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BEYOND THE SILVER LINING AT THE 37TH ANNUAL BALIK-FEU

I was not in attendance at the recently concluded 37th annual *Balik-FEU*, so I feel somewhat uneasy to be writing about it.

But I am so doing it because there was no response from alumni who were invited to share their experiences about what transpired at the Dr Ricardo Alfonso Conference Hall in West Fairview and at the grand ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Galleria on January 25-28, 2012. These alumni opted not to write about the reunion.

So as one can imagine the reunion is as hazy as can be to me. The following, as the wise would say, is a shot in the dark. I hope there will be not too

many errors.



ANGELES TAN
ALORA MD

known bioethicist, outstanding teacher and former medical school dean, Angeles Tan Alora MD, who talked on a politically correct and Pilipino American family-centric subject, *So Your Son Want To Take Medicine*

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Message from the CHAIRMAN

I was in the Philippines in



PEPITO C
RIVERA MD

January for the *Balik-FEU* reunion, and enjoyed visiting with family and friends. I wish each of you also had

a festive holiday season and the privilege of sharing friendship and fellowship with friends and loved ones.

These *Balik-FEU* conventions are a positive reflection of the many ways the alumni of our great Alma Mater have and continue to make a difference. The yearly conventions are a time of education, reflection, encouragement and camaraderie. They give each of us a lovely venue in which to visit and enrich ourselves and allow us to reconnect with other friends and colleagues.

January is also a perfect time to reassess our lives and our dreams for the future. Michael Altshuler once said *The bad news is time flies. The good*

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Message from the PRESIDENT

Greetings to all of you.

I am hoping everyone has



OSCAR C
TUAZON MD

enjoyable and safe New Year with your loved one and family.

I am praying to God

Almighty that He extends the blessing to all us and that He always keeps us in good health and makes prosperous throughout the year to come.

It is time of the year that we all meet for our board meeting this coming March.

The date will be on March 31, 2012. The place will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel Resort, 1177 Airport Boulevard, Burlingame, CA 94010. The hotel is about 10 minutes from San Francisco Airpoort, free shuttle is available 24 hour a day. I only block 15 per night starting March 30, 2012. The rate is \$95per night exclusive of any taxes applicable. The toll free number to reserve is 800-411-7275, the code to use FNM.

Hope to see you there.

Thank you all. If you have any question call me at 626-336-6652 or e-mail at

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OSCAR C TUAZON MD

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FEUMAANI Meeting

When? **Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

Where? **Royal Buffet Downers Grove, IL 6:30 pm**

Who? **All FEUMAANI officers and members**



NIDA BLANKAS HERNAEZ MD

Please join us on this meeting!

The **AGENDA** will include the following:
Grace by Dr Lourdes

Hilao;
Minutes of the previous meeting by Dr Virgilio Magsino;
Treasurer's report by Dr Heide Montenegro;
January 2012 Vigan City medical mission report by Dr Virgilio Jonson;
January 2012 Vigan City surgical mission report by Dr Rebecca Salvani;
President's report on Typhoon Sendong relief by Dr Nida Blankas Hernaez;
Newsletter report by Dr Cesar Reyes;
CME Report by Dr Celso del Mundo;
PMAC interuniversity musicale; FEUDRSMAF Winter;
Grand Reunion by Dr Manuel Malicay;
Old Business, tax exempt status, Branson spectacular in May;
New Business: Baltic Sea cruise;
Adjournment.

Thank you.

Birthday celebrants be ready! Please invite new members...

NIDA BLANKAS HERNAEZ MD
FEUMAANI President

M S RIVERO MD MEMORIAL

February 25th marks one year to the day that Manny left us. It seems like it is only yesterday. Time has flown by quickly, but our memories stay. Our family would like to thank you for the love and care you have given us, we will never forget your friendship.

Please join us for the one year memorial of our dearly departed Manuel Soriano Rivero MD. To honor his life and memory, we are hosting a memorial service and fund raiser for the International Multiple Myeloma Foundation (IMF).

Please help us celebrate his life and legacy by attending the memorial, or visit our web site and donate to our fund raiser: <http://rivero.myeloma.org/>
Where? Divine Mercy of Our Lord Catholic Church, 1585 E. Cartwright Road, Mesquite, TX 75149. **When?** Sunday, February 25, 2012. **Time?** 2:00 pm Mass and 4:00 pm program, dedication, food, fund raising, and guest speaker from IMF

Funds raised all proceed to benefit IMF. One can donate with cash or check in many ways: IMF merchandise – themed items, Dr Rivero memoriam estate sale. Clothes, shoes, and other items from the Rivero home will be sold.



MANUEL S RIVERO MD

FAITH CORNER

REVEREND MELVIN ANTONIO MD⁶⁵

If by some miracle, God



REV MELVIN ANTONIO MD

gave you one wish, what would you ask for? Would you ask for great wealth? Power? Success in your profession?

Great beauty? Long life? Or like King Solomon, would you ask for wisdom?

As the story goes, God appeared to King Solomon in a dream one night. God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "Give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern good and evil." (I Kings 3:9) Our natural inclination is to say that it was easy for King Solomon to say this because he already had everything. He was rich beyond measure. As a king, he held people's lives in his hands. As a king, he was also expected to preserve his kingdom and protect it against all enemies, foreign and domestic. He wanted to be sure that he could make decisions for the nation of Israel wisely. He also had a relationship with the Lord such that he was aware of God's call to continue the work of his father David. He was to build a temple to the Lord, a very important task.

This takes us to the question, what is wisdom? The dictionary defines wisdom as the ability to judge correctly and to follow the best course of

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LEARNING FROM LOSING THINGS

ULYSSES M CARBAJAL MD



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CARBAJAL MD

Introduction. Is there a person, alive and capable of working, who has never experience d losing some possession in the form of materials or even cash? If there is one, such an individual must be a superman.

I am sharing a few experiences on losing things, hoping that the reader would learn how to avoid or, at least, minimize them.

A Partial List of Things Lost over the Years.

Ball Pens. I have lost a lot of ball pens, primarily because the borrower was careless or I was in a hurry to leave. Because the ball pens were cheap, I did not mind the loss. But when an expensive Parker pen was involved, I kept an eye on it until it was returned.

