



# UPNAAI NEWS

motto: “U.P. @100 *Ang Galing Mo.*”

## *Celebrating a Milestone*

By: Maggie Ongkiko

**July 31, 2008, Las Vegas, Nevada.**

They came from distant places--- The Philippines, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Switzerland, etc., and from all over the United States. Despite the warm summer afternoon air from the Sierras, they were in a festive mood as they huddled at the front desk of the Golden Nuggets Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada and filled with joyful excitement. The queue soon became longer as more people came to register. They recognized familiar faces then greeted each other with hugs and kisses pleasantly surprised by their very presence or perhaps because their long unseen classmates and friends haven't changed that much. They all carry the same youthful exuberance as they did during their college years. The chat, the laughter, the old jokes told anew brought them mindless jollity that only colleagues could understand. One could tell with the increasing crescendo of joyous hysteria that the UPNAAI 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion has already begun. Indeed there was so much to be excited about. 2008 is a milestone for all U.P. nurses and U.P. alumni as a whole as UPNAAI joins them in celebrating UPCN's Diamond Jubilee and U.P.'s Centennial Year. Their countenance is a portrait of undeniable sense of joy, dignity and pride at the ubiquitous shirts worn at the event bearing the centennial

“*Excellence, Leadership and Service*” is an appropriate theme for the Education Seminar held on the following day. Well attended and ably moderated, the speakers made excellent presentation of their topics. Their relevance in today's world generated a lively discussion and participation from the audience. There was a thorough understanding of the subjects that the seminar's outcome objectives were more than satisfied.

The highlight of the day's event was the presentation and awarding of the *J.V. Sotejo Medallion of Honor*. For advocacy of physical well-being through education, training and promotion of healthy lifestyles, Dr. Josefina Angeles Tuazon, Dean, U.P. College of Nursing was deservedly chosen as the 2008 *Julita V. Sotejo Medallion of Honor* recipient.

Continuing the day's affair, the UPNAAI luncheon, while “standing room only” was always the fun part as the jubilarians were presented by their class coordinators. The year-by-year roll call brought whistles and cheers from adoring colleagues. The farther the year goes back, the louder the cheers. While this was going on, the members of the Constitution and By Laws Committee distributed a resolution by the UPNAAI Board for ratification which was unanimously voted upon in the affirmative. The amendment passed and is now in effect.

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**Celebrating a Milestone**

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In a true democratic spirit, UPNAAI provided a segment for an open forum so that members can exercise their right to be heard. After the Chapters’ meeting on Saturday, August 2, 2008, members came to attend and participate. A panel from the UPNAAI Board and Advisory Council was formed to answer questions relative to the organization. The proceedings were superbly presided. Like any forum there were free expression and exchange of thoughts with full right to agree as well as right of dissent. The members were vocal of their opinions; others were passionate yet civil nonetheless, which were welcomed by UPNAAI as symbolic of a healthy process. There were no limitations to the questions or restrictions on the answers, except of course for the limited time allowed by the hotel for the use of the venue. After the spirited

exchange some members moved for a vote of confidence for the president and UPNAAI board. This was duly seconded and overwhelmingly voted upon in favor of the current set of officers and directors. The members have spoken, and in response the president thanked them for their support and pledged to move the organization forward for the best interest of the members and of alma mater.

The evening gala was the culmination of the reunion festivities. In formal suits and flowing ternos, the alumni displayed such a sartorial elegance befitting the splendor of the venue. They entered the high-ceilinged ballroom in equally high spirits matched only by the neons along Las Vegas Boulevard. The omnipresent cameras kept flashing at every angle as the jubilarians took advantage of every photo-ops, posing with classmates, friends and colleagues for “posterity” they say. The

beautiful music from the band added appetite for the sumptuous dinner, and for most, non-stop dancing till past their bedtimes.

