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2022-23 CALENDAR*

Summer 2023 Board Meeting - August 19, 2023
KUSINA Modesto

Fall 2023 General Meeting & Election of Officers
September 30, 2023
Woodward Park, Fresno
(see page 3 for details)

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

JIMENEZ: UP TO LEAD THE WAY



UP to lead the way to improving the quality of education in other SUC's

Addressing the graduating class of the University of the Philippines-Diliman, UP President Angelo Jimenez announced that UP would lead efforts to democratize access to quality tertiary education by helping improve the quality of education in other state universities and colleges (SUCs).

In his commencement address, delivered on July 30th via a video recording due to inclement weather, Jimenez pointed out that "as the national university, we are mandated under Republic Act 9500, the law revising the UP Charter, to lead in higher education."

The labor lawyer reminded the UPD Class of 2023 that of the 114 SUCs in the country, UP gets 20% of the national budget for higher education.

"We all know there is a huge gap overall between the quality of UP education and the rest of the SUCs. No other public tertiary educational institution in the Philippines has ever landed among the top 1000 in global rankings," lamented Jimenez.

The UP President said it is paradoxical "that access to our university, which we love to call the University of the People, is very difficult for

the people."

"I believe in democratic access to UP education. And I believe that is best done by helping improve the quality of education in other SUCs."

Jimenez said this would be more equitable as a student would not have to go to UP to access a UP-level education.

"At the same time," said the Butuan native, "we can review the UPCAT and our equity-excellence formulas to give our disadvantaged a better fighting chance."

UP, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and other SUCs are set to hold the first UP-SUC Summit on Excellence and Equity in Public Higher Education on September 15. The summit aims to achieve the following objectives:

- ♦ *To discuss strategies for overcoming challenges in establishing and maintaining linkages between universities;*
- ♦ *To promote sharing best practices and innovative approaches in academic, research, and public service collaboration;*
- ♦ *To identify opportunities for graduate education, student and faculty exchange, joint research, and sharing of educational resources and other academic and research activities; and,*
- ♦ *To establish a framework for sustainable and effective collaboration between UP, CHED, and other SUCs by signing an undertaking or a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the key points of agreement among the participants.*

Source: UP System Website □



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Name our Newsletter Contest



As far as one can remember, UPAACC started its first issue of our newsletter in the mid-90's by Johnny Quijano, then UPAACC's president. Later, in 1999, Rey Elizondo took over the publication of the newsletter when he became its 6th president. Since then the Association has continued publishing its newsletter at least 2 to 3 times annually.

The newsletter is the main means of communication among our members and assures our members that the Association is alive and well! Although the format of the newsletter changed several times through the years, the name remains the same.

More recently our current president, Susan Mendiola, suggested that we should consider renaming our newsletter to reflect more about the Association, such as its scenic location, the Central Valley of California, and its objectives, rather just a generic name, "UPAACC Newsletter".

During the last Spring general meeting, the membership agreed to set up a contest to re-name our newsletter. This contest is open to all members of UPAACC and here are some simple rules:

1. Name and its meaning/significance to our

The President's Corner

How time flies! It was in September last year when we celebrated our 40th year anniversary and here we are again blessed to have another year of existence. Hopefully, we will have many more years of celebrations since we are a dynamic group with a bright outlook. We make things happen and we will persevere in pursuing our objectives.



Susan C. Mendiola
President, UPAACC
2022 - 2023

Within our different projects, I am happy to say that for the UPAACC-Crisologo Cabacungan Scholarship, we have a new scholar, effective second semester 2022, in the person of John Paul A. Balines, a sophomore student in Industrial Engineering from UP-Los Banos. He is the 15th student we have given a scholarship since we started in 1991. The Balik Scientist Program, after a successful 5-year completion coordinated by Jonny Abilay, will be evaluated on a yearly basis by the Board whether to continue or not. For the annual computer hardware/software donation, UP Iloilo is our recipient this year. Our community service is on-going as we give monetary donations yearly to a charitable institution within the Central Valley. The Fresno ladies' group also has a "Crochet-A-Hat" project wherein they donate hats/beanies to the homeless and women's shelter in their area. For the membership drive, we have plans to advertise our organization in church's bulletin and bump up our events on social media (Facebook).

