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SAN MARTIN DE PORRES LIBRARY

A Project of the Miguel de Benavides Library
of the University of Santo Tomas
(a brief summary)

Sitio San Martin is a village located in the municipality of Bamban, Tarlac Province. It is constituted by 150 families of Actas relocated in the hills of Tarlac after Pinatubo eruption in June 14, 1991.

The UST Community and Extension Service office has adopted Sitio San Martin as one beneficiary of the different programs that the University accomplishes in its mandate to educate our students not only in academics but also in the immersion in social programs.

The Miguel de Benavides Library joined this program in the year 2006-2007. Initially, it helped in the organization of the small collection of books of the school in Sitio Layak and Sitio Mabilog.

With the little experience acquired through previous extension services, last year (2007-2008) we decided to set up a small library different from the school, where the children could learn and enjoy from the library facilities like our own pupils.

The project seemed a wishful dream and one of our friends told us that we were losing our time; that we would not achieve anything worth-while with this people. Certainly, we cannot expect children with a precarious level of literacy to become literate by the mere fact of building a library for them. But if missionaries had not built churches in which their faithful could celebrate their faith perhaps they would not have been successful implanting religion on the land.



The Library group and the team from Sitio San Martin gathered for a souvenir photo during the blessing with the San Martin de Porres Library in the background.

Let me describe in brief lines the whole process:

- ◆ Mr. Froilan Alipao from the UST Office for Community Development put us in contact with Gawad Kalinga of Tarlac, through Mr. Carlito Policarpio, who had constructed several low-cost housing in Sitio San Martin. Mr. Policarpio informed us that each unit could be built with the modest amount of Php70,000.00.

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- ◆ Providentially, we received a donation of Php79,559.40 from Dr. Myrna L. Soriano through Ayala Foundation U.S.A. With this small capital in hand we negotiated the reservation of one lot for the location of the Library. An Aeta family was living in the lot adjacent to the multi-purpose building. The Council of the Aetas was able to convince them to transfer to another location and vacate the lot for the Library.



Standing from left, Ms. E. Majuelo, Mrs. M. Policarpio and Ms. A. Timbangcaya, Ms. L. Olamit (seated at extreme left) and Ms. L. Punzalan witness the signing of the MOA by the signatories, Mr. O. Dizon, Fr. A. Aparicio, O.P. and Mr. C. Policarpio.

The Library Committee on Outreach visited the place in Sitio San Martin, to set down the construction and to discuss the process.

The UST Legal Office through Atty. Arnold Cacho drafted a Memorandum of Agreement that was later signed by the Miguel de Benavides Library, Gawad Kalinga representative and Councilor Oscar Dizon, representing the Aeta community.

Work started in April 2008. By the end of May it was completed but costs had almost doubled. Fortunately, we got some additional funding that allowed us to pay the additional expenses.

Since the UST Grade School is being faced out, the library has some spare furniture that could be used for the San Martin project. Likewise, the Elementary department, through the Principal Ms. Nenita Caralpio, donated a substantial number of books.

On July 6 the Committee delivered the books and furniture, contacted the future librarians of San Martin and decided on the day of blessing which will be on July 27, 2008.

Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES

Building libraries is a challenging and rewarding process for communities and institutions. It requires a cooperative and concerted effort among diverse agencies. Having coordinated with the concerned people, the UST Miguel de Benavides library planned activities for a project and aimed for its sustainability.

The goal of the University of Santo Tomas Miguel de Benavides Library is to reach out to the residents of Sitio San Martin, Bamban Tarlac to provide the children, as beneficiaries, access to library services. The purpose of this project is to promote community reading and to develop interest in books.

The construction of this project has brought many challenges to the people who have worked collaboratively in organizing, planning, implementing and monitoring the activities for its inauguration. Volunteers, whose interests and skills were tapped, offered their time to do a meaningful work. It was their commitment to this project that fulfilled the needs of the community. Despite the challenges, the project received an overwhelming acceptance and appreciation. The people behind this project felt rewarded for the extra efforts they have contributed. They believe that community service is a good venue for unity among members and for productive interaction among its beneficiaries.