It all happened in Vegas. They came by air, by car, by foot, in wheel chairs and others in crutches to express support of UPNAAI, of their alma mater, and without a doubt of the University of the Philippines---what could be a greater testimony of loyalty. The whole affair proves the popular saying: “What happened in Vegas, stays in Vegas” wrong, for certainly what happened in Vegas last August will be brought back home and treasured, like the friendships that were rekindled and old memories that were recaptured. The laughter, the fun, the camaraderie will be lasting and cherished.

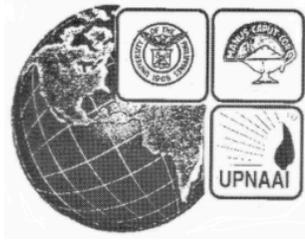
**And the sights are set to UPNAAI’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in August 7-8, 2009, in sunny California.**



Open Forum ⇄



UPNAAI Board of Directors, Advisors and guests.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings to everyone and Happy New Year! The new year is the best time to reflect and take stock of all the good and the challenges that we faced in the past year. 2008 was a year of change, and yet we have traditions that we hold close to our heart.

Our annual reunion held every first Friday and Saturday in August is a tradition that UP nursing alumni should not miss. The last reunion held at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas was a success and well-attended. The breakfast seminar was informative, addressed current nursing issues and provided a forum for us to network and elevate the standards of nursing practice. Thanks to our best and brightest graduates- Ms. Lita Tsai, BSN'73, MA'75, doctoral candidate, Ms. Lyvia Villegas, GN'68, BSN '71, MA, FNP, Mr. Marlon Saria, BSN'98, MSN, AOCNS and Ms. Leticia Lantican, BSN'64, MA, PhD for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

The 2008 recipient of the JV Sotejo Medallion of Honor Award-Dean Josefina Tuazon is deserving of this honor for her leadership in the field of nursing education. Her presence at the reunion helped us stay informed of the progress and the challenges that nursing students and educators face in the Philippines.

2009 is a special year for UPNAAI. It is a year for HOPE, RENEWAL and UNITY. This year UPNAAI will celebrate its 30 years of existence. On July 15, 1979, the seed of the organization was planted and after 30 years of hard work and dedication of its officers and members, UPNAAI has evolved into a significant institution in the field of nursing in the United States, the Philippines and other countries all over the world.

On behalf of the current officers and board members, I would like to wish you all a prosperous and healthy new year and looking forward to celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency of Orange, Garden Grove CA.

Mabuhay tayong lahat.

Charito Ansay, BSN'73, MSN  
President



# *The 29th Annual Reunion*

August 1-2, 2008. Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, Nevada

**“Excellence, Leadership and Service”**



PHOTO CAPTIONS: **1** “Succession Planning for the Chief Nursing Executives” Lita P. Tsai, BSN’73, MA, PhD (candidate) **2** 2008 JVS Medallion of Honor Recipient: Dean Josefina A. Tuazon, BSN’77, MN, DrPH **3** “HPV Update 2008” Lyvia M. Villegas, GN’68, BSN’71, MA, FNP **4** JVS Medallion of Honor recipients (past & present) L-R: Mely De Leon (2006), Dean Josefina Tuazon (2008), Leticia Lantican (2000), Erlinda Ortin (1995) **5** Research poster presenters: Marlon Saria, BSN’98, MSN, AOCNS (3<sup>rd</sup> from R), Leticia Lantican, BSN’62, MA’79, PhD’80 (extreme R) **6** Breakfast seminar participants.



# Pictorials



PHOTO CAPTIONS: **1** Ingrid Tawatao - Cabrera receives certificate of appreciation from UPNAAI President, Chato Ansay for representing her 90 year old mother, Marcelina Mendoza-Tawatao (GN'42) **2** Luzviminda Sapin-Micabalo (Golden jubilarian) recipient of UPCN Diamond Jubilee Alumna of the Decade for her International Achievement in Community Service **3** Class'67 Diamond Jubilee recipient : Distinguished Class for Outstanding Professional Achievements **4** China jubilarians (UPCN'88) **5** Coral Jubilarians (UPCN'73) **6** Ruby Jubilarians (UP-PGHSN'68) donate to the UPCN Endowment Fund. **7** UPNAAAM Delegation **8** Sapphire Jubilarians (UPCN'63) **9** UPPGHSN '58 Golden Jubilarians **10** L-R Sofie Dino '63, Dean Tuazon '77, Mely De Leon '61, Merle Borrero '67





## Membership Corner

by Natalia Matitu-Mercado, GN'68, BSN'69, RNC UPNAAI would like to welcome the 2008 Life Members.

