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Boards spook bets

Medical graduates in the Philippines, UERMMMCM's included, continue to turn
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Plano, Texas, U.S.A.

Newsmagazine of the UERMMMCM Alumni Foundation USA, Inc.

Foundation Year XXV, February 2006

Foundation funds programs

The alumni foundation held its annual meeting in conjunction with the 17th alumni convention last August 4 at Houston's JW Marriott Hotel Westheimer. The day-long event approved a budget of \$53,000 to fund existing and new projects for the College of Medicine and elected 5 trustees to serve for the next 3-year term.

The morning's leadership seminar dealt with charitable gifts and budgeting for non-profits. The afternoon business meeting presided by Board Chairman Dr. Bayani Elma heard the reports of officers and standing committees *Continued on pages 3 & 11*

UERMMMCM golden jubilee on

The yearlong celebration of UERMMMCM's 50th year anniversary got underway with a convocation on January 18, 2006 at the auditorium. Guest speaker was Sen. Ramon Magsaysay, Jr., son of the Center's namesake, the beloved 3rd president of the country's Third Republic who perished in a plane crash in Cebu in 1957.

The commemoration will also be marked by monthly events highlighted by the Golden Jubilee Week in June.



Sen. Ramon Magsaysay, Jr. receives a commemorative plaque from Chairman P.O. Domingo as President Romeo Divinagracia and Dean Georgina T. Paredes look on.

On Valentine's Day, the U.S. alumni association's Northeast Chapter conducted a

two-day medical mission at UERMMH followed by a CME *More on page 3*

In last year's Houston convention, some alumni were still not clear about the objectives, structures, roles, and operations of the two alumni organizations. While their expressed interest in this matter is most welcome, here is a great opportunity for officers of both organizations to not only mollify any misconceptions but also to clarify their missions and to positively involve members.

Once again, here in brief are the premises and facts for everyone to consider.

First, the association and foun-

Restatement of purpose

...dation are both legal entities sanctioned by applicable laws in the United States. Though separate, their purposes intertwine, that is, to promote camaraderie among alumni and to support the UERMMMCM. The former is the professional identity, the latter its charitable arm.

Second, involvement in either is voluntary yet to succeed both need the commitment and active support of all alumni specifically their "time, talent and treasure." There is room for every

one's gift in the workings of both. Consequently, the quality of alumni participation determines the image that each group projects not only to the alumni body but also to the public that it serves and the driving force behind any of either's philanthropy.

Past issues of the foundation and association newsletters have detailed the functional commonality and also operational differences between the two but only by taking ownership of both can alumni find the sense that they truly belong and that they matter much to both.

Trustees elected to next 3-year term



Dr. Baldomero



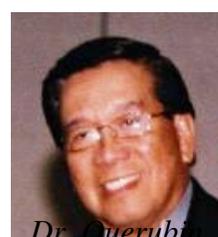
Dr. Gotardo



Dr. O'Yek



Dr. Pano



Dr. Querubin



Mrs. A. Castro



Chairman Dr. Elma presides over the annual board meeting flanked from L to R by Drs. Ong, O'Yek, Querubin & Casibang.



New Board Secretary Dr. Isabelita B. Casibang reads the result of the board election conducted by secret ballot.



Alumni Association President Dr. Manuel Blas gives his report to the board emphasizing management policy changes.



Drs. Rene and Susan Raymundo donate \$5,000 for the Dean's projects.



Dean Paredes receives the check donated by the MarVaDC Chapter for the main medical library.



Dean Paredes with her classmates after the board meeting: L to R Drs. Jeff Rastrollo, Eli de Leon, Larry Miranda, Sam Piga, Sam Dona, and Elmer Gilo



Dr. Raymundo receives a plaque of appreciation for his family's generosity.



Past Trustee Dr. Dona is honored for his many years of service to the foundation.



Dr. Casibang presents the donation of her chapter on behalf of President Dr. Renato Flores.

Foundation funds. . . continued from page 1

foremost of which was the Treasurer's Report that showed continued growth in money donations (see pages 6 & 7). The Board also took note of the investment options discussed at the Chicago annual meeting in 2004 and asked the Investment Committee to clarify unresolved issues.

New batch of trustees elected

The Board then elected five trustees to serve for three years, among them are three new ones, namely: Drs. Carlos Gotardo of Class '72, Victor O'Yek of Class '71, and Rolando Puno of Class '77. Re-elected were Drs. Renato Querubin of Class '67, current board vice-chairman now serving his third term, and Roy Baldomero of Class '73, current assistant treasurer serving his first full term. Mrs. Amuerfina T. Castro, former board secretary and current scholarship committee head, will also return as a trustee to serve out a board vacancy's unfinished term by virtue of her 6th place finish in the balloting.

The board also accepted the resignation of Dr. Rolando Mendoza of Class '67 as secretary for family reasons and ratified the appointment of Dr. Isabelita B. Casibang of Class '71 as his replacement.

New trustee Dr. O'Yek, an Indiana cardiovascular surgeon, has conducted regular teaching seminars in China and the Philippines for many years now and is an active donor to the library and community medicine programs of the foundation. He is now at work with other alumni in securing a land in Antipolo for the benefit of the community medicine and outreach service of UERMMMC.

Dr. Puno is a distinguished spinal surgeon at the University of Louisville School of Medicine in Kentucky. He was the first UERMMMC alumnus to address the graduates at the school's 2005 commencement and is a major donor to his class fund raising for UERM scholarship.

Dr. Gotardo of Danville, Illinois was his class valedictorian who has been a faithful donor to the many projects of the

alumni foundation for several years. His generosity and zeal for the *Alma Mater* has drawn his classmates to respond in kind. Thus was born the happy and generous group of his class dubbed "The Wild Bunch" which raised sufficient cash to fund 3 gold scholars for the next 3 years.

Budget of \$53,000 approved

After acknowledging some donations, the Board approved the new fiscal year's budget of \$53,000 (details in page 11), down from last fiscal year's \$156,000. Board Chairman Dr. Elma explained that there are really no cuts for project programs as the previous years' allocations have not yet been formally asked for by the respective UERM recipients or programs. Thus 71% of the new budget is still for projects programs, 57% of which is for scholarship, 7% for faculty development. Dean Paredes noted this procedural deficiency and pledged to remedy it with her staff. See page 10 for other board actions at the annual meeting.

Golden jubilee . . . continued from page 1

on Medical Management Update featuring Class '75 speakers. A fellowship night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Pasig on February 17 honoring the Jubilarian Classes '65, '70, '75, and '80 capped the mini-alumni homecoming.

The anniversary's logo designed by freshman student Jason Ligot and supported by a gift from former pathology professor Dr. Angelina Tantengco was unveiled at the said convocation. Echoing the year's theme of "building doctors for tomorrow, 50 years of commitment to quality medical education and health services," it portrays a sun that "continues to shine as the college seeks new and better ways of fulfilling its mission of producing top-caliber doctors" for the "Filipino nation and people."

In his message to alumni in America at last August's Houston convention,



Dr. Romeo Divinagracia, UERMMMC President, said that by April this year "the college will have produced close to ten thousand medical doctors many of whom like you are now successful practitioners, have raised a good family and enjoying the fruits of your labor." He went on: "By our toils, our services to our patients, our discoveries and inventions, we have improved the lot of our countrymen and the world. You continue to make UERMMMC proud of its graduates.."

See schedule for upcoming events.

Upcoming Jubilee Activities

- March 1, 2006
- "Kaleidoscope" Arts Exhibit, College Lobby
- Talk by Fernando Sena, Clinical Conf. Room
- March 9, 2006
- "Acoustic Night" Musicales, Dance & Poetry
- Reading, Clinical Conference Room
- April 10, 2006
- International Scientific Session on Cardiovascular Diseases
- April 23, 2006
- Golden Year Graduation, PICC
- May, 2006
- Faculty Workshops
- June 7, 2006
- Opening Exercises & Recognition Day
- June 8, 2006
- Students' Fair
- June 9, 2006
- Foundation Day Festivities
- June 10, 2006
- Gala Dinner & Recognition Night
- Book Launching
- December, 2006
- Golden Jubilee Alumni Homecoming

Alumni move to save Com-Med lots

A group of concerned alumni headed by Dr. Vic O'Yek, '71 appealed last June to all alumni for help to save two lots in Antipolo purchased by the Philippine-based Alumni and Friends of UERMMM Foundation, Inc., previously headed by Dr. Divinagracia, in 1998 for a Community Medicine Learning Center to be run by the Dept. of Preventive & Community Medicine of UERMMM. The said lots are now at risk of being remanded to the National Housing Authority because property taxes amounting to P84,882.94 have not been paid since 2000. In addition, it is now currently occupied by squatters.

In a letter addressed to Dr. Bayani Elma, UERMMMCAFUSA, Inc. board chairman, O'Yek explained that the previously agricultural lots with areas of 8,692 and 1,464 sq. meters, respectively, were bought mostly with Class '66 contributions. 20 alumni in his group representing Classes '65, '67, '69, '70, '71, '72, '74, '75, & '76, raised \$2,025 towards securing the title. Regarding the squatters, he added that he and Dr. Edith Regalado, '65, Program Coordinator of the CBHP in Antipolo and former councilwoman of the same city, had met with them and felt that "the issue can be settled amicably."

The alumni foundation board in its August meeting declined to get involved with the matter because of charter restrictions. In a letter to all alumni last November, Dr. O'Yek said that unofficial efforts by individual alumni to solve the first problem are continuing and added that Dr. Josie Garcia-Siddiq '65 had raised \$1,000 for it.

The original plan of the center included a research, training & nursery bldg., dormitory, auditorium, herbal lab, herbarium and green areas, and a model vegetable garden.

