



... **Class '69**

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SAD NEWS: Our class again lost a dear member, **Nick Payawal** last Dec. 22 of ruptured aneurysm. He is survived by his wife, Mildred & 2 kids. He practiced Peds & FP in Sidney, Ohio. We remember him as **Leno Rapacon**, his best man remembers Nick...classy, very nice & generous guy. He always supported our class projects. **Lenny Ponferrada, Henry Montana, Angie de Vega-Fontanilla & Leno** attended the funeral. **Lovey Garcia's** dad died Jan. 3rd of lung cancer in Elizabethtown, KY. Our class sent wreaths to both families. Our prayers & condolences to both families.

CEBU Medical Missions: Scheduled for Feb. 5-7, 2001 (Mon-Wed) & rest of the week is vacation at the Shangri-La at low rate of \$95/ngt. **Lorna Adolfo, Fe Mondragon & Lito Almendras** co-persons. We plead our classmates especially the Phil members to help. Due to recent political situation & violence, not many from USA could come, but will be sending financial help. Contact Lorna (916 783-0916 or lorna@inreach.com) Fe (518 371-4614 or midragon@earthlink.com) Lito (251-4391) Thanks to those who have sent monetary help so far - **Lu Trazo-Lazatin, Buddy Arguilla, Alice dela Rosa, Shirly Ruby & Noel Canlas**. So far total contributions: **\$750**. May send contributions to Noel c/o USTMAA Class 69. Any help is appreciated no matter how little...many of our poor *kababayans* are in dire need of help! Sister **Toni Redito** from Ethiopia is seeking also help for her "children in Africa"...may send contributions to: Medical Mission Sisters at 8400 Pine Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19111 C/o Sr. Redito

Class Reunion: Next USTMAA Grand reunion & Convention will be in Las Vegas June 13-17, 2001 Monte Carlo Resort & Casino. For Hotel, call 800 311-5999. Official Travel Agent: Des Peres Travel 800 264-7717 Deadline: May 15. Reserve early - rooms limited. Class 69 activities being planned. **Lu Trazo** coordinated the Frisco Reunion last May & **Libby Albinda**, Gastroenterologist host the class at her home with a Roman garden & swimming pool. The food was excellent & all thru her compliments. Libby is still single, but not sure if available. Pay attention fellow gastro. **Henry Lao** ! Thank you Lu & Libby for the next job.

Cruises...Cruises: Class cruises to Prague Danube Cruise-Great Rivers of Europe July 7-22,2001. Contact Debbie of Cruise Holidays for details 800 396-7245, or **Morel or Sam**. If not enough join, we will reschedule for next year...maybe Caribbean again w/c is much cheaper & better bargains available.

Also USTMAAA has a Caribbean Cruise for all Thomasians Feb. 25-Mar. 4 Contact Des Peres 800 264-7717.

Philippine News: **Boy Vasquez** had a successful Cardiac surgery last May & has joined **Romy de Guzman** in the CABG club. Boy said our prayers for him in Milwaukee 15 years ago were answered. He claims it made him re-arrange his priorities in life & Romy too, he quit Meralco & now practices part-time in Polymedic. By the way, Boy finally has an E-mail erv@info.com. **Chito Cabaccang** has retired from the military; Heard **Remy Exconde** is busy *nagpapayaman*...also busy with many pet dogs - surely not for *pulutan* ! **Lutgarda Gonzales-Roces** is active w/ CWO & is "renewed". **Mely Manas** is busy investing in real estate in Laguna; **Raymond Ramirez** has remarried...to a young one & his hair started to grow again ! **Bel Feliciano-Siapno** treated Noel to lunch & gave her check for the Class legacy..Bel also has a kid about to be a doctor; **Meg Aurelio's** daughter is a practicing dental surgeon...she & Res are about to be grandparents; **Lilia Ordinario's** daughter passed the med tech boards. **Willy Panganiban** keeps up with us a lot through E-mail; **Gus Quilon** visited his daughter & MD son-in-law in Alabama and made a side trip to visit his ex-idol, **Art Quito**. **Roberto Garcia** retired from the NBI & now teaches medico-legal classes. **Amor Guevarra-Napiza** was sighted in Tagaytay Highlands...buying a condo ?