### The New Life Members:

- Alisuag, Corazon GN'68 (MD)
- Alvarado, Corazon BSN'73 ( NJ)
- Amidar, Marilou BSN'74 (CA)
- Arenas, Leonila GN'63 (CA)
- Cappleman, Carolina Alba GN'72 (CA)
- Coligado, Eladia BSN'58 ( TX)
- David, Corazon Sison GN'68
- Dipasupil, Olivia Dungo GN'63 (FL)
- Flores, Jonathan BSN'88 (CA)
- Garbes, Josefina Zaragoza BSN'68 (WA)
- Lorenzo, Marilyn Elegado BSN'73 (PhiL)
- Pizzaro, Arsenia GN'63 (NV)
- Rendon, Sonia Butacan GN'74 (IL)
- Reynaldo, Wilfredo Associate (CA)
- Rose, Lucia Solidum GN'63 (CA)
- San Juan, Loreto GN'68 (NY)
- Sapin, Luzviminda Micabalo (NV)
- Sarmiento, Erlinda Abad BSN'67 (CA)

### New Annual Members:

- Alarva, Gladys Berces BSN'73, MSN (NJ)
- Alday, Alily BSN'58 (CA)
- Apostol, Ma Elena Santos BSN'73 (MD)
- Farinas, Grace BSN'63 (IL)
- Garcia, Margarita GN'74, BSN (NV)
- Manalo, Sonia Molina GN'59 (CA)
- Mata, Cecilia De Leon BSN'73 (NJ)
- Medalle, Amelia BSN'58 (MI)
- Olewnick, Linda Crisol BSN'73 (NY)
- Pagulayan, Felisa GN'58 (CA)
- Pascua Melchora GN'63 (CA)
- Ponsades, Teofila GN'53 (NY)
- Quinto, Eleanor GN'68 (NV)
- Ruiz, Juliet Ocenar GN'58 (CA)
- Scott, Lourdes (CA)
- Tugbang, Ethelia Galia GN'68 (MD)
- Ying, Belinda Reyes GN'68 (CAN)

We encourage all annual members to become life members. Please notify the Membership Committee of any address changes to ensure prompt deliveries of all UPNAAI mailing. You may direct inquiries/communicatioun to: [natitom1@aol.com](mailto:natitom1@aol.com) or call at (818) 894-5142. Also visit our UPNAAI website at [www.upnaai.org](http://www.upnaai.org).

## Constitution and By-Laws

The Officers and Board of Director,

For the record, the Resolution approved by the Board of Directors deleting in its entirety Article IX of the Constitution and By-Laws, and replaced by the proposed amendment on "The Formation Of An Advisory Council" was presented to the membership for ratification in the last General Meeting. There was a unanimous "YES" vote ratifying the amendment, and thus will be incorporated into our Constitution and By-Laws.

Submitted by: Virginia Raymundo, GN '63

## IN SEARCH: THE 2009 AWARDEE FOR THE J.V. SOTEJO MEDALLION OF HONOR

UPNAAI Awards and Citation Committee Announces the search for distinguished UP nursing alumna for 2008. We encouraged all UP nursing alumni to nominate deserving candidates. The awardee will be honored during the UPNAAI annual reunion. **Nominations will be accepted until April 15, 2009.**

### CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

- Must be a UP nursing alumna/alumnus
- Must have attained national possibly international prestige which has brought honor and distinction to the nursing profession, university, and country.
- Must have made a significant contribution to the nursing profession. The achievement should be unique and innovative.
- Good moral character.
- Lifetime achievements of the nominee will be considered particularly within the past decade.
- Recipient must be able to accept the award in person during UPNAAI Annual Reunion and be prepared to give a talk on a subject of his/her choosing.