Books. During plane trips, I often took along with me a book to read. How many books have I lost over the years, especially those pertaining to languages, which I thought of mastering while flying! Booklets outnumbered bigger books because the former were easily inserted into the pockets in front of the seats; and when everybody was rushing to get out, they were forgotten. I stopped losing books when I shifted to placing them inside a

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ANTI-MINING IN ANTIQUE PROVINCE, PHILIPPINES

This is the second of a series of articles on environmental havoc to our land

FRAGILITY OF ECOSYSTEM

CESAR D CANDARI MD
FCAP EMERITUS



CESAR
CANDARI MD

For those of us Filipinos who recognize the economic situation in our homeland, we welcome mining as an important economic activity - mining industry in the Philippines.

Our land is one of the world's most highly mineralized countries, with untapped mineral wealth estimated at more than \$840 billion. We also recognize that mining can provide an important source of jobs and income, but sometimes the biggest losers of all are isolated rural communities in the vicinity of mining projects, where too-rapid social and environmental change can tear at the fabric of traditional daily life. Irresponsible mining (e.g.: in watersheds, above food production areas, in densely populated areas, high rainfall, seismically active areas, ethnic minority areas, and areas of social conflict etc.) is already severely damaging the

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OUR PLACE UNDER THE SUN

CELSO DEL MUNDO MD⁶²



CELSO
DEL MUNDO MD

Every life in this planet has their own place under the sun,
Men are always searching , looking for their destined domain
We have walked through the rocky roads, or sailed above the turbulent ocean,
Aiming to reach our dreamland, our own place under the sun.

Life is mystical, for there is always inconsistencies in life,
The travel is not always rosy; sometimes you tread on a tippy curvy land,
But God is always there to guide us, and we have to hold His hand,
And His brilliant light above us will lead us to the rightful path.

We all seek our own place under the sun all along our journey,
Hoping and aiming for success, good health and a life without worry,
We are our own architect who direct our life to reach our destiny
And tread the path of life , God has paved for you and me,...

If after years of searching, we haven't found our place under the sun,
Like a wandering Jew, we still travel in no man's land,
We are all God's creations , with a definite purpose in life
So settle in any place, to seek comfort, for this is the plan of God.

VALENTINE'S DAY

CESAR D CANDARI MD
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CESAR
CANDARI MD

Julio Iglisias the formidable singer from Spain made worldwide popularity with a song "To All The Girls I've Loved Before". I will add

"My Funny Valentine" a song that became a popular jazz standard, sung by Frank Sinatra when I was young. It originated from a show tune from the 1937 Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart musical Babes in Arms in which it was introduced by former child star Mitzi Green. I am one of those frustrated singer and I sing all these songs accompanying myself in my favorite incredible and a complete marvel Kawaiii Grand piano. I remember that the birthday of one of my girls was in February 14. Am I stupid to recollect all these things now? My brain cells synapses demonstrate the famous Alzheimer is not here with me yet.

Valentine's day is romantic, nostalgia of the distant past that will remain forever in ones heart. This is a holiday to honor St. Valentine.

In this country we have adopted as our second homeland, Valentine's Day is an extremely popular festival. As a matter of a fact, it has been commercialized to a great extent in US. It is estimated that

Valentine's Day is the major card and gift giving festival in US; dinner and dance parties are organized; private celebrations in homes or restaurants abound.

In a recent analysis in USA Today those celebrating Valentine's Day will "spend an average of \$126.03, up 8.5% from 2011 based on recent survey of National Retail Federation (NRF) which began 10 years ago.

Total spending is expected to reach \$17.6 billion. Men will outspend women on the holiday by almost double, spending an average of about \$169 vs. about \$86 for women."

Taking opportunity of the festival people express gratitude and love for sweethearts, spouses, teachers, parents or any other person close to them. Virtually no different from what we Filipino Americans celebrate the love day.

The crux of the matter: Now, Cupid wants your money. Or are we able to do this now in the current financial crisis? The U.S. economy is facing some formidable challenges in 2012. But that doesn't mean that your love ones will not spend the money.

Can we Fila- Am spend that much? How does Filipinos celebrate this event so called love holiday? It is a day when Pinoy gentlemen is deeply ingrained out on what perfect gift they could send for their beloved special ones ... definitely not surprising to that usual Filipino celebration of Valentines Day.

A friend told me, "However, if you don't have enough money during

this economy, and time to have your partner for an exclusive date , you can send cards and Valentines Text Messages or Funny Valentine's Day Quotes to them without spending much money from your own pocket!"

A phenomenal song, "Love is a many Splendored Thing", is an understatement for this special day. This holiday we observe with our heart and soul, is an ultimate Splendor of celebrating, rekindling love and devotion, fresh intimate affection and relations, and new memories made to place us into the horizon of the moonlight. Love your love once. The greatest science in the world; in heaven and on earth - is love.

I wish to share some of my favorite quotations I've found on the subject of love from my search engine:

"Love has the power of making you believe what you would normally treat with the deepest suspicion."

"When you love someone, all your saved-up wishes start coming out."

"Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight."

"I detest 'love lyrics.' I think one of the causes of bad mental health in the United States is that people have been raised on 'love lyrics.'"

"I should like to see any kind of a man, distinguishable from a gorilla, that some good and even pretty woman could not shape a husband out of.

There are three things that amaze me—no, four things that I don't understand: how an eagle glides through the sky, how a snake slithers on a rock, how a ship navigates the ocean, how a man loves a woman.

Proverbs 30:18-19



PMAC FEUMAANI 2012 medical surgical missionaries in a group picture in Santa Catalina, Ilocos Sur.



FEUDNRSMAF So California Medical Mission

The above picture shows LICERIO CASTRO MD (seated, center) with his team from the FEUDNRSMAF Alumni Foundation Southern California Chapter during a thanksgiving dinner at the Capitol in Bacolod City, hosted by Representative Mercedes Alvarez (Negros Occidental 6th District) and Provincial Board Melvin Ibañez. The missionaries on their 12th year of medical

missions in the country --- as role models worthy of emulation --- served a short-term medical care to the poorest of the poor in southern Negros.

They conducted minor and major surgeries and consultations for free and at their own expense, bringing their own equipment. If a money value were placed on their services it would have run up to as much as P5 to 8 million, it was said.

They treated many non-surgical patients with upper respiratory tract infections, hypertension, diabetes and other related ailments.

Among the major surgeries, like ovarian cystectomies, mastectomies, thyroidectomies, and hysterectomies, were performed at the Lorenzo D Zayco District Hospital in Kabankalan City.

There were 80 in his team, including doctors, nurses, and allied health practitioners from Oregon, Texas, Mexico, Costa Rica, Chicago and Southern California.

Next year they are scheduled to visit Antique.

The mission was in cooperation with the Negros Occidental provincial government Economic Enterprise and Development Department.