Other contributors to this effort are: Drs. Luis Ylagan, Dekiam Ong, Ramon Salumbides, Apolonio Lirio, Victor Dy, Vitchanart Bejraputra, Rey Maniago, Vincent Casibang, Isabelita Casibang, Mariza Alvarez-Lirio, Teresita Cruz-Capozzi, Agustin Morales, Ramon Ferrer, Victor O'Yek, Elizabeth Pascual, William Ty, Agnes Cuatico, Joselito Syfu, and Gloria Syfu,

Alumni give \$19,250 to Katrina relief

In the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster last October, alumni individually and corporately, and friends donated a total to \$19,250 to relief efforts. The alumni association led the effort with \$10,000 followed by the alumni foundation's \$5,000 and the Northeast Chapter's \$1,000. Other donors were Drs. Andy & Amy Antonio, Anavel Carin, Perla Castor, Irene Manlapaz & husband Dan, Rogelio & Rosario Sion, and Ida Tiongco, and Irene's family (Azucena Ibanez Baylon, Julie Ibanez Baylon, Agripino Ibanez, Jr., Pete Ibanez, Marivel Ibanez Tabalon, and Paz Ibanez Zalamea). The donation was coursed through Christus Health Foundation which matched the said amount.

Junior intern receives grant

This coming April, Erwin Malanay of Taguig, Rizal is going to graduate after all. This former grade school teacher, the eldest of four children from a humble family, wanted so much to become a doctor that he sought out help from every source he could find, including UERMMM where he said "I met people who encouraged me to pursue my dream and were willing to help out."

He started first year with P10,000 of his savings and ended the year with P110,000 of debt to the school. Then he won a scholarship of \$1,500 a year from the PMA of greater St. Louis headed by UERM alumna Dr. Tolod. In addition, he received school fee discounts through the efforts of the college's Scholarship Committee. Then came his junior internship year. He began with P500 augmented later by the St. Louis grant but was in danger of not graduating because he still owed about

P50,000 in this year's balance plus interest of 2% a month incurred since his first year. Then he approached Dr. Butch Tamesis, then local alumni president who introduced him to alumni in America.

To this Dean's List student, alumni responded generously. The alumni foundation paid off his first year debt while the alumni association leadership raised \$1,218 to cover the rest. Thanks to Chuck Gotardo (\$100), Benching Tan (\$100), Ed Banez (\$200), Joe Tandoc (\$100), Jun & Lilia Caguiat (\$100), Irene Manlapaz (\$100), James Tagle (\$100), Roger & Lydia Lucas (\$300), Armand Wiltz (\$100), Freddie & Gerri Dial (\$100), and PMA Southern California Chapter (\$500). The balance of the \$2,300 raised from this effort will go to the Academic Scholarship Fund of the alumni foundation.

Mini-fellowship for surgical faculty

Drs. Benjamin Rigor and Rolando Puno, both of the University of Louisville School of Medicine have arranged a 3-month study or mini-fellowship for a junior surgical faculty from UERMMM for this fall. This faculty development program will be under the said school's Department of Surgery headed by Dr. Hiram Polk, Dr. Rigor advised. Dr. Puno will provide 3 months of board and lodging near the medical center, living allowance or stipend, expenses for educational programs such conferences and meetings, and acculturation to Kentucky or the South. They would ask the recipient faculty's classmates to pay for his/her roundtrip fare from Manila to the U.S. and back. Dr. Puno at press time emailed *AesculapiusEx* that the first recipient of this program will be Dr. Joan Tagorba. She will be in Louisville from July 1 to September 30, 2006

Tests, tests, tests . . .

In October, 2004, the alumni foundation helped send 4 faculty members to a Hongkong conference on

"Assessment in Medical Education: Asian and International Perspectives." The group led by College Secretary Dr. Milagros Rabe, '86 learned about global physician competencies, use of the standardized patients which is a widespread practice in U.S. medical schools, and the use of computers in medical education assessment. The pay off? Dr. Rabe reported that "echo lectures and workshops" have been conducted since February last year in the hope of upgrading faculty efficiency and objectivity in testing medical students .

Alumni Association to become a 501 c3 organization

The UERMMMCMAAA, Inc. General Assembly last August in Houston voted to convert its status from a 501 c6 to a 501 c3 entity. After a spirited debate that morning presided by President Dr. Manny Blass, the proposal put forward by the association's executive committee passed by a simple majority. The main arguments in favor of the conversion was to enable the alumni association to directly avail of the tax-exempt status in organizing reunions, to have the legal standing to apply for grants for its projects from large non-profit foundations in the United States, and to have greater flexibility in investing its funds. The main objection was that the move was unnecessary as the alumni association already has the alumni foundation as its charitable arm.

After its passage leaders from both sides expressed the hope that the two alumni organizations will continue to be collaborative and complimentary.

As of press time, the formal approval papers of the said change have not yet arrived. Meanwhile, preparations for the upcoming 18th alumni convention and reunion in Las Vegas this coming August are underway under the auspices of the alumni foundation's tax-exemption as all charitable donations earmarked for foundation projects continue to be channeled by the association to the foundation. In a brief statement last August, Dr. Manlapaz who is both a trustee of the

foundation and the association's executive director, reassured the editor that the foundation will remain as a benevolent arm for alumni giving.

UERMMMC stays afloat

According to its annual report released to the public on June 28, 2005, the Medical Center's assets grew by P24.8 million (10%) over the previous fiscal year to a total of P250.5 million (\$4.8 million in today's exchange rate) while its net worth termed "fund balance" increased by 11.7% to P12 million (\$230,769) over the same period. Chairman P.O. Domingo and President Dr. Romeo Divinagracia attributed this to donations amounting to P5.1 million (\$98,698) and accumulated net income of P6.9 million (\$132,476) which came primarily from interest earnings and miscellaneous sources. The report acknowledges a marked drop in income from "educational fees and hospital fees" from P1.4 million the previous year to P0.3 million in 2005 or 75%. The two officials attributed this downturn to the sharp fall in College of Medicine enrollment and a decrease in hospital admission and discharges which are considered "cyclical" and also "a reflection of hard times." The Center ended the fiscal year with about P29 million (\$560,000) in cash

The duo took pride in the improved efficiency in management operations, "cordial labor relations" on campus and the "enthusiasm" of the entire center staff and looked forward to "improving the marketability of hospital services and graduates" and also the teaching facilities and curriculum to "attract more and better students."

Philippine Alumni association continues regional outreach

The UERMMMC Medical Alumni Association (Philippines) held its 2nd and 3rd regional assemblies in Bacolod City and Davao City in June and October, respectively. These meetings jointly conducted with the Dean and the President included CME presentations and informational talk to alumni in the provinces.

Board meeting in Chicago

Chairman Dr. Elma and President Dr. Miranda called for a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Sunday, May 14, 2006 from 8 AM to 5 PM at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois. This is in conjunction with the inaugural and fundraising ball of the Midwest Chapter of the UERMMMCMAAA, Inc. Dr. Greg Carpio, '73, will be inaugurated as president in the spring gathering which also includes a golf outing. For details, please contact Dr. Vickie Casibang, board secretary, at Ibcasibang@aol.com. For room reservation, please contact Danielle Peterman at (773) 380-4915 or email dpeterman@hyatt.com.

Search for new chairman on

Outgoing Chairman Dr. Elma has appointed former alumni president Dr. Rogelio Sion to head the search for the next chairman of the board of trustees of the foundation. Dr. Elma steps down at the next annual meeting in Las Vegas.

Alumni medical missions

The golden jubilee mini-homecoming earlier this month spurred on three medical missions. The first one was at UERM Hospital conducted by the Northeast Chapter led by Dr. Fely Quines, afterwards one group went to Dipolog, Zamboanga led by Drs. Debbie Ames-Bobila and Irene Manlapaz, and another, mostly staffed by the celebrating Class '65 went to Dr. Tony Ligot's Good News Hospital in Banaue, Ifugao.

More such missions are expected as many alumni look more homeward especially after their silver anniversaries. There will be ongoing need for support in these projects. You can save some of your samples and supplies particularly surgical ready for collection when appeals for them are put out by alumni chapters and groups. You can also give money donations to the foundation earmarked for the medical mission of your choice.

Fundamentals: a look at the Foundation's 2005 financial condition

by Dr. Elmer Gilo, Treasurer



The accounting system for nonprofits is designed to capture the economic activities of the company and its financial position. For those of you who are familiar with and reading for profit financial statements will not find that much difference in the line items. The financial statements are constructed based on the "Accounting Equation" in which:

$$\text{Assets} = \text{Liabilities} + \text{Net Assets}$$

The things of value that the nonprofit organization owns (assets) are equal to its outstanding debt (liabilities) plus the portion of the assets funded by the nonprofit's own resources (net assets). In for profit world, the net assets are labeled *equity* or *net worth*.

The Statement of Financial Position is now presented in a comparative format to the previous year so the alumni, who are the main donors, can have a better picture of the financial condition of their Foundation. The total assets are now about three quarters of a million, with 11% increase from the previous year. Where this came from, can be seen from the Statement of Activity or Income Statement, which is another one of four financial reports that a nonprofit organization publishes.

$$\text{Revenues} - \text{Expenses} = \text{Change in Net Assets}$$

The Statement of Activity explains how net assets change from one date to another. Net Assets increase when revenues are recorded and decrease when expenses are recorded and follow the equation:

$$\text{Total Expenses} = \text{Program Expenses} + \text{Fundraising Expenses} + \text{Administrative Expenses}$$

In for-profit parlance, revenue less expenses is called *net income* or *net profit* and is an indicator of the firm's success. For non-profits, the change in net assets is a *surplus* or *deficit* that is carried forward.