## THE SEARCH FOR THE 2009 UPNAAI SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE

UPNAAI is offering \$1000 Scholarship Grant to be awarded to qualified alumni

or children of alumni who are active and registered members.

Recipient of the award will be selected based on the following criteria:

Active involvement/ service	40%
Academic qualities	30%
Personal/ professional qualities	30%

The award is intended to support basic, advanced education in nursing or certification towards advanced practice. The award will be presented at our annual reunion on the first Saturday of August, 2007. Please write UPNAAI to request for an application form and for further information. **Completed application form must be submitted on or before June 15, 2009.**

Board members and their children are not qualified for the scholarship grant during their term of office.

**Treasurer's report: by Norma Serina GN '61**

**TOTAL BALANCE AS OF DEC. 31, 2008**

**\$17,729.85**

**CD's \$41,734.53**



**CALLING ALL JUBILARIANS AND CLASS COORDINATORS**

30<sup>TH</sup> Annual Reunion August 7-8, 2009  
Hyatt Regency of Orange County  
11999 Harbor Blvd.  
Garden Grove, California 92840  
(714) 740-6009

**1939 - Platinum**

**1944 - Triple Diamond**

**1949 - Double Diamond**

Coordinator: Josefina A. Valbuena (310) 835-3777

**1954 - Diamond**

Coordinators: Carolina P. De Guzman (510) 547-2529  
Rosario T. De Gracia (206) 232-9865

**1959 - Golden**

Coordinators: Emma O. Untalan (951) 637-0506

**1964 - Sapphire**

Coordinators: Marcela L. Dela Vega (818) 340-8337  
Hedelina I. Haban (310) 491-9944

**1969 - Ruby**

Coordinators: Jessie F. Ivins (310) 367-5698  
Iren Bobis-Roldan (949) 380-7982  
Lydia C. Sapitula (818) 964-6462

**1974 - Coral**

Coordinators: Emy G. Goodrich (909) 824-9207  
Irene B. Reyes (301) 460-1337

**1979 - Pearl**

Coordinator: Jesusa S. Czah (714) 771-7466  
Marilou Lacson (626) 375-2231

**1984 - Silver**

**1989 - China**

**1994 - Crystal**

Coordinator: Vivien Chantanop (714) 965-0404

**1999 - Tin**

Coordinators:

**2004 - Wood**

Josefina Tamayo Fermin, BSN'52, on the loss of her son, Joey, S.J. Head master of the Ateneo Grade School (January 5, 2009)  
Edita De Lima BSN'73, on the loss of her brother, Pepito Paraiso.  
Teresita Montemayor, GN'51, MA, on the loss of her brother.  
Edna Labrador Bush, BSN'72, on the loss of her spouse, Dave, and her brother.  
Evelyn Bombane Moreno, BSN'72, on the loss of her brother, Moises Vergara  
Gloria Pulido Ang, GN'68, on the loss of her spouse, Ernesto, MD'72A  
Constancia Maceda, BSN'57, on the loss of a brother and a sister  
Marilou Lacson, BSN'79, MSN, on the loss of her sister, Alicia Martin  
Laarni del Rosario Salvador, BSN'67, on the loss of her spouse, Benjamin (1/30/09)  
Erlinda Taguba Moore, GN'55, BSN'70, on the loss of her spouse, Lee (2/20/09).  
Lillian Gahol Salvador, GN'68, BSN'69, for the loss of her mother.