CLASS⁶² Golden Jubilarians, from left, are Drs Celia Trinidad, Reynaldo Sarmiento, Edmundo Manzano, Lydia Barot, Noli Guinigundo, Zorina Lavares, Orlando Agnir, Daisy Ramos, Emmanuel Nierva, Angeles Dolar, Lorenzo Abanilla, Corazon Bautista, Felix de Villa, Teodora Malaluan, Ernesto Fabi, and Arturo Mojares.



CLASS⁷⁶ Coral Jubilarians at the 2012 Balik-FEU grand reunion dinner dance at the Crowne Plaza Galleria

A O FOGATA MD Honored

Dr Arturo O Fogata was recently honored with a distinguished service award by the Illinois Department of Human Services in recognition and appreciation of 25 years of dedicated service to the State.



**ARTURO O
FOGATA MD**

Interested to establish a Professorial Chair Fund

**in your name or of
someone you wish to
honor?**

**Please inquire with
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I just to let you know and our fellow alumni of sad news , our fellow alumnus (Class⁵⁷) , Cleto Elequin Jr, Austin, Texas, passed away in January 19, 2012.

TONY BARTONICO MD⁷⁶

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
1 John 4:8

OBITUARY

CLEOT ELEQUIN JR



CLEOT
ELEQUIN JR MD

MD of Austin, Texas passed away suddenly on January 19, 2012.

He was

born in Antique, Philippines on October 18, 1933. He moved to the United States in 1957 to complete his medical training. He became a naturalized citizen on May 1, 1963, and he was always proud of this accomplishment.

He belonged to FEU Class⁵⁷. He served as an intern at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington KY where he met and married Nancy Rebecca Johnson in 1959. He completed his residency in psychiatry at Danville State Hospital and Delaware State Hospital in 1963.

He and his family returned to Lexington where he was named the superintendent of Eastern State Hospital in 1964.

In 1971, they moved to Pecos TX where he opened a family practice. He then accepted a position as deputy commissioner of MHMR for the state of Texas, and his family relocated to Austin in 1973. He later opened a family practice in Austin.

During his retirement, he volunteered his services as a psychiatrist and physician through many venues.

He also spent years researching holistic medicine and was in the process of opening his own medical practice dedicated to treating

the whole patient with a balance of natural remedies and traditional medicine.

Dr Elequin was a member of the Travis County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the American Academy of Family Practice.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Nancy Rebecca Johnson, his son, Kyle Thomas Elequin, his sisters, Eleanor, Alice, and Marilyn.

He is survived by his daughter, Tracy Lee Bertch, his son, Stuart Scott Elequin, four grandchildren, and three sisters.

Dr Elequin will always be remembered as a mentor and a friend. He was a voracious reader and always willing to share his knowledge with others. He was supportive and had a great laugh. He was energetic throughout his life, and he will be greatly missed.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CONGRATULATIONS AND MEDICAL MISSIONS



ULYSSES M
CARBAJAL MD

doing as editor for three Newsletters. published monthly..

I have been following up reports on medical missions, including the dialogue with President Noy Aquino. A few problems have been cited. An

I would like to join Dr Cosme Cagas in congratulating and expressing appreciation for the great job you are

example of these is the fear of the local ophthalmologists that even non-indigent patients might be taking advantage of the "medical mission," thus diminishing their potential income. This fear has apparently led the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology (PAO) to discourage or even block medical missions .

Nonetheless, I believe that the solution to this is to invite the local ophthalmologists to cooperate and work with the visiting team by helping screen who truly are indigent and taking care of following up postoperative cases. The claim of the PAO there are enough local ophthalmologists to do the job and do not need foreign ophthalmologists is unfounded

Has the PAO made an in-depth study survey on how many of their members are truly doing medical missions --- charity work? Also on the ratio of number of ophthalmologists and the population in the area where they practice?

I believe this had been included in the pilot project (in one small island) of the late Dr. Romeo Fajardo (President of the Asia-Pacific Association of Ophthalmologists (APAO)). We in the Association of Philippine Ophthalmologists in America (APOA) are interested to be briefed on the final outcome of the aforementioned pilot project.

I still recall vividly President Arroyo's message to APPA, in a formal letter directed to me as editor of the Philippine Physician Newsletter, in February 2009, encouraging THE ASSOCIATION (APPA) TO CONTINUE DOING MEDICAL MISSIONS IN THE

COUNTRY.

Moreover, during the dialogue on Medical Missions, held at the PMA Conference hall, December 2008, the APPA expressed its strong opposition to the proposal to require a half-million-peso deposit as guarantee before a foreign medical mission be allowed to proceed. It is praiseworthy that the succeeding dialogue, this proposal had already been deleted.

I hope that problems on medical missions be more clarified and relevant solutions presented in future issues.

ULYSSES M CARBAJAL MD
APOA Past President
APOA Newsletter Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for sharing the news about classmates and schoolmates from FEU-NRMF IM. It is very inspiring and interesting to see everyone actively involved and so passionate to their calling as disciples of Christ in the field of medicine.

May we all prove loyal and faithful to our commitment to serve the needy and the sick.

More power to your thankless job of keeping the newsletters going and having as many alumni be informed. May you continue to abound in energy, strength and the joy of service for the common good especially to our less privileged people in the Philippines.

VIC PORCIUNCULA MD⁷⁷
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for sending me the ECTOPIC MURMURS. Indeed I enjoyed going over the articles, especially the one written by my friend, Ulysses Carbajal!

My classmate, Flor Baltazar – not quite well these days – was not able to participate our UP Medical Alumni Society annual homecoming on December 16-20, 2001. Our Class⁵¹ celebrated its Diamond Jubilee 60 years! We were only five who participated. I gave two presentations: *Functional Aging* on December 16th and a 15-minute show during the *Pabidahan* program. Our gala dinner was held in Makati Shang-rila on December 20.

Best and love to one and all
TONY C OPOSA MD
Manila Doctors Hospital

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for sending me your ECTOPIC MURMURS and FEUMAANI News. I belong to UST Class⁵⁵. I have been forwarding the e-news to your FEU alumni if I can find their addresses.

People moves and no forwarding addresses are available here. Find out if your secretary can avail herself of Wisconsin FEU medical alumni so she can email your News direct to them.

You are doing a good job to your medical alumni.
MIKE T GALANG MD UST⁵⁵
Milwaukee

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Another excellent ECTOPIC MURMURS. I enjoy reading all the pertinent articles written by all! I almost kind of feel that I'm part of your FEU family. My husband Tony and I will be in the Philippines January 5 - February 7, 2012, for his UST medical school Golden Jubilee...All the best to you all!

