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ALUMNAE TOP PHILIPPINE MEDICAL BOARD EXAMS!

ARSENIO MARTIN MD⁶⁷

I am proud that **ELEANOR DELA PENA MD⁰⁹**, the first scholar I accepted to our FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation's scholarship program, ranks #1 in the February 2011 Philippine physician's licensure examinations.



ELEANOR DE GUZMAN DELA PENA MD



NOREEN MANALAPZ DIZON MD

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BUSINESS AGENDA

FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation

Winter meeting

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Long Beach CA Renaissance Hotel

1. Opening Prayer – Dr N Guinigundo
 2. Roll call by Dr M Santangelo
 3. Approval of previous meeting minutes (Dr Santangelo)
 4. Chairman's report – Dr P Rivera
 5. President's report – Dr O Tuazon
 6. Treasurer's report – Dr G Rabadam
 7. Executive Director's report – Dr Guinigundo
 8. Convention Chairman's report – Dr M A Fabito
 9. Different Committee reports – Constitution and By-Laws, Scholarship, Student Achievement Award, Financial investment, *Balik-FEU*, Professorial Chair and Faculty Development, CME, Ectopic Murmurs, Awards, Donations and Bequests, PGME, Indigent Patient Care, Medical Mission, Annual Fundraising, and Membership.
 10. Chapter Reports
 11. Old Business
 12. New Business
- Announcement and adjournment

Message from the BOARD CHAIRMAN

I have a Tagalog riddle for you this month: *Ulong ulo't paa lamang, walang pagod ng*



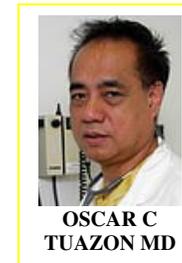
PEPITO C RIVERA MD

pagsayaw and for those who would like an English translation, Just head and foot yet never tires of dancing.

I recently ran across this riddle while doing some research. The answer stuck in my head and I have thought of it often the last few days.

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Message from the PRESIDENT



OSCAR C TUAZON MD

The month of March offers a special opportunity for all of us physicians to be recognized. In 1958, a

resolution was passed to celebrate Doctor's Day. And in 1990, a law was passed designating March 30th as the national Doctor's Day.

Interesting enough, on the same day in 1842, Dr. Crawford Long, an anaesthesiologist, administered the first ether

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

ARSENIO MARTIN MD^{67*}

The performance of our



ARSENIO
MARTIN MD

scholars is an envy of many medical students. They are all doing well with their studies.

During the Student Achievement Award ceremonies on January 13, 2011, at the 2011 *Balik-FEU* homecoming reunion, our scholars garnered most of the awards led by Randy Dabu who received 14, his only regret is he never received an award in CFM (Community and Family Medicine, or Preventive Medicine in the past). I challenged him to redeem

**FEUDNRSMAF Scholarship Committee chairman, and Immediate past FEUDNRSMAF Chairman of the Board*

himself when he takes his board exams next year. Randy is probably the valedictorian when he graduates on April 27, 2011.

Our Foundation should feel good of our selected elite students; they occupied the number one ranking in each batch from first year to fourth year. We are all proud that the first scholar that we accepted in 2005, Eleanor Dela Pena topped the recent Board Examination given in February 2011.

During our medical and surgical mission in Pampanga last January, five of our scholars joined us, including Jo Ann Cabanting (our number one in the Board Examination in 2010). They helped us see more than 5000 patients. Our medical site was near the house of Noreen Dizon (our 5th placer in the board this year) but was not able to join us (and apologized for not joining) because she was busy preparing for the board examinations.

As usual I call, monitor our scholars regularly; and the topic recently is about Lea's success. I reminded them again that they

all have the chance to do the same if they focus on it. I mentioned that Eleanor opened the door for them. Randy Dabu's response is *pressure again Tito but I will try my best.*

In addition, I was able to get our top two graduates (our own scholars) last year, Juvelon Mendoza and Heherson Adriano for a free complementary review at one of the top review center in the Philippines in preparation for their board examination this August 2011.

With regards to my recruitment of new scholars I interviewed six for the four slots this coming school year. One of them graduated top of her class in medical technology and also number one when she took the board in Medical Technology. The other candidate also graduated number one in her class in pharmacy at UST. I will have more detail of this report after meeting with the other members of the scholarship committee before the board trustees meeting on March 26, 2011 in Long Beach, California.



