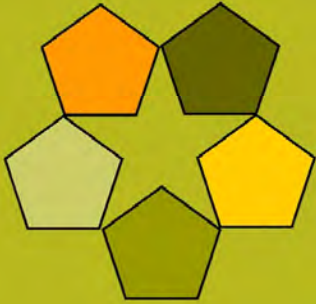




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The Leap – YEAH! calls to mind DJLF’s pet project – the Loakan Educational Assistance Project (LEAP). Leap, in this sense, indicates movement and action, apt for DJLF’s official motto or battlecry: Dreamers, Doers – Together. It is appropriate as well for what appears on the DJLF Web Site - No Mountain Too High To Climb - an article of faith, a leap of faith.

YEAH, stands for Youth Education And Hope. This, after all, is the focus of DJLF Foundation’s commitment as a non-profit, charitable organization: investing in youth; helping them get a good education; and, ultimately giving them hope in life. Yeah provides a positive connotation to ‘The Leap’ as a publication.

DJLF Foundation marks its anniversary in December. Thus, The Leap – YEAH! serves as an annual report of the Foundation *****

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FROM THE EDITORS

We read that Oprah Winfrey opened her private school for underprivileged black South African girls in 2006. Our reaction: Hey, DJLF was ahead of her. With all due respect to this famous and revered media mogul, we awarded our first batch of full college scholarships one year ahead of her. Of course, we are no Oprahs, by any stretch of the imagination, except that we certainly have the same heart and share her commitment to the underprivileged among the young. This, to us, is what makes the DJLF scholarships even more remarkable. By the way,

Oprah's scholarship program is for 152 spots in a school campus sprawled on 22 acres spread over 28 buildings that cost over \$40 million dollars.

This DJLF commitment was, is and will remain for years to come the driving force behind the publication of the DJLF yearbook, *The LEAP-Yeah!* Now on its second year, this yearbook pays tribute to all, from within and without, who, together, promoted the Foundation's signal objective of awarding full college scholarships to underprivileged but academically exceptional graduates of Baguio City National High School, so much like Oprah's scholars and also as deserving.

For this year's edition, we continue to highlight the Foundation's scholarship program, to include the past and present scholars, as well as the two groups that had the enviable job of screening, whittling down the number of initial applicants and finally choosing the scholars. We are talking about the **Rotary Club of Metro Baguio** and the Foundation's very own Scholarship Committee. This Committee's final draft of the Scholarship Program, put in black and white by Committee Member **Rolly Malinis, Class 71**, and which appears in

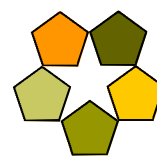
this yearbook, provides the guidelines, terms and conditions for the scholarship.

We have also gathered together a group of familiar writers and contributors whose pieces help convey the Foundation's philanthropic philosophy. DJLF Chair and President **Winston Arpon, Class 64**, reports about the significant milestones in the Foundation's seven years of existence. Rookie, but not at all a newbie, TLY writer, **Randy "Pards" Espejo, Class 74**, writes about two Foundation members, **Jun Paynor, Class 71** and **Gene Calonge, Class 79**, whose promotion to the rank of Ambassadors was recently approved by the Commission of Appointments of the Philippine Congress. **Bob Dance, Class 68**, writes the second and final installment of his "memoirs" from his service as Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy in Zimbabwe. **Dan Perico, Class 71**, and **Dan Jimenez, Class 77**, present their thoughts on the 7th Anniversary of the Foundation. The latter, and **Irwin Ver, Class 70**, with the permission of *Filipinas Magazine*, allowed us to reprint or run excerpts of their respective pieces that came out in the magazine's February and April 2006 issues. **Mel Tibay, ex-Class 74**, once again painstakingly gives details of the DJLF Mentoring Process.

Because we value the support of our growing number of benefactors and friends, we have devoted a whole section to acknowledge their contributions to the Foundation.

We maintain that we feel pride in our accomplishments in the span of seven years as well as the commitment of our members to make a difference in the lives of our scholars. As Chairman Winston Arpon points out in his account of his meeting with the scholars this year, our scholars have exuded plenty of self confidence and maturity even as they themselves start to give back to their community and live the ideals of DJLF and the Rotary International.

We do not have Oprah's financial resources. Hopefully, the pages of this yearbook, *The Leap – Yeah!* will make it evident that we can and will match her generosity and commitment and the size of her purse with the bigness of our hearts.