USA News: More marriages- **Em Macaraeg's** son got hitched last Sept. in New York to a pretty girl from Long Island. **Evelyn &**

Chop Enriquez' nina bonita got married in Manhattan, NYC last November... **Leony Jimeno's** son Jojo getting married in Alabama in Feb....**Violie & Bert Lara's** Nanette (very pretty girl like the mom) got married last Dec. 9 in Albuquerque, NM; **Dick Maddela's** eldest daughter, a nurse getting married in Henderson to a promising lawyer Jan. 6th. Boy! Are we all getting old...**Gener Dapul's** pretty daughter was crowned Ms. Pilipinas in Jersey (he swear she is not adopted) **Lorna Adolfo** went back to private practice...tired of HMO and now busier than ever. **Henrie Bada**, our Prof. of Neonatology from U. of Memphis continues to lecture internationally - Sao Paulo, Brazil in August & at the U. of Turku, Finland last June..**Betty Mina-Magbujos** has slowed down from her busy practice...with the retirement of her two partners, she closed two of 3 offices and promises to be more active w/ class 69 projects. **Freddie Sy** successfully chaired a fundraising dinner (\$30,000) for the Norwegian American Hospital Filipino Physician Yearly medical mission in Ospital ng Maynila every November. Another 69'er **Guillermo Gonzales** is part of the team. Chicagoans **Lito & Remy Javier, Cora Bulaon, Flor DeJesus-Litao, James Ho, Ebel Habacon-Hilado, Mary Aguinaldo & Sam Fernando** attended & contributed. Way to go Class 69 !! By the way, **Edna Garayblas** was politicized & no longer Dean of the Pamantasan ng Maynila...Sister **Freda Sumalangcay** went on another pilgrimage October to Fatima, Garabandal, Spain, Paris, LaSalette, France, Rome, Jerusalem & Medjugorje & attended a Mass w/ the Pope. Pray for us, Freda ! After 20

yrs. of solo practice, **Fe Mondragon** finally found a real partner...Dr. McGrinder w/c will allow her more free time and fun. **Linda Borja-Enriquez** remains active as President of the Federation of Filipino Rosary groups (FFRG) in Los Angeles & also organized a medical mission in Batangas, but has to be cancelled because of recent violence & bombing. It is tentatively reschedule early April. Anyone interest to help, call or E-mail Linda at linbenle@netscape.net. On the FFRG's 30th anniversary, **Lito Manzano** was the hermano mayor & **Freda Sumalangcay** the award recipient; **Annie Policar** also participated. **Linda** is estatic all her kids are done w/ college & can now relax and join hobby **Lito** who has long ago relaxed. **Lita Lua-Chan's** husband has an internet healthcare company www.mdvista.com - try it for your medical search.

Class Legacy: Our class prestige & reputation is now very well recognized due to our contributions to the college. For our 25th jubilee, we funded a \$45,000 equipment update for Surgical ICU; for our 30th, we established a \$8000/year endowment for the Teacher of the Year award. This is now a very prestigious & coveted award. \$500 to the Prof. & \$1500 for the respective Dept. to used for educational purposes. There are four recipients yearly & this year's winners are: Drs. Francisco Narciso, Dept. of Pathology, Johnny from Dept. of Medicine, Mary Jean Guno, Dept. of Peds. & Tim Trinidad, Dept of Physiology. **Sending Roque**, Class rep, presented the awards. Fr. Regent & the Dean both admire our class as "shinning example" to other classes. Our class is unsurpassed in its generosity! Wait till the 35th!!