University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center Alumni Foundation, Inc.		
Statement Of Financial Position For The Period Ending 12/31/2005		
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Assets		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings (Cash)		
Operating Chase Bus. Checking	\$ 7,875.25	\$ 11,260.04
Chase Bus Money Market	\$ 57,867.59	\$ 363,484.86
Merrill Lynch Bank Account	\$ 4,177.94	\$ 3,309.62
Lakeside Bank	\$ 11,893.82	\$ 77,792.96
Ameriprise MM Fd	\$ 10,913.38	\$ -
H&R Block Dep Acct	\$ 10,687.25	\$ -
Chase CD 6 mo	\$ 10,271.17	\$ 10,271.17
Total Checking/Savings	\$ 113,686.40	\$ 466,118.65
Investments		
JP Morgan Chase	\$ 149,544.07	\$ 149,392.09
Merrill Lynch EMA	\$ 200,108.49	\$ 47,754.75
H & R Block FA	\$ 202,376.05	\$ -
Ameriprise Financial	\$ 75,008.20	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -
Total Investments	\$ 627,036.81	\$ 197,146.84
Total Current Assets	\$ 740,723.21	\$ 663,265.49
Fixed Assets		
Fixed Asset		
Computers	\$ 2,788.01	\$ -
Software	\$ 666.00	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 3,454.01	\$ -
Total Assets	<u>\$ 744,177.22</u>	<u>\$ 663,265.49</u>
Liability & Net Assets		
Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Net Assets		
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 188,600.47	\$ 251,689.49
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 401,399.45	\$ 262,708.70
Permanently Restricted		
333 Endowment Fund	\$ 57,247.87	\$ 53,147.87
M.T. Camacho Fund	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
A. L. Raymundo Fund	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 5,200.00
Class 1973 Fund	\$ 60,729.43	\$ 64,519.43
Total Permanently Restricted	\$ 154,177.30	\$ 148,867.30
Total Net Assets	\$ 744,177.22	\$ 663,265.49
Total Liabilities And Net Assets	<u>\$ 744,177.22</u>	<u>\$ 663,265.49</u>

The “bottom line” for 2005 is \$80,911.73 which accounts for the 11% increase in our total assets. In 2004, the change in net asset was \$233,790.80 which made our total assets increase by 35% at the end of 2004 as compared to our total assets at the end of 2003.

There is no doubt from the figures that our bottom line is, to say the least, in the black. But, is that enough to say that the Foundation is succeeding? What measure or metric are we going to employ to assess our performance?

One of the differences between for-profit entities and non-profits is that the former are profit driven, and the latter are focused upon fulfilling its mission. Therefore, the annual surplus or deficit is not necessarily informative about a non-profit's success. One way to assess a non-profit's performance one has to look into how it spends its resources. So, non-profits prepare a third financial report called Statement of Functional Expenses that depicts how total expenses are distributed among three functional categories:

How much of a nonprofit's expenditure goes to each of the areas above reflects the nonprofit's mission, values and success.

Although not published in this newsletter, the Statement of Functional Expense of the Alumni Foundation is available for inspection. However, one can determine that the percentage spent for our program services or grants given to our Alma Mater

... for every dollar you give to your Foundation, 90 cents go to your Alma Mater ...

is about ninety percent (90%) of the Foundation's total expenses, the remaining ten percent (10%) to supporting services. While this program efficiency ratio is rather daunting, and would be the envy of stakeholders it is hardly the only measure to evaluate our performance. It is, however, reassuring to the alumni and donors that their gifts are being spent the way it should be.

For now, I can, and, you can also, tell any donor or Alumni that **for every dollar you give to your Foundation, ninety cents go to your Alma Mater.**



University of the East
Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center
Alumni Foundation, Inc.

Statement Of Activities
For the Period 1/1/2005 - 12/31/2005

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenue				
Individual contributions	\$ 8,195.48	\$ 51,965.18	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 71,260.62
UERMMMC MAA	589.00	56,250.00		56,839.00
MarVaDC		5,000.00		5,000.00
Southern Cal Chapter		500.00		500.00
Alliance and Friends	3,000.00			3,000.00
Other NPO grants		500.00		500.00
Int. on savings & temp. invest.		3,109.32		3,109.32
Dividends & int. from securities		9,859.36		9,859.36
Lg Tm Cap Gain		6,927.80		6,927.80
Sh Tm Cap Gain		3,294.76		3,294.76
Realized gain (loss) on invest.		5,384.35		5,384.35
Total Revenue	\$ 11,784.48	\$ 142,790.75	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 165,675.21
Expense				
Program Services				
Adopt Programs	8,465.00			8,465.00
Awards	3,150.00			3,150.00
Community Service	20,850.00			20,850.00
Faculty Development	7,744.00			7,744.00
Library	2,151.50			2,151.50
Recycling for Charity	407.50			407.50
Research	1,500.00			1,500.00
Scholarships	24,241.55			24,241.55
Student Development	1,000.00			1,000.00
Wish List	1,483.90			1,483.90
Program Services--Total	\$ 70,993.45	-	-	\$ 70,993.45
Supporting Services				
Management and General	7,326.83			7,326.83
Supporting Services Total	\$ 7,326.83	-	-	\$ 7,326.83
Other				
Shared Expenses	1,594.08			1,594.08
Unrestricted	4,849.12			4,849.12
Other--Total	\$ 6,443.20	-	-	\$ 6,443.20
Total Expenses	\$ 84,763.48	\$ 84,763.48		

An open appeal

by Bayani B. Elma, M.D.
Chairman, Board of Trustees



Dear Fellow Alumni,

Whether you attended the College of Medicine just a few or many years ago, you were part of an academic community committed to learning and excellence. At every level, the College of Medicine provided the environment and support that allowed for outstanding achievement as a student and as a future medical practitioner.

Just as when we were students, the College of Medicine continues to be staffed by an exceptional group of caring teachers - from those who teach basic sciences to the clinical preceptors and professors who guide the students through the challenges of medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology, EENT and psychiatry.

The foundation is calling on all alumni to make a donation to the "333 Endowment Fund," \$333 for 2006 and \$333 per year for the next two years. Also a gift of \$50, \$100 or more will help the foundation sustain its many programs such as scholarships, faculty development, library and educational materials enhancement, research and memorial lectures support as well as upgrading and modernization of diagnostic facilities through its recycling for charity and wish list programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

**UERM MMC ALUMNI FOUNDATION, U.S.A.,
INC**

**DONATIONS TO UERM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
DECEMBER 16, 2003- FEBRUARY 3, 2005**

1. DEFIBRILLATOR -----	\$5,000.00
2. RESEARCH CASH AWARD -----	434.00
3. MSC COMPUTER -----	1,000.00
4. BOOKS FOR OB-GYN DEPT. -----	500.00
5. MEDICAL LIBRARY BOOKS -----	1,000.00
6. BIOETHICS TRAVEL GRANT FOR DR. FLORINA ESTRADA -----	1,637.00
7. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS FOR STUDENTS PLUS MANAGEMENT FEE -----	15,575.00
8. ERWIN MALANAY SCHOLARSHIP -----	1,474.00
9. OPHTHALMOLOGY 2002 WISH LIST -----	2,860.00
10. BOOKS FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY DEPT. --	800.00
11. PSYCHIATRY WISH LIST -----	4,200.00
12. SURGERY WISH LIST -----	500.00
13. OB-GYN WISH LIST -----	500.00
14. BIOCHEMISTRY WISH LIST -----	400.00
15. MEDICINE WISH LIST -----	2,500.00
16. SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR MILDEANNA DE GUZMAN (2004-2005) -----	1,000.00
17. TRAVEL GRANT FOR 4 FACULTY MEMBERS TO THE HONGKONG CONFERENCE ON PBL -----	2,000.00
18. RESEARCH FORUM AWARDS -----	500.00
19. TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR DR. G.T. PAREDES (CHICAGO CONVENTION)-----	1,000.00
20. JI OSCAR ARRIOLA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT (2004-2005) -----	1,270.00
21. FUNDING FOR 2004 WISH LIST -----	3,298.00
- MICRO-PARA : \$358.95	
- BOOKS FOR BIOCHEMISTRY: \$298.75	
- BOOKS FOR PHYSIOLOGY: \$298.75	
- ANATOMY: \$2,341.55	
1 DISSECTABLE MUSCLE ARM	
1 DISSECTABLE MUSCLE LEG	
1 UNIT MICROSCOPE	
22. SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR MELANIE ESTOLAS -----	1,078.55
23. MEDICAL LIBRARY BOOKS -----	2,000.00

GRAND TOTAL: ----- \$51,026.55

**SUBMITTED BY: DEAN GEORGINA T. PAREDES, M.D.,
M.P.H.**

Dean looks to the future



This encounter with US-based alumni over the past two years has been very enriching and fruitful.

- Dean Paredes

Since my involvement in alumni affairs in 2000, the Dean's Office has been the most helpful in the UERMMMCM campus to the concerns and interests of alumni. The deans that I have worked with, Dean Esperanza Lansang, Dean Erlinda V. Valdellon and now Dean Georgina T. Paredes, have not only projected the most positive image of our *Alma Mater* but have shown us what is best about our former school. Their openness and engagement with us have provided us with the necessary information to be able to help improve the school that we love.

This ongoing dialogue is at a higher and more substantive level now. As a result, Dean Paredes has been able to articulate before us a more focused view of where alumni can best help: scholarship, faculty development, and teaching

materials. To which alumni have generously obliged. She expressed satisfaction about it when she wrote in the *Mediscope's* latest issue: "This encounter with US-based alumni over the past two years has been very enriching and fruitful."

During an interview at last August's Houston convention, and also in the said report, Dr. Paredes acknowledged the strong alumni response to her plea for scholarship funding, adding that this will enable her to "entice people to enroll at UERM."

Looking into the future, she would implement a key element in the IT initiative started by Dr. Valdellon: the first in the nation computer based examinations and diagnostic tests. She brought home \$5,000 from the alumni foundation for this project. With this, she hopes to cut

staff time in test administration, eliminate cheating, and create a USMLE type of testing at UERM (has already been tried in a pilot study in 2004-2005). She said that about 100 computers would start up the program. The computer lab already has 35. Total cost is \$50,000.

In the same interview, she battled for the revival of professorial chairs and an increase in the honoraria for faculty research projects to upgrade faculty expertise and academic output.