The UST Library Committee on Outreach continues to provide accessible ways to discover, understand and appreciate the projects organized for indigent community like those of Sitio San Martin. Aside from building libraries, other activities include storytelling, lectures, presentations, tours and workshops for the preservation and proper care of library materials.

The Realization of the Project

This library project was born on January 13, 2008. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, has long desired to put up a community library building. This dream paved the way for the conceptualization of the project. For its first activity, a Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Aparicio. It was followed by the distribution of goods, toiletries and food donated by the UST library staff.

Series of meetings were conducted for the realization of the goal. The first meeting was held at

Sitio San Martin with the presence of some members of the community headed by the barrio chieftain Mr. Oscar Dizon, the purpose of which was to decide on the appropriate location for the proposed library building. This was attended by Fr. Aparicio, Estrella Majuelo, Chief Librarian, former Asst. Chief Librarian Angelita Timbangcaya, head of the Outreach Committee Narcelita Lane Olamit, two (2) UST librarians Sabina Viernes and Nora Matawaran, Lourdes Fatima Calingasan, a Committee member, Carlito Policarpio, and Marita Policarpio from Gawad Kalinga. These are volunteers who have collaborated with the local residents to facilitate the planning and organizing of activities related to the project. Realizing the importance of this undertaking, the chieftain acceded to donate a small area for the library building.

On January 31, 2008, Fr. Aparicio called for a short meeting with Mr. Joey Cruz III, Director of the Office for Community Development, for consultation. This project is in coordination with the Office for Community Development and the Gawad Kalinga. The people involved in this endeavor are proud to be part of an event geared toward educating the minds of young people particularly the less fortunate ones and for having an environment conducive to learning and recreation.

On February 5, 2008, at the Miguel de Benavides Library, the group met for the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Present were Fr. Aparicio, Ms. Majuelo, Ms. Timbangcaya, Ms. Olamit, Ms. Punzalan, Mr. Dizon, Mr. & Mrs. Policarpio; Mr. Froilan Alipao and Ms. Abigail Martha Abelardo from OCD volunteered to prepare the draft of the MOA in consultation with Atty. Leonardo Syjuco from UST. Mr. Policarpio agreed to take charge of the construction, while the UST library would provide the building plan and the budget.

Another meeting was held on February 17, 2008, again at Sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac. Invited to attend were Archt. Corazon Cruz, a faculty member from the College of Architecture and Ms. Ma. Theresa Fenix, a retired faculty from CFAD with Fr. Aparicio, Ms. Majuelo, Ms. Olamit, Mr. & Mrs. Policarpio, and Ms. Punzalan.

March 7, 2008 marked the mutual agreement as the MOA was signed by Fr. Aparicio, Mr. Policarpio and Mr. Dizon. The signing took place at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library and was witnessed by Ms. Majuelo, Ms. Timbangcaya, Ms. Olamit, Ms. Punzalan and Mrs. Policarpio.

On April 6, 2008, at Sitio San Martin, several items were discussed. Archt. Cruz accepted without any reservation the task of drafting the building plan for the proposed library while Ms. Fenix volunteered to take charge of the interior design. Mr. Policarpio agreed to supervise the construction.

On May 4, 2008, a few days before the completion of the construction, Ms. Olamit, Ms. Majuelo, Ms. Timbangcaya, Archt. Cruz, Ms. Matawaran, Ms. Viernes, Ms. Punzalan, and two (2) more librarians, Ms. Czarina Lopez and Ms. Cecille Lobo visited the location to have a look on the on-going construction.

On June 1, 2008, the group composed of Ms. Olamit, Ms. Fenix, Archt. Cruz, Ms. Majuelo, and Ms. Matawaran went to see the completed construction.



The Aetas enjoy the newly installed audio-visual set.

On July 6, 2008, some furniture and equipment and the donated books were transported to Sitio San Martin to equip the place with the proper furnishings. A poster of San Martin de Porres is visible as one enters the building. This is one of the attractions of the Library courtesy of Prof. Gideon Nacario and his students from CFAD who did the poster “gratis et amore.”