MARILYN DONATO
Reading PA

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congratulaitons for putting up a very wonderful informative entertaining ECTOPIC MURMURS. I really appreciate being included in the e-mail registry. I enjoyed all the articles most especially the article of Mr Tony Meloto about helping the poorest of the poor to have dignity and hope through *Gawad Kalinga*.

God bless,
LINDA PUNSALAN MD
Port Arthur TX

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I simply want to share with your this new YouTube video regarding the book I emailed you about before, which XLIBRIS publisher in Bloomington is helping promote.

Please click on:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RffAeCswIqk>

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ANTI-MINING IN ANTIQUE

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Philippines.

Such incidents have fueled an often-contentious debate about how to identify areas that should be declared off-limits to mining because of their environmental and social sensitivity. This is basically the situation in my hometown in the province Antique, Philippines. Many of our provinces in the Philippines are facing this problem. This is a very serious issue. This has been an issue that is more prominent in provinces where big companies can hide from the public what they have been doing to the land they are mining.

Citing evidence of destruction from mining activities, the Save Palawan Movement insists there should be no mining in areas of biodiversity and island ecosystems like Palawan. Dr. Gerardo "Doc Gerry" Ortega, a civic leader, environmentalist and broadcaster was killed January 2011? Was this an extrajudicial killing? This sent a strong message to the governments of the Philippines and Palawan of the need to stop mining activities in Palawan and help protect its natural resources. Dr. Ortega's daughter said, "We live in a culture of death. We need to change that and go back to a culture of life. The most important thing is not gold, copper, cell phone or a laptop. It's food, air, and water--things we are losing already. The costs always outweigh the benefits.

Let's bring back a culture of life." Like Dr. Ortega, I have my dream to have a Philippines where natural resources are protected. I happened to be one in the forefront of an e-group of kababayans -town mates.

We are solidly behind "No to Mining" in our area in the Northwest Panay Peninsula.

The Northwestern Visayas Peninsula Park (NWPP)-declared as a Natural Park, by law must not be disturbed by the current mining exploration per Presidential Proclamation No. 186 issued on April 15, 2002."

The protected peninsula covers the towns of Nabas, Malay and Buruanga in Aklan, and the towns of Libertad and Pandan in Antique, my hometown. According to DNR, this is home to diverse and endemic wildlife including the Tarictic Hornbill, Negros Bleeding Heart Pigeon, and Serpent Eagle.

I can't understand why and how on earth the local government has been given the power to issue permits to mining companies. Does the local government know how to follow protocols in doing so?

Does it have experts that would positively prove and assure the residents that everything is being done to protect the water system and environment?

Land and water resource degradation can last for years, even decades. This fragility of the ecosystem makes the environment hazardous that we pray for turning the tide of public and political opinion

against the continuation of mining in this area.

Why in the world did the government officials of Antique issue permission to Mayor Jesry Palmares of Passi City in Iloilo, the President of Archlegan Mines Corp (AMC)? The exploration permit (EP) covers the barangays of San Roque and Pajo in Libertad, and barangays Luhod-Bayang, Duyong, Tingib and Mag-aba in its neighboring town of Pandan. It was endorsed by the regional MGB to its central office on June 30 for approval of the bureau. Not only that another Mining company JC Hartman Mines Inc. (JCHMI), with Mayor Palmares and others as incorporators, are also interested in San Roque and four other barangays of Libertad (site of Tudor Mineral Exploration Corp) for expansion of their mining projects. A Hong Kong national, Chan Ka Che Ong, is the chairman of the corporation. It is the extraction and processing of metallic and nonmetallic minerals including gold, copper, chromite, manganese, iron, marble, silica and limestone that attract these individuals with one and only purpose – for the glorious quest of the big moolah.

The interest of mining firms to venture into Antique remains as a conflagration in the region. There are popular supports from Antiquenos and nearby provinces that overwhelmingly expressed the bad effects of large-scale mining.. I hope we shall be victorious in our "No Mining in the Northwest Panay Peninsula" campaign. To our

kababayans in Pandan led by Mimi Ortiga, a recent protest rally was made in the capital of the province, San Jose de Buenavista.

Who are we to blame? Those people we elected to lead us are the ones we must fault. They are shallow because they have become enslaved by gross materialism, the glitter of gold and its equivalents. For whatever reason, they think that only the material goods of this earth can satisfy them and they must therefore grab as much as they can while they are able. For your information, Some 5 million hectares in the country are potential mining areas open to local and foreign investors. If the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other departments in the Philippine government that are overlooking the mining industry in our country can be trusted, nay, the elite in the Island with their dominance towards exploitative behavior cannot be controlled. Now, the mining approval in Libertad and Pandan can only be aborted if our government officials can be cured from their pathological greed for more spondulicks than is needed.

It is notoriously known that mining companies have a very poor record with regard to environmental protection and clean up. There are some 800 abandoned mines in the Philippines which are not cleaned up and damage is never fully reversed. Water contamination is inevitable. With some mine areas close to the sea, damage to valuable marine resources is a constant threat.

It's a never-ending controversy between the mining industry claiming economic benefits and opposing citizens who point lasting major environmental and health impacts.

I am aware of the mining industry in the Philippines had been cited for human rights abuses in local communities, especially to indigenous people; extra-judicial killings of protestors and corruption in the local, provincial and national government are well known.

Corrupt politicians tolerate "Judicial killings" of those who oppose rampant deforestation and mining concessions. This is my home region, and as we Antiquenos would claim, of indigenous origin we are all Pandananons – born and grown to the place. I am one of the sons of Pandan.

We are children of the great outdoors, where the mountains are endless and forested, where Pandan boasts of its eco-tourist attractions like the Malumpati Health Spring and Tourist Resort and the Bugang River which won the national award of "Gawad Pangulo sa Kapaligiran" as the cleanest inland body of water in the Philippines. Every tourist will be amazed and be impressed by its blue, clear, tranquil water that illuminates purity. For heaven's sake, let no one poison our land and our waters!

**And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13**

LEARNING FROM LOSING

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brief case.

Umbrellas. How many ordinary umbrellas have been lost simply because the rain had stopped? Because of the rush and of the disappearance of the need for them, they had been left behind. When I returned later to pick them up, they were gone! However, more costly umbrellas taken along with me were placed close by my side or at a place within my visual range. Thus, they would not be forgotten.