From the Chair

DJLF 7th Anniversary: Seven Reasons to Celebrate, Seven Challenges to Calibrate

We continue this year and in years to come what we chose to inaugurate last year: the publication of *The Leap – Yeah!* To all of us at DJLF Foundation, this publication constitutes the annual report of DJLF Foundation, Ltd. A yearbook, very much like "The Sword" was to us when we were cadets at the Philippine Military Academy.

As has been my practice in the last couple of years, I sent Thanksgiving Day cards to DJLF members and others who have been with us on this ship we call DJLF. This is what I wrote, in part, and I feel it is worth repeating here:

"From 1999 to date, it has been a successful journey for DJLF Foundation and for LEAP, its pet project. DJLF celebrates its 7th anniversary on December 12th of this year. LEAP will mark its third year in February 2007 when five LEAP Scholars, the Batch of 2007, will be announced and join 14 LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2005 and Batch 2006.

"You have been a part of this journey. You have contributed generously in this: our investment in youth, our commitment to help them get a good education and give them greater hope in life....."

As in years past, we chose to celebrate the 7th year of our long voyage with no fanfare. Nevertheless, I felt it fitting and proper, obligatory if you will, to mention that our decision for a low-key commemoration notwithstanding, we have seven reasons to celebrate – and alas – seven challenges to calibrate.

1. From five at the start, DJLF membership rose to 12 in December when the first fund-raising activity was held. The membership had grown to 55 Founding Members (FMs) when DJLF was incorporated in the state of Maryland as a non-profit organization in July of 2002. Since then, we have added, as provided for in our By-Laws, Post-Foundation Members (PFMs) and our strength has now reached 82. Our challenge: to have as much number of Post-Foundation Members as Founding Members for a total of 110.

2. Members, through contributions from their own pockets, have sustained the bread-and-butter fund-raising activity for the Loakan Fund that was begun in December of 1999: the Call-To-Quarters (CTQ). In 2005, gearing up for the inauguration of the Youth Scholarship Program of the Loakan Educational Assistance Project (LEAP), DJLF members opened their hearts and their pocket books in response to Operation LOFTY (LoakanFund Fast Track of the Year), raising the Loakan Fund to a little over \$30K. Our challenge: to keep this going and more importantly, to ensure 100% participation from the mem-

bers, regardless of the amount of personal contribution.

3. Our philanthropic vision has taken shape through the launching in February, 2005 of the Youth Scholarship Program (YSP), the core component of LEAP. We currently have 9 LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2005 and 5 LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2006. Five LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2007 will be chosen by February 2007 and five more every year thereafter.

4. We launched only a couple of days ago, the first LEAP Scholars Seminar at the Baguio Convention Center – a seminar to kick off another component of LEAP, the Leadership and Placement Program. Our challenge: follow-up leadership-related activities; and inauguration of Placement activities. LEAP will have its first graduate by the end of school year 2007, with the graduation of one scholar from Hotel and Restaurant Management (HRM), which gives us an opportunity for a suitable apprentice and job placement for our scholars.

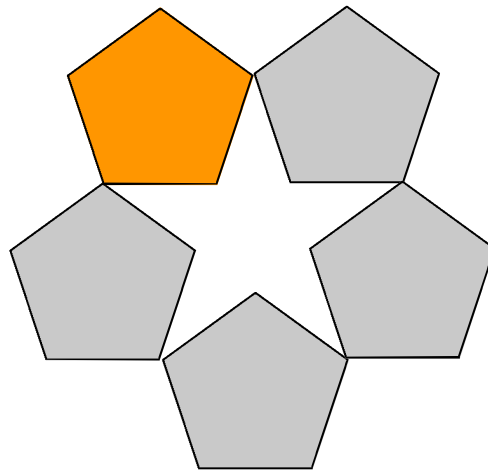
5. In addition to LPP, we have three other components designed to ensure the success of LEAP, the Youth Scholarship Program in particular. These are: Faculty Development Program (FDP); Facility Improvement Program (FIP); and Training Aids Program (TAP). We are committed to these programs as well. Our challenge: to get these three programs off the ground.

6. We have launched other fund-raising activities, in addition to our CTQ to bolster the Loakan Fund and our ability to sustain LEAP programs. We will be holding our 4th DJLF Charity Golf in 2007 and we are in the process of delivering our 2nd DJLF Charity Publications, *The Leap – Yeah!* We conducted the 1st DJLF Charity Community Sale and the 1st DJLF Charity Family Nights in 2005. This year, we launched our 1st DJLF Charity Caroling. Our challenge is to have all of these as repeating and repeatable events each year. Furthermore, our challenge is to seek other repeatable forms and sources of funds. So watch out for two new divisions of DJLF: The Leap Publications (TLP) and External Services Division (ESD). *The Leap - Yeah!*, our yearbook, will be the fund-raiser of TLP. dBay, the DJLF's eBay equivalent, our marketplace in cyberspace, will be one of the first fund-raisers of ESD.