The estimated cost of the entire project is ca. Php150,000.00. Other expenses were shared by the Library and by the staff.

Community service is touching the lives of people so that they will be empowered. The team that has worked on this project has developed a meaningful partnership between the University of Santo Tomas and the community of Sitio San Martin, Bamban, Tarlac.

Marivic G. Usita

SAN MARTIN DE PORRES LIBRARY BLESSING

The goal of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library of reaching out to indigenous people and providing gateways to learning has finally come to existence. After six months of planning, organizing and developing, the community in Sitio San Martin has now a small yet conducive place to study... the San Martin de Porres Library.

Leaving the UST premises at 6:00 a.m. on July 27, 2008, the group which consists of Fr. Angel Aparicio O. P., UST Prefect of Libraries, Estrella Majuelo, Chief Librarian, Angie Timbangcaya, former Asst. Chief Librarian, the head of the Committee on Extension Services, Narcelita Lane Olamit with her members namely, Sabina Viernes, Lourdes Fatima Calingasan and Jose Enrico David, together with Rafael Travilla a support staff, headed towards north to reach Sitio San Martin at the earliest possible time to do the finishing touches. Joining the group was Ma. Theresa Fenix, a retired faculty member from the College of Fine Arts and Design and with other friends of the library.

DVD player and preparing the things needed for the blessing were immediately done. The group of Froilan Alipao from the Office for Community Development also came to witness the event. With everything settled, the program started.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Aparicio. Right after the Mass, the program started with Ms. Majuelo leading the Invocation. It was then followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem. Fr. Aparicio delivered the opening remarks thanking all the people who made the project a success. Rev. Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa O.P., Rector of the University of Santo Tomas, with Fr. Aparicio, Ms. Majuelo, Mr. Carlito Policarpio, the Municipal Councilor and Project Director, and Mr. Oscar Dizon, the chieftain of Sitio San Martin, graced the ribbon cutting and bestowed the sanctification of the newly established library.

Lourdes Fatima C. Calingasan

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Period April 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008

Cash Contributions	
Dr. Myrna Soriano	79,000.00
Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.	27,000.00
Library Outreach Project 2007-2008	20,000.00
Library Outreach Project 2008-2009	5,000.00
Maryland Medical Association	9,972.98
A.V. del Rosario - UST Heritage Library	859.00
Anonymous donor	5,000.00
Book Dealers	12,895.00
Library Staff/Ms. Majuelo	26,400.00
CFC-GK (unaccounted)	741.00
library (unaccounted)	29.03
<i>Total cash received from donation</i>	<i>186,897.01</i>
Cash Disbursements	
Construction Expenses	144,636.00
Inauguration	10,861.01
Audio-visual materials	17,629.75
Other miscellaneous expenses	5,000.00
<i>less: total expenses</i>	<i>178,126.76</i>
Cash on hand	8,770.25

Note:

Other expenses such as transportation, food, etc. have been taken cared of by the Library.

Prepared by:

Ma. Arleen M. Abad

UST Rector Fr. R. de la Rosa, O.P. leads the prayer for the blessing.



Fr. A. Aparicio, O.P. celebrates the Mass.



The Father Rector enjoys watching the performance of the Aeta kids.



While on the road, the heavy rain poured, but with ardent prayers, it just turned to a drizzle. As the group arrived, faces with excitement and enthusiasm welcomed them. The finishing touches, such as arranging of books and furniture, setting up of the TV and the

LIBRARYLINK CONFERENCE

The Filipinas Heritage Library sponsored a conference with the theme “The First LibraryLink Conference: Connect to Evolve,” from August 21-23, 2008 at the Filipinas Heritage Library in Ayala Triangle, Makati City.

The activity was indeed a learning experience, as the participants were able to convene to discuss the relevant and current issues that involve the profession. The issues discussed primarily revolved on the history of the modern library, its purpose and function in the field of knowledge, as well as the role of librarians as leaders in rendering knowledge and information.