Brief Cases. In Bally Hotel in Atlantic City some fifteen years ago, I lost one newly purchased attaché, while I was checking in. I had placed it in front of my feet to make sure it would not be snatched. Nonetheless, a mischievous guy still managed to stealthily take it away. Why? It is because I was distracted by a conversation with the check-in girl, who could not locate a non-smoking room for me. Moreover, since the attaché was so close to my feet, I had stopped watching it, thinking it was secure. It was returned later to the lost-and-found section, but the cash inside it had vanished.

I lost another brief case recently at a Hotel in Beverly Hills, because I had left it inside my car, which had to be parked in the valet section. It contained worksheets and notes, but, luckily, no cash. This experience taught me never again to leave anything of importance in a car that was to be parked in a valet area.

Cameras. Once, I left an expensive Exacta camera on my seat at a waiting room in the San Francisco International Airport. Fortunately, an honest person took time to catch up with me to return it. Another camera, a Canon, was unknowingly left at an exhibit booth during an international eye congress in Rome, 1986. When I returned, it was also kindly given back to me. But three Canons were lost in the 90'! Before washing my face at a bathroom in the Atlanta Airport, I had placed the first on a spot where it would not be wet. After wiping my face with a paper towel, I suddenly noted that the camera was gone. It appeared to have been snatched by a fellow passenger who also washed his face beside me. The second was lost, in a first-class downtown hotel in Los Angeles, after I had left it transitorily under a chair, in order to greet a long-time friend at the door. When I returned a few minutes later, the camera was missing. The third was inadvertently left behind in a public park. When I retraced my steps back, I could not find it. Since then, I started carrying a small Canon camera, inside a leather case, by means of a strap swung around my neck.

Wallets. Many years ago, while working with an older and well-known ophthalmologist, I would hang my coat in the closet adjacent to his office. For several months, I never lost anything that had been left inside my coat pocket. But one day, I suddenly noticed my wallet was gone. It was retrieved later elsewhere by a Police Officer, but the cash inside it was missing.

Fortunately, the credit cards were intact. Another wallet was lost while it was hung in my office at Glendale. It was found later behind a toilet bowl in the public bathroom; but the cash was gone. I suspected that the building janitor was the culprit, but could not prove it. However, he was caught red handed, a few weeks later, in an office, three doors from mine. This incident convinced me never again to leave a wallet in my coat, when hung anywhere in the clinic.

Credit Cards. Much earlier, thieves appeared to be interested only in cash, not credit cards. But nowadays, they have learned to forge signatures. Cognizant of this, I have always guarded my cards. Despite this extra care, I sometimes misplaced them or even left them inside the pockets of coats sent out for dry cleaning. Whenever I was in doubt whether a card was lost or misplaced, I would promptly call the credit company to cancel and replace it to prevent others from using it to their advantage. I had done these more than a dozen times. In a few instances, I finally found out that the "lost" card had simply been misplaced. Moreover, before the introduction of the automatic credit card system, I had left, in several instances, a Chevron card at the gas station desk. Fortunately, I got back those cards the same day.

Money. When you pay a taxi driver, make sure that you check carefully the bill you are handing out. If you are giving a dollar bill for a tip, make sure it is not a five or a twenty-dollar bill. I learned this lesson from

the late general Carlos P. Romulo. He once reported on how grateful a taxi driver appeared when given a tip. He was then taking out a friend for dinner. Much to his embarrassment, he discovered, when paying for the dinner, that he had inadvertently handed his only twenty-dollar bill (instead of a dollar) to the taxi driver. Despite my exercising great care, I had also committed the same mistake at least three times.

More importantly, when you are given a change for a twenty or hundred-dollar bill, carefully check if you have the exact amount, before leaving the counter of the bank or store. To underscore this point, may I relate a recent experience. After hastily making a deposit of some cash in a local bank, I failed to check, on the bank receipt, the amount which was deposited. Fortunately, my wife, who had double-checked and categorized the bills for the cash to be deposited, immediately noticed a discrepancy of a hundred dollars. She personally called the bank clerk's attention, and the error was corrected promptly and with apology.

A Devastating Loss. The most devastating experience I have ever encountered in my life was losing a large sum of money in the early 80's. The day before the flight for Philippine medical missions, I was urgently requested by a classmate's sister to carry with me \$4,400 to be delivered to their parents, who were then putting up a new house in the Philippines. (In the past, I had been occasionally requested to do this, but in smaller

amounts—less than a hundred dollars.) She counted in my presence the 44 crisp hundred-dollar bills. I was instructed to hand this cash to their parents as soon as I arrive in Manila. On behalf of my classmate, who was a close friend, I acceded readily to the request.

“If this is not delivered on time,” she said, in a warning voice, “the unpaid contractor might stop the construction, or even sue for damages.”

“I’ll do my best,” I assured her. To make sure the money would not be lost, I carefully tucked it together with my passport inside a special leather pocket book to be placed snugly inside my coat pocket.

Because of heavy traffic on the way to the Los Angeles International Airport, I had to hurry to the Northwest Airlines (NWA) counter to check in two boxes loaded with much needed stuff for medical mission. I had been previously informed that scores of cataract patients had been scheduled for me to screen for possible surgery.

Accordingly, I had to keep a constant eye on the important boxes. When asked to present my passport, I handed my pocketbook to the Japanese agent who, I assumed, was an honest guy like my Japanese friends in the Philippines. While he was checking my passport and preparing my tickets, I was occupied with watching my bag of instruments and medicines, to be hand-carried. After some delay, he handed to me the said pocketbook, and advised: “Hurry up to the gate or you would miss the flight.”

After tucking it quickly into the inner pocket of my coat, I

rushed with the bag containing eye instruments and medicines toward the NWA gate.

Midway, I suddenly thought of checking my pocketbook to see if the money was intact. And alas, the carefully folded 44 hundred-dollar bills were missing! I scampered back to the NWA counter to confront the Japanese agent about the missing money, but was informed he had gone for a break.

“He might have kept the money for me,” I complained.

“That is a remote possibility,” another check-in worker asserted. “He is an honest guy! The money might have slipped out from your pocket on your way to the assigned gate.”

Accordingly, an announcement was made through the airport public address system regarding the loss, requesting that the money be returned immediately to the NWA counter. For a few moments we waited for a positive response, but none came.

Finally, I was advised by NWA workers get back in a huff or I miss the flight. I was assured they would ask the said agent about it, and possibly arrange for the money to be delivered to me, after flying back to LA. I suddenly thought of the scores of patients waiting in Legaspi City to undergo cataract surgery, especially the indigent ones. To serve them loomed more important than to recover the money.

Also, I was assured by the dispatchers that they would do their best to locate the money, and would let me know when I arrive in the Philippines.

