to have a good rest for the next day's trip. Next one will be the trip from Lisbon to Toulouse, France on our way to Lourdes, Frances

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phone and order pizza to go.

Dear Santa: I want a puppy. I want a playhouse. Thank you. I have been good most of the time. Sometimes I am wild.

Dear Santa: I will take anything because

I have not been that good.

Dear Santa: I am not going to ask for a lot. Here is's my list: the etch-a-sketch animator, 2 packs of #2 pencils, crayola fat markers and the big gift – my own color TV. Well, maybe you could drop the pencils. I do not want to be really selfish.

Let me share with you a Christmas story that has made the rounds many times but has always touched my heart. It is entitled: ***Whoever Takes the Son.***

Many years ago, there was a very rich man who was also an

avid art collector. He had priceless works by Picasso and Van Gogh on the walls of his mansion. His one and only son shared this passion for art.

As winter approached, war engulfed the nation and his son left home to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, his father received a telegram. His son had died. He faced the most painful and saddest Christmas he could ever imagine. On Christmas morning, he was surprised by a visitor. It was a soldier carrying a large package. He said to the old man, *I was a friend of your son. I was the one he was trying to save when he died. I have something to show you.* It so happened that the soldier was an artist and the package was a portrait of the old man's son. The portrait hardly qualified as a masterpiece, but it featured the son's face in striking detail. Overcome with emotion, the old man placed the portrait as a centerpiece to his multimillion dollar art collection. He spent many hours gazing at the portrait of his son.

The following Spring, the old man died. The art world waited in anticipation for his estate to auction off his art collection. According to his will, all his art collection was to be auctioned off on Christmas Day, the day he received his greatest gift of all. The auction began with a painting that was not on any collector's list. It was the painting of the man's son. The auctioneer asked for an opening bid of \$100. No one spoke. Finally, someone spoke up and said, *Who cares about that painting? It's just a crude portrait of his son. Let's move on to the real stuff.* The

auctioneer responded, *No, we have to sell this one first. Now who will take the son?"*

Another long silence.

Finally, the family gardener offered \$10. *That's all I have,* he said, *I have known the boy for most of his short life and I'd like to have his portrait to remember him by.*

The auctioneer said, *Going once, going twice, gone. Sold for \$10.* And the gavel fell. Cheers erupted around the room and someone exclaimed, *Now we can bid on the real treasures.* The auctioneer looked around and announced that the auction was over. Everyone was stunned. *What do you mean the auction is over?* someone said. *There's millions of dollars worth of art here.*

*What's going on?* The auctioneer replied: *It's very simple. According to the will of the Father, whoever takes the Son gets it all.*

If we read the Nativity story from the Gospel of Luke, we place ourselves in the same tradition as Christians of all time who have heard the same story for centuries, as they gathered together on Christmas Eve. The Nativity story as presented by Luke is so simple yet surprisingly powerful – the story of a young girl giving birth to her first child, in a stable, after a long, rough trip. The impact of the story is that this child born to this young mother would change the course of history, and the fate of all people in all stations of life from the highest to the lowest, will hang in the balance of his destiny. Modern science claims that babies in the womb can sense what is happening around them and are affected by what



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the mother is going through during her pregnancy, her joys, her fears, her pains. If we are to believe in this, we may then start to believe that this child in Mary's womb senses the hardships, the deprivation and the rejection that his mother has been going through. In short, we may conclude that the Passion of the Christ actually begins even before he is born.

Luke's account of the Nativity (**Luke 2:1-20**) is strikingly simple yet leaves us with many things to ponder in our hearts. The story captures the essence of who Jesus is and what his birth, ministry, death and resurrection means to us. God gave us his only Son so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Because of the Father's love, whoever takes the Son, gets it all.

**FROM THE HOMEFRONT**

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On the behalf of our scholars, I thank Drs Nany Tansuche and Robert Arias who took the reins of the scholarship program from the late, great Dr Arsenio Martin. Our student scholars are encouraged to do their best, inspired by your commitment.

To Dr Cesar V Reyes, who, with great patience and

understanding, gently reminds me of my promise to write for **ECTOPIC MURMURS** every month; thank you. You painstakingly edit, arrange and distribute this publication electronically to so many. It is because of your perseverance that our alumni are well informed and connected.

And last, but not least, thanks to all the alumni who have opened their arms, homes, and hearts to welcome me and other administrators, faculty and graduates when we are in the US. It is because you that we are becoming a more united and stronger family.

**Postscript.** The Student Recognition / Student Achievement Awards ceremonies will be held on Friday, January 23, 1:00 pm, at the Dr Ricardo L Alfonso Hall.

The outstanding alumni faculty awards and the Mupas professorial chair in pathology will be handed on Saturday, January 24, during the Jubilarians grand ball.