More so, techniques to upgrade the library facilities were also discussed, such as fund raising, and updates on Republic Act 9246 were also tackled.

In detail, the following were the general highlights of the conference:

History of the Filipinas Heritage Library

The foundation of the aforementioned library was discussed. From its inauguration on August 23, 1996, it has gone a long way and continues to be one of the forefronts in specialized research, with predication on Philippine art, culture and history. It is focused on conserving and collecting every historic Philippine material.

Moreover, it also embraces the latest technological trends as it intensively establishes electronic external linkages with the different libraries across the archipelago. Thus, it provides quick and immediate access to every library material that is focused on Filipino Heritage. Currently, it has 98 member institutions, and a total collection of 228, 293 records.

These accomplishments have made the Filipinas Heritage Library renowned and was even awarded the “Best Website for Education and Resource.”

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USTLSAA HOLDS FORUM and GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The UST Library Science Alumni Association (USTLSAA) sponsored a forum entitled “Stress Management in the Library Work Place.” This was held last August 15, 2008 at the Conference Hall of the Miguel de Benavides Library.

Dr. Arlo Luis Salvador II, M.D., a professor from the UST College of Commerce, was the guest speaker. Participants included UST librarians as well as librarians who graduated from UST and who are now working in other institutions.

Prof. Candida C. Agcaoili, former Chief Librarian of UST and currently a faculty member of the UST Graduate School, delivered the opening remarks. According to her, the word STRESS means:

- System which means method.
- Time – make a schedule of the tasks to do.
- Reason – should have an objective or goal.
- Energy and enthusiasm – enjoy what you are doing.
- Satisfaction – capable, trustworthy, dependable; one should take it as a challenge.
- Success – reward oneself.

As parting words, Prof. Agcaoili had this to say:

“...enjoy your work and you will never get tired of it.”

On the other hand, Dr. Salvador’s discussion included the following:

1. Signs of Stress
 - ◆ anger at those making demands
 - ◆ self-criticism for putting up with the demands
 - ◆ cynicism, negativity, and irritability

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ANG DAKILANG “ANAK NG BAYAN”

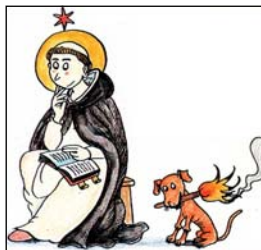
Public awareness is part of looking back at our history. Our involvement in various activities that pertain to the rich Philippine culture and traditions can be done in various ways and in different time and places. Everyone is encouraged to take part in these activities. It is vital that we look at the important role of the greatness and heroism of our forefathers who stood firm in their fight for freedom with unyielding bravery against the invaders.

Last June 27, 2008 at Clamshell II, Gen. Luna in Intramuros, Manila, I was able to witness and took part in the celebration of the 110th anniversary of the ‘Declaration of the Philippine Independence’ and the 437th celebration of “Araw ng Maynila.” The center of event was made possible by the Intramuros Administration in cooperation with the Philippine Ballet Theatre thru Gener Caringal’s choreography; Libretto by Lilia Quindoza Santiago and music by Jesse Lucas which proudly presented ANG DAKILANG ANAK NG BAYAN ANDRES.

Some well-respected individuals arrived even before the start of the program proper. Ms. Anna Maria “Bambi” Harper, the incumbent president of the Intramuros Administration, a newspaper columnist, and a former Heritage Conservation

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REMEMBERING ST. DOMINIC DE GUZMAN



In commemoration of the feast of St. Dominic de Guzman, the Committee on Human Values chaired by Mrs. Leonila Manuel, organized a film showing entitled "St. Dominic de Guzman." It was held at the Miguel de Benavides Library

on August 7, 2008. The activity aimed to remind and inspire the viewers about the holiness of St. Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers.

The film presentation is made up of several segments depicting the life of St. Dominic such as: his family, studies, apostolic life, his death and glory. After the presentation, the organizers asked questions based on the film and challenged the students to find out what they have learned about St. Dominic. The organizers prepared some freebies for those who would be able to give the correct answers. Enjoying that portion, the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., even shelled out cash from his own pocket as additional prize for those who have actively participated during the question and answer portion. The enthusiasm of the audience only showed that they have learned and enjoyed the presentation; more so, when Fr. Aparicio expounded some more on the life of this great saint.