In her online interview with me in early February, she summed up her reflections and plans thus:

In my Dean's Report, I have expressed or implied the strong relationship that we, alumni and I, have developed over the past two years. This pertains not only to those abroad but also to local alumni. (More on page 10)

Boards spook bets . . . continued from page 1

In a poor overall passing performance in the Physician Licensure Examinations. Only 54% of the 2,028 candidates hurdled the tests given by the Board of Medicine in Manila and Cebu in late February. This rate tracks the 50% result of last August's boards.

The top ten honors were dominated by less known medical schools as old powerhouses U.P. and UST managed to garner the 3rd, 7th, and 9th spots. Scoring big were graduates from Our Lady of Fatima University in Valenzuela, Bulacan who bagged numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, and 10. West Visayas State University took 6th, Southwestern University tied U.P. for 7th while upstart St. Luke's College of Medicine placed 8th and 9th.

Breaking from usual practice, the Board of Medicine released not only the schools of the top bets but also the performances of individual medical schools

in the country, all 47 of them. The results were published in the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* online edition on February 25.

The highest overall performances (100%) were turned in by schools with few examinees (two at most). On the other hand, eight schools with similar number of candidates got zero passing.

Only four schools fielded more than 100 candidates. UERM topped this group with a 66% passing rate, besting FEU, Fatima, and De La Salle Health Science Campus. Eleven schools had 50-100 examinees and UST topped this group with 91% passing. Twelve of U.P.'s 14 bets (86%) made it.

Ninety-three successful graduates from UE out of 140 will join the rest of the new doctors in an oath-taking ceremony at Manila Hotel on Sunday, March 12, the Board announced. PRC registration

begins on March 1st.

Asked online, Dean Paredes called UERM's performance "dismal" and said "we have to devise another strategy, perhaps an in-house or intensive board review" for future exams beginning next August. She echoed what she had said last September when Class 2004 bets scored a 53% passing in the August exams: "we are seriously examining the matter and taking steps to rectify our limitations and flaws." Then, Dr. Ma. Theresa Rabena-Pineda of the same class placed 18th.

She added that two factors primarily determine board results: the quality of students and the type of exams given. *Aesculapius Ex* sources observe that Fatima's relative successes in this and past board exams may be attributed to the said school's heavy investment in its intensive review program.



Excerpts of the 2005 annual meeting

compiled by the Editor pending Secretary's report

After quorum was ascertained, Chairman Dr. Bayani Elma called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. After his welcome remarks, the minutes of the previous annual meeting in Chicago was approved.

The Chairman gave his report in printed form titled "Reflecting on the Past, Looking to the Future" based on activities and expenditures in 2004. Highlights were the net income of \$233,155 and net assets of \$662,998 an increase of 54% over 2003's. Donors were listed according to leistedvel of monetary gifts. Twelve projects and programs were along with the implementing committee assignments.

President Dr. Conrad Miranda 's report emphasized the investment alternatives under consideration by the appropriate committees.

Dr. Casibang was formally appointed to serve out the balance the term of Secretary Dr. Rolando Mendoza who resigned for personal reason.

Dr. Elmer Gilo, treasurer, gave his report in power point, providing more details to the general figures in the Chairman's report.

Dr. Manuel Blas, Alumni Association President, deferred to Executive Vice President Dr. Susan Suntay for his report. Dr. Suntay showed the association's improved efficiency in its operation since the shift to a lockbox deposit system and the good performance of its investment through H & R Block.

Reports of the standing committees followed. Most active ones were the scholarship and library committees (see page 14 for listing of scholars). The library committee reported several book and journal donations in the year most notably MarVaDC's \$1,000 gift for new textbooks.

New business included the approval of the next fiscal year's budget (see next page) , election of 5 directors for the next 3-year term (see page 3), presentation of plaques of appreciation, passage of resolution requiring members of the Board of Trustees to contribute \$1,000 annually in cash or in-kind effective in 2005, adoption of amendments to Section 2) Purposes & Objectives) of the constitution to hasten the application of the foundation for tax-exemption in states where it has none, and approval of a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to disburse scholarship money at the start of the school year. The Board tabled any further consideration of the Community Learning Center in Antipolo until its ownership issues are resolved and confined its involvement to already existing programs such as the community medicine service awards to graduating students.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 4:45 pm.

Dean harnesses . . . From page 9

President Divinagracia and I have been to regions around the Philippines touching base with our alumni in the provinces. The 50th jubilee is a very good reason to bring back alumni to UERM.

About my projects for the coming school year, I shall continue to campaign for scholarships of the gold and silver categories. If only each class would sponsor even one scholar, we could fund 45 new scholarships. This is apart from the alumni foundation's 15 partial and 30 book scholarships.

A new project is the revival of the professorial chairs started by Dr. Joven Cuanang during his term as dean. I know that there are monies donated by sponsors sleeping in the coffers of the foundation. Let us use them to improve our school through faculty projects with outputs that would redound to the improvement of our curriculum or our teaching materials and methods. Dr Agnes Alikpala has conferred with me already regarding her desire to open a chair for Dr. Simona Alikpala. Dr. Garcia Sidique also expressed her support for the continuation of the Dr. Alejandra Paz-Garcia Chair in Community Medicine. There will be more if the campaign is highlighted I guess.

Of course, the faculty development program will still be a flagship project. This is the only means by which we could bring our faculty to experience latest developments in medical education around the world. Certainly, the school cannot finance the international travel and accomodation of our faculty grantee. The most that it could offer is the paid study leave, the assurance of their jobs, and the support for projects upon their return to UERM.

To add to the professorial chairs, maybe research fellowship grants should also be opened. The grant can shoulder the honorarium while the school will take care of funding the research projects.

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2005-2006 budget

PROJECTS

Student Scholarship Awards	
1. Partial Tuition Grant @ \$500 per recipient 15 awards, 5 for each 2nd, 3rd & 4th year medicine. To be awarded in the 2nd semester.	Total Costs \$ 7,500
2. Academic Excellence @ \$50 per recipient, 30 awards, 10 for each 2nd, 3rd, & 4th year medicine	\$ 1,500
3. Book Scholars @ \$250 per recipient, total of 30 recipients	\$ 7,500
4. Special Honors Award For 12 incoming freshmen with a GWA of 1.8-2.0 & high NMAT score @ \$365 per recipient	\$ 4,380
Management Fees	\$ 200
SUBTOTAL	\$21,080

Faculty Development Program	
1. Educational Grants For master's degrees in education	\$ 500

2. Travel Grants * A request from Dr. Milagros Rabe, Dept. of Physiology, for \$500 for October 1, 2005.	\$1,000
3. Dean Esperanza Lansang Basic Science Award Awarded to the Best Designed & Executed Modules.	\$ 500
4. Dean Joven Cuanang Clinical Science Award Awarded to the Best Designed & Executed Modules	\$ 500
SUBTOTAL	\$2,500

Research & Memorial Lectures	
1. Dean Fernando Sanchez Research & Publication Awards *Note: Increase of \$1,075 over last year's budget.	\$ 1,500

Community Service Program	
1. Community Service Award Awarded to a student, resident, faculty or department for exemplary community service as recognized by the government, community or the Medical Center	\$ 500

Library	
1. Main Library Donation for purchase of books, journals or other educational materials	\$1,000

Recycling for Charity	
1. Donation-In-Kind (Estimate)	\$5,000

School of Physical Therapy	
1. Scholarship	\$ 100
2. Books	\$ 100
SUBTOTAL	\$ 200

Wish List	
1. The Department of Physiology per Dr. Milagros Rabe requested these materials for IT integration into instructional materials & assessment tools development: Authorware 7 and Macromedia Studio Management.	\$5,503.70
*Needed by November, 2005	

TOTAL FOR PROJECTS \$37,283.70

OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

1. Mailing & Stamps	\$ 1,000	7. Office Supplies	\$ 500
2. Preparation of Annual Report	1,000	8. Bank Charges	1,000
3. Foundation Newsletter	2,000	9. Management Fees	1,000
4. Foundation Meeting Expenses	1,000	10. Other Professional Fees	1,000
5. Tax Preparation, New York State	1,000	11. Cash Reserves	5,000
6. Accounting Fee	1,000	TOTAL O & A EXPENSES	\$15,500

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR 2005-2006: \$52,783.70

Prepared by Bayani B. Elma, M.D., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, UERMMMC Alumni Foundation, USA, Inc. on July 15, 2005, revised on August 2, 2005,, approved by the Board at the Annual Meeting on August 4, 2005.

Constitution & By Laws

(Third installment, amended on July 30, 2003)



ARTICLE IX Investments

Section 1. Investments and Proxies. The Board shall have power to make investments of the funds of the Corporation and to change the same, and may from time to time sell any part of the securities of the Corporation or any rights or privileges that may accrue thereon. Any officer of the Corporation, or such other person or persons as the Board may designate, may execute and deliver on behalf of the Corporation proxies on stock owned by the Corporation, appointing persons to represent and vote such stock at any meeting of stockholders, with full power of substitution, and rescinding such appointments.

Section 2. Transfer and Assignment. The Board may authorize any officer of the Corporation, trustee or any person or persons to execute such form of transfer and assignment as may be customary or necessary to constitute a transfer of stocks, bonds or other securities standing in the name of or belonging to the Corporation. A corporation or person transferring any such stocks, bonds, or other securities pursuant to a form of transfer or assignment so executed shall be fully protected, and shall be under no duty to inquire whether or not the Board has taken action in respect thereof.

