

SLANFUSA NEWS

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"Christmas is Home" Issue # 8

"Ang Aking Tahanan -- I'll be Home...." by VCA'72

Home—we left our first home, we ache for that home- the love and protection it has given us—one that was planted for uswe left...

Home—we made a new one in a faraway land-a little corner of another world. We made a new one with our own home cooking, mixed with freedom and belongingwhile taking care of people entrusted in our care.

Home—is that powerful idea, where we create comfort while we scramble to make our dreams come true.

Home—now, here; but history is magic to those who are malleable as time changes us; Home is a place that provokes the future...

Home's other name is SHELTER... Shelter from the rain, Shelter from fear and dangershelter where we kneel to be grateful...

For the small or big house; for the small or big family, for the small or big understanding, for the small or big love....

Home and Christmas –where Hope reigns for the future, Love instructs the present--Joy colors the past.

Photography: Ric Maniquis

Maligayang Pasko at Masaganang Bagong Taon !

Home — we left our first home ...



Artist: Effren Chavez of The Baguio Group of Artists 'Barong Barong Series #1', 2019 Tempera on Paper, 18x24 in. (Private Collection, NY)

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.... Because we have a grateful heart; we are content and know we have enough ---The SLANFUSA Board greets you the warmest of Christmas! From our very personal home to yours.... Get to know your Board Members! Match the Board Members with the numbers on the photos of their "favorite home corners" and their favorite "Christmas Carol verses..." Winners will be announced in the next Newsletter! Members of the board and their families cannot participate... good luck.

Send us your answers to our email: slanfusa.board@gmail.com







Our beloved DR. GISELA D.A. LUNA RN has been appointed as the new President of Trinity University of Asia DR. GISELA D.A. LUNA RN is the first Trinity University of Asia, St. Luke's College of Nursing Alumnus appointed as President of TUA. Mabuhay! Mighty proud of you!



to our newly licensed **Congratulations** to our newly licensed Trinitian nurses! For six consecutive years beginning 2015, Trinitian nurses have been posting a 100% passing rate.

Congratulations Dean John Michael Lorena and Faculty, for a job well done!



Congratulations to Dr. Howell T. Ho, Dean of the College of Arts at TUA, for being the recipient of the 2021-2022 United Board Fellows Program

Dr. Howell T. HO Trinity University of Asia, Philippines

"Educational leaders are innovative, inspirational, and pro-active professors whose mission is to ensure the future of learners."

Dr. Howell Ho is an associate professor at Trinity University of Asia. He has a PhD in biology and is the current dean of the College of Arts, Sciences and Education. He has administrative experience as a technical assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and department head of research and basic sciences. He seeks to develop relationships by



networking with colleagues who have shared goals in the region. He hopes to learn from fellow administrators as we navigate through a "new normal." He also would like to see closer industrial and educational partnerships across the region.



President's Corner by: **Carol Echalico** Bautista **'74**

Merry Christmas to all Alumni of St. Luke's College of Nursing!

I will always be grateful for all the Alumni, near and far, graduates from St. Luke's Hospital Nursing School (1907-1965) to St. Luke's College of Nursing (1965- to present). You are all the pride of our Alma Mater. Thank you, all Alumni! Thank you for your commitment to continue the spirit of St. Luke's.

Thank you to our great teachers and deans for all your dedication to instill in the minds of our Alumni the vision and mission of our school.

To all the Alumni before us, founder of SLANFUSA, Inc, and to all former presidents of the Alumni Association, (see names below) with gratitude and respect, thank you for your time, talent and treasure you have given to us; you taught us to celebrate together; gave us direction on how we can give back with gratitude by our competent and dedication to our nursing practice

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the members of the Executive Board. For me, you are the most valuable person in the SLANFUSA, Inc. (MVP). I salute your enthusiasm and devotion to serve, together working for the common good for all. Maraming Maraming Salamat!

