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2022-23 CALENDAR*

Spring General Meeting
April 1, 2023
Donnelly Park, Turlock
(see page 3 for details)

Fall General Meeting
(To be announced later)

**The schedule above is subject to change depending on the availability of venue. Watch for announcements in this Newsletter. □*

New UP President Takes Helm



Former UP Regent succeeds Concepcion as the next UP President

Atty. Angelo A. Jimenez took the helm as the University of the Philippines' 22nd President last February 10, 2023, in UP Diliman, Quezon City.

The turnover ceremony was held at the iconic Quezon Hall Lobby, with outgoing UP President Danilo L. Concepcion and Jimenez delivering their respective valedictory and acceptance speeches.

Concepcion, a lawyer, is the 21st president of UP. He will be remembered as the UP president who "steered UP through the COVID-19 pandemic, enabling the University to contribute directly to the country's success in overcoming the public health crisis" and "led efforts to transform UP into the University of the Future," the program organizers said.

Under Concepcion's administration, the University instituted innovations in all its academic offerings and developed cutting-edge frontier programs. His administration raised UP's budget for research, secured additional faculty and staff items, increased economic and non-economic benefits for all UP employees, and provided support and learning assistance to faculty, students, and staff. Facilities and infrastructure were completed transforming the campuses. During his term, UP rose in World University rankings, such that it is now among the top 500 universities in the world and the top 100 in Asia.

Atty. Jimenez served in the UP Board of Regents, UP's highest governing body, twice, first as Student Regent in 1992 and as Regent from 2016 to 2021. From 1993 to 2007, he served the government by handling national interest cases at

the Office of the Secretary of Labor. He served with distinction in major global hotspots where OFWs have been endangered. As Labor Attaché from 1997 to 2005, Jimenez developed overseas labor markets and delivered a broad array of critical government services. Jimenez served as Deputy Administrator of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration from 2005 to 2007. He garnered two Presidential citations for his performance in crises in Iraq and Lebanon. Jimenez is a published writer and an internationally recognized resource person on labor and migration.

In his vision paper, Jimenez speaks of a UP that is a "global university," and a research university focused on graduate and post-graduate programs and academic linkages. He sees UP continuing as a public service university helping government and industry while being a bastion of academic freedom. Jimenez advocates an Open Data Policy and digital transformation in learning and management. He also envisions UP helping raise the quality of undergraduate education in state universities and colleges.

Atty. Jimenez earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1987, and his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1994, both in UP Diliman. He passed the Bar in 1994. He was a Lee Kuan Yew Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He earned his Masters in Public Management from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore. Among the many awards he has received is the Outstanding Butuanon Award for Professional Excellence.

As UP President, Jimenez serves as the Chief Academic Officer, Head of the University Faculty, and Chief Executive Officer. He is tasked with pursuing goals stated in Republic Act No. 9500 or the UP Charter. □

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Meet Our New Members



Ed Damasco
BS Industrial Pharmacy,
1975

Jean Damasco
BS Pharmacy, 1976

Ed and Jean both graduated from the UP College of Pharmacy when it was still located in Diliman where they met. Ed is also an Advanced ROTC graduate and a UP Vanguard, and brod of Dr. Regis Atienza and Dr. Johnny Abilay.

The Damascos immigrated to California after graduation, took the board exams and began their pharmacy careers. Ed worked in the retail pharmacy setting while Jean worked at Kaiser Hospital in Santa Clara. They lived in the Silicon Valley for 40 years and raised their 3 children there. The eldest, James, UC Berkeley, is a civil engineer with the City of Hayward, and their second, Tina, was a Math teacher (UCLA), at the Kamehameha Schools in Hawaii but is now a stay at home mom. The youngest, Jeff, a PhD in Physics, works with Intel in Portland, Oregon and is the only unmarried one. They have a granddaughter, Emma, 10 years old, and a grandson, one year old Hala'koa.