Our financial status is stable. We opened a new CD account a few months ago to have better bank account earnings. To sustain our projects, we have the UPAACC Annual Gift Program, and I am truly thankful to those who have donated. A fund-raising is in the works to sell UP sweatshirts and Lydia Favor is in-charge. Rey Elizondo also started the ball rolling for another fund-raising, the UPAACC two-year calendar (2024-2025). To date, the 24 months are all sold out! Thank you to all the donors. However, we are still in need of more (donors without calendar months) to meet our goal. Please help support these activities. By doing so, you make a meaningful impact to realize our projects and you become part of creating a positive change.

Coming up in a few months are "name-giving contest" to our newsletter and the election of the new set of UPAACC officers for 2024-2025. I am inviting you to join and be an integral part of these upcoming activities. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Sending you warm wishes as we welcome the fall season. God bless us all!

Susan □

Association.

2. Only one entry will be accepted from each member.
3. In case of 2 or more of the same winning entries, the date of submission will determine the winner.

Please send your entry to Susan Mendiola by email (gmend2031@yahoo.com) or by mail (2100 Amarone Ct., Modesto, CA 95355). The deadline for submission of the entries will be September 15th, and the membership will vote on it at our Fall meeting on September 30 in Fresno. The winner will

receive a cash prize of \$100. The first issue of our newsletter in 2024 will have its name then. □

I highly recommend the movie "**Oppenheimer**" because of its relevance to today's world situation.

Rey

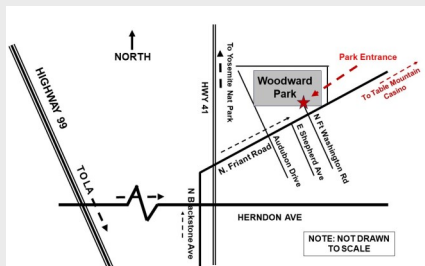
"If atomic bombs are to be added as new weapons to the arsenals of a warring world, or to the arsenals of nations preparing for war, then the time will come when mankind will curse the names of Los Alamos and of Hiroshima." **J. Robert Oppenheimer**

UPAACC FALL 2023 GENERAL MEETING

DIRECTIONS:

From Highway 99 South

- Take the Herndon Ave Exit, left on Herndon (East) at the light and cross over RR tracks,
- Stay on Herndon Ave for about 8 - 9 miles, then turn left on N. Blackstone Avenue,
- After passing under Hwy 41, N. Blackstone Avenue turns to Friant Road. On Friant Road, bear left,
- Pass Audubon Drive St.; Pass Shepherd Ave and stay on the left lane.
- On the next stop light, turn left on N. Ft. Washington Rd onto the Park Entrance to Woodward Park.
- Once you enter the park, go straight and at the end of the road, go straight onto the parking lot of River View Picnic Shelter. Look out for UPAACC signs.
- (PARK & PAY SYSTEM - DAILY RATES)
 - ◇ Regular (\$5.00)
 - ◇ Seniors (\$3.00) - 65 years or older (driver or occupants)



WOODWARD PARK RIVER VIEW PICNIC SHELTER September 30, 2023, Saturday, 11:00 AM FRESNO, CA



- Election of Officers: 2024-2025
- Financial Report & Budget Review
- Projects Review & Update
- Name our Newsletter Contest
- Facebook/Social Media
- Fund Raising Projects
- UPAACC 2024-2025 2-Yr Calendar

- **Potluck Picnic:** To be hosted by UPAACC South. Please bring your favorite desserts, fruits and other food to share!
- **Raffle Fund-Raising:** To all members - Please bring along unwrapped gifts - valued \$20 or more as raffle prizes - help support your Association!

HEADCOUNT: Before Sept. 16th, 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.

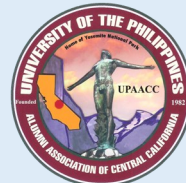


YES! I WANT TO SUPPORT THE UPAACC ANNUAL GIFT PROGRAM

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



**Donnelly Park
Turlock, CA
June 10, 2023**

I. Call to Order: President Susan Mendiola called the meeting to order at 12:25 PM. Susan thanked the attendees for their presence and support. There were 18 attendees composed of members, family and friends from the North and South Areas.

