



USTEAA Newsletter

CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE SCHOLAR AT A TIME

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From the Editor's Desk: Helping Hands

By Evelyn J. Masaoy, ChE '63

As a first time volunteer at our annual community service at the NJ Community Food Bank in Hillside, NJ, one of our Co-Presidents, Tante Palad, described his experience eloquently, "One of the best days in my life ... when small things can make a big difference!"

Nineteen pairs of hands came to Hillside that chilly, windy but sunny spring morning of April 11, 2015. Three Co-Presidents: Joey Lozada, Ray Zipagan and Tante Palad, and two Co-VPs: Rosanne Silvino and Eljay Mundin, led the rest of us members and officers: Toots Ciocon, Feli Izar, Kathy Lozada, Gemma Reich, Les & Nini Mariano, John Young, Karl Yang, Tina Mundin, Estela Pelayo and Evelyn Masaoy, together with loyal guests: Mel Zipagan, Willy Pelayo, Kiara Masaoy and Linda Yang. We manned the assembly line where we packed care boxes for senior citizens.

True to the efficient organizational ability and exemplary work ethic of this group of Thomasian Engineers, the speed and accuracy with which the boxes were filled and delivered down the assembly line was remarkable. We must have filled a few hundred boxes! And, mind you, not a single box failed the quality control done by Food Bank personnel at the end of the line. We were proud to have done a great job despite the aching backs, the weakening knees, and the stiffening arthritic fingers of some of our own senior citizens.

We call on all the members to join us next time. Your help, definitely, will make a bigger difference!

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And, yes, helping hands do come in other forms, too. During the years 2014 - 2015, generous alumni and friends have helped top up the USTEAA (USA) treasury to cover for the ever-increasing expenses of our scholars.

The association expresses its profound thanks and appreciation to the following:

- Donors in 2014 (in addition to those mentioned in the 2014 Newsletter): Canuto Ciocon, Jose & Katherine Lozada, Ray Zipagan, Carrie Goze, Jocelyn Jalijali, and Gemma Reich.
- Donors in 2015 (to date): Estela Pelayo, Fely Izar, Samson Ortega, Julia Guerrero, Jose Jorda, Eljay & Ma. Cristina Mundin, Marcelino Cabaccang, Angelina Hunter, Lulu Hilario de Quinto, Joey & Kathy Lozada, Lourdes Fabela-Lelis, Lolita Imperial-Diaz, and Toots & Del Ciocon.
- The numerous volunteer officers, committee chair and members, and all who spend their time, talent and treasure to keep the USTEAA (USA) vibrant and flourishing.

May God bless you for your generosity and labor of love! ■

"Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you." - H. Jackson Brown, Jr



2015 Community Service Volunteers

Kneeling: Les Mariano

Front: Melanie Zipagan, Estela Pelayo, Linda Yang, Nini Mariano, Gemma Reich, Evelyn Masaoy, Feli Izar, Rosanne Silvino, Kathy Lozada, Joey Lozada

Back: Ray Zipagan, Tante Palad, Eljay Mundin, Tina Mundin, John Young, Willy Pelayo, Toots Ciocon



USTEAA (USA) Picnic 2015

By Alice T. Coco, Ch.E '69

Last June 20th, the USTEAA (USA) had another successful, and a very well attended picnic. It was again held at Merrill Park in Iselin, NJ. Everyone was so excited to see each other. Some had never been to our annual picnic before, while some had not attended in many years. Many more were regulars who never fail to come every year. ChE '69 had the most attendees. Among the newcomers were Susana Santos Tiongson ChE '69 and Veronica Bernal Kaimo ChE '68, who were both warmly welcomed and who enjoyed the camaraderie.

Of course, nobody can beat Toots & Del Ciocon and Nini & Les Mariano for being the earliest at the picnic area, making sure that everything was in order.

As usual, the spread was spectacular. There was the most mouth-watering array of different dishes, such as kaldereta, pinakbet, salmon, lumpia, pasta, and many more. The dessert spread was equally amazing, which included cassava cake, mango flan, fruit salad and other home-made sweets. I thank everyone for your cooperation in responding to the Evite on time which made the food organization harmonious and smooth. Thank you, Joey & Kathy Lozada and Boy Tabije, for the always anticipated delicious lechon. It came shaped like a whole lechon, but we were pleasantly surprised to see that it was already chopped. The caterer did a great job. And let's not forget the beer and wine provided by Flor Cariaga that so satisfied our thirst.