They are excited to be a part of UPAACC now that they live in Manteca. They have

The President's Corner



Susan C. Mendiola
President, UPAACC
2022 - 2023

This year begins with a sad note with the passing of Dr. Helen Reyes, our past president; and Catalino "Itay" Favor, the father of Dr. Lydia Favor. Lydia is also one of our past presidents. Last year, we also lost Dr. Art Nisperos, another past president. On behalf of UPAACC, I offer our deepest condolences to the bereaved families and pray that the souls of the departed rest in peace.

On the brighter side, 2023 is another year and another blessing. One of the blessings we all share is, the education we got from the number one/top university in the Philippines. It is really something that we can all be grateful and proud of. I love to read, and one thing that struck me was a quote from Jon M. Huntsman. He wrote, *"We each have time, talent, and creativity, all of which can be powerful forces for positive change. Share your blessing in whatever form they come and in whatever level you have been blessed."*

That said, are we all ready to roll in 2023? Are we ready to share our blessings and give back to our alma mater? Some of the projects we have:

- ◆ UPAACC-Crisologo Cabacungan Scholarship Program - The UP Office of Scholarships and Student Affairs will select a new scholar for us this year. Our scholar, Jhermien Paul Alejandria, graduated last 2nd semester of 2022 with the degree of BS Political Science (*Magna Cum Laude*). This scholarship gives an opportunity to deserving young people turn their dream into a reality.
- ◆ Balik-Scientist Program - Johnny Abilay successfully spearheaded this program for 5 years and it ended last year. A balance of \$1,500 was left from the student assistantship grant. Since there was a financial need for supplies and equipment like microscopes according to Johnny, the board members approved diverting the money from the student assistantship to buy supplies and equipment. It was also decided to continue the program for another year and will review it yearly whether to continue or not.
- ◆ Computer Donation Program (to different UP Campuses) - \$1,000.00 was set aside for UP Baguio in 2022. Computer chairs were requested. To date, 54 chairs were donated to the College of Science. Thanks to August Lansigan and Annabelle Atienza who helped in this project.
- ◆ Annual Gift Program - This is a voluntary tax-deductible annual giving for members and friends of UPAACC to help continue our projects not only to our alma mater but as well as to local communities. If you have not done it yet, this is a good year to start.
- ◆ Community Service - We donate money yearly to different local charitable organizations in the Central Valley like the Modesto Gospel Mission for the homeless.

I encourage you to attend our general meetings in Spring and Fall, as well as read our newsletter, courtesy of our very committed officer Rey Elizondo. Here, you will find the minutes of our meetings, keep yourself informed and updated on our current and new projects so you can consider how to help UPAACC in any way you can. We welcome all your suggestions/ideas especially how we can make this organization more interesting/exciting to its members.

With our joint effort and team spirit, we will not only continue to succeed in our mission but also deepen our camaraderie. Here we come 2023, we are back in action, forty years and still counting! Let's all keep pushing up!

Wishing everyone a happy and good health all year round. God bless!

Susan □

always been active alumni having been past presidents of UPAASF in the early 2000's.□

UPAACC-NORTH

CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS



Our UPAACC members from Modesto, Turlock and Stockton area celebrated their version of Christmas at Kusina Restaurant

(Modesto) which is owned by our new lifetime members, Victorio and Silahis Pidlaon.

It was a fun day of delicious food, exchange gifts, games with prizes for the winners, and great camaraderie. Everyone was happy with the gift they received. The winners of the games were the husband and wife team, the Atienzas of Stockton, Reggie and Annabelle (see page 7).□

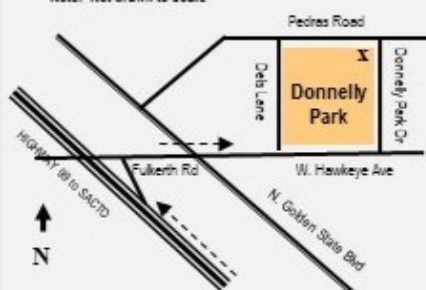
2023 SPRING GENERAL MEETING

DIRECTIONS:

From Highway 99 North

- From Highway 99 Take Fulkerth Road Exit.
- Proceed east on Fulkerth Road (which becomes W. Hawkeye Road when you pass N. Golden State Blvd.)
- Turn left on Dels Lane,
- Then turn right on Pedras Road,
- Turn right on Donnelly Park Drive.