An idea becomes a reality; a small dream becomes a big reality because of the collective, collaborative vision and effort of dedicated Alumni with the same core value: to help our Alma Matter and its members....

Presidents and Grand Reunion and Scientific Conventions Through the Past Thirty Years



2018 to 2021 CAROL **ECHALICO** BAUTISTA **'74** President Theme: "Re-Vision 2020" Using the past as the road to the future" Cancelled



2017 to 2018 VIRGINIA CACHO ALMIRON '72, President
Theme: "Passion for the Possible"
2018 July 6-8, Planet Hollywood Resort Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV
Jubilarians: Gold (1967 and 1968) Silver (1992 and 1993)



2015 to 2016 CAROL ECHALICO BAUTISTA '74, President Theme: "Empowering the Spirit of Nursing Within" 2016 July 8-10, Biltmore Hotel and Suites I Santa Clara, CA Jubilarians: Gold (1965 and 1966) Silver (1990 and 1991)



2013 to 2014: UNIDAD REYES BONOAN '75, President Theme: "Moving on as One" 2014 July 25-27, Music Road Hotel, Pigeon Forge, TN Jubilarians: Gold (1963 and 1964) Silver (1988 and 1989)



2011 to 2012 LIWLIWA REYES VILLAGOMEZA '80, President
Theme: "Doing Great Things Together"
2012 August 3-5, Westin Lombard Yorktown Center I Lombard, IL
Jubilarians: Gold (1961 and 1962) Silver (1986 and 1987)



2009 to 2010 MARLENE DE LA CUESTA KOSTIK '75, President Theme: "A Cut Above the Rest" 2010 July 16-18, Town & Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego, CA. Jubilarians: Gold (1959 and 1960) Silver (1984 and 1985)



2007 to 2008 AURORA R. **REBORTIRA '72**, President Theme: "Celebrate the Past. Strengthen the Future" 2008 July 4-6, Crowne Plaza Foster City-San Mateo Hotel, Foster City, CA Jubilarians: Gold (1957 and 1958) Silver (1982 and 1983)





2005 - MARIA CORAZON VERZOLA TRILLES '68+, President

2005 – 2006 - ELISA CALVELO PAMINTUAN '71, President Theme: "Nurturing the St. Luke's Spirit and Leadership" June 23-25, 2006, at Radisson Barcelo Hotel, Orlando, FL Jubilarians: Gold (1955 and 1956) Silver (1980 and1981)



2003 to 2004 - FRANORA AVILA ESCAREZ '68, President Theme: "Rebuild to Share and Care" July 9-11, 2004, at Sheraton Los Angeles Harbor Hotel, San Pedro, CA Jubilarians: Gold (1953 and 1954) Silver (1978 and 1979)



2001 to 2002 - HIDELIZA ATIENZA QUANE '60, President, July 21-23, 2002, at Excalibur Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV Theme: "Rebuild, Renew, Rekindle" Jubilarians: Gold (1951 and 1952) Silver (1976 and 1977).

1999 to 2000 LYDIA BUSTAMANTE '62, President July 21-23, 2000 Best Western Executives Inn, Seattle, WA Jubilarians: Gold (1949 and 1950) Silver (1974 and1975) 1998 LYDIA BUSTAMANTE '62, President June 26-28, 1998 Sheraton Atlantic City & Convention Center Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ Jubilarians: Gold (1948) Silver (1973) 1997 LYDIA BUSTAMANTE '62, President July 4-6, 1997 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel San Diego-Mission Valley, San Diego, CA Jubilarians: Gold (1947) Silver (1972) 1996 LYDIA BUSTAMANTE '62, President Theme: "Commitment" Aug 2-4, 1996 New York Cruise to Nowhere Jubilarians: (1946) Silver (1971)