Class Cruise: Turkey, Greek Isle & Italy (by **Sam Fernando & Yoly Lazaro-Alcasid**) - July 3rd: connecting through Munich, Frankfurt, London, and Brussels, we all arrived at the Conrad International Hotel situated centrally on one of Istanbul's seven hills. Total of 30 people came...the **Payumos, Carming & Lina w/ 2 daughters, Offie & Morrel Mangubat & son, Fil & Letty Sia w/ son & a daughter, Noel & Alice Canlas** with son, Nel, **Lino & Yoly Alcasid, Dick & Zeny Maddela** w/ Rico, the singles - **Sam Fernando, Angie Dingcong & Henry Lao** who brought his extended family - mother, sister, nephew & niece. *Mucho mucho si* Tito Henry. From the shores of the famous Bosphorus in Turkey & ending in Rome, we visited Kusadasi & Ephesus where St. Paul preached, St. John wrote the gospel & where the Virgin Mother died. We saw the ruins of the Artemis Temple. The we sailed to Delos, Greece where we saw more ruins. Next was free-spirited Mykonos, Greece. The highlight was the nude beach! Nude girls made the boys drool and the girls remember their younger days. Nude men made the *Pinoys* develop "inferiority complex" and the wives wished their husbands are as well-endowed! Although **Yoly Lazaro** claims her eyes are for Lino's only, no matter how small! Day 7, we enjoyed breathtaking Santorinilocated in the cliff-top overlooking the caldera, rode the famous donkey to the top. Next, was the ancient walls & ramparts of Valletta & Malta where the Knights of St. John left a great bounty of historic riches. Day 10, we docked in Sorrento, Italy on the Amalfi Coast where the panorama is unparalleled...splendid villas, burst of brilliant bouganvillea and cerulean sky. Highlight was Isle of Capri and the Blue Grotto. We motored to Anacapri & were dropped off the "Baklad" (meaning trap) where we saw a demo of the fine art making inlay tables Day 11-12, Rome - the eternal city. This is our 2nd

class tour in Rome, but still enjoyed the city...shopping at the famous Via Condotti, the Vatican, etc. Most of all, we enjoyed the comradery, the jokes & "isisms" esp. about people not present, gambling in the boat, dining & drinking together. **Angie Dincong** wore out the DI's dancing every night, **Henry Lao** - still single & available - cherished his dance w/ Angie; the **Mangubats, Maddelas, Sammy** & the **Alcasids** bought expensive rugs in Turkey -- almost similar seen in Wal-Mart. Retired **Fil Sia** enjoys cooking & travelling; **Sam Fernando** is his usual self - "magulo at maingay", **Dick Maddela** was pre-occupied with the price of gas; we proud & touched by the All-Filipino crew in the cruise...they performed a revue to standing room only ...won praises for their hospitality, willingness to work & please everybody. We are most proud to learn that w/ their meager salary, they support a Habitat House in Manila...lots of tourist, including us, gave willing to their cause...*parang Class 69 rin sila in their generosity.*

Another Cruise: (By **Art Quito**) At the San Francisco reunion, **Agnes Tabo's** husband, Arnold found a deeply discounted 40% hard to refuse tour thru Am. Express going to Athens, Santorini, Alexandria & Cairo, Ashod, Israel, Istanbul, Kusadasi & Mykonos. We saw the Great Pyramids & the Sphinx at Cairo, the Egyptian Museum where the Tutankamen artifacts are housed - also camel rides w/c was very hectic. The 12-hr tour was delayed due a stalled bus. Other sites were the Citadel & the Mosque of Mohamad Ali (not Cassius Clay), and of course the Nile. We bought Egyptian headdresses & turbans and actually looked good in them. **Mary Aguinaldo** was our bargain-hunter designee for shopping. In Jerusalem, we touched the silver platter covering the hole on the ground where the cross stood, the marble slab in the tomb of Christ, garden of Olives, Shepherd's hill, site of the Nativity & of course, the Wailing Wall. We passed through Rhodes, Lindos, Ephesus, Temple of Athena. The girls stopped for Greek jewelry whenever they sneak past their husbands. Next, Istanbul Mosques, Grand Bazaar, carpets, etc.; Kusadi where the Virgin Mary spent her last days, Mykonos then back to Athens where we nightly disco. You want cheap deals? Call Arnold Ogena. **Lu Trazo-Lazatin** also just came back from a tour with husband, Henry...believe it is another honeymoon. They went on the Radisson cruise to Hongkong, Vietnam including Hanoi & DaNang. **Noel Canlas**, Alice & daughter passed by Red China & Hongkong as a side trip after attending Noel's HS reunion.

CLASS WEBSITE: Log in at www.ustmed69.org to have up-to-date news & latest announcements! Send your email to Noel at canlas@dynasty.net to be included in the directory. Or, if want to give any news or announcement, send to webmaster@ustmed69.org

Also, there have been a lot of changes in addresses & area codes - pls. send corrections to Noel. We will try to do another directory. Pls. mail back the insert to make sure your listing is correct & updated. Or. E-mail him. We send Progress Notes to 53 members w/ e-mails - saving us \$32/publication! Pls. Send your e-mail addresses.

Happy New Year to all !! See you in Las Vegas. Looking forward to the next big one...35th reunion in 2004!