ARTICLE X Contracts, Checks and Other Instruments

The Board may authorize any officer or officers, in the name of or on behalf of the Corporation to enter into any contract or to execute and to deliver any instrument, or to sign checks, drafts, endorsements, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; and unless so authorized by the Board or Bylaws of the Corporation, no officer shall have power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagements or to render it pecuniarily liable for any purpose or for any amount. The Board shall have discretion to reject any grant, gift or bequest the conditions of which might conflict with or jeopardize the Corporation's charitable purposes. The Board shall have final authority over the making of all grants and other charitable expenditures, and nothing in the Article shall constitute any restriction or limitation of any powers of the Board conferred by statute or by these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI Loans

No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no negotiable paper shall be issued on its behalf unless authorized by the vote of the Board. When so authorized by the Board any officer of the Corporation may effect loans and advances at any time for the Corporation from any bank, trust company or other institution, or from any firm, corporation or individual. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. No loans other

than through the purchase of bonds, debentures or similar obligations of the type customarily sold in public offerings, or through ordinary deposit of funds in a bank, shall be made by the Corporation to its trustees or officers, or to any other corporation, firm, association or other entity in which one or more of its trustees or officers are directors or officers or hold a substantial interest, except a loan to another Type B corporation, as defined in the New York Not-for Profit Corporation Law.

ARTICLE XII Indemnification of Trustees and Officers

To the extent permitted by law, any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, by reason of being or having been, or having done or not having done anything in the capacity of, a trustee or officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all reasonable expenses and costs, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by, or imposed upon, such person in connection with or resulting from such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein, including any judgment, fine or settlement, provided, however, that either (a) said action, suit or proceeding shall be prosecuted against such person to final determination and it shall not be fully adjudged that such person was liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duties to the Corporation as such trustee or officer, or (b) said action, suit or proceeding shall be settled with the approval of the Board or otherwise terminated as against such person without a final determination on the merits and the Corporation shall be advised in writing by its counsel that in the opinion of such counsel such person was not liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duties to the Corporation, as charged in such action, suit or proceeding. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which any such trustee or officer may be entitled as a matter of law, or which may be lawfully granted to such trustee or officer, and the indemnification hereby granted by the Corporation shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any other privilege or power which the Corporation may lawfully exercise with respect to indemnification or reimbursement of trustees or officers. The term "person" as used in this article shall include the executor, administrator or other personal representative of a trustee or officer.

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ARTICLE XIV Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed at any meeting of the Board, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment or repeal has been sent to each trustee of the Corporation at least five (5) days in advance of the date set for the meeting.

These Bylaws have been amended and approved at the meeting of the Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees on the thirteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and ninety four, at the Raddison Empire Hotel in the City of New York.

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(Revised: 11/13/94, Text approved:
7/30/95)

Alumni Scholarship Awardees for 2005-2006

Recommended by the College Of Medicine's Committee on Scholarship & Academic Honors chaired by former Dean Dr. Erlinda V. Valdellon and approved by the UERMMMCAFUSA, Inc.'s Committee on Scholarship chaired by Mrs. Amor T. Castro.

Partial Tuition Fee Award

(\$500 for 10 students)

A. Fourth Year

1. Lustre, Ronald
2. Manguba, Jonathan
3. Sanvictores, May Julie

B. Third Year

4. Arzaga, Ma. Ligaya
5. Mangasar, Michelle
6. Montano, Frederic
7. Obnamia, Ryan Martin

C. Second Year

8. Afos, Ivy Ellin
9. David, Jonabeth
10. Torres, Donna Rose

Book Award

(\$250 for 21 students)

A. Fourth Year

1. Licuanan, Angelina
2. Lim, Cherry
3. Lustre, Ronald
4. Manguba, Jonathan

B. Third Year

5. Alday, Federico
6. Arzaga, Ma. Ligaya
7. Barila, Mary Jo
8. Bautista, Patrick
9. Cuison, Carmela
10. Dazo, Jesserri
11. Decampong, Alfatah
12. Mangasar, Michelle
13. Marquez, Andrew
14. Montezoro, Marilyn
15. Obmerga, Ma. Gemyde
16. Obnamia, Ryan Martin
17. Vivar, Jo Anne

C. Second Year

18. Niles, Francis Allen
19. Taguba Aubrey
20. Torres, Donna Rose
21. Morente, Delle Marc

Academic Excellence Award

(\$50 for each of the top ten students during the SY 2004-2005, total of 34)

A. Second Year (by 1 to 10 ranking)

Leonides Bermejo, Melanie Estolas, Michael Burgos, Tamara Khatid, Bianca Escaro, Mildeanna de Guzman, Marjouette Varila, Jose Carlos Villanueva, Ana Cristina Maliglig, Donna Rose Torres

B. Third Year (by 1 to 10 ranking)

Marc Jod Pandres, Don Leo Pepito, Cristina Ohana San Luis, Harriet Aveline Florendo, Ma. Ligaya Arzaga, Abigail Louise Te, Cristina Cruz, Angela Apostol, Patricia Bautista, Augusto Nicollo Salalima, Raciela Ramiro, Joanna Guera, Laarni Palma, Ma. Helen Briones

C. Third Year (by 1 to 10 ranking)

Celina Andrea Hao, James Wilson, Khimberly Santiago, Marion Aurellado Jose Mari Galauran, Angelica Andal, Mira Magsino, Raquel Ibanez, Celito Tamban, Erwin Malanay

Special Honors Award

Given to freshmen who satisfy criteria based on pre-med GWA of 1.8 to 2.0 and high NMAT scores and recommended by the Dean. The Alumni Foundation awards \$365 to each of the 10 scholars selected.

In addition, several independent alumni initiatives are funding needy but deserving scholars from the freshman and upper classes.

Most of the donations, in the form of \$1,000 a year per recipient for 4 years, are coursed through the Alumni Foundation. Before the convention, there were three, two sophomores and one junior.



During the August convention, Dean Paredes successfully obtained funding for 4 more of such scholars, all of whom are outgoing freshmen.

The current school year brought in 22 latin honors freshmen, one of each *summa* and *magna cum laudes*. They received the President Dalupan entrance scholarship for the first semester.

Class 2008: Ivy Elline Afos, Leonides Bermejo (#1), Jacelie King, Jhames Ocfemia, Irene Gail Robredo, Melanie Estolas (#2), and Mildeanna de Guzman (#7).

Class 2009: Roberta Emille de Joya, Joyce Natarte, Frances Sapinoso, Joyce Sodusta, Aileen Obmaces, May Angela Pelayo, Aiza Blanco, Jason Ligot, Nila Franche, Bryan Bolante, Donna Lea Pepito, Kenny Tablizo, Katherine Magante.

In their own words

Bryan Bolante

I am Bryan Raymond V. Bolante, a first year student in the UERMMMCC. I graduated from the University of the East, Recto, Manila. Due to my current condition, I am in dire need of financial support for my studies. My father is unemployed and my mother has no occupation. My brother is the only one in the family that has a stable income. I am hoping for your kind consideration. Thank you very much.

Roberta Emile de Jaja

I graduated from the Philippine Science High School in 2001 with a 4-year full scholarship from the Department of Science and Technology. In March, 2005, I attained my B.S. degree in molecular biology and biotechnology *cum laude* from the University of the Philippines, Diliman. I am currently a freshman at the UERMMMCC College of Medicine. With my background in molecular biology, I hope to specialize in and promote genetic medicine in the Philippines someday. Currently, my mother, who is an elementary school teacher, is funding my medical education since my father's business has recently closed down.

Aiza Chrysan C. Blanco

Education: High School - Colegio de Sta. Rosa, Makati, awarded the Certificate of Good Performance and Mercury Drug Excellence in Science; College - B. S. University of the Philippines, Manila, 2nd to 4th year College Scholar, Best Thesis. Family: 3rd of 4

children, father is retired, mother is a disbursing officer at the City Government of Taguig.

Leonides Bermejo

I'm from Mexico, Pampanga. My father is a self-employed electronics technician there while my mother is a housewife. I graduated in B.S. P.T. at U.P. in 1993 then worked as an instructor at the U.P. College of Allied Medical Professions and at other PT schools in MetroManila until 1997. I wanted to go to medical school then but because of our family's financial situation, I decided to work in the U.S. (Florida, Arkansas, was also licensed in California) as a P.T. This enabled me to help my family and save some for my medical education.

I came home last year to fulfill my dream of becoming a doctor. I am now in 2nd year. I am supporting myself as my family has minimal financial means. I am grateful for UERMMMCC alumni's financial support for needy students like me. Whoever is going to sponsor me, I would be very grateful. Thank you for your generosity.

Ken Tablizo

I was told po by Dr. Paredes that you have chosen me as one of your scholars. I was very delighted to hear about it. My family was very happy. Thank you po for the support. I will strive harder and aim for excellence. May God continue to bless you and your family. Thank you very much!

Mildeanna de Guzman

I would like to thank you for helping me find a sponsor for my scholarship. This may have taken much of your time but still you have chosen to help dreaming students like me who are in need. The scholarship significantly lessened the strain in my family's finances especially in this time of crisis. For this, my family and I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude. Thank you and God bless.

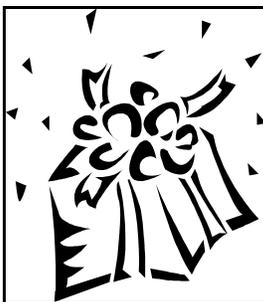
Melanie Estolas

It is with utmost pride that I inform you that my first year in medical school has been most productive and rewarding. I earned a GPA of 1.67 and was able to indulge my passion for biochemistry, physiology and anatomy as best as I could and even discovered a newfound interest in neurology which I hope very much to pursue in the future. The classroom lessons are extremely interesting and helpful but more so those being taught by patients themselves in the wards (we are exposed to the wards as early as first year). The past year made me grow not only in knowledge but in spirit. I am more sure now of the path I have chosen. I am continuously awed by everything I am learning and humbled by the fact that it all is a mere fraction of what I have yet to learn.

My stay at UERM would not have been possible if not for your support. I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity. The trust you have bestowed me is a constant reminder for me to push harder to realize my full potential. I hope to become the best doctor I can possibly be with your continued trust and support.

Thank you so much to all our donors!

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Medical education symposium touts UERM to applicants



The panelists: Drs. Romergryko Geocadin, Erlinda Valdellon, Dean Georgina Paredes, Romeo Divinagracia, President Manny Blas, Moderator Sam Piga, Andres Borromeo, Executive Director Irene Manlapaz, and Benjamin Rigor.