From left, the FEUDNRSMAF Alumni Foundation scholars are: Oliver Pintor, Anne Margarette Abuluyan, Gianina Go, Randell Arias, Hazel Karen Raz, Noreen De Leon, Jeffrey Mora, Randy Dabu, Cherry Liberty Reyes, Melody Atienza, Ann Norizal Lonez, Shirlev Santiago, Marv Rose Lacanin, Joio Evangelista, Marv Lou Cabacang and Meredith Sales.

OUR GREEK ISLES CRUISE

As in our Israel Egypt tour in October 2010, our Greek Isles Turkey cruise will be highlighted with a daily breakfast and dinner continuing medical education seminars and is scheduled for October 11 through October 21, 2010.

Please reserve early because available space is limited.

The cost per person based on double occupancy is \$2889 which includes all air/ port taxes.

The itinerary includes

Tuesday, October 11 – depart Chicago for Athens;

Wednesday, October 12 – private Athens arrival, transfer from airport to hotel, welcome at the hotel;

October 12 – 14: two nights at Athens at the first class Dorian Inn Hotel or Astor Hotel, double occupancy rooms, and breakfast;

Thursday, October 13 – half day Athens city sightseeing tour, to Acropolis and Acropolis Museum.



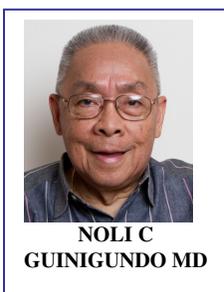
The Parthenon, Athens

The striking contrast between breathtaking monuments of a glorious past and the modern elegant structures will be viewed. The Acropolis is the crowning

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TENDERLY YOURS NOLI C GUINIGUNDO MD⁶²

1 - Ding and I missed the



NOLI C
GUINIGUNDO MD

Balik-FEU mainly because of the weather.

I have e-mailed Dr Linda Tamesis and our

President Oscar Tuazon. Our flight was made we would have been that Saturday grand ball at the Crowne Plaza. Instead we arrived the following Monday night. Just the same, we visited our medical school in Fairview. We meet with our beloved Dean Remedios Habacon and her husband, Dr Sonny Habacon. Sonny took us around the place and we met Dr Tamesis near the Chapel as the mass was getting ready to start. We enjoyed the tour and talked about the upcoming Las Vegas reunion in June of this year.

2 - Looking back, trips during winter is weather-dependent. We originally intended to take the southern route, through Houston, and then to the West Coast. But this did not materialize because of some other factors and consideration.

January is always a nice month to go home because of the less humidity and heat in the Philippines. We landed sick with our sinusitis which luckily responded to augmentin.

Ding was able to attend her UST medical alumni reunion which also celebrated 400th year of the UST founding. The event was really a very, very, grand reunion. We stayed at the Shangrila Makati Hotel and

enjoyed camaraderie with our UST counterparts which were really a big group, with the crowd overflowing outside the main ballroom. We enjoyed the UST groups and of course the ambiance.

3 - As far as what transpired during the *Balik-FEU*, I am trying to find out from our president and chairman all the details, some which would probably come out during our Winter board meeting in Long Beach CA. We are encouraging all the officers and members of the board of trustees and the Chapter presidents to attend the meeting and to make reservations as soon as possible.

4 - After three-week absence from the office, we are back on the saddle again, trying to treat our patients. For some reasons, most of our patients who took the flu shot are getting the flu based on our flu test. Most of the kids also, below 10, or even 15, are getting also positive tests for the flu. If they are seen within 24 to 48 hours, we start them with the Tami-flu which lessens the symptomatology of the flu virus. Up to this point, we are still seeing cases of the ubiquitous *Strep* pharyngitis. These cases are still being part of the daily practice.

5 - We originally intended to meet with Dr Tony Cabreira and his wife Lina at the Holiday Inn Manila Galleria, but never had the time to meet with them since our flight was delayed. The same way with classmates, Dr Efren Jamir and Dr Roger Casama who were supposed to meet with us during the *Balik-FEU*. Well, anyway, they would surely understand the travails of small town residents and travels from a small town that require numerous flight connections.