The participants were Commerce students under Prof. Phillip Fuentes and UST librarians.

Lucila B. Adriano

LIBRARY COORDINATORS

The following are the newly-appointed library coordinators for SY 2008-2009:

College/Department/Institute	Library Coordinator	College/Department/Institute	Library Coordinator
College of Accountancy	Prof. Ian Pacquing	College of Architecture	Arch. Grace Beriña
College of Fine Arts and Design	Prof. Guillerma Mendoza	College of Commerce	Prof. Edwin Suson
College of Rehabilitation Sciences	Prof. Josephine Joy Reyes	College of Education	Prof. Raquel Jimenez
College of Science	Prof. Luzviminda Dimaano	Faculty of Arts and Letters	Dr. Carlos Manapat
Conservatory of Music	Prof. Dolores Andres	Faculty of Engineering	Prof. Joycelyn Poblete
Education High School	Mrs. Myra De Leon	Faculty of Pharmacy	Prof. Ma. Frieda Hapan
Faculty of Civil Law	Atty. Jacqueline Lopez	Grade School Department	Mrs. Thelma Angeles
Graduate School	Dr. Grecebio J.D. Alejandro	Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management	Prof. Raquel Layco
High School Department	Mr. John Raymond Sandoval	Institute of Physical Education and Athletics	Prof. Laura Clavo de Comer
Institute of Religion	Prof. Marites Redoña		
College of Nursing	Prof. Cora Olayres		
Faculty of Medicine and Surgery	Dr. Maria Lourdes Coloma		

Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo

INDUCTION OF USTLA OFFICERS

The newly elected officers of the UST Librarians Association (USTLA) for the School Year 2008-2009 formally took their oath last June 27, 2008. It was held at the Miguel de Benavides Library Conference Hall. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, inducted the new set of officers. Dr. Gil Y. Gamilla, USTFU President, was the keynote speaker.



The newly inducted officers (M. San Gabriel, M. Palermo, M. Usita, F. Calingasan and S. Viernes) with Fr. A. Aparicio, O.P. (extreme left) and Dr. G. Gamilla.

The following are the newly elected officers of the Association:

President	:	Michelle M. San Gabriel
Vice-President	:	Marilou G. Palermo
Secretary	:	Nora M. Matawaran
Treasurer	:	Marivic G. Usita
Auditor	:	Fatima Calingasan
PRO	:	Sabina Viernes

Also present during the event were Ms. Estrella Majuelo, Chief Librarian, Ms. Angelita Timbangcaya, Asst. Chief Librarian, UST librarians and some USTFU officers, namely, Prof. Gil Garcia, Executive Vice-President, Engr. Rey Melegrito, Internal Auditor, and Prof. Elmer Gonzales, USTFU Board Member.

To the new set of officers, **congratulations!** May you continue what have been started painstakingly by your predecessors.

Juanita D. Subaldo

PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GENERAL REFERENCE SECTION

The beginning of the academic school year 2008-2009 has been dynamic for the General Reference and Information section. The area which is located at the left wing of the Miguel de Benavides Library ground floor usually serves as the gateway to this renowned institution.

The section is currently undergoing a facelift so to speak. Partitions have been set-up not only in the counter but in the entire area as well. Glass panels will soon be installed in its perimeter. Bookshelves and reading tables have been rearranged.



Construction has progressed conforming to the style and specifications faithful to the original layout of the building. The purpose is to create a more attractive ambiance for the section and for the library as a whole.

By the start of the second semester, students can look forward to a more conducive learning environment with the installation of air conditioning units. All this is made in the continuous effort to improve and enhance the users' experience of the library services and facilities.