The Alumni Association held its first symposium on medical education on the last day of the Houston convention. The session attracted alumni families with children who were interested in attending medical school in the Philippines especially UERMMMCM.

Designed primarily as an informational meeting, the symposium featured an all-UERM panel of speakers that focused on the major concerns of students considering a medical career.

Shortage of physicians in U.S.A.

The backdrop to this topic is the reportedly looming shortage of physicians in the United States by as early as 2015 not only in primary care but also in some specialties. This presents a bright prospect for committed students to still consider medicine as their career choice as recent surveys affirm the general public's continuing high esteem for the profession.

UERM refines PBL

As the first speaker, Dean Georgina Paredes described the curriculum to the audience. She pointed out that UERMMMCM, as the first medical school in the Philippines to adopt the innovative learning curriculum called PBL (Problem-Based Learning), has almost 8 years of experience with it and that the school is fine tuning it to conform with the country's need for quality doctors. The program's hallmark, she said, is independent learning, less tedious lectures and Integrative. Most importantly, she added,

students are introduced to patients as early as first semester of first year through the "Patient Doctor" classes. Finally, she said that U.S. based students would now have the option of doing some core rotations in clinical clerkship in their fourth or junior internship year in New York and soon Chicago.

Scholarships are for Filipinos

Dr. Erlinda Valdellon, former dean and current Chair of the Committee on Scholarship at UERM, presented the various scholarships available to students including those given by the Alumni Foundation (see page 11 for details). The caveat: only Filipinos can avail of the college's scholarship programs. Other criteria for renewal of these need based scholarships are good moral character, no failing grades, and committee recommendation.

Your children are safe!

This was Department of Surgery Chief Dr. Andres Borromeo's message to parents of prospective UERM medical students as he took the audience "down memory lane" showing pictures of landmarks familiar to alumni of old. Also the campus is close to so many commercial conveniences that could ease some FilAm students' homesickness, he said. Prices of apartments vary so much but he emphasized that the apartments he surveyed have private security guards 24 hours a day. So does the campus itself.

Clinical training

Dr. Romeo Divinagracia, UERMMMCM President, discussed the hospital, outpatient clinic, community medicine and affiliated government hospital rotations that students will be going through including the US clerkship that was formally started two years ago.

Be realistic in vying for residency

This was the gist of Dr. Benjie Rigor's talk (see Mailbag section). He reassured though that a returning US student still has a good shot at landing a residency position to rejoin American medicine. The key: get high USMLE grades.

Take the USMLE as early as you can

So advised Dr. Romergryko Geocadin, neurointensivist from John Hopkins. He presented strategies for preparing for and taking the USMLE tests that are required of all international medical graduates before they can vie to residency training in the U.S.

The symposium seems to have helped a number of students as the Dean said in an email: "Good news. So far we have 20 FilAm applicants! The forum last August was a good strategy, I guess."

The UERMMMCM College of Medicine is now accepting applications for the first year class of the academic year 2007-2008 starting in June, 2007. Please contact the college as soon as possible for more information at 011-632-3315 or www.uerm.ph. Applications must be completed by January 15, 2007. In addition to academic and documentary requirements, applicants must take the NMAT (National Medical Admission Test) administered in Manila and Chicago. Foreign students are encouraged to apply early. The names of accepted applicants will be posted at the above website as they become available.

I still am not sure why I am up here delivering the closing remarks. I suspect it is a little bit of nepotism because the convention chairman is my brother Tom. Or perhaps this is still part of my coveted prize for landing my Pro-V-1 a few feet from the flag at Hole # 9 at Tour 18, a replica of the island hole in Sawgrass. I missed the birdie but tapped it in for par.

Seriously, I welcome the opportunity to add my heartfelt, personal congratulations to the Jubilarian classes. I personally know two of the silver jubilarians, Dr. Mayette

Luayon and Dr. Mike Hizon who are both from Chicago. We do have a very close-knit chapter in Chicago. I also congratulate the members of Class '75 and '70 who are celebrating their 30th and 35th anniversaries, respectively. It gives me great pleasure to greet the Ruby

Jubilarians, Class '65. I am very impressed with their attendance this evening. It looks like the whole class is here except for Tito Crisostomo. I have a special fondness for them. Right after my graduation, I joined the Dept. of Pathology headed by the late Dr. Jose Cuyegkeng. The other members of the department then were: Dr. Angelina Tantengco who is with us tonight, Dr. Domingo Paulino, and the late Dr. Restituto Nocum who not only taught us pathology but also involved so many of us in musical presentations at UE. My former classmate, the late Dr. Jorge Peralta and I were assistant instructors in the department. I would like to think that I contributed a little bit in the education of Class '65. Living in Chicago, I count as dear friends Dave Roble, Nards Chato, Dolphy Gonzales and absent Tito Crisostomo, all members of Class '65. Again, congratulations to all the Jubilarians!

As we honor ruby jubilarians, forty years from their graduation, one may get the impression that we are all getting older, along with our alma mater. We must realize however that our alma mater is still very young compared to UST which is centuries old, and U.P., soon to celebrate their centennial. As announced today, we are preparing to celebrate our Golden Anniversary next year. Thus, we are a puppy compared to the other institutions I mentioned. And if you still have doubts about how young our institution

in this country as section chiefs and even chairmen of their departments. As we turn our attention to our alma mater, we take pride in recognizing the fact that the leadership of our institution is in the very capable hands of our fellow alumni, with Dr. Romeo Divinagracia as President of the Medical Center, and Dr. Georgina Paredes as our Dean. At noon today, we were treated to a scholarly presentation by our former Dean Dr. Erlinda Valdellon. But our biggest contribution of course is our collective contribution to the medical care in this country and the Philippines, practicing first class

medicine. Yes, the graduates of UERM have not only arrived. We belong! We can cite many individual achievements to be sure, but being graduates of UERM had a lot to do with our success.

Finally, I congratulate the planners of these conventions for the very thoughtful way that they have organized these af-

fairs, allowing jubilarians to truly get together and reminisce, setting up outstanding CME programs, arranging dinners and even the now popular golf outings. Perhaps, the one of the best features of these conventions is inviting the leaders of our alma mater to come and share with us news and concerns about our institution, and inviting involvement from all of us. I spoke about the pride we all share as UE graduates, but we must realize that we have to continue to support our alma mater to make sure that she continues to be an institution of excellence so that graduates who will follow us can join us in the future on occasions like tonight. And share the same pride, privilege, and prestige of being UERM graduates!

Let's all be proud to be UERM graduates

By Benjamin G. Lumicao, M.D., FACC, FACP
(Closing remarks delivered at the Batch Night, August 5, 2005, Houston, Texas)

is, just look up here, and speaking before you, is a member of the very first graduating class, Class '61, and as you can see he is a picture of youth and vigor!

Seriously speaking, celebrating anniversaries like we do annually to honor our jubilarians is a good time to take stock of our accomplishments. I remember hearing the late Dr. Cuyegkeng declare: *Having a good physical plant, including a brand new hospital, and putting together a strong basic faculty and an outstanding clinical faculty, helps but does not establish the good reputation of our institution. It will be the performance of her graduates - YOU - he said that will establish the reputation of UERM.* Using that yardstick today, we should all be proud to be graduates of the University of the East College of Medicine. We have graduates who have distinguished themselves in major academic centers

from our mailbag



Can you help me get a residency position in America?

I graduated from UERMMMC in 1996. I was able to finish medical school through the scholarship grants of the UERMMMC alumni association here in the U.S. with the help of the Scholarship Committee then headed by Dr. Erlinda Valdellon.

From 1999 to 2002, I had my residency training in internal medicine at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center. I was certified a diplomate in the said specialty in 2003. Then I worked as an ER doctor in a city hospital and in some HMO outpatient clinics until my family migrated to the U.S. as my wife is an RN. We are presently here in Maryland.

Recently, I passed my USMLE Steps 1 & 2 CK/CS and now in the process of preparing my documents for the ERAS and NRMP. Because of the enormous cost to an IMG like me, I'd like to limit my choices to programs that would likely interview me and hopefully be matched with. I asked Dr. Valdellon for advice and she referred me to you.

It was through your generosity that I became an M.D. I am again knocking at your doors for help in fulfilling my family's dream of a good future. Can you help me please?

Alpiniano B. Pintor, M.D., '96
October 26, 2005

This letter was sent to sent to alumni officials who had asked Dr.. Benjie Rigor to reply. Here's his edited reply:

*Dear Doctor, your inquiry was forwarded to me by Dr. Miranda, alumni foundation president. Here's my advice: 1) **Make a very good curriculum vitae** (It must include the highlights of your undergraduate and medical education. List honors, awards, publications, research projects, etc.); 2) **Don't apply to crowded disciplines** that AMGS (American medical graduates) want most (ophthalmology, ER medicine, OB-GYN,*

*surgical subspecialties such as orthopedics, urology, plastic surgery, thoracic & cardiovascular surgery, etc.) but apply in the less attractive ones (pathology, psychiatry, anesthesiology, family medicine, etc.); 3) **Consult the Green Book or AMA Graduate Medical Education Directory to know your preferences** (Start with non-university programs first because you are at the bottom of the pecking order: the university program's graduates first, then other graduates of U.S. medical schools, U.S. and Canadian medical graduates who are shifting to that programs discipline, the graduates of U.S. osteopathic schools, followed by U.S. citizens who graduated from foreign medical schools but obtained their undergraduate education in the U.S., then caucasian graduates of English-speaking countries, and finally IMGs from foreign medical schools. Try your best to get good USMLE scores in both Steps 1 & 2. Most program directors prefer no less than an 80% grade. If you have less than this, apply in non-university programs first then work your way up to the university ones if you still have the energy and enthusiasm. If your score is low, take the USMLE again and use the higher score in applying. If you are a U.S. citizen or a resident here, volunteer to observe or assist in research in the department you are interested in.);*

*4) **Be very patient** (apply in as many programs as necessary); 5) **Take anything they offer you then back out with honor and dignity early enough for a better choice**; 6) **Prepare well for an interview** (Dress appropriately, be punctual, answer questions directly and honestly.); 7) **After the interview, send a "thank you" card to the program director and interviewers** letting them know that you will rank them highly. They appreciate this gesture; and finally; 8) **Ask letters of references only from those whom you feel would give you a positive image** (If you have a U.S. reference, so much the better for easier communication. I find the email to be faster, less formal but very, very effective.*

Benjamin Rigor, M.D. '62

Yes, we hear you and we'll attend to your concerns

(The following is Dr. Divinagracia's edited reply in July, 2005 to some concerns raised by Dr. Antolin Trinidad of the MarVaDC Chapter. Editor)

Yesterday, after reading the emails copied to me, I immediately conferred with our Information Management Director, analyzed our problems and drew up an action plan to remedy the situation.