**NEWSBRIEFS**

by: *Mely De Leon BSN '61, MS*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Josephine Francisco Villanueva**, BSN'67, MA, vice president, western region, PNAAs **Sarla Duller**, MN, president-elect, PNASC **Phoebe Daus Williams**, BSN'62, MA (Psych)'69, PhD, professor, University of Kansas, UPCN Diamond Jubilee Most Distinguished Alumna (Education and Research) **Lorraine Sarmiento Evangelista**, BSN'85, c.l., PhD, assistant professor, School of Nursing, UCLA.....(Education and Health) **Marlon Saria**, BSN'98, MSN, clinical nurse specialist, UCSD Medical Center, La Jolla, CA.....(Mentorship in Oncology Nursing) Distinguished Class for Outstanding Professional Achievements Class'62, Class'65, Class'67 **Leticia Sta. Maria Lantican**, BSN'62, MA,Phd (Psych), poster presentation won first Prize at the 19th Annual American Psychiatric Nursing Association Conference, October 15-18,2008, St. Paul,MN

**Hazel Infante Boss, BSN'95, on the birth of her daughter, Isabella Barbara** (September 19,2008)

Nurse Week 2008 Excellence Awards for California, finalist in Teaching, **Lorraine S. Evangelista**, PhD, asst. professor , UCLA School of Nursing, has helped launch manage, and teach higher-degree programs while juggling her goals in biobehavioral research. As an expert communicator, coordinated efforts to develop simulation and skills labs. Also, serves as a role model by actively participating in professional Organizations.” (Nurse Week, August 11,2008, p. 17)

**Lourdes Casapao Salandanan**, BSN'87, MSN, Global Ambassador, Manila , Philippines, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

**BEST WISHES ON THEIR RETIREMENT**

**Beatriz Erasmo Brillo**, BSN'66, after 19 years with the PICU of Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center

**Aida Illescas Villarama**, BSN'61, MEd, supervising staff nurse, evening, after 23 years, Postpartum unit, LA County\_USC MC

**GET WELL WISHES**

Grace Ulanday Panlilio, BSN'74  
Cornelio Obordo, GN'66, Med, MSN  
Carmelita Palabrica Pineda, BSN'73, MSN  
Cecilia Laurente, BSN'67, MN, PhD

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Mila Magpantay Apolinario**, BSN'66, MA (May 21, 2008) whose spouse, Eleazar, MD, predeceased her (January 20, 2008)

**Rene Flor Cruz**, MD'70, spouse of Linda del Mundo Flor Cruz, GN'69, and former Senior resident, Department of Pediatrics, PGH

**CONDOLENCES**

Perla Sulit, GN, on the loss of her spouse, Benny, MD  
Julie Leano Montemayor, BSN'56, on the loss of her spouse, Joe



### UPCN Class'58 Golden Jubilarians

By Norma Grino Rubio

Joining the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of UPNAAI at the Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, Nevada, the UPCN Class of '58 celebrated their golden anniversary. Of the original 33 members, ten came mainly from the USA. By July 31, 2008, the group was already in Las Vegas to practice their choral presentation which was performed during the luncheon-get-together with the UPPGH School of Nursing on August 1, 2008. At the dinner dance held on August 2, the UPCN Class'58 were all glowing in their "golden" gowns. Luz Sapin Micabalo, who is from Las Vegas, hosted her classmates and their guests to 2 dinners in her house on July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1. She was the class coordinator. On Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Luz Silvestre Gantan and Ely Clemente Coligado treated their class for Brunch at the Golden Nugget. Mely Carreon Buenafe gave everyone a surprise gift. Sol Ituriaga Madrid was not able to come due to illness. Those who attended were Virginia Fonacier-Hidalgo with Lito, Angelita Coll Ramirez, Eladia Clemente Coligado with Eddie, Amelia Carreon Buenafe with Happy, Lourdes Henson Garcia with Tony, Norma Grino Rubio with Armand, Sonia Molina Manalo with Many, Luz Sapin Micabalo with Mike, Luz Silvestre Gantan with Louie and Alily Velasco Alday with Fil. This was a week-end to remember!



### THE SAPPHIRE JUBILARIANS CLASS 63 LIT UP LAS VEGAS!

By Virgie Raymundo

It was July 31<sup>st</sup>, the eve of the start of UPNAAI's 29<sup>th</sup> Reunion, but the evening belongs to the golden girls of UP-PGH Class 1963, this year's Sapphire Jubilarians. We gathered for our annual class reunion at the California Hotel & Casino's meeting room to renew our bond with each other, coming from all over the US and Canada with our significant others.