OTHER PHILIPPINE MEDICAL BOARD TOPNOTCHERS

The Professional Regulations Commission announces that 655 out of 1,230 passed the board examinations for physicians (complete finals and finals with preliminary) in the Philippines administered by the Board of Medicine in the cities of Manila and Cebu last February 2011.

The top ten examinees are

1. **Eleanor De Guzman Dela Pena**, Far Eastern University-Nicanor Reyes Medical Foundation: 86.33%
2. Jovith Tasarra Royales, Our Lady of Fatima University-Valenzuela: 86.25%
3. Elton Sherman Sze Po, Our Lady of Fatima University-Valenzuela: 85.58%
4. Kenneth Estocapio Yabut, Our Lady of Fatima University-Valenzuela: 85.50%
5. **Noreen Manlapaz Dizon**, Far Eastern University-Nicanor Reyes Medical Foundation: 85.17%
- Nila Gonzales Franche, Manila Central University-Caloocan City: 85.17%
6. Censon Lemuel Lizarondo Cabanas, University Of Santo Tomas 84.92%
- Armie Zarsadias Salaysay, De La Salle University-Health Sciences Institute: 84.92%
7. Joanna Camille Guanzon See Co, Our Lady of Fatima University-Valenzuela: 84.83%
8. Cristine Arestila Descallar, Cebu Doctors University-College of Medicine: 84.58%
9. Shella Marie Roxas Ong, Our Lady of Fatima University-Valenzuela: 84.50%
10. Donna Lea Sullano Pepito, University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center: 84.42%

HUMAN INTEREST IMAGES

ROLANDO SOLIS MD⁶³



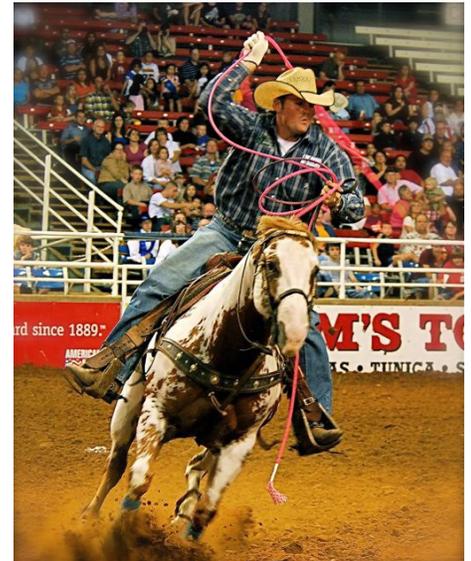
ROLANDO
SOLIS MD



A mendicant at Santiago de Compostela, Spain



My grandson, Roman, playing with balloons



Scene at Mesquite, Texas rodeo

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am proud to know our grad topped the boards, at the same time saddened by the low passing rate of about 50% for all candidates.

You have done things to help our fellow Filipinos beyond expectations. I still cannot believe anyone would give you a hard time.

In a number of missions the Philippine Medical Association of Florida had in 1999-2005, we faced exactly the same problems.

Maybe it is ego, turf battle, envy, power play, or for whatever reason, is beyond rationalization.

The Philippine Medical Society of Jacksonville area still makes Medical missions and get same problems.

Do not let these hindrances deter you from going. The people need you. I guess after letting the President know your difficulties, things will ease up

PIO SIAN MD⁶⁵

Editor. The top performing

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medical school in the
Physicians Board Exam
February 2011
as per Commission Resolution
No. 2010-547 series 2010, with
50 or more examinees and
with at least 80% passing
percentage, is the FAR
EASTERN UNIVERSITY-
NICANOR REYES
MEDICAL FOUNDATION.

FEU-NRMF is #1 with
total number of examinees
109, total passed 94, making
passing percentage of 86.24%!

Overall pass percentage
with all medical schools
included is only 50%.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wish to express my deep
admiration/ appreciation and
also congratulate you for
serving as editor of the
FEUMAANI News.

However, my eyeballs are as
old (if not older) as the
rest of me that I have to use
magnifying lens to be able to
read the very interesting and
informative articles. I am not
sure this is a common problem
and I certainly hope it is not.