Note: Not drawn to scale



DONNELLY PARK Area F

April 1, 2023, Saturday, 11:00 AM

600 Pedras Road, Turlock, CA 95380



- Financial Report & Budget Review
- Projects Review & Update
- UPAACC Newsletter
- Facebook/Social Media
- Tax Filing Status
- Other Business and More!

- **Potluck Picnic:** To be hosted by UPAACC North. Please bring your favorite desserts, fruits and other food to share!
- **Raffle Fund-Raising:** To all members - Please bring along unwrapped gifts - valued \$10 or more as raffle prizes - help support your Association!

HEADCOUNT: Before March 25th, please let your area directors know that you will be attending. This is a family affair - take your family along with you and invite prospective members to join us.



ALTHOUGH MASKS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED IN CALIFORNIA (WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS), SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE STILL RECOMMENDED AND WILL BE OBSERVED DURING THE MEETING.

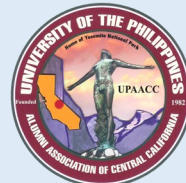


YES! I WANT TO SUPPORT THE UPAACC ANNUAL GIFT PROGRAM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND IT TO:

Annabelle Atienza, Treasurer, UPAACC, 5542 Mirror Place, Stockton, CA 95219

UPAACC Annual Gift Program



Name _____ Date _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone No: _____ E-mail address _____

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ (Pay to the Order of UPAACC). Please designate my gift to the following: (check one)

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> UPAACC-Crisologo Cabacungan Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Seminars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balik-Scientist Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Equipment & Supplies Donation | <input type="checkbox"/> UPAACC General Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Textbook/Computer/Kaagapay sa Pag-aaral Donation | | <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____ (specify) |

TAX ID. NO: 47-3340773



Mendiola's Residence Modesto, CA November 5, 2022

I. Attendance: Susan Mendiola, Nenita Dean, Rey Elizondo, Annabelle Atienza, Juliet Espejo, Chola Pascua, Lydia Favor, Orly Dyoco, Maribelle Dyoco, Regis Atienza, Johnny Abilay, Cheryll Villena, Ron Villena, and Godie Mendiola.

II. Call to Order: President Susan Mendiola called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Susan thanked the UPAACC board members, officers and members for the success of the 40th Anniversary held on September, 24, 2022 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Modesto. The board members thanked Susan and Godie for their hospitality to hold the board meeting at their residence and for the delicious food.

III. Prayer: The board members prayed for lunch and meeting led by Johnny Abilay.

IV. Minutes of the Last General Meeting: The minutes of the 2022 Summer General Meeting was published in the Fall 2022 UPAACC Newsletter. The minutes were silently read and reviewed. The board approved the minutes. Nenita Dean thanked and commended Juliet Espejo for the excellent minutes of the meeting.

V. Treasurer's Report: Annabelle Atienza presented the financial report as summarized below: *(Updated to February 11, 2023)*

A. Current Balance as of 6/01/2022:

1. Checking Account	\$ 28,044.44
2. Savings Account	20,662.34
Total Checking/Savings. . .	\$ 46,706.78

B. Income as of 2/11/2023:

1. 40th Anniversary	\$ 7,275.00
2. Annual Gift Program	300.00
3. Additional Checks	799.00
Total Income:	\$ 8,374.00