Hosting are Amelia De Leon and Seni Magbaleta from Las Vegas, Nevada, with support from Virgie Abuan and Lina Guerrero from Los Angeles, California. Attending from Ceritos is Lucy Solidum, from Sun Valley is Lydia Pingol, from San Mateo are Nila Valenzuela and Librada Garcia, from Fresno are Chola Azcueta and Fe Castro, all coming from cities in California. From Washington comes Lory Lagos, from Illinois are Noemi Labrador and Sophie Hernandez, from New York/New Jersey come Rory Nazareno, Eleanor Adaniel and Fenita Catong, from Maryland comes Mina Lucero, from Pennsylvania comes Alpha Depakakibo, from Delaware comes Tita Ong, and from Ontario, Canada come Norma Ruaro and Esperanza Malaluan. The renewal of friendship continued through the evening with the climax being the distribution of a give-away bags, each containing a UP Centennial T-shirt and a blue-sash printed with the word "SAPPHIRE" printed by Lina, and a pair of white gloves. Culminating the evening is the impromptu rehearsal of the selected presentation number to be performed at the Dinner Dance night. With the help of Jimmy, we rendered a short dance number to the tune of "New York, New York" the musical. Some wear the T-shirt to the Breakfast Seminar and the Luncheon/Roll Call, but everybody pinned the "SAPPHIRE" sashes on our evening gowns to the Dinner Dance. We all looked like beauty pageant contestants in those sashes, and we loved the attention. Of course there comes the time to show-off the dance number we rehearsed the other night. Did we catch the attention of our fellow alumni and guests of the International Association? We certainly feel we have made our Sapphire Jubilee a momentous one for us and for UPNAAI!

During the course of the Dinner Dance, the Class 63 alumni present selected to have their class' next annual Reunion in Toronto, Canada come August 2009, God willing.





## UP-PGH SN Ruby Jubilarians (Class of '68) meet in Sin City

by Mady Madrinan Rivera, GN'68, BSN'69, UPCN

Despite not having seen many of our classmates for numerous years, at the reunion, I felt so at home, so comfortable in my own skin. I was, after all, in the company of our classmates who, after a very competitive admission process, stepped into the UP-PGH School of Nursing 40 years ago as full “Scholars ng Bayan.” We had so much in common with each other despite the fact that we came from different islands in the Philippines. Having lived under one roof, eaten in one big mess hall and studied and worked in the same hospital for three straight years, we learned not only nursing principles and jurisprudence but also about regional idiosyncrasies, human relationship, and rapport in general. After graduation, we came out of PGH wiser and with an education that would equip us with a kind of remarkable strength to meet formidable life challenges. In Las Vegas, our venue was the luxurious Golden Nugget, kind of far from the strip but more than sufficient for a weekend reunion. Classmates trickled in as we continued the guessing game of identifying a long-lost group mate. Selfless UPNAII officers did a wonderful job organizing and managing an overbooked reservation. Amongst all members, the UPNAII leadership also entertained a very informative and encouraging open forum about the disputed status of the organization.

The evening of the Grand Ball brought the gorgeous Class of '68, all clad in ruby red showing our well-achieved color with pride and joy. During the “pabidahan,” we did not disappoint either, as when the basket was passed we managed to give a sizeable donation of \$3,300.00 for the UP College of Nursing Educational Enhancement Program through Dean Josefina Tuazon.

After Vegas, the bus trip to San Pedro to embark in our most-awaited Mexican Riviera Cruise was rather uneventful. Age started to show as we all stole naps due to our memory lane hangovers. Yeah, the bus trips to Baguio were definitely rowdier.