As a former CME director
myself, I wonder if there is a
way to avoid the so called
SMUT (subject matter
unapproach tendency),
an obvious CME lingo, among
the older alumni who are
unfortunate enough to have a
poorer visual acuity, short of
making the print a wee
bit larger.

I will remain quiet if this
turns out to be a non-issue
among the rest of the ever
loving alumni.

By the way, is it too early to
register for the upcoming mid-June
annual reunion in Las Vegas?

ERNESTO EUSEBIO MD⁶³

Editor. What is good about
computer-generated or
computer-based newsletter, or
other documents for that
matter, is that you can peruse/
read the prints in an
artificially enlarged font size.

Simply adjust the Window
percentage % of the material
from 100% to 150%, or even
higher.

At 150% enlargement,
everything becomes almost
like in headline-sized fonts!

Yes, you can register now
for the summer Las Vegas
reunion.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The FEUDNRSM Alumni
Foundation should take credit,
especially Dr .Arsenio Martin
who spearheaded the program
to give scholarships to
outstanding incoming medical
students.

EMELIE ONGCAPIN MD⁶⁴

Editorials

commentary,
news releases,
letters to the editor,
column proposal
and manuscripts are invited.
Email submission,
including figures or pictures,
is preferred.

ECTOPIC MURMURS

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March 30, 2011

Email to acvrear@aol.com

MOVEMENT FOR FREE PHILIPPINES The EDSA Revolution

CESAR C CANDARI MD⁶¹
FCAP Emeritus

I could not help but
republish excerpts of my speech



**CESAR
CANDARI MD**

delivered in a
protest rally
held on
February 1986,
at the
Community
Concourse in
downtown San
Diego at the

time of the revolution I
considered this my very
important contribution to
Philippine political history.

*We have finally come to the
final hour and the election in
the Philippines, our beloved
country, has ended but not over
yet. Democracy has faced the
toughest challenge of
resurrection in the archipelago
of the brave and the home of the
free. It is the Filipino people's
turn to make a judgment
wherever they are, whether here
in the United States, Canada or
other parts of the world . . .
What remains to be done now is
to save our people from the
continued Marcos rule. The
reason you and I are here this
afternoon is to appeal to the
conscience of the people of the
United States, to the leaders of
the government, particularly to
Mr. Reagan, to stop support of
a government that has
destroyed and gutted the very
main fiber of democratic
principles in the Philippines . . .*

*Ferdinand Marcos has
devoted the greater part of his
twenty years of presidency in
plundering the economy of the
Philippines and corrupting its*

civic institutions. In the ultimate act of greed and larceny, he has brazenly stolen and hijacked the expressed hope of the Filipino people for a return to democratic rule. The hue and cry in the Philippines is for a change to a democracy. The country's economy is deplorable; peace and order are deteriorating all over the country; the insurgents under the NPA are becoming stronger. Human rights are destroyed and there is no justice served to those perpetrators of crime who happen to be the supporters and cronies of the Marcos administration.

The Filipinos proved beyond doubt to the entire world that they want democracy back. But what had happened? Mr. Marcos stole the election! The will of the people has been trampled.

Cory Aquino, the 52-year-old widow of the fallen leader Benigno Aquino, has shown a mandate of the people had it been a free-and-fair election. There were rampant intimidations of pro-Aquino supporters and in some cases, some of them were murdered. A good friend of mine, Evelio Javier from the province of Antique where I came from, was murdered in broad daylight at the Provincial building where he was watching and safeguarding the ballot count for Mrs Aquino. I lost a great friend, the youngest governor ever elected in the Philippines at age 29. He was murdered because he was anti-Marcos . . .

What we want from you Mr. Reagan is to stop military and moral support of a man who

has betrayed that legacy of liberty. Only then will the Philippines become a true heir to our legacy of liberty. Only then will the shadow of blood vanish from the face of the sun. We will and must continue to seek for that wonderful dream—a return to democracy. Marcos has deprived the Filipino people of that democratic right in the last 20 years and finally the people have awakened. This is the inherent desire of man to be free!