II. Prayer/UP Beloved: Prayer before lunch was led by Elnora Bugay. UP Beloved was led by Johnny Abilay.

III. Introduction: UPAACC members, family and friends introduced themselves.

IV. Secretary's Report: Minutes of the 2022 Summer General Meeting on June 11, 2022 and Board Meeting on November 5, 2022 were published in the newsletter. The members silently reviewed the minutes. Nenita Dean moved the approval of the 2022 General meeting minutes, seconded by Jet Belleza. Renee moved the approval of the 2022 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Lydia Favor. The minutes were approved.

V. Treasurer's Report: Rey Elizondo presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Annabelle Atenza. Copies of the financial report as of June 10, 2023 were distributed. The summary is shown below:

A. Current Balance as of 6/10/2023:

1. Checking Account:

As of 6/1/2022	\$ 26,044.44
Total Income	7,575.00
Total Expenses	(10,836.58)
Total Checking	\$ 22,728.86

2. Savings Account:

As of 6/1/2022	\$ 20,662.34
Lifetime Membership Fee	1,650.00
Interest Earned	1.37
Total Savings	\$ 22,313.71

Total Checking/Savings . . \$ 45,042.57

Add'l Checks Deposited . . 799.00

Grand Total: \$ 45,841.57

(Note: Some of the details of this expense report are given in the Spring 2023 issue)

B. Comments:

Renee Smith asked if there is any maximum required by the State. The response was that under \$50K is acceptable. There were suggestions to increase the scholarship money or two campuses per year. President Susan Mendiola mentioned that Wilma Cabacungan's children would continue to support the scholarship program.

Boots Mayol suggested to move some

money to CD (from the savings account) to earn more interest for six months or one year. Boots proposed to put \$10,000 to CD and keep the balance (~\$12K) in the savings account. Renee Smith seconded the motion. Nenita Dean mentioned that banks have certain requirements regarding CD and should be checked. The membership approved the motion to transfer \$10K from the saving account to CD.

Action: Susan Mendiola would check the bank rates and requirements. Gemma Biscocho moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Renee Smith. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

VI. President's Report: Susan Mendiola announced the new UP President is Angelo Jimenez and requested the members to look at the current newsletter (Spring, 2023) for details about him.

Susan also mentioned that any news about UP can be accessed at Alumni site, UP Office of Alumni Association. She noticed that other UP Associations publish their donations to UP. Susan requested that our Association be transparent and inform the Alumni site of our donations.

Cheryll Villena informed the group that Ted Herbosa, UP Medicine 1983, is the new Secretary of the Department of Health of the Philippines (DOH).

VII. Project Update:

A. UPAACC-Crisologo Cabacungan Scholarship: Johnny Abilay reported that the last two scholars graduated **Magna Cum Laude**. One graduated with a degree in Political Science, the other with a degree in Community Nutrition.

Johnny added that the new scholar from UP Los Banos is John Paul Balines, a sophomore student in Industrial Engineering, and he would need a laptop after completing the 2nd semester (2022-23) with a GPA of 1.6083. Starting the 1st semester (2023-24), John is transferring to UP Dili-man to pursue a BS degree in Tourism. UP Office of Scholarships and Student Services (OSSS) oversees the selection the scholar. As of August 8, 2023, the balance amount of our scholarship is PhP1.417 million in the scholarship fund (~\$25,300).

Action: Rey would arrange the zoom meeting to meet the scholars.

B. Balik Scientist - Dairy Cattle Project: Susan Mendiola referred to the information

provided in UPAACC newsletter minutes of the Board Meeting on November 5, 2022. Johnny Abilay provided updates including the change of grades requirements from 2.5 to 2.75 in the MOU; the retirement of the Chairman of Scholarship Committee at UP Los Banos; the balance of PhP100,000 increased to PhP301,000 submitted to the business office; and lastly, one scholar has graduated.

Rey asked the members' opinion on whether to continue the program or not. Susan Mendiola referred to two motions discussed at the Board Meeting on 11/5/2022 that need approval at the general meeting. The two motions were: 1) moving \$1,500 for supplies and equipment, 2) to approve the project on a year-to-year basis.

He moved for approval to move \$1,500 for supplies and equipment, and other priorities. Lydia Favor seconded. The motion was approved.