1995 EMILIA NUESCA NIEVERAS '60, President Theme: "Magkakasama sa Dalawang Daigdig" July 21-23, Crowne Plaza Hotel Toronto, Toronto, Canada Jubilarians: Gold (1945) Silver (1970) 1994 EMILIA NUESCA NIEVERAS '60, President Theme: "TEAM: Together Each Achieves More" July 22-23, 1994MGM Grand Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV Jubilarians: Gold (1944) Silver (1969) 1993 EMILIA NUESCA NIEVERAS '60, President Theme: "Catch the Spirit" August 6-8, 1993 Chicago Hilton and Towers, Chicago, IL Jubilarians: Gold (1943) Silver (1968) 1992 EMILIA NUESCA NIEVERAS '60, President Theme: "Isang Iba't Iba" July 31-August 2, 1992 Best Western Grosvenor Resort, Lake Buenavista, FL Jubilarians: Gold (1942) Silver (1967)





1991 ESTHER BUENAVENTURA SAN LUIS '69, President
July 6-7, 1991 Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport, San Francisco, CA
Jubilarians: Gold (1941) Silver (1966)
1990 ESTHER BUENAVENTURA SAN LUIS '69, President
July 21-22, 1990 Grand Hotel Anaheim, Anaheim, CA.
Jubilarians: Gold (1940) Silver (1965)
1989 ESTHER BUENAVENTURA SAN LUIS '69, President
August 11-13, 1989 Marriott Hotel - Newark International Airport Newark, NJ

Jubilarians: Gold (1939) Silver (1964)

The list of the illustrious leaders continues on.... It is always a great hope for all leaders that new energetic leaders will step up to the clarion call. We are all vested because together we can do so much with so little. Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon sa lahat!

Carol Echalico Bautista **'74** President, SLANFUSA Inc.



PARTNERSHIP



Delivered by email

December 23, 2020

Dr. Wilfred Tiu President Trinity University of Asia Cathedral Heights 275 E. Rodriguez Sr. Blvd. Quezon City Philippines

Dear Dr. Tiu,

Season's greetings from the United Board!

I am writing to share that the United Board has transferred a total of USD \$30,541.49 to Trinity University of Asia. This amount includes \$25,000 as the United Board Pandemic Response Fund; and \$5,541.49 as the annual endowment grants for FY 2019-2020 from the St. Luke's Alumni Nursing Foundation, USA Endowment.

Endowment grants are based upon the United Board's endowment spending policy. A list of the endowment grant(s) and terms governing their use are attached.

Please bear in mind that all endowment grants must be used only for the purposes described on the attached documents. As is the case for all United Board grants, we require a report on the use of these funds to be submitted by **June 30, 2021** as outlined in the following (page 2) report guidelines.

We would be grateful if you would send us an acknowledgement of the receipt of these funds at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email: <u>tloo@unitedboard.org</u> or by phone: 212-870-2612 if you should have any questions regarding the enclosed documents.

Trudy Loo Director of Development

How to Donate to the Endowment Act

SLANFUSA Inc.

1. Please make checks payable to **United Board**.

2. Send checks to our Treasurer:

Ms. Nati Labalan Sawi '77 SLANFUSA Inc. Board 760 Henderson Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94086

3. Our Treasurer, Nati L. Sawi '77 will report donations received to our Adviser, Aurora R. Rebortira '72 so she can list your contributions in our Website's Endowment Page.

4. Our Treasurer, will send checks received to the **United Board** and will inform you that the check is received, receipted and sent to **United Board**.

5. **United Board** will acknowledge the donations.

Account Summary			UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN HIG					Amount	Count
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SLANFUSA, Inc. and the UNITED BOARD PARTNERSHIP YIELD STUNNING REWARDS

The rewards of partnership between SLANFUSA and the United Board has just been demonstrated that the sharing of knowledge, finances, resources and people yield stunning rewards and gains in a report recently released by Ms. Trudy Lao, Director of Development of the United Board. The essence of collaborative partnership benefits both parties by mutually working together towards a common vision.