The second annual **Dr Josephine Cojuangco Reyes lectureship** is on Tuesday, January 20, to be delivered by the Philippine College of Physicians president Antonio Leachon MD.

**AN OPEN LETTER**

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Mayo Clinic School of Medicine, on **Emerging Infectious Diseases 2015**; 12:00 - 1:00 pm luncheon symposium



**JOSE RAVELO T BARTOLOME MD**

sponsored by PREVENAR; 1:00 – 4:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> day of scientific activities

5:00 pm onwards, welcome reception on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dr Ricardo L Alfonso Hall

**Friday, January 23,** 7:30am – 1:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> day scientific activities

**Saturday, January 24,** 6:00 pm grand alumni and Jubilarian night, at the Crowne Plaza Galleria, Ortigas Center

Also please help us reach your classmates and other alumni by giving us information of their whereabouts. This will help us a lot in sending them information of our future homecomings.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

**JOSE RAVELO T BARTOLOME MD<sup>89</sup>**  
FEU-NRMF MAS President

**DR RAZONABLE**

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management of infections that occur after solid organ and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. To achieve this goal, he conducts laboratory-based projects that characterize the interaction between the human host and the invading microbe; translational research projects aimed at applying our laboratory data into the clinical arena; and clinical projects that are aimed to assess the current state of clinical practice and generate relevant questions that need further laboratory-based investigations.



**RAYMUND R RAZONABLE MD**



**LINDA D TAMESIS MD**

The laboratory-based aspect of his research activities is based in the medical sciences building where he assesses the biology of Toll-like receptors in response to various pathogens such as cytomegalovirus, fungi, and hepatitis C virus; using viral reactivation and replication as a measure of the intensity of immune suppression; and assessment of cytomegalovirus-specific T cells in immunologic reconstitution following transplantation.

His clinical research program is based in the division of infectious diseases office in Marian Hall where several ongoing projects include the assessment of the risk factors, treatment and outcomes of cytomegalovirus and other viral and fungal infections after

transplantation.

In addition, he and co-workers have ongoing clinical trials aimed at assessing antiviral therapy for various infections, including the use of investigational drugs for the prevention and treatment of cytomegalovirus disease after transplantation.

Dr Razonable's publications are voluminous, with over 150 papers now, all in peer-reviewed, prestigious and international journals. He writes several papers every month. He also has authored and edited national and international guidelines for the management of infections after transplantation.

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Scientific Convention *and*  
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*January 22 – 23, 2015*

FEU-NRMF Medical Center, Fairview, Quezon City

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batch ‘89”*

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*‘99 – 15<sup>th</sup>*

*‘04 – 10<sup>th</sup>*

*‘09 – 5<sup>th</sup>*

## **Preliminary List of volunteers**

**Over-all coordinators:** Ramon G Lopez MD, Naty Bernardino MD, and Atty Percival Claridad

### **Tacloban**

**Internal Medicine/ Family Practice** - Cesar Cumba MD, Remedios Escalona MD, Malou Laya MD, Laarni Moreno MD, Simeon Sevandal MD, Cornelio Casaclang MD

**Pediatrics** - Anita Avila MD, Gloria Reyes

**Outpatient surgery** - Meneleo Avila MD, C Cumba MD, Manuel Escalona MD, Ed Relucio MD

**Optometry** - Narcing Cruz, Leo Cruz

**Critical Support** - Lilia Cumba, Marylyn Lopez RN, Marizon Relucio RPh, Lourdes Sevandal DDM, Engr Fred Tsai, Nora Tsai RN, Erlinda Casaclang, Corazon Reyes, Cora Moreno

**Obstetrics** - Susan Tan MD, Leticia Claridad MD, Likang Chao MD, Mario Reyes MD, M Escalona MD, Ligaya Marasigan MD.

**Internal medicine** - N Bernardino MD, Juanito Baladad MD, Rogelio Cave MD, Jose Delfin MD, Lito Fernandez MD, Malou Laya MD, Leilani Mon MD, Richard Mon MD, L Moreno, MD, S Sevandal MD,

Dionisio Yorro MD, Virgilio Lopez MD, and Judy Wu MD.

**Family practice** - Aurora Atienza MD, R Escalona MD, Jose Guevara MD, Rogelio

Liboon MD, Alfredo Sy MD, Zita Yorro MD, C Casaclang MD Israel Labao MD.