Maria Czarina D. Lopez

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Reinventing the Image of Librarians

This part emphasized that the Librarian is not *grumpy and bookish*, rather, the Librarian is more of a “hero” – a persona that everyone needs. Librarians are considered as vanguards of knowledge, standing in the forefront of every academic repository, providing every researcher with books that will render sufficient knowledge and updated information. More so, librarians are dynamic and sophisticated, particularly in their profession. This totally deviates from the traditional view that they are the usual nerdy people who wear large eyeglasses, walks ultimately straight and talks in such grump manner.

The Art and Science of Fund Raising

The benefits of fund raising are discussed in this part. It has defined the proper means to solicit funds for certain library activities, such as facilities upgrade, among others.

For a library to collect sufficient funds, it must have the following:

1. Proper Planning. An extensive planning of how to conduct the fund raising, and the linkages that would provide the funds, are clearly defined on this process.
2. Proper usage of the collected funds. The funds collected must be used and properly allocated for the activities that the library shall undergo / conduct.

These are the fundamental guidelines for a proper fund raising. Every library can solicit sufficient funds if the above means shall be implemented properly.

Librarians as Leaders

The discussion on this matter primarily focused on the role of each librarian as a leader in providing knowledge to everyone. It was emphasized that being leaders, librarians must exhibit the following:

1. Agents of Change – each librarian must be a risk taker in initiating changes for the betterment of the community.
2. Missionary – each librarian must be willing to uphold the mission of fostering knowledge and spreading it in every possible way, just like what the Librarians’ Code states. Librarians must never be mechanic, neither bookish; rather, they ought to be idealistic and passionate.
3. Proactive – Librarians must always be the initiator. They must bring the library closer to every learner, researcher and student. They must be sensitive to the needs of the community in terms of knowledge and information.

Nation Building through Promotion of Reading

Through reading, we broaden our knowledge. Simply, we learn through the books, publications and materials that we read. This was the focus of the discussion – to emphasize the benefits of reading. This could be achieved not only by teaching the young minds to read properly, but more importantly, to provide them with ample and updated reading materials.

These means are essential in building a nation since it is only through knowledge that a nation could alleviate cases of poverty and where ignorance could be defeated.

This is the challenge for every librarian, to be at the forefront of the intensive national campaign to spread knowledge. By providing books, conducting outreach services, the librarians could help in this drive.

This conference clearly provides each library the power to render more knowledge and information about the rich heritage of the Filipino culture. In addition, every library shall benefit from the Filipinas Heritage Library, since it would provide the researchers more knowledge and information about our culture, wherein the materials can easily be accessed anywhere through its electronic database.

Ma. Luz C. David

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- ◆ frequent headache and gastrointestinal disturbances sympathetic effect inhibit indigestion
 - ◆ Suspiciousness
 - ◆ feelings of helplessness
 - ◆ increased degree of risk taking
2. How to Handle Stress Management
- ◆ making sure to carve out for physical activity everyday
 - ◆ not skipping meals or resorting to fast food
 - ◆ delegating household chores to other family members
 - ◆ taking short breaks to practice relaxed breathing or muscle relaxation
 - ◆ understanding that change is inevitable
 - ◆ learning the warning signs of stress such as anxiety, sleep problems, irritability or mood swings
3. Taking Change on Stress
- ◆ stress management – avoid unnecessary stress
 - ◆ learn how to say “no”
 - ◆ avoid people who stress you out
 - ◆ take control of your environment
 - ◆ avoid hot-button topics

The USTLSAA general assembly and election of officers for the year 2008-2009 was conducted right after the forum. Ms. Cynthia Cordova, the out-going president, gave her year-end report highlighting the accomplishments of the previous Board while the financial status was reported by the out-going Treasurer, Ms. Emerlita Rodis, librarian from St. Joseph’s College.

The newly elected officers are:

- President : Manilyn Miranda
(Poveda School)
- Vice-President : Rochelle Inoncillo-Mendez
(ABS-CBN)
- Secretary : Editha Agena (JRU)
- Treasurer : Juanita Subaldo (UST)
- Auditor : Anna Rita Alomo (UST)
- PRO : Sabina Viernes (UST)

Board of Trustees:

- Arlene Matias (UST)
Maylyn Carillo (ICA)
Aileenette Alcantara (Palafox Associates)

The activity ended with a closing remarks by Ms. Cordova.