Since it was the day before Fathers' Day, Estela Pelayo brought the Fathers' Day cake to honor the fathers and grandfathers. Alice Francisco brought specially wrapped homemade cookies for the dads.

The parlor games were especially fun this year. Many thanks go to the donors for providing the great prizes. Thank you, Evelyn Masaoy and Cita Tibay, for organizing the games.

We urge all UST Engineering alumni, both members and non-members, to attend our fun-filled picnic! ■

"Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures." - H. Jackson Brown, Jr





USTEAA (USA) Picnic, June 20, 2015

Front Row: Ray Zipagan, Pete Arguelles, Bong Alcid, Atong Reyes, Flor Cariaga, Les Mariano, Evelyn Masaoy, Alice Francisco, Linda Yang and young guest

Middle Row: Nini Mariano, Estela Pelayo, Cita Tibay, Fe Maximo, Tante Palad, Toots Ciocon, Karl Yang, Joey Lozada, Ramon Abary, Elizabeth Sienicki, Susan Tiongson, Alice Coco, Veronica Kaimo, Feli Izar, Ofelia Carpio, Kathy Lozada

Back Row: ?, Rey Maximo, John Young, ? (face hidden), Boy Tabije (next to the post).

VOLUNTEER OFFICERS FOR 2016 & 2017

Co-Presidents:	Les Mariano, Karl Yang & Kim Galeon-Reich
Co-Vice-Presidents:	Estela Pelayo, & Alice Francisco
Secretary:	Evelyn Masaoy
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Auditor:	Rosanne Silvino
Asst. Auditor:	John Young



USTEAA (USA) Membership Update

By Benedict Tibay, El E '76
Chairperson, Membership committee

The success of an organization like USTEAA (USA) is dependent on the strength of support from its members. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of USTEAA (USA), and its longevity as an organization is strengthened by the collection of the largest membership dues in its history. This is due to the brilliant decision made by its officers to offer an optional one-time lifetime membership this year, which many of its members availed. As a result, our yearly membership contribution was doubled. In addition, a significant number of donations were collected from the members. These beefed up the organization's coffers. With these positive outcomes, USTEAA (USA) successfully achieved its annual financial goal.

In recent years, our organization seemed to be on the path of dissolution. Members' interest in taking up leadership positions diminished. But a new selection process was innovated that reversed that trend. The positions for core officers, committees and board members were filled by volunteers, appointees or nominees. Plans to execute future activities were made during relaxed and friendly gatherings which resurrected the interest of the members and encouraged the dedicated leaders to work harder than ever.

However, hard work and dedication are not enough. The survival of this organization depends on the continuing addition of new and younger members. It needs an aggressive campaign to find and register them. We urge all the current members to help recruit new and younger members. We can only hope for what the future holds.

As the organization moves onward, we can all appreciate the product of our labors through our Scholarship Program. It is a success story that we are all a part of. Each of us should be proud to be Thomasian Engineers and members of USTEAA (USA) particularly because, for the last 20 years, our support for several deserving students has made them become one of us. ■

"Your life is your garden. Your thoughts are the seed. If your life isn't awesome, you've been watering the weeds." - Anonymous

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USTEAA (USA) Scholarship Updates



By Cita Marzan-Tibay, ChE '76
Chairperson, Scholarship Committee

Twenty years is a milestone! Yes, USTEAA (USA) is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. We are thankful to all our officers (past, present), active members and benefactors for their continuous service and support, which made our organization what it is now...continuously helping smart but financially handicapped students in our home country, the Philippines.

As we celebrate this milestone, it is important to enumerate the fortunate students whom the organization helped fulfill their dreams of becoming Thomasian Engineers. To date, we have eight USTEAA (USA) former scholars who are now full-fledged engineers, and three current scholars who are actively pursuing their respective degrees to become one.

Because of the unwavering financial support and generosity of its members, the Association will be able to continue its work in helping more smart but financially handicapped students fulfill their dreams to become Thomasian Engineers.

Reynold Agustin was the 1st USTEAA (USA) scholar. He received a 4 year scholarship award (1999-2003), graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 2004. He is a successful author, speaker, businessman, and inventor; Recipient of 2014 Young Thomasian Achiever in Entrepreneurship Award; Reviewer in the ChE and ME board Exams; author of books on Calculator Mathematics and Economics; and Founder of Quice Review Center. He now also provides scholarship grants to needy students.