**Pediatrics** - Anita Avila MD, Nida Blankas-Hernaez MD, Rina Galvez MD, Gloria Reyes MD, Susan Nunez MD (1/26-28/15), Lynn Lopez MD

**Psychiatry** - Luz Cuaresma MD and R Escalona MD

**Pharmacy** - Marizon Relucio RPh, Mia Kim PhD

**Nutritionist dietitian** - Espie Vasallo

**Optometry** - N Cruz, L Cruz, Letty Tuazon

**Medical technologists** - Evelyn Fajardo MT ASCP, Elena L Wijangco MT ASCP

**Dental** – Lt Col. Abraham Bayan MD, six Armed Forces of the Philippines dentists, L Sevandal DDM

## **Laguna**

### **medical mission**

**Surgical leaders** - Luis Mangubat MD, Leo Avila MD, Eugene Salazar MD

**Anesthesia** - Emma Salazar MD, Delilah Tapia MD, Yoly de la Cruz MD, Lito Fajardo MD, Nap Cuaresma MD, Manny Sanchez MD, Madhavia Singa MD.

**General surgery** - C Cumba MD, E Relucio MD, Reynaldo Sarmiento MD, Barry Summers MD, Luis Mangubat MD, Francis Tapia MD, Richard Zhou MD.

**Plastic surgery** - Jesse Corres MD, and Jim Sanchez MD (1/29/2015)

**Ophthalmology** - Eric Lohse MD

**Gynecology &**

## **PMAC medical mission, January 2015**

### **Tacloban, Leyte medical mission**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015, to Thursday, January 22, 2015**

**Air PAL**, leaves Manila Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 4:45 am, be at the airport 3:30 am

**Fare** P3,473 (\$80)

**Hospital** Bethany Hospital of Tacloban

**Billeting** Z pad Residencies

**Mini Pad** \$30    **Single Pad** \$33

**Queen Pad** \$51    **Twin Pad** \$51    **Suite** (sleeps 3 – 5) \$150

**Return Air PAL**, departs Tacloban Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 4:30 pm arrives in Manila 5:45 pm

### **Calamba, Bay, Los Baños, Laguna medical, surgical, dental mission**

**Bus Trip** from designated Manila/ Makati meeting place to Laguna (bus provided by Laguna Governor)

**Monday, January 26, 2015**, arrives in Calamba (Solemar Homes and Campus)

**Tuesday, January 27, 2015**, Calamba

**Wednesday, January 28, 2015**, Bay

**Thursday, January 29, 2015**, Los Baños

Dr Jose Rizal Provincial Memorial Hospital

**Friday, January 30, 2015**, - Saturday, January 31, 2015, R&R

Visit Calamba Rizal Family home

Visit at the IRRI UP Los Banos campus, Villa Escudero, Tiaong, Quezon, Waterfall luncheon and Filipiniana stage presentation

## **Dapitan participants**

Cornelio Casaclang, Erlinda Casaclang, C Cumba, L Cumba, Rey Elazegui, R Escalona, M Escalona, E Fernandez, L Fernandez, I Labao, L Marasigan, Cora Moreno, L Moreno, M Relucio, E Relucio, Ester Azurin, E Wijangco, J Wijangco, M Lopez, and R Lopez.

**Nurses** - Pauline Abadilla RN (OR), Dr Puring Baladad RN, Marilyn Baltazar RN, Estela Cave RN, Mrs Amy Delfin, Clarita Distor RN (OR), Elvie Fernandez RN, Linda Guevara RN, Cora Guzon RN, Rosalie Lim RN (OR), Marylyn Lopez RN, Fatima Maglaya RN, Faye Mendiola RN (OR),

Hilda Sy RN, Nora Tsai RN, Carlota Sanchez RN  
**Critical support** - Representative from the Laguna Association of the Midwest USA, Calamba Chicagoan Edna Pavel, Atty P Claridad, Engr Fred Tsai, Andy Abadilla, Jose Wijangco, Ester L. Azurin as local Calamba Bay and

Los Banos liaison, Virgilio Villarruz of the Pugad Lawin Club of Calamba, Honor Cesar, Paring Cesar Dan Nantes, Lydia Nantes Pepito Tiangco, Paula Tiangco, Cora Moreno, azon Reyes, Erlinda Casaclang, medical student Joel Rosiene, and Alexander Frehse.

## **MISSION UPDATE**

**Laguna** (Calamba, Bay and Los Banos) accommodations at Solemar del Pansol Compound in Pansol, Calamba.

1. The accommodations are resort-type houses. There is no traditional hotel lodging. It is anticipated that all missionaries can be accommodated in several houses at the Solemar. Late registrants may not be able to get their choice houses and companions. Couples and akin arrangements will be given preferences.

2. The resort houses are rented at P30,000 per day/ per house (to dollar exchange 1:50). Each house has six rooms; each room can accommodate two to four persons. The rental is P5,000 per room per day. Example at one day/ one night stay, at two persons per room times six rooms. 12 persons per house times per day, at \$50 per person per day equals \$600 per day per house, \$2,400 total for four days/ four night stay, and \$3,600 for a six-day/ six-night stay.

Please understand that the houses are rented for the whole stay of four nights. Payments will be the collective responsibility of all the people staying in the house.

There will no discount for those staying less than four nights. However, we will try to find accommodation for those who will stay for less than four nights.