Recently, Dr. Philip Chua wrote *People Power: A Filipino Legacy* and he stated: *Thus far, our people power revolution has failed to end corruption at the highest levels of our government, failed to lift millions of our fellow Filipinos from poverty, and failed to bring enduring peace to our countryside, particularly in Mindanao. Our democracy is now a 25-year old young adult. It must rise from the exuberance of the EDSA revolution and embrace the discipline of daang matuwid. It has so much yet to learn and do.*

This is what I have to say. It is my opinion that we finally rediscovered democracy at the indomitable EDSA revolution. However, although we have regained our freedom, we, jubilant Filipinos are faced with an array of problems. We are burdened with economic, social and political conflicts and so we are not completely free. We cannot live by love of democracy and freedom alone. My opinion is the Filipino people must RISE (not against President Aquino) like in the EDSA, in Tunisia and Egypt, a peaceful protest for the eliminations of cheaters, plunderers and corrupt government officials. They must face justice and be put to jail.

(Dr. Candari has written a book, his memoir and these are excerpts

for you to read. The book can be ordered through

www.Amazon.com.

Visit website:

<http://www.pandan.ph/news/2010/11/08/from-antique-to-america-memoirs-of-a-filipino-american-doctor/>

Message from the PRESIDENT

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anesthesia to a surgical patient for the removal of neck tumor.

As doctors, we should pause and take a moment to reflect on the many sacrifices and advances that came at the hands of our fellow physicians.

Happy National Doctor's Day to all!

We are all thankful for the effort and care you provide everyday.

I also look forward to seeing all the officers, board members and Chapter presidents of the FEUDNRSM Alumni Foundation on Saturday, March 26, 2011, in Long Beach CA for our Winter board meeting.

OSCAR TUAZON MD⁷⁴

Message from the BOARD CHAIRMAN

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(The answer to the riddle is a spinning top).

I think sometimes we medical professionals become spinning tops. The beginning of the spin is when we complete medical school training and step out into the real world to begin our practice. From then on, we read journals to educate ourselves, work in our clinics and hospitals, answer myriad phone calls and questions on a daily basis, juggle paperwork,

changes in medical practice, and hands on care, and attempt to keep up with our family. We continue to *spin* for years because we love the challenge and have a passion for helping our fellow man.

It is important to remember that even though we love our profession and may *never tire of dancing*, our bodies do require down time. A spinning top that is not reset will eventually fall over and must have an impetus to return to spinning. We must do the same, occasionally stopping the spin to rejuvenate our bodies, minds and souls through personal pursuits. In the USA, the month of March is a time of growth, the beginning of spring, a fresh breath of air. In the Philippines, the month of March is hot and dry, a time when schools are out and many vacation at the beach, visit with family and friends and attend festivals.

So take a break in March. Occasionally stop spinning (no matter how much you love the dance) and take a rest. There will always be responsibilities and influences to start you spinning again when the time is right. **P C RIVERA MD**

OUR GREEK ISLES CRUISE

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beauty and glory of Ancient Athens, with its many monuments atop its rocky base, including the awesome Parthenon, the Propylea, the temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion, with its Porch of Maidens. Drive to the Roman

Temple of Olympic Zeus, the Panathinaikon Stadium---the site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896, the Tomb of the unknown Soldier in front of the Parliament House on Constitution Square.



Cristal

We will view the government buildings and elegant structures of the 19th century. Drive along Panepistimiou Avenue to see the Catholic Cathedral, the Academy, University, National Library.

October 14 – private Athens transfer from the Astor Hotel to the port for departure on cruise all meals included.

with Louis Cruise, standard inside cabin double occupancy,

Friday, October 14 – Athens (Piraeus) Greece Breakfast and dinner CME;

Saturday, October 15 – Istanbul, Turkey Breakfast and dinner CME;

Sunday, October 16 - Istanbul, Turkey Breakfast and dinner CME;

Monday, October 17 – Mykonos, Greece Breakfast and dinner CME;



Blue Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey

Tuesday, October 18 – Patmos, Greece and Kusadasi, Turkey Breakfast and dinner CME;

Wednesday, October 19 – Rhodes, Greece Breakfast and dinner CME;

Thursday, October 20 – Crete (AgNikolaos) and Santorini, Greece Breakfast and dinner CME; and

Friday October 21 - Athens (Piraeus) Greece, private Athens transfer from port to airport.