Here are some facts worth celebrating over and proud of this Christmas blessings:

- The Scholarship Fund has graduated THIRTY (30) professional nurses who are now working in the trenches at a time when we are besieged with the pandemic. They are there where their services are most needed, touching lives with love and concern.
- Last December 2020, the United Board transferred USD 30,541.49 to Trinity University of Asia that included \$25,000 from United Board's Pandemic Response Fund. Another \$5,541.49 was released from the St. Luke's Alumni Foundation, USA (SLANFUSA).
- The Fellows Program of the United Board [<u>United Board Fellows Program United Board</u>] is the signature leadership training for young faculty across Asia. Dr. Howell T. Ho, Dean of the College of Arts at TUA, is the recipient for 2021-2022. Dr. Ho is the second TUA recipient while the first recipient was Dean John Michael Lorena.
- SLANFUSA contributed \$2000.00 to this year's recipient of the Fellows Program of the United Board. Partnership matters!

The partnership was formally created on December 3, 2007 with the establishment of the Dean Ester Santos Scholarship Fund on December 3, 2007. Beginning with a funding of a few thousand dollars, to date our Endowment has reached a staggering amount of \$150,000 through the generous donations of Alumni and SLANFUSA. This could not have been possible without the palpable love and loyalty of St. Luke's alumni, her friends and its leadership. It is also a way of saying "Thank you for molding me become who I am today" to our beloved alma mater.

SLANFUSA Inc. is committed to support our alma mater, especially the College of Nursing.

- *****WE strongly believe that what unites us is much stronger than anything that divide us.
- *****WE encourage you to come and join us fulfill our big dreams for our alma mater.
- *WE have room for all generations from Generation X, Y, Baby Boomers, Millennials and the Unicorns for everyone who have God-given gifts to share.

We plant the trees now to give shelter to the next generation.... Join Us—Please Give

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One Amongst Us



Wivina Fontanilla '77

"I want to feature my classmate Wivina Fontanilla for "One Amongst Us". I think that her credentials are outstanding specially because she served in 2 branches of the US Armed Forces in addition to her civilian life. She was always drawn to OR nursing. I am so touched by her dedication to the task". *Nati Sawi'77*

Wivina started her military career at Clark Air Base, Philippines at the Regional Medical Operating Room from 1979 to 1984. She was stationed at the Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio from 1984 to 1989. Joined the US Air Force Reserves (1989-1992)

As well known in the military, she was constantly on the move. to Fort Lewis, WA, San Diego ---all doing what she does well and love most; all aspects of OR Nursing: Cardio - Vascular Services, Robotic, Regulatory OR Charge, JCAHO Regulatory expert.

Her long community service (2004-2015) as volunteer for 'Fresh Start Surgical Gifts'—a local organization in San Diego that give free surgeries to indigent children with cleft lip and cleft palates. In 2013 and 2014, she volunteered for International Relief Teams that went to Honduras to do head and neck surgeries. She also worked with ConnectMed International (CMI), doing medical missions to



Artist: Antonio Limpin (The Baguio Group of Artists) 'COVID 19 AND THE Health Worker',2020 Oil on Canvas 20 X 16 Private Collection

Mexico, India, Malawi (Africa) and Vietnam. Medical procedures included but not limited to cleft and palate repair, burns syndactyly, minor Ortho procedures.

It was not a surprise when she was awarded the OR nurse volunteer of the year in 2006. Surely, her St. Luke's OR skills carried her through all her ventures around the world. We, her Alumni are mighty proud of her. Wivina deserves our sincere "SALUTE".

Class'77 was so happy to reconnect with her because they were looking for her all those years! She was listed as AWOL for a while...but it was understandable as she was literally all over the world.

Wivina is retired now; Nati has assured us that she will surely lend her skills and talents, time and treasure to help SLANFUSA thrive and prosper.

Thank you Nati for featuring a real Nurse-Soldier in our midst.

The Tapestry of One's Life

By VGA'72

Each life has its own story — The universe knows it — and they touched lives around them;

Here we acknowledge and celebrate their life well lived....