Kristine Karen Bulante, received a one year scholarship award (2003-2004), graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, Cum Laude in 2004. Last known information: She is a Process Engineer at JGC Philippines Inc.

Joanna Marie Solomon, received a 5 year scholarship award (2003-2008), graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, Cum Laude in 2008. She is currently employed as a Technical Field Engineer with HILTI. Previous employments include Site Engineer, Aldar HQ Project, Al Raha Beach Development, Aldar Laing O'Rourke LLC; Science Research Specialist with DOST - ASTI (Advanced Science and Technology Institute); Project Engineer/Building Specialist for Electronics Product Development Center (EPDC) of the Philippines; Instructor at UST, Faculty of Engineering; Project Engineer, UST Hospital.

Bjenvol Magno, received a 5 year scholarship award (2004-2009), graduated with a B.S. in Electronics and Communications Engineering, Cum Laude in 2009. He is a Development Engineer with ROHM LSI Design Philippines, a subsidiary of ROHM Semiconductor in Japan. He will be in Kyoto, Japan in October to start the development of a new product.

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Mary Grace Casuncad, received a 5 year scholarship award (2008-2013), graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 2013. She works for a local engineering consulting company in the Water Resources Department. She plans to pursue a master's degree in Structural Engineering at UP Diliman.

Natasha Mae Quinsaat, received a one year scholarship award during her 1st year (2009-2010), graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 2014. She is now teaching at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Intramuros Campus.

Aldous Regin Respicio, received a 4 year scholarship award (2010-2014), graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, Cum Laude in 2014. He is a Jr. Engineer with the Hydro Resources Division of SMC Global Power Holdings Corp. In addition to having a license as a Professional Civil Engineer, he also passed the Board Exam for Master Plumbers.

Elaiza Marie Bernardo, received a 5 year scholarship award (2010-2015), graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, Cum Laude in 2015. She is currently reviewing for the Board Exam for Professional Civil Engineers.

Jazinda Ira Capati, was awarded a 5 year scholarship (2013-2018), currently on her 3rd year majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Ivan Joseph O. Madlangbayan, was awarded a 5 year scholarship (2014-2019), currently on his 2nd year intending to major in either Electrical or Mechanical Engineering (TBD next school year).

Rei Gene G. Villarosa, was awarded a 5 year scholarship (2014-2019), currently on his 2nd year majoring in Civil Engineering.

Two of our scholarship grants, those for Aldous Respicio and Rei Villarosa, are made possible through full sponsorship by Angelina Bigornia-Hunter, one of our very generous members.

All of us have been instrumental in helping these students. Together, we were able to provide the means for them to achieve their goals. A college degree from a prestigious university is the best gift that anyone can give to a smart but financially strapped student. The success of each of these students is a success of the USTEAA (USA), and we should all be proud to be MEMBERS. Individually, we could not have achieved as much as we did. But collectively, we made a big difference in these young people's lives.

If this inspires you to do what you can for future Filipino engineers, then...
BE COUNTED! BECOME A USTEAA (USA) MEMBER! ■

"Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you're probably right." - Henry Ford

By the Numbers

Membership stats as of 9/30/2015 - Compiled by Dick Tibay

\$4,425 - Total membership dues collected so far in 2015

328 - Number of alumni listed in our USTEAA (USA)
Directory

12 - Alumni paid Lifetime Membership for \$250
(offered only this year)

3 - New members registered so far this year



USTEAA (USA) 2014 Financial Statement

Prepared by Carrie B. Goze, ChE '65

Not available online



Featured Alumna: Carrie Goze

Featured Member: Caridad Goze, ChE '65

By Jocelyn Mijares-Jalijali, ChE '65

Carrie joined the USTEAA in 1995, the year it was chartered as a non-profit organization. She has been an active member and officer, serving as Treasurer for 11 years and an Auditor for 2 years. Her meticulous record-keeping, her transparency and integrity make Carrie the perfect fit as

Treasurer. A colleague aptly describes Carrie as "The ultimate professional, straight as an arrow, trustworthy, and very organized." Carrie keeps the USTEAA coffer securely locked that once money goes in, it never comes out except for its intended use: funding our Engineering scholars. When asked what one word would best describe Carrie, her friends wrote the following: humble, caring, loyal, loving, energetic, funny, and reliable.