C. Expenses as of 2/11/2023:

1. 40th Anniversary Celebration Expenses: (Attendees: 76)	
a) Venue/Food/beverages . .	\$ 5,274.83
b) DJ	350.00
c) Photographer	750.00
d) Event Program	280.51
e) Plants, giveaways, others . .	220.70
f) Plants, giveaways, others . .	464.16
g) Returned Check & Fee	87.00
Sub-Total:	\$ 7,427.20
2. General Expenses:	
a) 2022 Summer Meeting . .	\$ 953.53
b) Flowers for Nisperos,	581.34

Reyes, Favor

c) Newsletters (3 issues)	182.34
d) Podium Banner	48.76
e) Lifetime Membership Plaques & Mailing	210.02
f) Recognition Plaques	194.18
g) UPMASA Souvenir Ad	175.00
h) UP Baguio Chair Donation .	1,000.00
Sub-Total:	\$ 3,345.17
Total Expenses:	\$ 10,772.37

D. Total Checking Balance (2/11/2023):

1) Checking (6/1/2022)	\$ 26,044.44
2) Income	8,374.00
3) Expenses	(10,772.37)
Total Checking:	\$ 23,646.07

E. Total Savings Balance (2/11/2023):

1) Savings (6/1/2022)	\$ 20,662.34
2) Lifetime Membership (11 @ \$ 150 each).	1,650.00
3) Interest	1.37
Total Savings:	\$ 22,313.71

F. Current Balance (2/11/2023):

1) Checking	\$ 23,646.07
2) Savings	22,313.71
Total:	\$ 45,959.78

Rey suggested that the lifetime membership plaques and podium banner should not be included in the event expenses but to general expenses. It was also emphasized that the anniversary celebration was not intended as a fund-raising event. The main fund-raising project for 2022 was the UPAACC 2-year calendar (~\$ 8,010.00 income). Rey also pointed out the expense at the Summer general meeting at the Golden Harbor buffet in Fresno on June 11, 2022.

VI. President's Report: Susan Mendiola expressed her thanks to the board for all the support. The board members expressed thanks to the Modesto group for the successful event. Susan shared her experiences about the preparation for the 40th anniversary celebration. Rey Elizondo reminded everyone on how to access the pictures of the event. The following link gives the instructions on how to order pictures.

(<https://starshotsphotography.zenfolio.com/upaacc> Password: Anniversary)

VII. Project Update:

A. UPAACC-Crisologo Cabacungan Scholarship: Rey Elizondo referred the board members to page 9 of the Fall 2022 newsletter. The UPAACC scholar Jhermien Paul Alejandria, graduated with

a BS Political Science (*Magna Cum Laude*) from UP Diliman, and his letter of gratitude to UPAACC is featured. We are currently waiting for the announcement for the new scholar starting 1st semester, 2022-2023.

(Questions: Do we want to meet the new scholar? Suggestions were made for the board to meet the new scholar via ZOOM or by one person and others could join. Susan Mendiola will set up the date as soon as the new scholar is announced by UP Office of Scholarships and Student Services (UP OSSS). It was also noted that Wilma Cabacungan donated specifically for the scholarship. Per Annabelle Atienza, for the donation, a 1098 FORM must be completed).

B. Balik Scientist - Dairy Cattle Project:

Johnny Abilay gave an update published in the Fall 2022 newsletter, Johnny mentioned the 10-year Comprehensive Dairy Industry Development Program proposed as a collaboration project of DTRI and NDA. The mechanics for implementation have been drafted and reviewed. He said that Dr. Willie Dar, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture had endorsed the implementation of the initiative. He mentioned that there is a need to go directly to the Philippine President for implementation. A letter to the President of the Philippines has been drafted. The balance of student assistant grant from UPAACC is Php 350,000 (~US\$ 6,394 @ Php 54.74 = 1US\$).

Johnny stated that there is a financial need for supplies. It was clarified that the supplies included equipment like microscopes. Rey Elizondo noted that \$ 1,500 was budgeted for student assistantship grant in the current 2022 budget but no money was allocated for supplies. Motion: Johnny made a motion to use the \$ 1,500 for supplies and equipment. The board approved diverting the \$ 1,500 for student assistantship to supplies/equipment. Johnny will communicate this to DTRI.