The proposed air itinerary is, as follows:

LH435W Tuesday October 11
ORD MUC 8:50 pm > 12:30 pm
Wednesday October 12; or
LH1752W Wednesday, October



Mykonos, Greece



Patmos, Greece



Horse riding in Crete, Greece



Ephesus, Kusadasi, Greece



Rhodes, Greece



Ag Nikolaos, Crete, Greece



Santorini, Greece

12 MUC ATH 2:45 pm > 6:10 pm Wednesday, October 12;

LH1279W Friday, October 21, ATH FRA 1:40 pm > 3:35 pm
LH 432W Friday, October 21. FRA ORD 5:35 pm > 7:30 pm.

Charges: all air, port, hotel and service are included.

Total cost per person for package in double occupancy: \$2889 which includes all air/port taxes.

Triple occupancy: \$2799

Quad Occupancy: \$2729

3rd or 4th Child rate sharing with 2 adults: \$1999

Outside cabin upgrade \$150 per person (double occupancy).

The package price includes: Roundtrip Airfare from Chicago to Athens; two-night accommodations in Athens at the first class Dorian Inn Hotel , breakfast, seven- night Greek isle cruise on the **Cristal** of Louis Cruises, standard inside cabin category IB, all meals on board ship, half-day Athens City sightseeing tour including the Acropolis, fully-escorted transfers throughout itinerary, full portorage and baggage handling of 1 piece per person, all site entrance fees, all hotel taxes and service charges, ground transportation via deluxe air conditioned motor coaches tour conducted by licensed English speaking guide, deluxe document holders, and services of Apollo Tours Athens Staff.

A deposit is due within 7 days after confirmation and may include full prepayment of international air.

Full payment is due 45 days prior to departure, or whichever comes first.

Apollo Tours reserves the right to cancel any itinerary if deposit and payments are not received by the specified dates.

Revision fee of \$30 per revision will be charged after confirmation.

Cancellation fees of \$200 per person PLUS additional applicable

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OBITUARY

MANUEL S RIVERO MD⁶⁹
4/28/1946 - 2/25/2011

After a treacherous battle with an advanced stage of multiple myeloma (MM), **MANUEL S RIVERO MD⁶⁹** r a beloved father, husband, uncle, and brother, peacefully passed away on Friday morning, February 25, 2011, at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.



The Rivero family thanks everyone from the bottom of our hearts for the kind words and prayers of support you have offered us during this hard fought journey.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Dr Rivero's spirit of healing, service and love by sending contributions in his name to one of the organizations listed below.

Please feel free to pass this information on to other loved ones or those who may have known him.

International Myeloma Foundation (IMF): MM affects the central nervous system in only 1% of patients. When dad discovered how rare this was, he expressed his hope

for more future research to help find a cure.

The IMF helps fund genetic research to better understand the link between MM and the central nervous system.

Please mail donations in memory of **MANUEL S RIVERO MD⁶⁹** to: IMF, 12650 Riverside Drive Suite 206, North Hollywood, CA 91607, or donate online at <https://myeloma.org>



Dr Rivero was always first and foremost, a humanitarian; and he shared his love and compassion to anyone in need.

During his 30-plus years serving patients at Kaufman Presbyterian Hospital, the last thing on his mind when he saw a patient was payment.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Kaufman has a *Presbyterian Health Care Foundation* that helps provide medical services to those who cannot afford to pay.

Checks can be in made to: *Presbyterian Health Care Foundation* in honor of **MANUEL S RIVERO MD⁶⁹** 850 West state Highway 243 Kaufman, TX 75142

ALUMNAE TOP BOARD EXAMS

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Another alumna, **NOREEN MANLAPAZ DIZON MD⁰⁹**, scores 85.17, places fifth, and shares the honor with an MCU graduate.

Looking back, my first encounter with Dr Dela Pena was a telephone call on October 2004. I was impressed with this young student from Jaen, Nueva Ecija, because of her credentials: her high grades and placing second in the Medical Technology board examination that year.

I finally met her on December 2004, and together with our second scholar Willard Palustre, who recently graduated *summa cum laude*. I brought them to our medical mission at *Gawad Kalinga Village* in Bulacan.

I added six more scholars to the group; and all eight graduated in 2009.

Five graduated with honors; and five of the top six FEU-DNRM graduates.