7. During the last seven years, we have made good on the DJLF mantra: Dreamers, Doers – Together. We should continue to dream, but if and only if we are willing, able and committed to doing them - together.

Winston G. Arpon

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LEAP Scholars Batch of 2006

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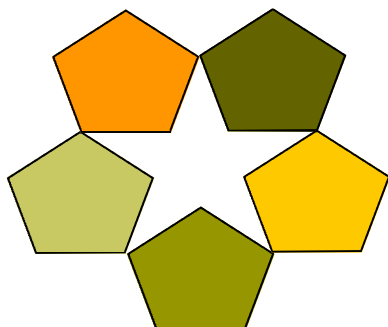
Flash news!!! We have completed the selection process of the Ten (10) deserving candidates of the Baguio City National High School Fort del Pilar Annex for Scholarship in SY 2006-07 for final screening by the DJLF Scholarship D'ALAM Committee.

Although it was a tedious process this time around with new members of our Scholarship Committee taking the laborious process of screening the candidates, all twenty one (21) of them and who are all deserving candidates, it was worth the effort, for after all, this is what we call in Rotary "Service Above Self".

We were able to meet our self imposed deadline to announce to the general studentry of BCNHS FDP Annex during their flag raising ceremony, last Dec 16, 2005, on the last day of their school before they go on a long Christmas break, the top 10 deserving candidates from where the Five (5) scholars will be finally chosen by the DJLF Scholarship Committee.

The announcement was graced by no less than the Fiery Principal of BCNHS, Dr. Elma Donnal, who just like the previous event last February 2005, was all praises for this project.

On my part, I announced to the students the extent of the scholarship grant, the rules and regulations in order to maintain full 4-year scholarship. (Using the DJLF initials), we extolled upon the students their Determination to study hard in order to give Justice to the efforts of their Patrons in providing scholarship; Loyalty to their alma mater that someday they will try to pay back in terms of good citizenry and Faithfulness to their parents, teachers, to the members of RCMB and most especially to their Patrons, the DJLF Foundation who have this worthy project for deserving students.



Awarding of LEAP Scholars Batch of 2006

Arrival of DJLF Delegation

Individually, the members of the DJLF Delegation from the US arrived in Manila, Philippines and motored to Baguio City in time for the festivities of the annual Alumni Homecoming of the Philippine Military Academy for 2006 that began Friday,

February 18, 2006. Led by Dan Perico, the Delegation that included Foundation members already in the Philippines consisted of: Jun Paynor; Ernie Fernandez; Jun Fabros; Ariel Domingo; Del Lorenzana and prospective members, Ave Cruz and spouses, Charito Perico; Tess Paynor; Tess Foronda; Rosanna Domingo; Ching Fernandez; Edith Lorenzana and Eva Cruz.

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Visit to the Universities

St. Louis University, University of the Cordilleras and Benguet State University – all in Baguio City, Philippines - hosted the delegation from the Rotary Club Metro Baguio and DJLF Foundation. A briefing on the history, administration and programs of each institution was given during each session. Members of the DJLF and RCMB delegation took the opportunity to make initial arrangements to make the flow of tuition payments with each university as easy as possible for the scholars.



Fellowship Dinner & Dance

A fellowship dinner was hosted by RCMB for the DJLF delegation at a local hotel in Baguio City. The LEAP Scholars of Batch 2005 were invited. Basically a “getting-to-know you” affair, members of the DJLF delegation, most of them for the first time, met their local partners, including RCMB Overall Coordinator for LEAP, Tom Panis.

At night's end - after everybody had a good time dancing, singing and simply enjoying each other's company – a consensus emerged among RCMB, DJLF and LEAP Scholars that this fellowship would become a regular feature of the Awarding of LEAP Scholarships.

Awarding Ceremony

Already a much-anticipated annual event, the formal ceremony to announce the LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2006, was held on Monday, February 20, 2006. Like last year, it was held at the grounds of the Baguio City National High School, Fort del Pilar Annex inside the Philippine Military Academy.

The ceremony - attended by the Faculty and students, RCMB and the DJLF Delegation from the US, the LEAP Scholars,

Batch of 2005 and other guests, including the Baguio media - was a little more elaborate than last year's. The audience was treated to breath-taking folk dances performed by groups from the Baguio City National High School Main and the LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2005. As a token of their gratitude, the LEAP Scholars presented a gift – a DJLF Foundation banner.