Our website is presently handled by our MISD together with Pfizer. I find this inefficient as we have to go to Pfizer before we can update the website. Solution: we will have our website managed by UERMMMC and I promise to put these things in order SOON. The webmaster will either be the MIS director herself or someone from her department.

Problem: It is quite difficult to get updated info from the website about the different colleges. **Solution:** a committee with members from the three colleges will be set up to provide updated materials every month.

Problem: Email addresses of our management people. They are accessible in our website and they are current. **Problem:** Management people do not open their emails regularly despite my standing memo for them to do so.. **Solution:** REITERATE and resend the memorandum and inform them how important these emails are.

Problem: The registrar does not attend to the needs of alumni promptly. I have recently reorganized the Registrar's Office and redefined its functions. Mr. Magdaleno will be retired soon and we have been training his replacement.

Also, I will organize the Alumni Office to attend to the alumni needs of the 3 colleges. We are halfway computerizing alumni records.

Thank you for the information. I welcome them. We need to be reminded from time to time. We will do our best to immediately remedy the situation within our means.

Romeo Divinagracia, M.D., '63
President, UERMMMC

How to request for funding

In a continuing effort by the foundation to help recipients at UERMMMC obtain funding, here once again is the process that must be followed per current regulations before any project can be supported. Failure here can only delay funding. Editor

University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center Alumni Foundation, U.S.A., Inc.

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 Amount Requested: _____

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 ♦ Publications

When do you need the funding? _____

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Submit a properly accomplished request for funding that states the purpose, nature of the project, cost & when needed.

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Re: Request for Funding of Fellowship/ Continuing Education

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your application form with the required documents.
 Your request was presented and approved by the Board of Trustees. Enclosed is a check of _____ dollars payable to _____

In addition, an acknowledgment forms for you to complete and return to the Foundation. *It is necessary for you to return the acknowledgment of the receipt of the funds for accurate accounting and documentation. The specific donor(s) will be provided with a copy to be included in the annual report.*

If you prefer, you could use your own acknowledgment letter. Congratulations and best wishes on your endeavors.

Truly yours,

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The Los Angeles host alumni take time to reminisce with Drs. Arcilla.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Day 1—Wednesday, August 2, 2006

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Golf Tournament, Angel Park Course
(Assembly at 6 AM, Hotel Lobby)

Day 2 - Thursday, August 3, 2006

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Golf Tournament, TPC Canyons PGA Course
(Assembly at 6 AM, Hotel Lobby)

12:00 N - 5:00 PM - Alumni Foundation Annual Meeting (Murcia
Room, **Open to the membership**, Lunch tickets required)

12:00 N - 6:00 PM - Registration (Grand Foyer Office AB)

12:00 N - 6:00 PM - Exhibits (Grand Ballroom A & B)

6:00 PM - 12:00 MN - Welcome & Fellowship Night (Grand
Ballroom C, D, E)

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM - Cocktail/Cash Bar (Grand Foyer C)

7:00 PM - 12:01 AM - Dinner/Dance & Fun (Pre-registration tickets
required) ATTIRE - Casuals (Western & blue jeans optional)

Day 3 - Friday, August 4, 2006

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Continental Breakfast (CME attendees :
tickets required)

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Registration, Exhibits, Silent Auction (Grand
Ballroom D & E)

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM - Continuing Medical Education (Ballroom C)

12:00 N - 1:00 PM - Cuyegkeng Memorial Luncheon Lecture
(Grand Ballroom D & E)

6:00 PM - 12:01 AM - Jubilarian Night Dinner/Dance hosted by
Silver Jubilarians '81 (Grand Ballroom C, D, E)

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Cocktails/Cash Bar (Grand Foyer C)

7:00 PM - 12:01 AM - Dinner/Dance & Fun (Dinner tickets
required) ATTIRE - Las Vegas flare casual

Day 4 - Saturday, August 5, 2006

7:00 AM - 8:30 PM - Continental Breakfast (Ballroom D & E)

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Gala Registration (Pre-registration dinner
tickets required)

8:00 AM - 12:01 PM - Registration, Exhibits, Silent Auction
(Ballroom A & B)

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM - General Meeting & Election (Grand Ballroom
D & E) All alumni members are requested to attend and vote.

11:00 AM - 12:00 N - Medical School Updates & Open Forum, Dean
Georgina T. Paredes

12:00 N - 6:00 PM - Lunch on your own. Free Time

12:00 N - 2:00 PM - UERMMMCMAAA, Inc. Executive Council
Meeting (Cataluna Room)

6:00 PM - 6:45 PM - Youth Room Dinner (Castilla Room)

6:00 PM - 6:50 PM - Cocktails/Cash Bar (Grand Foyer C)

7:00 PM - 12:01 AM - Gala/Dinner Dance (Grand Ballroom ABC)

Pre-registration tickets required. Attire: Formal, Black Tie Optional

Day 5 - Sunday, August 6, 2006

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Mass (Grand Ballroom A & B)

12 Noon - Check out time. Bon voyage!

**Continuing Medical Education Program
CURRENT CLINICAL ISSUES IN MEDICINE**

Welcome Address

(7:45 am - 7:50 am, Manuel Blas, M.D., '67, President)

Introduction to the CME

(7:50 am - 8:00 am, Edgar Banez, M.D., '76, CME
Chairman)

Recent Surgical Approach to Seizure Disorders

(8:00 am- 8:45 am, Renato Querubin, M.D. '67)

Women & Cardiology

(8:45 am - 9:30 am, Pamela Rama de Padua, M.D.,
UST '88)

Recent Advances in Preventive Cardiology

(9:30 am - 10:15 am, Ernesto Chua, M.D., '62)

Coffee Break , Exhibits, & Silent Auction

(10:15 am - 10:30 am)

Management of Pathologic Gambling

(10:30 am- 11:15 am, Rena Magno-Nora, M.D., UST)

The Great American Medical Dilemma for the Mille-
nium: Shortage of Physicians and Other Health Care
Professionals

(11:15 am - 12:00 n, Benjamin Rigor, M.D., '62)

Question & Answer

(12:00 n - 12:30 am, Drs. Ed Banez & Alex Abary, Mod-
erators)

Dr. Jose Cuyegkeng Memorial Luncheon Lecture
11230 pm - 2:00 pm, Mr. P.O. Domingo, Chairman of
the UERMMMC Board of Trustees)

Clinical Electromyography

(2:00 pm - 2:45 pm, Peter Siao, M.D., '81)

Breast Cancer

(2:45 pm - 3:30 pm, Marc Tirona, M.D., '81)

Acute & Chronic Pain

(3:30 pm - 4:15 pm, Lynette Anarna Carungcong, M.D.,
'81)

Question & Answer

(4:15 pm - 4:30 pm, Drs. Ed Banez & Alex Abary, Mod-
erators)

Adjournment

*Participants will earn 8 hours of Category 1 credit tow-
ard the AMA Physician Recognition Award.*

Hotel Reservation

Group Code - UERM Group Rate: \$139/night (single/double occupancy) plus tax and Las Vegas Baggage Handling Housekeeper Gratuity. Rates good for August 1 to 9, 2006. Group rates are honored 2 days before and after the event.

Call: (800) 228-9290

Online: www.jwmarriottlv.com Group Code UER, then enter

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DEADLINE FOR GROUP RATE: July 10, 2006

Support the Alliance & Friends

The UERMMM Medical Alliance & Friends, Inc., the medical alumni auxiliary, will present a surprise "Jubilee Show" at the Bally Hotel. Reserve your tickets now by calling the numbers below by June 30th. Also, do not forget to send your "In-Kind" donations to the Alliance & Friends' Silent Auction. It's your chance to share your unwanted valuables and obtain some returns from them. Your donation(s) may be tax-deductible.

For particulars, please contact Mrs. Odette Blas by phone (630) 816-1171 or email mblascap@aol.com.

For Golfers Only

The Sports Committee is excited to announce that there will be a 2-day golf extravaganza on August 2 & 3 as part of our 18th Alumni Reunion and Golden Anniversary celebration in Las Vegas.

With summer temperatures the way they are, a 7 AM shotgun start has been arranged with both Angel Park Golf Course and TPC Canyons. Green fees are \$150 for Angel Park and \$180 for TPC (include shuttle & bag lunch).

Early registration is highly encouraged. For any questions, contact: Ed Banez (323- 254-6754 or 818-421-0060); Rene Suntay (773-263-3723); Jun Nasser (409-338-8422 or 409-727-4907); or Alex Bobila (201-788-8779).

50th Anniversary Yearbook Project

To celebrate UERMMM's golden jubilee, the Alumni Association is undertaking a fundraising project called the "50th Anniversary Yearbook" for the benefit of the Dean's academic scholarship. We're asking each class from 1961 to 1989 to donate 2 pages each for \$500 (\$250 per page). One page will be for the class picture and the second for the list of members of the class. Since the younger classes (1990 - 2005) may not yet be able afford this, we are not going to ask them for donations at this time.