Rey Elizondo mentioned that the 5-year contract is over. He noted that UPAACC committed 5 years support to this project. Rey asked if UPAACC should continue. Motion: To approve the project on a year-to-year basis.

C. Computer Donation (2022): UPAACC committed the computer donation of continued on page 5

UPAACC PROJECT IN ACTION

UPAACC's seven (7) major continuing projects are supported annually through the general funds. Among them is the Annual Computer Hardware/Software donation to various campuses which was started 21 years ago.

In 2002, then UP President Francisco Nemenzo visited the Central Valley and met with the officers and members of UPAACC. In this meeting, President Nemenzo provided the Association with a "Wish List" from various UP campus in need such as laboratory supplies & equipment, computer hardware & software and textbooks. UPAACC committed to providing computer hardware and/or software in the amount of \$ 1,000 annually. Since 2002 this donation is rotated among the smaller UP campuses with limited budget such as Baguio, Cebu, Mindanao and Visayas (Iloilo).

In 2022, the recipient, UP Baguio, requested computer chairs instead of computer hardware/software. August Lansigan and Annabelle Atienza (UP Baguio graduate) coordinated this donation. This year's (2023) recipient will be UP Visayas (Iloilo). □

UPAACC Donates 54 Computer Chairs to UP Baguio



HAPPENING AT UPB

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24 November 2022



New chairs for the Department of
Mathematics and Computer
Science

University of the Philippines Baguio

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UPB College of Science

Today the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science received 54 swivel computer chairs from the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Central California.

From left Prof. Lee Javellana, Prof. Ashlyn Balagood, YCAA Rosemary Gutierrez, Beki Tenebrancia, Prof. Gilbert Peralta and Prof. Joel Addawe. Seated is the supplier of the swivel computer chair Ms. Joy Gutierrez.

THANK YOU UPAACC



2022 FALL BOARD MEETING . . continued

\$1,000 to UP Baguio. However, UP Baguio requested for computer chairs instead. Next year's (2023) recipient of the computer donation is UP Iloilo.

D. Membership Drive: There are 11 new members. Kudos to recruiters for their good job. This is highest number of new members recruited in recent years. Question: What should be done to welcome these new members? For example, Fresno has 9 new members. Fresno group will discuss and try to schedule a small welcome party for these new members. The idea was approved. The Modesto and Stockton areas will also discuss and plan.

Membership fee payment was waived this year (2022) to new members. This will end. Membership fee payment would resume next year, 2023.

Susan Mendiola presented to Juliet Espejo a plaque to recognize her dedication to UPAACC. Julie was unable to attend the 40th anniversary celebration due to being out of the country.

E. Annual Gift Program: A total donation of \$ 300 was received:

1. For Community Service . . . \$ 100
2. For Scholarship \$ 100

3. For General Fund \$ 100

F. Fund Raising Drive for 2023 - Two fund-raising proposals were discussed:

1. Crab Feed Lunch at Stockton and Fresno (split the venue). Annabelle Atienza will check the venue and prices in Stockton and Maribelle Dyoco will do the same in Fresno.
2. Sweatshirts with UPAACC logo. Rey shared the nice UPAACC logo that he created. Lydia Favor will research and ask for samples. The board will choose the design and color and will present to the membership in the next general meeting.

G. Community Service: \$ 500 was allocated to Modesto area in 2022. This amount was donated to the Gospel Mission. The next allocation will go to Fresno.

H. UPAACC Newsletter: Rey Elizondo announced that he would request the board of directors at each area to submit to him any new happening locally for next newsletter. There are ten board members. He will send an e-mail to each director. The next newsletter is the Spring issue.