It is indeed a great privilege and honor that had this forum on “Stress Management in the Library Work Place.” The lessons and solutions learned from this activity will help us manage stress in our daily work performance.

Chona L. Manguilin

Ang Dakilang... from page 6

Society (HCS) president, delivered her welcome remarks. In her message, Ms. Harper highlighted the significance of cultural heritage conservation. Mayor Alfredo Lim of Manila was represented by Mr. Jose Silva, Deputy Mayor and concurrently Officer-in-Charge, City Personnel Office, Manila. Mr. Silva took part in the event and his message was focused on enjoying and celebrating the richness of our legacy.

Basically, the presentation was a flashback of 1892, the year when the Katipunan was founded. It gave everyone present an idea of how the brave Andres Bonifacio and few members of the KKK performed the rites of “sandugo” where blood was used to swear allegiance to the goals of the movement for national liberation as they summoned the spirits of the monumental ancestors who forged a legacy of greatness and nobility for the race. With the outstanding and heart-pounding performance of the Philippine Ballet Theatre, they have made this historic event vivacious and meaningful to the audience.

Indeed, this celebration opens awareness to the various aspects of history, arts and culture of Intramuros and the Philippines as a whole. The heritage and legacy of the past really unlock a venue of self transformation in so many ways depending on how we do it and how we view our history.

Jenneth G. Capule

NEW LIBRARIANS



Anna Rita L. Alomo

Ms. Anna Rita L. Alomo graduated from the University of Santo Tomas College of Education major in Library Science. While in college, she was a recipient of the University's "Santo Tomas

Scholarship" from 1999 up to the time that she graduated in 2002. She was also awarded as the "Most Outstanding Student Librarian" in that same year. At present, she manages to "sharpen-the-saw" earning

30 units in her Master's degree in Library Science at the UST Graduate School.

Ms. Alomo was formerly with Letran College in Calamba before she joined UST in June of 2007. Her first assignment at the Miguel de Benavides Library was as acting Head Librarian at the Reference and Information section. After a year, she was transferred to the Health Sciences Library as Asst. Head Librarian.

She regards working in the University library a significant challenge and is very proud to take part in her alma mater's mission in delivering the best quality service to all its patrons.

Maria Czarina D. Lopez

Ms. Sheila M. Ortencio obtained her bachelor's degree in Education major in Library Science from the University of Santo Tomas. She is currently enrolled at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines taking up Masters in Library and Information Science. Sheila was formerly with Dela Salle University-Canlubang in Biñan, Laguna and also in AMACC-Lipa Campus working as a librarian before she was hired by the UST Library in July 2007. Her present assignment is at the Technical section working as a Cataloger.

Being able to work in UST is a "dream come true" for her. Once she

had been an *AMAer*; then a *La Sallian*. But for her, nothing compares the joy of being with fellow Thomasi-ans. "I've always wanted to go back to my roots, serve my alma mater and feel the *Thomasi-an* spirit again."



Shiela M. Ortencio

Anna Rita L. Alomo

TRIBUTE TO A FORMER "BOSS"

This lady who is fondly called "Boss" by her close friends in the library, "Ing" by members of her family, and "Mam Angie" by the rest of the library staff and working scholars was born on June 28, 1964. She is the youngest daughter of Lucrecia Perucho and the late Fidel Timbangcaya. Ms. Timbangcaya started her schooling at the Tatalon Elementary School, and her secondary grade at the Roces High School. She earned her degree in Bachelor of Science in Education major in Library Science in 1987 from the University of Santo Tomas and her post graduate degree also in the same field and in the same university in the year 2001. She passed the Board Examination for Librarians given in December 1996.

Ms. Timbangcaya started working in the UST Library as a working scholar from 1983-1989, and as a Cataloger from 1989-1991. She became Head of the Science and Technology section from 1991 to 1994; Head of the Technical section from 1994-1996; acting Assistant Chief Librarian from June to November 1997. She was Assistant Chief Librarian from December 1997 to November 2001. When Prof. Erlinda F. Flores vacated her post as Chief Librarian of the University in 2001, Ms. Timbangcaya assumed the responsibilities of a Chief Librarian, that was up to March 2003. She was re-appointed as Assistant Chief Librarian from December 1, 2004 up to July 9, 2008.