Checking in on Royal Caribbean was swift, thanks to Nati Octaviano Matitu’s expertise in coordinating our class projects. On the ship, we were together like one big family. We dined and attended shows together. We even learned together as a class again. In continuing education format, Class President NP Lyvia Mendoza Villegas lectured on “HPV,” NP Delia Zambrano Reyes on “Diabetes Management and Prevention,” and Liberty Mendiola Pascual on “Financial Planning.” All lessons learned were very pertinent, particularly the one given by “Doctora” Reyes as we managed our diets at the bountiful buffet tables on the ship.

The variety Shows on RCL “Vision of the Seas” were very entertaining; but, for me, the side shows were even better. Classmate Aida Layug Limcaoco’s version of Patsy Cline’s “Crazy” and husband Ben’s rendition of Sinatra’s “My Way” tied for first prize on the Grand Karaoke night. The couple would have actually won best ballroom dancers if there was a contest. Likewise, twelve year-old Sean, Liberty’s grandson, brought down the house a few times with renditions of “Great Balls of Fire” and the like.

After dinners and shows, we were usually out past midnight nourishing ourselves after joining hilarious games that we could participate only because we are together as a group. It was some kind of freedom found 40 years after being given midnight-guarded curfews at the PGH Nurses’ Home. Not scared of the ever dutiful matrona’s evening patrol anymore, we could now chat and keep the lights on in our rooms for as long as we wanted to.

Despite the very hot summer weather, the optional tours in Mazatlan, Cabos San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta were very pleasurable, interesting and informative allowing us to experience local flavors. Then it was time to say goodbyes and make promises to get in touch and never miss another reunion again.

Later as I recaptured events in the year 2008, all I could remember to share with family and friends in my Christmas newsletter about our class reunion was the fun I had with members of Class'68 and how we were comfortable and at home with each other. I even quickly forgot about how worried sick I was when my husband, Mody, had a landscaping mishap at home that brought him to the ER for stitches, and how sick I was for a couple of days with “Montezuma’s Revenge” as I tried all kinds of food during the Mexican Riviera excursions. *Somehow when you are with old dear friends, only the best is persistent in memory.*





# VIVA CLASS '73

By Marilyn Boots

"Bright light city gonna set my soul, Gonna set my soul on fire".....Elvis Presley's singing "Viva Las Vegas" brings in the sights & sounds of the city that doesn't sleep - "Viva Las Vegas turning day into night time & turning night into day time"! Class ' 73 sang "Katotohanan Lamang" (by Heber Bartolome from College of Fine Arts) to bring us home to the political atmosphere in 1973....the song was the Coral Jubilarians presentation at the UP Centennial in June.'08 in Manila (Cyn V., Myrna & Lyn were in the group); Maggie, Emma & Malyn also wore their coral ternos designed by Pitoy Moreno. A group of us camped at Gladys' & Nandy's- karaokeing & filled up w/ Lita's fresh lumpia & Precy's pinakbet!! Thanks to Ed & Nandy for the limo rides. Cecile - here's to health! The same goes w/ Millet, Ruby & Mila C. So, maki...sama, 'wag....magsawa sa ating pagsasama. Ditto to Linda C.! Thanks to Dr. Dida for the lunch at Red Rock! We called Celia (still in Parma, OH) & hope to see her next time.

One of Lita's legacy is the UPCN Faculty Endowment Fund & spreading the word to our Alumni - she's empowering us as we support our Alma Mater.

"I'm gonna have some fun...i'll always remember that i had a swinging time..." so at the Dinner Dance, Class '73 secured their dancing shoes (we were bejeweled by Lita) & we kept on going & going & going.....Viva Coral Jubilarians!!!!



UPNAAI-UPAAGLA Christmas party, December 13, 2008.



## Letters to UPNAAI:



Thank you for participating in our “Adopt A Polemount Parol” by sponsoring a parol for five years in 2008.

Thank you for your support for our yearly “Adopt a Polemount Parol” to light up Historic Filipinotown during the Christmas season. Your support enabled us to achieve our vision/mission of making Historic Filipinotown safe for residents, attract businesses and a tourist destination in the map of the City of Los Angeles.