There will also be a few pages called "Golden Sponsors Page" which will contain a list of \$100 donors who will help defray the cost of printing. At the back of the yearbook will be the updated alumni directory. Those who donate at least \$100 for the sponsors page will get a copy of the yearbook. There won't be any ads but we hope that we could raise a good amount for scholarship.

For particulars, please contact Dr. Irene Ibanez-Manlapaz, Executive Director, P.O. Box 13073, Alexandria, LA 71315-3073, tel/fax (318) 445-5224.

Election Reminders

Alumni Association: Under the new Nominations & Elections Policy adopted last year, be reminded most importantly that: (1) only lifetime members and regular members who have paid their dues one month before the election day are qualified to vote; (2) only candidates who have submitted their intent of candidacy to the Nomination Committee chaired by the immediate past president no less than 30 days prior to the election and have been duly qualified by the said committee can be included in the ballot; (3) any election protest must be submitted in writing to the Elections Committee within 4 hours after the announcement of the official results. For other details, please see the last issue of the Alumni Newsletter or contact any officers of the alumni association.

Alumni Foundation: There are 5 seats in the Board of Trustees that are up for election at the annual meeting on August 3, 2006. Anyone interested in serving must submit a letter of intent & a resume to the President, Dr. Conrad Miranda IV (phone 818-762-4169, fax 818-762-4165, or email cmira4@aol.com) anytime before the meeting. The term of office will be three years. The board then elects its officers from among the 15 trustees.

**18th Annual Convention and Reunion
UERMMMMC Medical Alumni Association
in America, Inc. and UERMMMMC
Alumni Foundation, USA, Inc.
JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa in
Summerlin
221 N. Rampart Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89145
(877) 869-8777 or (702) 869-7044**

REGISTRATION FEES: FULL PACKAGE FEES include CME, annual membership, Friday & Saturday continental breakfasts, Cuyegkeng luncheon, Thursday & Saturday dinner/dance socials. Friday dinner extra.

ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON (CME + Package Rate)

Postmarked by:	7/1/06	On Site	Qty.	Total
Lifetime members	\$650	\$700	___	\$_____
Regular members (unpaid 2006 dues)	\$700	\$750	___	\$_____
Retired alumni (65+)	\$450	\$500	___	\$_____
Residents, Fellows, or Not-in-Practice	\$350	\$400	___	\$_____
Non-USA Residing (Passport required)	\$200	\$250	___	\$_____
Individual Fees:				
Breakfast per day	\$ 35	\$ 45	___	\$_____
Cuyegkeng luncheon	\$ 55	\$ 65	___	\$_____
Thurs. or Fri. dinner	\$ 70	\$ 75	___	\$_____
Saturday gala	\$160	\$170	___	\$_____
CME	\$300		___	\$_____

CHILDREN (Under age 11)
 With gala: 3 days (\$150), 2 days (\$120),
 1 gala (\$70) _____ \$_____
 Without gala dinner: 3 days (\$100), 2 days
 (\$70), Youth Room (\$40) _____ \$_____
 Please check dinner preference other than meat: fish ()
 or vegetarian ().

OPTIONAL FEES:
Golf Tournament: Aug. 2 \$150 _____ \$_____
 Aug. 3 \$180 _____ \$_____
 See next form for contact person.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FEES:
 LIFETIME - \$500 per person (optional) _____ \$_____
 ANNUAL - \$ 50 per person (required) _____ \$_____
Grand Total \$_____

Please return this form with the Registration Form and Payment enclosed. Thank you.

Convention Chairman: Dr. Freddie Dial, President ,
 Southern California Chapter; National Convention
 Commissioner: Dr. Susan P. Suntay

**REGISTRATION FORM
(Discount Rate Deadline: June 30, 2006)**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Last First Middle/Maiden Name
 Spouses's Name: _____
 Business/Profession: _____
 Home Address: _____ Zip Code _____
 Office Address: _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone: Daytime _____ Evening _____
 Fax: _____ Email Address: _____
 Specialty: _____ Chapter: _____
 Year of Graduation: _____ (Spouse's _____)

Guest (s) and/or Children's Name (s) (for individual events):

GOLF REGISTRATION

Name (s): _____ Handicap _____

 Golf questions? Please contact Edgar Banez, M.D. at
 (818) 421-0060, (323) 254-6754 or fax (323) 257-5949.

**PAYMENT METHOD
(Please print)**

Please make check payable to: UERMMMMC-MAAA, Inc.
 Tax I.D. No. 52-1745846. Mail or fax this form to:

**UERMMMMC-MAAA, Inc.
 c/o Sonia Rico-Todd, M.D.
 P.O. Box 2153
 Bedford Park, IL 60499-2153**

Sonia Rico-Todd, M.D., Treasurer (Tel: 574-457-2670/
 Fax: 574-457-3559)

() Bank Check, () Visa Credit Card Only (Add \$5 processing charge.) Grand Total: _____
 Visa Credit Card # _____
 Expiration Date: _____
 Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____
 Printed Name of Cardholder: _____

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation Policy: No refunds after July 15, 2006. 50% refund on July 1-15, 2006. For more information, please contact: Irene I. Manlapaz, M.D. Tel/Fax (318) 445-5224, Email imanlapaz@hotmail.com; Freddie Dial, M. D., Tel. (951) 353-2769, Email fpdial@earthlink.net; Ed Banez, M.D., Tel. (818) 421-0060; Susan P. Suntay, M. D., Tel/Fax (312) 846-7543, Email spsuntay@yahoo.com.

Souvenir Program Order Form

My Name or Company(as you would like it to appear in the program):

Address _____

Tel. No. _____ Fax _____

Email _____

- Back Cover ----- \$1,500
 Front Inside Cover --- 1,200
 Back Inside Cover --- 1,000
 Gold Sponsor ----- 500
 Silver Sponsor ----- 250
 Bronze Sponsor ----- 100
 Crystal Donor - ----- 50
 Full Page ----- 250
 Half Page ----- 150
 One-Fourth ----- 100

Enclosed is my camera ready AD/message (Please enclose business card).

Design an AD/message for me (\$25 is added for art/layout work).

In-Kind Donation of: _____

_____ Declared Value \$ _____

Please contact Odette Blas at (630) 816-1171 or Dr. Gerri Dial at (951) 353-2769.

VISA MC Card # _____

Expiration: _____ Date _____

Signature _____

(As it appears on the card)

Printed Name _____

Please return this form with a check payable to:

UERMMMC-MAAA, Inc.
 c/o Freddie Dial, M.D.
 3975 Jackson St. # 200
 Riverside, CA 92503

Your donation may be tax-deductible. Please consult your accountant. The association Federal Tax I.D. Number is: 52-1745846. For additional information, please call Dr. Irene I. Manlapaz (318) 623-0088 or email imanlapaz@hotmail.com or Susan P. Suntay, M.D. at (312) 846-7543 or email spsuntay@yahoo.com.

Deadline for submission: 7/1/2006

Thank you for your support.

Southern California & Las Vegas Hosts

Freddie P. Dial, M.D.

Overall Chairman

Lerdo Cocal, M.D.

Chair, Welcome Night, Thursday August 3, 2006

Estrella Azurin-Aguinaldo, M.D.

Chair, Jubilarian Night, Friday, August 4, 2006

Neda Ballon-Reyes, M.D.

Chair, Gala Night, Saturday, August 5, 2006

Southern California Alumni

Committee on Invitations

Andy Ebilane, M.D.

Chair, Souvenir Program Committee

Lito Babaran, M.D. and Andy de la Llana, M.D.

Chairs, Advertising

Edgar Banez, M.D.

Chair, Sports and Continuing Medical Education

Southern California Alumni

Entertainment

The organizers are already meeting every 3rd Sunday of the month from January to July, 2006.

19th Convention & Reunion in DC

Please plan to attend the 19th Annual Convention & Reunion on August 1 - 5, 2007 at J.W. Marriott Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, DC. The special group rate will be \$169/night.

For more information, please contact Dr. Susan P. Suntay at spsuntaymd@gmail.com or (312) 846-7543

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Melocoton
Nitollama
Rosalita*

*The Las Vegas alumni
want you very much to come
and enjoy their city.*

*Remember, what happens
in Vegas stays in Vegas!*

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gelista '64,
zales '64,
Malimban
sita Lu
'78, Rodney
'76,
Turla '62.*

Conventions, making it easy on you and us

1. **Register early.** Fill out forms properly (print them) and mail checks or pay by Visa/MC ASAP.
2. **Get CME packets** at registration desks. Please be kind and courteous to our fellow alumni volunteers. We can not do without their help.
3. Make your **hotel reservation** before the deadline of July 10, 2006 (No extension. Please see Registration Form on page 22).
4. Register and **get tickets for desired dinner events** (all meals require tickets prior to dinner events).
5. **Election** requires payment of either a lifetime membership (\$500 one time) or regular membership (\$50 annually). Payment must be received 30 days prior to August 5, 2006 or by July 5, 2006 to be eligible to vote.
6. **Come to sessions on time.**
7. **Bring your fun self .**

Susan Perez-Sundt, M.D. '77

UERMMMC nurses will also be in Vegas

Calling it a good timing or good coordination rather. The UERMMMCNAAA, Inc. will be celebrating their 23rd reunion at the *Escalibur* on August 3 to 6, 2006. They have adjusted their schedule to be able to celebrate with us. Kudos to President Richard Yap and President-Elect Rhodora Sino Cruz. And happy reunion to all of you too! Here's their schedule:

Thursday, August 3
Registration & Fellowship Night

Friday, August 4, 2006
CEU, Election of Officers, and Gala Night

Saturday, August 6, 2006
Organizational Meeting and Celebration with
the Doctors

Sunday, August 7, 2007
Farewell Party



Dra. Tantengco (L) introduces Dra. Valdellon as Cuyegkeng speaker.

Dr. Valdellon poses with Drs. Manlapaz, Blas, and Lumicao after the Cuyegkeng Memorial Lecture.



The day-long CME program is well attended.



Alliance & Friends raise funds for Foundation projects.



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