Boots Mayol moved for approval that Balik Scientist project be approved on a year- to -year basis. Renee Smith seconded. The motion was approved.

C. Computer Donation (2023): This year's (2023) recipient of the \$1,000 computer donation is UP Iloilo. August Lansigan is initiating contact with campus administration.

D. Fund Raising Drive for 2023 - Lydia Favor presented the UP sweatshirt design. The cost per unit is PhP800 (~\$14.30) for a minimum of 25 orders. The members asked clarifications on the design and gave some suggestions. Finally, the members agreed on Rey' suggestions:

Option 1 - Maroon sweatshirt with small front logo and UPAACC (in gold letters) underneath the logo (front only).

Option 2 - Same as above but with small "University of the Philippines" (in gold letters) on the back of the sweat shirt.

The members approved Option 1 (see page 7).

Action: Lydia Favor to ask further about the price. Rey Elizondo to include the information in the newsletter (see page 7). Order can begin during Fall.

E. Annual Gift Program: \$150 received from Elnora Bugay and \$100 from Fe Castro. Both donations are for the general fund.

F. Membership Drive: There are 11 new members. Kudos to Orly Dyoco for

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UPAACC SPRING GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 10, 2023



FAREWELL DINNER WITH THE LIMJOCOS - AUGUST 24, 2023



Elena B. Mangahas

President 2023-2024

The Rotary Club of
Central Stockton



We are always on the lookout for the wingspan of UP alumni in the diaspora who are either using their field of study to create change in the world or taking on leadership roles to advance ideas and bring progressive change to their industry or organizations.

UPAACC Charter Member Elena Buensalido Mangahas has just recently been inducted as the President of the Rotary Club of Central Stockton (RCCS).

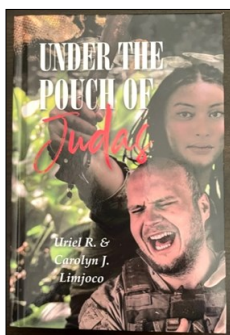
There are five Rotary Clubs in the city and RCCS was chartered five years ago, the youngest club in the Rotary circle in the area. RCCS was formed out of the need to harness the service-oriented

men and women in the Filipino community and find a nurturing space for a succession of others. Rotary is an international organization with a track record for humanitarian work that spans over a hundred years with its 1.4 million interconnected community leaders - committed to serving their community, and together with the world.

Elena retired from her 33 years in her County job with solid program knowledge in workforce development. It is her civil service foundation that gave her the inspiration to affiliate with Rotary work and its foundational value of Service Above Self. She has never been a Rotarian in the Philippines and she is quick to correct the notion that it is an exclusive association. Fact is, the biggest impact of Rotary International in the Philippines is the huge campaign to eradicate polio, its top humanitarian priority.

Rotary's global goals have expanded with the times and ground-work has been set in motion in its many areas of service, including support for the mental health of people and communities. Elena has long been committed to the quality of life in her Stockton community and her work is cut for greater impact as she leads a diverse group of Rotarians who are advocates like her. Ask her about Rotary, she said.□

UPAACC News Briefs



Under the Pouch of Judas

Authors Uriel and Carolyn Limjoco's new book "*Under the Pouch of Judas*" follows a woman's sacrifice to better the lives of the rural communities of the Philippines.

Inspired by the character and teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal, the youthful and lovely Marissa struggled to lift the living conditions in rural Philippines with the help of a dedicated American Military physician at a time when hate and political debauchery governed the country. Is it worth the ultimate sacrifice? Perhaps so. Only time will tell. This book is out and available on Amazon.com and other major bookstores.

Another book "*Paper Eucalyptus*" should be coming out before Christmas 2024 and they are also working on "*Secrets of the Mara*".

UPAACC members, Uri and Carolyn, a husband-and-wife team co-authored multiple books, two which were published in 2021 - *The Popes* and *Cytokine*. Uri is a general surgeon who graduated from the University of the Philippines, College of Medicine and retired after 20 years of private practice and 20 years active surgical service in the US Navy. He is a retired captain in the US

Navy.

Carolyn met Uri while she was in college at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her young married life was principally involved in raising their six children and leading them to become God-loving, educated, and industrious members of the community.