After all---"We're all just walking each other home." * Ram Dass



"Hindi namin kayo makakalimutan...."



Class 1971 Venus MANIMTIM Cleofe b. 24 Feb 1948 d. 07 Jan 2021



Class 1982 Elizabeth Mae PARPANA Carandang b. 21 Nov 1956 d. 29 Aug 2021



Class 1975 Cynthia COTONGCO Flores b. 03 Mar 1953 d. 03 Oct 2021



Class 1962 Leocadia BUSTAMANTE "Lydia" (Former President of SLANFUSA, Canada Chapter) b. 09 Dec 1939 d. 08 Dec 2021



Class 1939 Bienvenida S. ALONZO b. 14 Jun 1917 d. 07 Apr 2019



Class 1970 Elsie REDONDIEZ Fontanilla d. 2020

'Mini Reunions' - Renew, Rejoice in Small Doses

Never miss what is next; celebrate with other alumni around the country and around the world as they foster the St. Luke's spirit. Send us pictures of your Instagram moments and we will put them in our new feature '*Mini Reunions*' Please share your photos. Please include the date, event, place, and attendees' names (Maiden Name and Married Name) as well as class year. Send photos to: slanfusa.board@gmail.com



December 18, 2021 "Buko Breaking and Progressive Brunch" at Grace de la Peña Hill'74 Miramar, Florida Christmas Caroling at Edna 's 'Versace Home' Grace de La Peña Hill'74 ♦ Edna Tipon Trepanier '90 ♦ Evelyn Quijano Jirasakhiran '73



December 1, 2021 Paris ♦ December 5, 2021 New York When you are a St. Luke's Alumni, you are friends for life-If you are a member of Class '73/'74 you are traveling along in life for 40 years and beyond... Jesselen Castro Versoza '73 ♦ Evelyn Quijano Jirasakhiran '73 ♦ Yolanda Padilla Panganiban Grace de La Peña Hill'74 ♦ Grace Maloco Paquiz'73 ♦ Victoria Acuña Gonzaga'73



November 8, 2021 at 'Ihawan', Queens, NY Everyone in the group were thankful of their St. Luke's Nursing Education because all used their Nursing acumen to save their loving husbands from protracted illness. Melissa Erpelo Higelmire'75 Ellen Tan Lim'75 Gloria Cacho Orden'75 Virginia Cacho Almiron'72



October 22, 2021 Class '72, '74, '76 San Jose, CA Madeline Aquino Pengosro '72 Guillermo Echalico Almerido '76 Carol Echalico Bautista '74

Event: Attended the wake for Madeline Aquino <u>Pengosro</u> '72's husband Victor. Aug.12, 2021 Class '75, Orlando, Florida Marlene dela Cuesta Kostik'75 Gets a surprise visit from Erlinda Espejo Flores'75 April 25, 2021 Class '75 and '76 in Orlando Marilou dela Cuesta Balang '25... Chonita Flores Singh '75 Daphne Agustin Viray '76 Eleanor Banta de Dios '76 Vicky Ver Ermitano '76 Bernadette dela Cuesta Roddy'76 Wilhelmina Roque Senneyile '75



July 15, 2021 Class '75 and '76 in Orlando

Willy Roque Senneville'75 ♦ Chonita Flores Singh'75 ♦ Marlene dela Cuesta Kostik '75 Barbara Basconcillo Tolentino'75 ♦ Lisa Lucas Aromin '76 ♦ Eve Quimpo Arcala'75 ♦ Alicia Adorador Sese'75



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SLANFUSA Inc. IS THROWING YOU A PARTY!

Dance all night--Giggle and scream loud-Cry together a little-Hug and say 'Till we meet again...maybe'

See you all 2023 in San Diego!







Yuletide-Valentine Easter and Aude Lang Syne with one accord we share the Joy and the persistent gift of Time... The New Year 2022!

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