Even in the plane, a special announcement was made, requesting anyone who might have found or picked the folded bills to return them to me. Unfortunately, there was no response. My only hope was for the Japanese agent to assist me retrieve the loss. I even prayed and hoped for the slim possibility that his conscience might move him to return the money; for I strongly suspected it was he who took it. Why was there delay in returning the pocketbook containing the passport and money, why did he advise me to rush to the gate, and why did he take a break so suddenly?

When back in LA, I wrote a formal letter to the NWA office in LA about the loss and my suspecting the Japanese employee. But a reply came not long after, vouching for the agent’s untarnished record. Lamentably, the lost money was never recovered.

The worst part of the story was my receiving a demand from my classmate’s sister to produce the \$4,400 as soon as possible. Having just opened an EENT Clinic in Glendale, I did not have enough to reimburse the loss. I pleaded for time, hoping that I might be given some concession—to pay perhaps just half of the amount; but this was not granted. I was even suspected of having used the cash for my own benefit, in spite of my letter of explanation.

I was compelled to work hard to raise the said amount. How much I suffered, then and thereafter, only heaven can tell!

Concluding Pieces of Advice. The aforementioned incidents had inculcated in my

mind a few lessons, the most important of which are:

- (1) Never mix cash with a passport.
- (2) Never accept carrying cash to be delivered to other people.
- (3) Do not depend completely on friendship when a large sum of money is involved. If urgently requested, traveler's checks are safer to carry than cash.
- (4) Do not leave cameras under your chair or anywhere. Have them strapped to your neck or shoulder.
- (5) Always check your seat and the plane pockets before deplaning. The same precautions hold true when checking out of a hotel. Check all drawers and even under the bed.
- (6) When you loan a pen, keep an eye on it.
- (7) Bear in mind one is prone to forget an umbrella when it has stopped raining.
- (8) Brief cases or small handbags can be snatched easily when laid down on the floor while checking in at a hotel, especially in a casino. In other words, never leave any piece of baggage unattended.
- (9) Do not leave your wallet in your coat pocket at the airport inspection area or even in your hanger in the office. Not all inspectors and janitors are trustworthy.
- (10) Remove a brief case or any valuable thing inside your car before it is parked in the valet area.
- (11) When giving tips, check carefully the amount.
- (12) Lost or misplaced credit cards, driver's license, or checks should be reported right away.

FAITH CORNER

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action based on knowledge and understanding. This is a complicated definition that makes us think that wisdom requires a high level of education and years of training. However, the wisdom that is referred to in Scripture requires a heart and mind that is open to the Word of God. This is the wisdom that Solomon asked for. It is not the wisdom that comes from the world of humans, rather wisdom from above. This kind of wisdom is not to be used to gain wealth, power and fame. It is the kind of wisdom that helps us make the right choices, make the right decisions and gives us the confidence that our actions are acceptable and pleasing to God. In asking the Lord to give him an understanding mind to govern his people and the ability to discern good and evil, King Solomon was asking for the ability to treat his people with justice and mercy.

Wouldn't it be a great world to live in if those in power by any other title— kings, queens, presidents, rajahs, governors, mayors, etc. – especially those who hold the lives of people in their hands, had the audacity to ask for divine guidance once in a while so that they could govern God's people with an "understanding mind, able to discern good and evil" and hence govern with wisdom?

So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days.

Genesis 29:20

BEYOND THE SILVER SPIRIT

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In The Philippines? Her message and recommendations were not so discouraging at the end.

The Class⁶² alumni in attendance were few and could only muster to submit one beautiful picture, but no narratives about what happened during their Golden Jubilee celebration.

Ditto with the Coral Jubilarian Class⁷⁶ and the rest of the celebrants (Silver Jubilarian Class⁸⁶, Emerald Jubilarians Class⁵⁷, Sapphire Jubilarian Class⁶⁶, Ruby Jubilarian Class⁷¹, Pearl Jubilarian Class⁸¹, Class⁹¹ 20th Anniversary, Class⁹⁶ 15th Anniversary, and Class⁰¹ 10th Anniversary).



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News about the elected officers of the FEU-NRMF Medical Alumni Society for the year 2012-2014 are also very minimal, as follows:

Rene PSA Mendoza MD, president; Jose Ravelo Bartolome, vice president; Anna Belen Alensuela, secretary; Joseph Olivar MD, assistant secretary; Abigail EDG Castro MD, treasurer; Rommel Z Duenas MD, assistant treasurer; Rey delos Reyes MD, auditor; Joel Javate MD, PRO; and

Linda D Tamesis MD, immediate past president; Jose U Uranza MD, liaison officer; and Elizabeth Ahयोग Reyes MD, Sonny Matias

Habacon MD, Liberato Dela Rosa MD, Arnold Vitug MD, Humprey Bitun MD, board directors.

No introducing narratives about the new president.

A complete highlight is about the distributed **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2012** on Thursday, January 26th, during the Student Recognition ceremonies, as follows:

PHYSIOLOGY

Dr Rodolfo Madlang Student Achievement Award (SAA) -Anne Margarete Abuluyan;

Dr Tahimik Sayoc SAA from Dr Edgardo Sayoc - Lovelle Keith Galutan;

Honorata Pascua SAA from Dr Minda Pascua - Oliver Pintor;

Dr Baltazar Solis SAA from FEUDNRSMAF Class⁶⁵ - Miguel Angelo;

Class⁸⁶ Dr Faustino A Raniva Jr SAA - Roscoe Cruz;
Dr Orlando Agnir SAA – Jennelyn Sanchez;

Dr Cresenciano Lopez SAA -John Patrick Uy;

GROSS ANATOMY
Dr Edwin V Nolasco SAA - Anne Margarete Abuluyan;

NEUROANATOMY
Class⁶⁸ D. Zenaida

Mangalindan SAA - Anne Margarete Abuluyan;

Dr Orlando Agnir SAA – Oliver Pintor;

EMBRYOLOGY

Col Jovito/ Gregoria Alcova SAA from Dr Virgilio Pilapil - Anne Margarete Abuluyan;

BIOCHEMISTRY

Class⁶⁸ Dr Rodolfo Martija SAA - Anne Margarete Abuluyan

Washington DC

Chapter SAA - Lovelle Keith Galutan;

MEDICAL ETHICS

Class⁶⁸ Salvador Bayani V del Rosario SAA - Anne Margarete Abuluyan;

MICROBIOLOGY

Class⁶⁸ Dr Manuel Pasia SAA - Marie Antoniette Absalon;