After 34 years in California, Uri and Carolyn are moving back to Wisconsin where they started their lives together, and to be closer to their daughter and her family.

We will surely miss both of them, especially Carolyn's lovely rendition of Filipino love songs during our fund-raising events.□



Graduation Time - 2023

The Espiritu's just shared with pride and joy the graduation of three of their grandchildren, two high school and one college graduate.

Their granddaughter Marissa graduated in Hawaii in June and is admitted to



Yale University and will major in Ethnicity, Migration and Educational Studies. She received the Punahou School Presidential Award 2023.

In Denver, grandson, Jeremy Quinn Vo

graduated **Cum Laude** from Northfield High School (Denver, CO) last May with Excellence in Science Award and National Honor Society. He will attend the University of Maryland with major in Astrophysics.

Another grandson, Andrew Tai Vo will graduate this coming December (2023) from the University of Washington (Seattle) with double major in Physiology & Biochemistry with minor in Chemistry.



Johannes Felice Pascua Tagle

Nenita Dean proudly announces the graduation of her grandnephew, Johannes

Felice Pascua Tagle, **Cum Laude**, Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication, from the University of the Philippines, Diliman.

UPAACC extends its congratulations to all graduates for their outstanding achievements.□

Community Service: Save-A-Life



Our own President, Susan Mendiola, coordinator of the Health Ministry of St. Joseph's Church in Modesto, headed the Blood Donation Drive with the American Red Cross last July 28, 2023. The event took place at the St. Joseph's Church. A total of thirty-six units of blood was collected. Good work, Susan!□

UPAACC Fund Raising Project Updates



UPAACC 2-YEAR CALENDAR

YES! It is that time of the year again. As we have done every 2 years, UPAACC is again publishing a 24-month personalized calendar and is now soliciting personal and business advertisements. Even if you decide not to advertise but still wish to contribute, please consider making cash donations.

As you all know, this fund raising is one of the most profitable projects we have had in recent years. Since we started this project in 2011, the average net profit on the calendar sales is around \$5-6K. This year's 2022-2023 calendar exceeded all our expectations, and netted over \$ 8,000 in revenue (the most profitable one, to date), thanks to all your support and participation. We hope to surpass that amount next year! UPAACC is a non-profit and tax-exempt association, and your donation may be used in filing your 2023 income tax return.

With your advertisement in this calendar, you can choose the month/year page with your family picture (or any of your favorite pictures) and personal message all in living color that you will be

proud to display and surely will enjoy for 2 years and beyond.

The calendar will be printed on 8-1/2"x11" semi-glossy paper. Also, please help solicit donations from your friends, relatives, and your local business establishments. Choices of advertisement or donation are as follow:

ADVERTISEMENT (with calendar page)

SOLD OUT

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|----------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1-page advertisement with one calendar month | \$150 |
| 1-page advertisement (no calendar month) | 100 |
| 1/2-page advertisement (no calendar month) | 75 |~~

CASH DONATIONS (without calendar page)

Sponsor	\$ 100
Patron	75
Donor & Friends of UP	50

Thank you for supporting UPAACC and its many projects to help our Alma Mater. Please submit your advertisement and/or donation by **November 15, 2023** to:

Rey Elizondo

1335 E. El Paso Avenue, Fresno, CA 93720-2638

E-mail: elizondor@comcast.net;

Tel No. (559)-273-3653

UPAACC SWEATSHIRT SALE



Advanced orders are now being accepted for UPAACC sweatshirts shown above at \$35.00 each. After enough sweatshirts are ordered (minimum 25), these sweatshirts will be purchased from the Philippines.

For your advanced order, please indicate the size you want. Based on experience regarding sweatshirt sizes, it is recommended that whatever is your US size (S, M, L, XL, etc), order the next higher size for Philippine size clothing.

Place your order to Lydia Favor (email: flydia71@gmail.com) to include number of sweatshirts and size(s). More orders will be accepted during the Fall general meeting in Fresno on September 30, 2023. After September 30th, no more orders will be accepted unless the minimum total order (25 units) has not been met.

For more information, please contact Lydia directly. □

Minutes continued

recruiting eleven new lifetime members.