Things, however, were not always easy for these scholars.

During their first year one of them did not meet my expectations and wanted to give up her scholarship from our Alumni Foundation.

She was Eleanor Dela Pena. She wanted to take a loan because her parents cannot afford her education.

I did not accept her resignation because the reason that her grades were not up to our expectations was she was sickly many times during her freshman year. >>>

FROM PALAWAN WITH LOVE

MELVYN ESCARA MD⁶⁸

I encouraged her that I had high hopes that she would redeem herself in the future.

Every time I met with these scholars in January during the *Balik-FEU*, I kept reminding them that the reason why they were chosen was that I believed that they all had the capability to do well on their board examinations to bring prestige to our school.

Eleanor did exactly that, she brought glory again to our school. She was on the verge of tears when I called her once I got the good news. She thanked me for keeping her on scholarship and for all the encouragement.

She told me that we could compete with any graduates from any school because the quality of our teachers at FEU.

She was also emotional because she could not share her success with her father who had passed away 10 months earlier.

I thank the Alumni Foundation for supporting these scholars, and hopefully the succeeding class of scholars will continue this trend of success.

I also congratulate Dean Remy Habacon and the entire Faculty for preparing our students to these tasks.

It was no small feat for FEU to garner the highest ratings amongst all medical school during the February 2011 physicians licensure examinations.

Yes, FEU is rated by the Professional Regulations Commission as top performer FEU has a higher percentage of passing compared with other schools, which is not included in the published statistics.



My two mermaids and golf caddies, Nene and Debbie, at the Underground River in Puerto Princesa, Palawan



Class⁶⁸ surprised meeting at the Legend Hotel, Puerto Princesa, from left, of Drs Mario Lopez, me, Mike Tan and Willy Magat



With Kim Chu, a popular actress in the Philippines, who, honestly, I did not know until after.

CHICAGO in MARCH!

PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION in CHICAGO (PMAC)

& PMAC Auxiliary

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont IL

Winter 2011 SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR

*Pathology Update
for General Practitioners*

In Praise of Fine-Needle Aspiration Cytology

Cesar V Reyes MD

Morris Hospital

*Prostatic Cancer Pathology
for the General Practitioners*

Gladell Paner MD

University of Chicago

*Gastroenterologic Pathology
for the General Practitioners*

Grace Guzman MD

University of Illinois at Chicago

*Breast Cancer
for the General Practitioners*

Miguel Farolan MD

Edward Hospital

*Selected Clinical Pathology Update Topics
for the General Practitioners*

Frank Montellano MD

Delnor Community Hospital



Cesar



Gladell



Grace



Miguel



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SONG and DANCE FESTIVAL

Performers:

SWU / CIM Chorale

Thomasian Medical Alumni Chorale Society

UERM Midwest Chorale

MCU-FDT Medical Chorale

UPMASA Chorale

FEUMAANI Chorale Group

Songs

Mutya ng Pasig

Pamulinawen

I Believe (Quodlibet with Bach Ave Maria)

Soprano

Brenda Banez MD

Nida Blankas-Hernaez MD

Mrs Elvie Fernandez

Mrs Violeta Magsino

Leilanie Mon MD

Mrs Nanette Montellano

Mrs Evangelene Tabayoyong

Melinda Tolentino MD

Alto

Mrs Estela Cave

Mrs Virginia Guzman

Mrs Dolores Del Mundo

Mrs Marizond Relucio

Mrs Carlota Sanchez

Remedios Sales MD

Mrs Susan Tabang

Tenor

Rogelio Cave MD

Angelito Fernandez MD

Franklin Montellano MD

Edmundo Relucio MD

Manuel Sanchez MD

Pascual Sales MD

Bass

M Benigno Banez

Celso Del Mundo MD

Gerardo Guzman MD

Virgilio Jonson MD

Richard Mon MD

Musical Director

Mr Gerry Tabang



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May 15, 2011

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Class⁶⁶ (Sapphire Jubilee)

Class⁷¹ (Ruby Jubilee)

Class⁷⁶ (Coral Jubilee)

Class⁸¹ (Pearl Jubilee)

Class⁹¹ (20th Anniversary)

Class⁹⁶ (15th Anniversary)

Class⁰¹ (10th Anniversary)