While working in the library, she was specifically responsible for the working scholars, taking charge of their work schedules and activities. She also performed various library related activities but was especially interested with regards to library automation and new technologies. She also taught library and information technology subjects to the library science major in the College of Education.

Ms. Timbangcaya worked in the library for almost 25 years and had been involved in its numer-

ous projects. She attended various trainings here and abroad on library management and automation. Her active involvement in technology was evident when she was sent to the University of Western Australia in 1992 for three months to observe and experience how an automated library operates. She was very keen in the application of information technology in the library as shown in her involvement in the automation projects. She became the coordinator in the computerization of the Health Sciences

Library and the library in general.

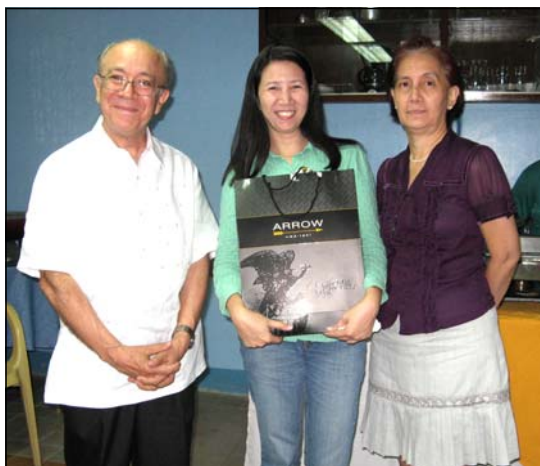
Ms. Timbangcaya's involvement in the library profession was not confined to the UST Library alone. She was also active both as officer and member of various library associations and organizations such as: the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL), and the University of Santo Tomas Library Science Alumni Association USTL-

SAA). She also participated as resource person, and moderator to various seminars, conferences, fora and workshops organized by the different library associations and organizations.

Aside from her achievements in her work and in the library profession, she is also a very dear friend not only to me but also to so many people whom she met in her 35 years in the library profession. Some say that she really lives her name "Angelita" which means "little angel" because to most of us, she really is an "angel." She has become a friend whom you can lean on and a shoulder to cry on.

As she now embarks on a new chapter in her life, looking for greater opportunities and challenges, her great contribution to the library and the library profession will always be embedded in our hearts and minds. The library wishes her success and happiness wherever life will lead her. One thing is sure... we will surely miss her!

Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo



Fr. A. Aparicio, O.P., Ms. A. Timbangcaya and Ms. E. Majuelo pose for a photo during the farewell party.

WHAT'S IN A LADY?



Born in the month of November, Ma. Arleen Abad is the eldest in the brood of eight of 2Lt. Florante Macatangay, a demised soldier and Nemesia Manga, a retired teacher.

being the eldest in the family. She has played a great part in taking care of her brothers & sisters especially when her father died nine years ago. A hardworking person, Arleen is able to balance her career and family. Piety is one of her attributes; all problems that come her way seem easy to handle because of her strong faith in God.

She is married to John Malaya Cervantes–Abad, an ex–seminarian and a graduate of BS Philosophy, and who is now a registered nurse. The two met in their class when both were pursuing their post graduate studies at the UST Graduate School in 2003. They were married on July 17, 2004 and are blessed with two wonderful daughters, Jam and Jaqi.

Arleen was a student assistant from 1994–1997 and became a regular employee in 1998. She now works as one of the two office clerks at the Administrative Office of the Miguel de Benavides Library.

Arleen is a graduate of BS Accountancy from the UST College of Commerce and is on her way to finishing her masterate in Business Administration from the same university with only a thesis lacking in her credentials.

I came to know this lady when we lived together in one house several years back. Arleen possesses a strong personality. She is a very loving daughter to her parents and very responsible,

Nora M. Matawaran

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