Rey and Susan presented the honorary membership award to Lydia Favor for her father, Catalino Ramos Favor, recognizing his dedication to UPAACC. A well-deserved recognition. Rey also presented design for advertising on churches bulletin board and the prices for specific sizes such as \$1,201 per year for 1/4-business card size. He suggested to commit to a 1/4-business card for one bulletin ad only (under negotiation) as a trial run in Fresno amounting to around \$400 for four months.

Action: To discuss this proposal at the Fall Meeting.

G. Community Service: The next allocation will go to the Fresno area. The Fresno members would decide for what and where the allocation would be used. Lydia Favor informed the group that she, Chola and Juliet donated 100 hats and beanies that they completed for the Mission. The group suggested to take pictures for documentation of such donation and any type of donation.

H. UPAACC Newsletter: It was announced that next newsletter is the Fall issue. Rey requested the board of directors at each area to submit to him any new happening locally for next newsletter. All news articles are due by the end of August.

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.

J. Other Matters: Lydia Favor would be responsible to do the IRS and State Tax Filing. Rey will start working on the 2024-2025 UPAACC 2-yr calendar fund-raising.

VIII. Other Business: The election for the news officers (2024-2025) will be this coming Fall general meeting in Fresno. Rey is the president-elect and the new vice-president must be from the North Area.

Action: The proposed list of new officers will be prepared during the next board meeting in August.

IX. Next Meeting: The next general meeting will be on September 30, 2023, Saturday in Fresno starting at 11:00 AM. The venue will be the River View Picnic Shelter at Woodward Park (see page 3).

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Nenita Dean, Secretary

Approved by:

Susan Mendiola, President □

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PRO Maribelle Dyoco
Auditor Gemma Biscocho

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Johnny Abilay Tessie Miguelino
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Chola Pascua

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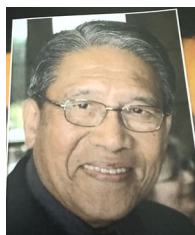
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NOTICE: If you are still receiving this newsletter by US mail, it means that we do not have your current e-mail address on file. You can help the Association save some money (~\$1.25 per copy for printing and mailing) that can be diverted towards our General Fund to support our projects if we can send a copy to you by email instead.

In Memoriam



Dr. Recto F. De Leon
January 21, 1938-
July 10, 2023

Dr. Recto Fernandez De Leon peacefully passed away at his home after a long courageous battle against cancer at the age of 85. He was born in Natividad, Pangasinan. He finished his Pre-Med at the University of the Philippines and his Medical degree from Far Eastern University.

Dr. De Leon had a medical career that spanned over 50 years and had a deep sense of service and stewardship. He and his wife, Clarita, participated in medical missions in rural communities in the Philippines from 1992 until his retirement in 2020. Dr. De Leon was also very active with both national and regional medical organizations such as the Philip-

pine Medical Society of Northern California and Association of Philippine Physicians in America serving several terms as president. The California Medical Associations awarded him the Frederick K.M. Plessner Memorial Award for embodying the ethics and practice of a rural country practitioner.

He was also involved with Modesto Rotary Club. Tragically and sadly, his beloved daughter, Nida Ann, joined him at the gates of heaven on the same day. Dr. De Leon is survived by his loving wife, Clarita, and sons Clarence and Richard, and six grandchildren."□

UP News Briefs



UP Alumni appointed to DOH and DND

President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. appointed Dr. Teodoro J. Herbosa and lawyer Gilberto Teodoro as Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) and Secretary of the Department of Defense (DND), respectively.

Teodoro J. Herbosa brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise in healthcare systems, public health, hospital administration, emergency and disaster medicine. He obtained his medical degree from the UP Manila and holds a bachelor's degree

in Biology from the UPD. Dr. Herbosa's educational background includes an International Diploma Course in Emergency and Crisis Management from the University of Geneva and Postgraduate Studies in Medicine from the Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University.



Gilberto C. Teodoro is a graduate of Bachelor's degree in Commerce, major in Financial Institutions from De La Salle University. He completed his law degree at

UP and he furthered his legal education by obtaining a Master's degree in Law from Harvard University.□



5 UPD Faculty named Asia's Best Scientists

Five UP Diliman faculty members were this year's Top 100 Asian Scientists. Of the five, four are from the College of Science and one is from the College of Engineering.

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