Carrie was born Ma. Caridad B. Goze to Floro Goze and Catalina Brillantes in Santa, Ilocos Sur. She is the middle of three surviving daughters. Their second child, a son, died in infancy at 7 days, and Carrie's twin sister was delivered stillborn. Carrie's father attended the University of California in Berkeley majoring in Banking and Finance, but along with his wife, chose the noble profession of teaching. They received their school teachers training from the Thomasites, a group of 500 teachers from the U.S. government, sent by President McKinley to establish the education system in the Philippines. The educators were nicknamed Thomasites because they arrived in the Philippines in 1901 aboard the U.S. Army Transport Thomas.

Catalina and Floro Goze were the major influences that molded Carrie's impeccable character. They instilled in her, high moral values which they exemplified, stressed the importance of a good education, and encouraged her to aspire to be the best she can be. In their Ilocano dialect, they always reminded their daughters: "Saan dakami nga ibabain." ("Don't bring us shame.")

In the small town of Santa, Carrie spent her childhood where she enjoyed communing with nature. Her daily duty was to water the garden. Their house, rebuilt after a town-wide fire, was beautifully crafted from bamboo. It was later changed to wood to better withstand the numerous typhoons and strong roaring northeast wind that attack the town from October to February. As a young child, she was forced to take naps, but as soon as she heard the banging of pots, her friends' signal, she sneaked out of the house from the back door and slid down the guava tree. The banging sound led her to the shores of South China Sea, which was close to her house. There, she frolicked with her friends. Of course, Carrie got punished for sneaking out. But she had fun. More happy moments were the times in her grandmother's home where she cranked the Victrola to listen to Jose Rizal's "Last Farewell" in Ilocano.

Carrie graduated Salutatorian from grade school at Santa Central School. She then joined her older sister in Manila where she attended UST High School. Living away from her parents, she learned the art of creative living on a small allowance. It was a habit she developed and still practices, spending only when it is extremely necessary, and she makes every penny count. She

applies the same principle to the USTEAA funds.

In high school, Carrie discovered her flair for writing. She entered writing contests and won a few of them. She joined the staff of The Aquinian, the HS newspaper, was Asst. Literary Editor and later, the Religion Editor. She received loyalty and honorable mention awards when she graduated from High School.

Carrie's first choice for college was Medicine, but due to circumstances, she opened her mind to other possibilities. A presentation by two female instructors from the UST Faculty of Engineering on High School Career Day helped make her decide to follow their lead. The rest is history.

The pivotal point in Carrie's life was during her first semester in college. Beyond her expectations, she topped the Dean's List that won her an NSDB Full Scholarship which included a monthly stipend. Her parents' "Don't bring us shame" mantra played in her head. She knew that dropping down from the top would shame her parents. She strived to be at the top all through college. She indeed stayed at the top when she graduated Summa Cum Laude. While in college, she belonged to several student organizations and was president of the Pax Romana Women's Chapter. Her fondest memory of college was caroling nights. Students were bussed to donors' homes where they sang carols. They donated the proceeds to an orphanage.

After college she worked in research at the Philippine Flour Mills, Hondagua, Quezon. Soon after, she taught for nine years at the UST Faculty of Engineering. She was later employed as a Senior Process Development Engineer at the San Miguel Corporation. While fully employed, Carrie took graduate studies with a scholarship from NSDB and an Education Benefit scholarship from San Miguel Corporation. She earned two Masteral degrees at the University of the Philippines, namely, her MBA (major in Production) in 1981, and Master of Engineering (Chemical) in 1983.

In 1988, Carrie immigrated to the U.S. She worked as a cashier in a Caldor department store while waiting for a better opportunity. She got her break when Garden State Laboratories had an opening for a chemist, and worked there for one year. Carrie's quest for her dream job came to fruition when she was hired by Mobil Chemical Company (now ExxonMobil Chemical) as a Process Development Engineer. She stayed there from 1990 until her retirement in 2008. As a Process Development Engineer, she authored and co-authored several Patents, and her team received the "Global Technology Award" in 2007 for the Polyalphaolefin (PAO) Feed Flexibility Project.