I. Facebook/Social Media Project

Review: The explanation of the UPAACC Facebook accounts is shown on page 10 of the Fall 2022 newsletter. There are two accounts: Public and Private. Both accounts have administrators who approve membership and publications. Susan will be added as administrator to the Public account.

VIII. Other Matters: Nenita Dean suggested having a fund trip for UPAACC members such as a train ride. Nenita will research and share information about the possibility. Susan commended Rey for sending the UPAACC newsletters to other UP Alumni Associations. The idea was to give information about our Association to anyone from these associations who moves to Central Valley so they could get in touch with our Association.

IX. Next Meeting: The next general meeting will be on March 11, 2023, Saturday in Turlock at 11:00 AM. Possible venue is China Buffet. Johnny Abilay will inquire about the venue.

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by:

Nenita Dean, Secretary

Approved by:

Susan Mendiola, President □

IN LOVING MEMORY: *Helen Socorro D. Reyes, MD* (September 22, 1954 - December 29, 2022)



UPAACC President, 2007– 2008

Dr. Helen Socorro Dagdag Reyes, of Jacksonville, Florida and formerly from Stockton, California, passed away after a prolonged illness on December 29, 2022 at the age of 68.

Helen was born to Arturo Horlanda Reyes and Cirila Dagdag Reyes in Camiling, Tarlac, Philippines on September 22, 1954. She studied premed at the University of the Philippines, Diliman and earned her medical degree at University of the Philippines College of Medicine.

In 1984, she immigrated to the United States and later finished her residency training in Pediatrics at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Oakland, California.

Helen was in private practice and later joined the Sutter-Gould Medical Group in Stockton and served the community for more than 25 years before her disability and retirement. Despite a busy career, Helen was an active member of First Baptist Church where she sang in the church choir.

She served as a member and President of the Filipino Medical and Allied Professionals (FILMAPS), a local organization that provides scholarship opportunities for Filipino-Americans with exemplary achievements in academics, sports or music. She was also a member of the FILMAPS Chorale and FILMAPS Dance Troupe, through which the group promoted Filipino cultural awareness throughout northern and central California.

Helen was also a member, Treasurer and President of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association in Central California (UPAACC) and a member and Treasurer of the University of the Philippines Medical Alumni Society in America, Northern California Chapter (NCC UPMASA). Both alumni organizations provide financial support to the different University of the Philippines colleges across the Philippines and to the charitable projects of the UP College of Medicine and Philippine General Hospital.



UPAACC Inaugural Dinner-Dance, Modesto (February, 2015)

While Helen never married nor had any children, she was considered a second mom to all of her nephews and nieces and cared for them like her own children. Helen served many roles throughout her life: daughter, sister, Tita and Doctor. Because of her big heart, she was a positive influence in the lives of many beyond family and friends. She also leaves behind a legacy of dedication and service to her patients that spans generations.

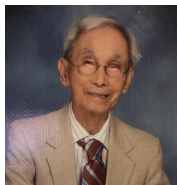
Helen leaves to cherish her loving memory to her three sisters and brother: Maria Yolanda (Gregory), Amelia (Randy), Winnie Ruth (Kelly), and Roberto Antonio (Tammie); her 13 nieces and nephews, and ten grandchildren; uncles, aunts and cousins from both the Philippines and California.

She will be missed by all she touched in her 68 years of life. □



2007 UPAA in America Convention, San Francisco, CA (September, 2007)

In Memoriam



Catalino Ramos Favor

August 18, 1921-January 24, 2023

Catalino "Itay" Favor was born on August 18, 1921 in San Narciso, Zambales to Bruno Favor and Dalmalia Ramos and died peacefully in his sleep on January 23, 2023 at the age 101 in Fresno, California. He is survived by children Lydia, Zenaida, Arcy, and Antonio Fuentes; daughter-in-law Armilyn; grandchildren Ariel and Josh; and numerous adopted children and relatives all over the world.