PARASITOLOGY

Class⁶⁸ Dr Edelmiro Santos SAA – Jennifer Bernadette De Jesus;

PATHOLOGY

Dr Severino Sarmenta SAA – from ECTOPIC MURMURS Readers - Margaret B Rosete;

Dr Tony Kwong SAA - Jillian Georgina Ted;

Dr Ricardo Patron SAA - Marie Antoniette Absalon;

Class⁶⁸ Dr Danilo Espinelli SAA - Rainier Mark Loidor Rapal;

Class⁶⁸ Dr Salve

Ronan SAA - Nikolette JosephineCaro;

PHARMACOLOGY

Dr Cesar V Nolasco SAA - Margaret B Rosete;

Dr Roy Castelo Cabrera SAA –Marie Antoniette Absalon;

Class⁶⁸ Dr Antolin Dycoco SAA - Rainier Mark Loidor Rapal;

PEDIATRICS

Dalmacio/ Eusebia de Roca SAA from Dr Virgilio Pilapil - Rommel Ian Mata;

Drs Ted/ Teresita Manubay SAA - Margaret B Rosete;

Dr Generosa Calderon-Lazor SAA - Dustin K Ens;

Class⁶⁷ Dr Lolita Maranan Ramos SAA - Carolynne Escudero;

Dr Rick de Leon SAA – Wisdom Ang;

Dr Antonio C. Grafilo SAA – Nikolette Caro;

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE CFM

Felipi/ Lucia Pilapil SAA from Dr Virgilio Pilapil - Ma. Kathrina Teresa Alcalde;

Class⁶⁹ Dr. Danilo Ayo SAA - Maria Corazon Dimaunahan;

Class⁶⁹ Dr Fredelicto Flores SAA - Ma Lira Paula Mendoza;

Class⁶⁹ Dr Lita Cinco SAA - Rigil Mariquieta Fe Siazon;

Class⁶⁹ Dr Hubert Amin SAA - Anna Katrina Chua;

Class⁶⁹ Dr Benedicto Cruz SAA - Vendik Edward Salvatierra;

Dr Fausto Malana SAA from Dr Herita Yulo - Jayvee Collins Agmata Sarmiento;

OPHTHALMOLOGY
Dr Nathaniel Yangco SAA from friends of Dr Bienvenido Yangco - Mary Rose Anne Lacanin;

Dr Noli Guinigundo SAA - Frederick S Agustin;

OTOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD NECK SURGERY

Dr Dominador Almeda Jr SAA - Frederick S Agustin;

SURGERY
Jose Solas Chua Sr SAA from Drs Philip/ Farida Chua - Ma Kathrina Teresa Alcalde;

Dr Eleuterio Acosta SAA - Drs Rogelio/ Corazon Acosta - Reymond Tapia;

Perlita Relucio SAA from friends - Mary Rose Anne Lacanin;

Ethicon SAA from Ethicon/ Dr Napoleon

Abando - Ma Lira Paula

Mendoza;

Dr Napoleon

Abando SAA - Mary Lou Anne

Cabacang;

FEUMAANI SAA - Ma

Leandra Lisondra, E.

Dr Ernesto Eusebio SAA -

George Vincent Habacon;

Drs Moises & Leonardo

Sarmiento from Dr Reynaldo

Sarmiento - Maria Corazon

Dimaunahan;

Class⁶⁸ Armando A

Pacis SAA - Rigil Mariquieta

Fe Siazon;

Dr Antonio C

Grafilo SAA – Jojo Evangelista;

NEUROSURGERY

Dr A Palaypayon SAA

from FEUMAANI - Maria

Corazon Dimaunahan;

Dr Olivo

Leopando SAA from friends -

Vlu Jean Zara,

BARIATRIC MEDICINE

Dr Olivo

Leopando SAA from - no

existing subspecialty

ANESTHESIA

Class⁶⁹ Dr Alfredo

Alonso SAA - Ma Kathrina

Teresa Alcalde;

Class⁶⁹ Dr Macario

Chan SAA - Ronald Giron,

Dr Amante G

Legaspi SAA -Ma. Leandra

Lisondra;

Dr Susan Dabu-

Bondoc SAA - Mary Lou Anne

Cabacang;

Class⁶⁹ Dr Antonio

Kwong SAA - Kristal Cielo

Buemio;

Atty Eustaquio/ Rosa

Libonao SAA from Dr Virgilio

Pilapil - Anna Katrina Chua;

Mr/ Mrs. Buenaventura

Perez SAA from Dr Clarita

Perez Pascual - Vendik Edward

Salvatierra;

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Dr Apolinario

Miranda SAA - Mary Rose

Anne Lacanin;

Class⁷¹ SAA - Mary Lou

Anne Cabacang;

Dr Noli C

Guinigundo SAA - Ma.

Kathrina Teresa Alcalde,

Dr Josefino S. Santos SAA

- Ma. Leandra Lisondra,;

Dr Norma Oller-

Magpoc SAA - Ma. Corazon

Dimaunahan;

Adelaide Ibay-Soriano

SAA from Dr Alberto Soriano –

Chernobyl M Larang, .

Dr Noli C

Guinigundo SAA - Frederick S

Agustin;

Dr Olivo

Leopando SAA from friends -

Maria Carla Kristel Badiola,

Class⁶⁹ Dr Macario

Chan SAA - Reymond B

Tapia;

Class⁶⁹ Dr Juan

Acosta SAA - Josen A Eke;

Class⁶⁸ Salvador Bayani del

Rosario SAA - Maria Kristina

De Jesus;

Dr Antonio C. Grafilo SAA

- Ion Tristan Tomada;

Luis Son SAA from Dr

Benjamin Son - Kelvin Louis

Tuazon;

Luis Son SAA from Dr

Benjamin Son - Anna Katrina

Daquigan,.