Among the guests was the PMA Superintendent, Major General Leopoldo Maligalig. In his speech, he mentioned that Benedict Milo one of the 10 LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2005, was among those who passed the rigid mental and physical examinations for the PMA Class of 2010.



Lunch with the Cadet Corps

The LEAP Scholars, the DJLF Delegation, RCMB members, LEAP Scholars of both batches and the parents of the Batch of 2006 were treated to a lunch with members of the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines at the cadet mess hall. A repeat of last year's, this has become a ‘tradition’ for the annual Awarding of LEAP Scholars.



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Subject: **FLASH NEWS! FLASH NEWS! DJLF Scholar Passes PMA Exams**

Sir Arf-Arf,

We just received GREAT NEWS from Tom Panis, RCMB Overall Coordinator for LEAP.

Benedict Milo, LEAP Scholar Batch 2005, passed the PMA exams and plans to attend PMA. Please join me in congratulating him and of course, his DJLF and RCMB Mentors.

One of the 10 beneficiaries of our Youth Scholarship Program of LEAP, Benedict is taking up Civil Engineering at St. Louis University. If you will recall, he was also one of the subjects of a DJLF Flash News last year when he graduated as salutatorian of the Baguio City National High School Fort del Pilar Annex, along with another LEAP Scholar, Katrina Mae Gumatay who graduated valedictorian. No, sir, we have no information whether or not Katrina plans to join in the footsteps of Benedict.

According to our records, Benedict is the oldest of six children. Obviously, entering and eventually graduating from PMA would benefit his family: five brothers and sisters; mother Lina, a housewife; and father Benjamin.

Those who attended last February's LEAP launching at PMA may remember Benjamin at the ceremonies and the cadet mess hall - a proud father and a proud Marine. He is currently assigned at PMA.

Tom Panis has been informed that DJLF Foundation plans to have for the record the name of Benedict Milo in DJLF's roster of LEAP Scholars Batch of 2005.

Please share this GREAT NEWS!



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A Meeting in August

They came - all 14 LEAP Scholars, nine from the Batch of 2005, five from the Batch of 2006. Thanking them for coming on short notice, DJLF Chair and President acknowledged the presence of representatives from RCMB – incumbent President Oscar Matusin; incoming President Thomas Morado; RCMB LEAP Coordinator Tom Panis; and, Joan Tan, Chairperson of the RCMB Selection Committee for the LEAP Scholars Batch of 2007. The meeting had been requested only 24 hours earlier and the DJLF President just arrived at the John Hay Manor only a couple of hours ago, with his wife Pilar.



Expressing his personal regret that he could not come for the Awarding Ceremonies last February, the DJLF President extended, on behalf of the Foundation, belated congratulations to the LEAP Scholars Batch of 2006. He also congratulated the Batch of 2005 for passing their first year in college – and doing well in the current school year. He cited, in particular, former LEAP Scholar Benedict Milo who passed the PMA examinations and is now on his first year at the Academy. See item below. “Why don’t you,” he teased the scholars, “take the PMA entrance examinations like Benedict? When you pass, you would be saving the Foundation a lot of money!”

His message was frank and direct: Disabuse your mind from the notion that because DJLF Foundation happens to be in the land of milk and honey, it is easy for the Foundation to support LEAP. DJLF members go

A Laptop for Maria Luisa and Fellow LEAP Scholars

In the Open Forum that followed came the first question. “Would it be possible, sir, for the Foundation to provide us with a computer?”

“This,” the DJLF President said pointing to the laptop that he grabbed from under the table, “is for you. At breakfast in Manila before leaving for Baguio today, DJLF member Marciano Paynor, Jr. asked me to bring this. I am his messenger and yours. The good Ambassador Paynor who himself is an alumnus of your school, the Baguio City National High School, is the mentor of Maria Luisa Sinaking. Maria Luisa will be the custodian.”



Maria Luisa, still taking her exams in school at this time. She came later and was reminded that as custodian, she bears the responsibility of working with her fellow LEAP Scholars to come up with arrangements for sharing this laptop. For all of them, an exercise in cooperative effort.

through hoops, indulge in several activities throughout the year, to raise funds for the Loakan Fund that supports LEAP: quarterly contributions from the members; Family Nights; Community Sale; Charity Golf;

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Christmas Caroling. The members themselves have children and/or grandchildren of their own who are in or will be in college. But these members are committed to LEAP, the scholars and RCMB were reassured.

"You can show your gratitude to them," the DJLF President suggested, "by making it through the course that you have chosen in college." He proposed this to be a mantra for present and future batches of LEAP Scholars: Failure is not an option. We will succeed!