Carrie reached the pinnacle of her career," the happiest day of my life", she recalls, when she received the "Global Technology Award" in 2002 for the Optimization of Low Viscosity PAO Basestock. The new and improved processes for Low Viscosity PAO that Carrie spearheaded brought in millions of dollars in revenue to ExxonMobil Chemical Company.

During her retirement years, Carrie enjoys reading mystery novels and traveling. Her ultimate favorite was her Safari trip to Africa. Carrie stays fit with daily exercises in a senior center. She exchanges letters with 7 sponsored children through Unbound (formerly Christian Foundation for Children & Aging), and continues to support other charities with her time and her

resources. She is a faithful steward of her spiritual and material gifts from God that when she opens her eyes for the first time in the next life, she will see God's face and hear him say, "Enter my child, you have done well!" ■

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

- Dr. Seuss



The above article is by Jocelyn Mijares-Jalijali, ChE '65



See the World...Endow a Scholar

Amsterdam, Belgium and the Norway Fjords

By Gemma Galeon-Reich, ChE '73

The Norway fjords are famous for their awe-inspiring beauty but they are not usually at the top of most people's travel plans. But mention that it is a fjords cruise with plenty of shore excursions, and that the tour package includes two days at leisure in Amsterdam, a day trip to Brussels and Antwerp, plus the option for an additional side trip after the cruise to either Iceland or Scotland, and the trip becomes very appealing indeed. Mention further that this trip is in the privileged company of the OCT group, and resistance is futile. So it was that in early May 2015, 51 OCT members and friends of USTEAA (USA) went on a trip to Amsterdam, Belgium, and the Norway fjords.

OCT is what the group of avid travelers headed by tour organizer Estela Pelayo and many former UST Engineering faculty members fondly call themselves. The acronym is a tongue-in-cheek reference to the group's enthusiasm for travel. It stands for Obsessive Compulsive Travelers, and one simply has to take a trip with them to also become an OCT.

In Amsterdam while waiting for everyone's arrival, tour members took in the sights in small groups. Most did a canal tour, visited the Van Gogh museum, the Rijksmuseum or both, checked out Anne Frank's house, strolled around the popular Dam Square with its shops, cafes and crowds of locals and tourists, or did whatever else took their interest. Most went on the day trip by bus to Brussels and Antwerp, some toured the beautiful traditional windmill village, but everyone would not miss the amazing beauty of the tulips at the Keukenhof Garden.

A short ride to the Rotterdam pier started off the cruise across the North Sea to the fjords of western Norway. A fjord is one of nature's grandest works of art formed over millions of years in

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successive ice ages that carved miles-deep grooves in the landscape. As the ice retreated and melted, these steep-sided valleys filled with water and became the fjords that everyone admires today.

First stop was Eidfjord, a surprisingly small town for a cruise port of call. Shore excursion included a visit to the Hardangervidda Nature Center and the Voringfossen waterfall, which turned out to be disappointingly weak and muddy this time of year. Upon departure, cruising along Hardangerfjord was quite scenic.

Next stop, Alesund, was a picturesque fishing port that spans several islands stretching into the Atlantic Ocean. A city tram took the tour group to the Fjellstua viewpoint partway up Mount Aksla, with a view of the seaport with the majestic Sunnmore Alps in the background. Alesund's pride is the delightful art nouveau architecture, stone towers, spires and medieval facades.

Next up was a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Geirangerfjord. From the port town of Geiranger, a local bus took the group up the steep road navigating 11 hairpin turns to the Eagles Bend viewpoint. It was early May and the day's weather was damp. But even in the rain and mist, the view of the fjords from thousands of feet above the water was breathtaking.

Last port of call was Bergen, where some in the group strolled through Bryggen, also a World Heritage site of the remains of 14th century Hanseatic buildings. Some climbed by funicular to the top of the 320 meter elevation of Mount Floyen to catch the awesome view of the city and the fjords below. Others went directly shopping for souvenirs and stuff, including comfy Norwegian jackets.

It was a great cruise that provided lots of good memories. Best of all, tour participants can feel good knowing they helped fill the coffers of the USTEAA because for each cabin booked, Estela Pelayo donated a generous amount to the Scholarship Fund. Many thanks go to Estela and to all those who participated in the trip.

May there be many, many more travel adventures in your future, and may they be with USTEAA (USA) and the OCT.

A trip in September 2016 is now scheduled. It is a cruise to Korea, Japan and China. A limited number of cabins are still available. ■

"To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring." - George Santayana