Luis Son SAA from Dr

Benjamin Son – Jihan

Venturina;

ENDOCRINOLOGY

Dr Nunilo Rubio SAA from

Novartis - Ma. Kathrina Teresa

Alcalde;

Class⁶⁹ Dr Manuel

Rivero SAA - Frederick S

Agustin;

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

FEUMAANI Dr Elpidio

Gamboa SAA - Mary Lou

Anne Cabacang;

NEPHROLOGY

Class⁶⁹ Dr Josefina

Villafria Cruz SAA - no one

qualified;

CARDIOLOGY

Dr Juan Acosta SAA from

Drs Roger/ Cora Acosta -

Princess Michelle Gapasin;

Dr Olivo

Leopando SAA from friends -

Elmer Ouchi;

Dr Renato Ramos SAA -

Mary Rose Anne Lacanin;

Lydia Son SAA from Dr

Benjamin Son - Kelvin Louies

Tuazon;

Lydia Son SAA from Dr

Benjamin Son - Anna Katrina

Daquigan;

DERMATOLOGY

Dr Daisy Ramos SAA - Ma

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Rosario SAA - Cara Ashley

Campos;

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Dr Arsenio Martin SAA -

Mary Lou Anne Cabacang;

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SAA – Annalyn Go;

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Atty Pedro I

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Edmundo Relucio - Argent

Aebi Dulig;

PSYCHIATRY

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Pilapil - Philippe Eden Lao;

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- Victor Chima DM Obiakor;

Dr Emelita Flores-

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Sarmiento;

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Class⁶⁹ Dr Josefina Villafria Cruz SAA - Raymond B Tapia;
OBSTETRICS
Drs Roger/ Thelma Mupas SAA - Mary Rose Anne Lacanin;
PMAC SAA - Mary Rose Anne Lacanin;
Class⁶⁸ Dr Ciriaco Madamba SAA - George Vincent Habacon;
Dr & Mrs Jose Sagullo SAA from Drs Nestor/ Celia Sagullo - Ma Leandra Lisondra;
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RADIOLOGY
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Miss Alicia Tansuche SAA from Dr Hernani Tansuche - Bernadette Cid;
FAMILY PRACTICE/ PEDIATRICS
Drs Recto/ Clarita de Leon SAA - Mary Rose Anne Lacanin;
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FAMILY MEDICINE
Delta Phi Delta SAA - Grace A Marquez;
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OUTSTANDING JUNIOR
Dominga V Barbero SAA - Mary Rose Anne Lacanin;
OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE
Dominga V Barbero SAA - Marie Antoniette Absalon;
OUTSTANDING SENIOR
Villastiqui SAA - Randy Dabu;
MOST OUTSTANDING GRADUATE
Dr Rosalina Abboud SAA – Randy Dabu;
BEST JUNIOR ATTENDING PHYSICIAN AND TEACHER
Dr Virgilio/ Elena Pilapil SAA - Dr Jennifer Co;
OUTSTANDING FRESHMAN
Ester Averilla SAA from Dr Divinagracia Averilla Obena and Elisa Reyes RN - Anne Margarette Abuluyan;
OUTSTANDING SOPHOMORE
Ester Averilla SAA from Dr Divinagracia Averilla Obena and Elisa Reyes RN - Margaret B Rosete;
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR
Mauricio Averilla SAA from Dr Divinagracia Averilla Obena and Elisa Reyes RN - Ma Kathrina Teresa Alcalde,
OUTSTANDING SENIOR
Mauricio Averilla SAA from Dr Divinagracia Averilla Obena and Elisa Reyes RN - Melody C Atienza.
 Speaking of the grand alumni reunion dinner dance held on Saturday, January 28th night at the spacious ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Galleria at

Ortigas & EDSA, a good ballroom dancer alumna attendee summed it up succinctly "...with Class⁸⁶ Silver Jubilarians and Class⁶² Golden Jubilarians as the main celebrants, it seemed the evening was purely dominated by former. The music was catered to them for continuous line dancing.
 There was not even a waltz for the Golden Jubilarians."
 Lots of alumni went home without dancing and were frustrated."
 There were guests who dressed up for the occasion but had no chance to enjoy the dance floor."
 It was supposed to be a dinner ball but it was more so like an informal line dancing for the Class⁸⁶."
 It was not an encouraging sight for some alumnus to join again."
 The music must be catered to everyone."
Cesar V Reyes MD

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 5. President' s report – Dr. Oscar Tuazon
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 8. Convention Chairman' s report – Drs. Melinda and Danny Fabito
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 11. Old Business
 12. New Business
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Executive Director

Message from the CHAIRMAN

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The good news is that you're the pilot. As pilots of our Alma Mater, we must always be looking for and accepting responsibilities for making it better. There are many ways to "pilot" our Alma Mater and our Alumni. It can come in the form of donations to the medical school, financial support of the top scholars, or participation

in the planning committees for the annual events scheduled around the States and in the Philippines.

Some alumni take a personally active role by participating in the medical missions and donations are always welcomed for this important task.

I also had to opportunity and privilege of attending the Philippine educational seminar and medical ball while also enjoying some vacation time with family and friends. The meetings were well attended and had many timely educational offerings.

The Seminar began on Thursday and ended that Saturday evening with the Grand Medical Ball.

Thursday began with the student achievement awards followed by educational seminars and were dedicated to the memory of Dean Lauro H Panganiban.

There was also a joint meeting with Dr Linda Tamesis, outgoing president of the FEU-NRMF Medical Alumni Society, myself, FEUDNRSMA Alumni Foundation president Dr Oscar Tuazon, and Dr Nani Tansuche, regarding the memorandum of agreement between the two societies (FEUDNRSMAF and FEU-NRMF MAS).

Dr Tuazon will report further on this issue during the Winter meeting to be held in May 31, 2012, in San Francisco.

On Friday, the educational seminars continued; and Dr. Arsenio Martin and I met with the medical scholars, discussed their present classes and upcoming endeavors. The scholars are most appreciative of all the supports they have received from the Alumni Foundation. I enjoyed the many pleasant conversations and discussions.

On Saturday, everyone spent time preparing for the medical ball. During the Ball, the Golden and

Silver Jubilarian presentations were highlighted.

The Silver Jubilarians had a dancing exhibition which was enjoyed by all.

I was also privileged to present awards to the medical board topnotchers and two high placement awards. The high placement awards went to students who placed within the top 10 topnotchers of the medical board and received a cash award from the FEUDNRSMAF.

Our students excel in their studies and we must always remember to support and encourage them. Much of this support is provided through our great Alma Mater and medical school faculty.

I would like to express my personal thanks and gratitude to our Alma Mater and to the FEU-NRMF MAS for the efforts of providing this seminar, and to all colleagues and friends who made the effort to attend.

The local medical society works very hard to obtain funding for these seminars and we as a group must support and encourage their ongoing efforts.

The FEUDNRSMAF has completed a busy year of medical missions in underserved areas and is already looking forward to the upcoming years' missions.

I thank all those who participate either monetarily or by personal sacrifice in these efforts. As a past participant I can attest to how much these efforts impact the patients and their families' lives.

The Winter meeting of the FEUDNRSMAF Board of Trustee will be on March 31, 2012, at Crown Plaza Hotel in Burlingame CA.

Dr. Oscar Tuazon may be contacted for complete information on this assembly.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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