Gratefully Yours,  
Cecilia Ramos, President  
Historic Filipinotown Neighborhood Council

The University of the Philippines Board of Regents and President Emerlinda Roman extend their warmest greetings this Christmas season and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Maligayang Pasko sa taon ng UP Sentenaryo!  
From: Dean Josefina Tuazon and the UP College of Nursing Family.



Excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of the  
**University of the Philippines Nursing Alumni Association International (UPNAAI, Inc.)**



**Date:** July 12, 2008  
**Place:** Shriners Hospital, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.  
**Present:** Officers and members of the board of directors and members of the advisory council

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**  
**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT:**

WHEREAS, the existing provisions of Article IX, Constitution and By-Laws, the number of advisers could eventually exceed the number of directors sitting on the Board, and that while the Council collectively is limited to one vote in the deliberation of the Board, it was desired that the number of advisers be limited to afford a balance between the Council and the Board;

WHEREAS, past presidents are encouraged to continue to participate in the activities of the organization and therefore not Precluded from running again for election as directors, nor from holding appointive positions defined by the By-Laws. However, to avoid duplication of responsibilities and conflict of duty and priorities, and to encourage a wider participation amongst other members, it was suggested that such advisers relinquish their positions in the council;

WHEREAS, it was moved by Natalia Mercado and duly seconded by Evelyn Moreno, that ARTICLE IX of the By-Laws be Deleted in its entirety and in lieu thereof, replaced as follows:

**“ARTICLE IX. THE FORMATION OF AN ADVISORY COUNCIL.”**

Section 1. Advisory Council. An advisory Council shall be formed as a permanent consultative body of the Association. It shall be composed of no more than nine (9) nor less than seven (7) past immediate Presidents (except presidents who resigned or was removed from office prior to completion of their term of office), as members and shall collectively be represented in the Board with only one (1) vote.

Section 2. Resignation from the Council. Any member of the Advisory Council who runs for election and Subsequently serves as a member of the Board shall be deemed resigned from the Advisory Council.

Section 3. Appointment as Committee Chairs and other appointive positions. Members of the Advisory Council are precluded from accepting positions as chairs of committees or other appointive positions defined by the By-Laws. Such advisers shall be considered to have temporarily relinquished their seats in the Council for the duration of their service in the committees, provided however that after expiration or termination of their appointment, they shall regain their Council seats, subject to the provision of Section 1, tis Article, relative to composition of the Advisory Council.

“Advisers may serve as ‘members’ of certain committees without relinquishing their seats in the Council.”

Section 4. Council Meeting. The Advisory Council may meet separately to deliberate on matters presented to them by the board for consultation and shall give their best effort to arrive at a consensus of opinion. The council may choose its own chairman who may also represent the council to the board.”

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved that Article IX of the Constitution and By-Laws be deleted in its entirety and in lieu thereof replaced by the proposed amendment outlined above, and that this Resolution be presented to the members during the General Meeting for ratification.

RESOLVED FURTHER that copies of this resolution be furnished to members of the Board, members of the Advisory Council, Chapters of UPNAAI, and others upon request.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008 at the County of Los Angeles, California, United States of America.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sgd.) Charito Ansay  
President

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(Sgd) Marilyn Boots  
Recording Secretary



# CALENDAR 2009

## January

10 Board of Directors Meeting Shriners Hospital, Los Angeles, CA

## February

21 Board of Directors Meeting Zayda Aberin's Residence, Calabasas, CA

## March

14 Board of Directors Meeting Shriners Hospital, Los Angeles, CA.

## April

9 UPCN Foundation Day UP Manila, Pedro Gil, MM Philippines

11 Board of Directors Meeting Venue TBA

## May

9 Board of Directors Meeting Venue TBA

## June

15 UP Annual Reunion Bahay ng Alumni, Diliman, Philippines

## August

7-8 30th Annual Reunion Hyatt Regency, Garden Grove, CA.

## October

10 Board of Directors Meeting Venue TBA

## December

12 Board of Directors Meeting Holiday Get together Venue TBA



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