3. Most of the rooms are on the second floor. There are only a few first floor rooms; they have their own bathrooms. Some bathrooms are shared by

## **Dapitan, Zamboanga del Norte**

**A historical shrine/ tourist destination**

**Sunday-Tuesday, February 1-3, 2015**

PAL air express, departs Manila, Sunday, February 1, 2015, 10:10 am

Arrive Dipolog 11:35 am

3D2N Dakak De Luxe Full Package

P13,264 per person (\$294)

Roundtrip airfare and taxes

deluxe rooms

two days buffet breakfast

River cruise lunch

Tour of Dr Rizal shrine and other sites,

One buffet dinner

Dinner at Inato Lang

Dampa

Aqua Marine Park

Fantasyland rides, and

Gloria de Dapitan leisure complex

Dapart Dipolog, Tuesday, February 3, 2015 12:15 pm

Arrive Manila 1:45 pm

Pls make your own reservation

(Frontline & Travel Inc, agent Tess Q Ege, 8514631 to 33, mobile 092285514633, [tessege.frontline@yahoo.com](mailto:tessege.frontline@yahoo.com))

two adjoining rooms. Some rooms are dormitory-style for six people, with communal bathrooms.

All rooms are air-conditioned. Please specify your preference: own, shared, or no preference for bathrooms.

Each house has its own swimming pool with hot or warm water, jacuzzi, karaoke, and pool table.

4. Beddings are provided. Please bring your own towels and toiletries. Daily breakfast have been sponsored, and will be free.

5. The resorts require a deposit equal to one day's rent of the assigned house. Therefore, the PMAC requires a non-refundable deposit of \$50 from each occupant/ participant and is due no later than November 14, 2014.

6. Full payment for the five-day/ four-night stay will be collected on or before December 31, 2014; otherwise, accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

#### **Require pre-mission reservation remittances.**

Please know that in early November 2014, our accommodation liaison, Dr Emma Yee Salazar will leave for the Philippines to finalize accommodation arrangements, and to make the required housing deposits.

### **December 19, 2015 FINAL UPDATE**

Our Mission meeting place en route to Pansol/ Calamba on Monday January 26, 2015 will be at 11:00 am.

Location: For transfer of luggage, the Magallanes Village



**RAMON G  
LOPEZ MD**

Shell Petrol Pump Station in Makati, Metro-Manila For lunch (right across the gas/pump station) MAX Restaurant, #1 Humabon Street Magallanes Village, Makati, Metro-Manila, telephone (+63 2) 852-3390-91, or (+63 2) 728-4104. We will leave for Laguna NO LATER than 2:00 pm.

To those with dual citizenship, please bring your proof, passport, and/ or your Seniors' card.

To the physician missionaries, please bring your proof of Specialty training as sometimes there are *spot* checks.

To the OR and RR nurses, please bring proof of your current/ updated State licensure.

To everyone concerned, please bring your stethoscopes, sphygmo, penlights, etc.

Marylyn and I will share with you our Philippine telephone numbers as soon as available. My sister in Manila, Mrs Ester Lopez Azurin will always know how to contact me. Her telephone are (Home) 826 6158, (Cell) 919 922 7829 Off 779 8006

Marylyn and I will be leaving for the Philippines December 26, and will be back to the United States on February

God bless! Good luck and safe travels. Merry Christmas!

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Editorials, news releases, letters to the editor, column proposal and manuscripts are invited.

Email submission, including figures or pictures, is preferred.

## **PMAC News**

Deadline for January 2015 issue

**January 7, 2015**

Please address submission to

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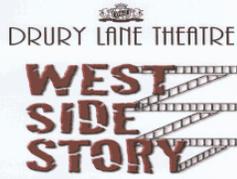
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### **DECEMBER QUOTE**

For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

**Psalm 62:5**



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**Wednesday, March 5, 2015**

**Luncheon - 11:30 AM**

(Please arrive by 11: 15 AM)

**Westside Story Show - 1:30 PM**

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Donation \$50 per couple, includes, bowling shoes, foods and beverages

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### **Future activities**

Sunday, February 16, 2015  
Monthly 2015 thereon

## **DECEMBER QUOTE**

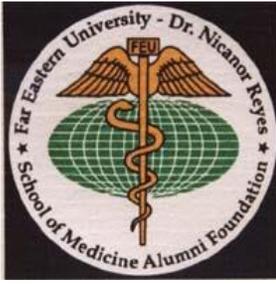
In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came to be through him,  
What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race;  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was  
coming into the world.  
He was in the world,  
and the world came to be through him,  
but the world did not know him.  
He came to what was his own,  
but his own people did not accept him.

**John 1: 1-5**

## **DECEMBER QUOTE**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and what fills it resound;  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

**Psalms 96:11-12**



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