The Favor Family

Living a life decorated with achievement, he was the first from San Narciso to go to college, graduating from the Philippine Normal College with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Following this achievement, he served in World War II. Eventually returning to civilian life, he worked his way up to the position of Manager of Ayala Molasses Corporation in the Philippines until his retire-

ment and immigration to the United States.

Embodying the phrase "Service Above Self", Itay served as an active member of the Knights of Columbus while in the Philippines, a member of the Filipino-American Association of Fresno and Vicinity and the Filipino Catholic League, and as a volunteer crossing guard at Fort Washington Elementary School.

Additionally, Itay served as an associate member of the US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation. In his life, he became a true "Itay" to all, served as a paragon of humility and provided aid to others when called upon. His pious life and unyielding love is now rewarded with everlasting salvation in the light of the Lord and reunion with his beloved wife, Juanita. □



NOVEMBER 5, 2022 - UPAACC BOARD MEETING - MODESTO



DECEMBER 18, 2022 - CHRISTMAS PARTY - MODESTO



JANUARY 12, 2023 - HELEN REYES' FUNERAL SERVICE - STOCKTON

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Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail address _____

Phone No: Home _____ Work _____ e-mail: _____

2023 SPRING Newsletter FINAL

UPAACC Project Updates

A. UPAACC-Crisologo Cabacungan Scholarship - The UP Office of Student Services & Scholarships (OSSS) reported that they are in the process of selecting the next scholar. Likewise, the UP Foundation Office that manages the funds of the scholarship program indicated that the current balance of the scholarship fund is PhP1,417,925.63 (~US\$25,673 @ PhP 55.23 = 1US\$).

B. Computer Donation - In 2022, UPAACC donated 54 computer chairs to UP Baguio (see page 5) and this year's (2023) recipient is UP Visayas.

C. Balik Scientist Program -

- According to available information, there are only 24,000 milking cows in the country producing an average of 8.5 kgs per cow. The USA has 9 million dairy cows producing an average of 35 kgs per cow.
- National Dairy Cattle Breeding Plan has been formulated and implemented. Frozen conventional and sex-sorted semen from proven genetically superior sires from the USA are used in the breeding program.
- Major objective of the National Dairy Cattle Breeding Plan is to develop two genetically superior Philippine breeds of dairy cattle, the Philstein (Philippine

Holstein) and the Philsey (Philippine Jersey).

- Unfavorable environmental factors, including high seasonal temperature and humidity, inadequate and low-quality feed supply, prevalence of cattle diseases and inadequate housing for dairy cattle cause low milk production. Fortunately, some human intervention can mitigate some of the harsh environmental situations.

D. Community Service - This year's (2023) recipient of the \$100 budgeted is Fresno.

E. Annual Gift Program - This ongoing program still needs more of our support. Last year's donation was only \$ 300.□

UP News Briefs



Grand Idea

The University of the Philippines takes pride in its students, passionately generating and sharing their ideas to address real-world problems and encouraging fellow scholars to thrive.

A UP Visayas 4th year student, Grand C. Gascon, was recognized as the only Chemical Engineering undergraduate and Filipino who became a finalist of Bayer's International Youth Agriculture Summit. Bayer's biennial

summit was sponsored by the Crop Science division of Bayer in partnership with the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and Babele.

Gascon's pitch was on controlling the amount of light that reaches plants to improve their growth. He thought that if camera filters could reduce the amount of sunlight that could reach the camera's sensors, there are also ways to improve exposure to sunlight and apply these ideas to enhance plant growth and, ultimately, food production.□



UPAACC Member at the Walk of Closure

President Ferdinand

Marcos Jr. met

with former security officers who served under his father, the late Ferdinand Marcos, who was ousted from power more than 36 years ago. Dubbed as the **"Walk of Closure,"** the ceremony was held at the Malacañang Palace Grounds during Marcos' first day in office last July 2022.

Among those present during the event to render their final salute was former **Lieutenant Colonel Fe Castro** (UP GN, UPAACC Lifetime Member) who used to be a nurse of the former president.□