Other issues were discussed during the rest of the Open Forum that continued during and after the "working dinner" (Consisting only of buckets of KFC and soda, donated by Mrs. Arpon, since no DJLF funding was previously authorized by the Board of Directors). Among the issues were:

No boys among the Batch of 2006. RCMB representatives said that none of the boy applicants made it during the selection process. Both DJLF and RCMB will address this issue. LEAP Scholars were also encouraged to find time to visit their school and spread the word about LEAP to encourage more applicants, especially boys.

Mentorship. A number of LEAP Scholars Batch of 2006 said they do not have mentors.

Extra-Curricular Activities. RCMB will develop a plan for community service-oriented activities for LEAP Scholars during summer.

Placement. One of LEAP's component programs, job placement after graduation will be the goal of DJLF and RCMB in initiating apprenticeships in selected business corporations. LEAP Scholars who will be graduating soon, like Maria Cristina Burlaza who expects to graduate in 2008 with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management will have priority in the program.

Math Subjects. This is by far the Achilles heel of many LEAP Scholars. DJLF will do something about this. See item below.



A courtesy call on Major General Leopoldo Maligalig, PMA Superintendent, the following day, Thursday, August 24, proved to be beneficial to the Foundation. The Superintendent approved the proposal for the PMA Math Club to conduct remedial classes or Extra Instruction on Math, for LEAP Scholars on designated Sundays at Fort del Pilar. An extension of this undertaking would be to provide similar instruction to senior students at the Baguio City National High School Fort del Pilar Annex from where LEAP Scholars are chosen each year, a brainchild of DJLF Vice-Chair and Vice-President Dan Perico.

The PMA Superintendent asked Fourthclass Cadet Benedict Milo, a former LEAP Scholar – he attended Engineering at St.

Louis University before passing the PMA entrance examinations – to be at his office with his squad leader, Secondclass Cadet Cabales during the call.

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Another stride taken

LEAP's Leadership & Placement Program

This program was kicked off with the holding of the first Leadership Seminar in Baguio City on December 10, 2006, following a proposal from the LEAP Scholars.

The Leadership and Placement Program (LPP), like the other three programs of LEAP (Faculty Development Program/FDP; Facility Improvement Program/FIP; Training Aids Program/, is in place to help ensure the success of LEAP's core component, the Youth Scholarship Program/YSP.

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DJLF Members:

This is our proposed activity for the coming month. We hope for your favorable answer.

I. ACTIVITY PROPOSAL: Youth Leadership Seminar

II. PROPONENT: DJLF-RCMB LEAP Scholars

III. PROJECT RATIONALE: DJLF's other program, Leadership Development. The Foundation also molds and develops the scholars to become responsible and productive members of the community.

IV. TARGET DATE: 3 December 2006 (Sunday)

V. EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS:

1. DJLF-RCMB Scholars (14)
2. Boy Scouts of the Philippines (5)
3. Girl Scouts of the Philippines (5)
4. Student Government Officials (5)
5. Other Interested Youth

Excerpts from the 'Exit Report' (thanks to Sheryl Belwa, LEAP Scholar Batch of 2005)

".....seminar held at the Convention Center on December 10 was successfully closed despite the bad mood of the weather and the unfavorable conditions of Alona (Adawi) and Ellen (Cayat), who happened to be sick that day

"..... we got 54 participants from different organizations close to our forecast (of) 60 (including the guest speakers).....LEAP scholars' attendance.... complete if not (for) the absence of Cristina (Burlaza).

"..... speakers were Ms. Annabelle Estepa, Mr. Benedicto Alhambra and Ms. Joan Tan, the chairman of the Selection Committee for (LEAP) Scholars Batch 2007.

"Estepa lectured on "Developing Leadership Thru Values" the meaning of important terms such as values, manner, etiquette, respect and polite.

"Servanthood was discussed by Mr. Alhambra.

"Father Carreon (Facilitator) gave us some lecture about the invocation and the singing of the national anthem.... sing the "Lupang Hinirang" with so much passion to show our love for the country.... proud to be Pinoy.....

"Thanks to all the DJLF Fools...Tom (Panis), Joan Tan.... Oca Matusalin..... the Baguio Convention Center.....Annabelle Estepa...our Almighty God.....



Left to right: Father Carreon – Facilitator; Muller Bato, LEAP Scholar Batch of 2005; Annabelle Estepa, one of the Seminar speakers; Oscar Matusalin, President of RCMB



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LEAP Scholars

On a Trip to Manila & Malacanang Palace

".....breakfast meeting at Camp John Hay Manor Hotel, March 26, 2006, called by Ambassador Jun Paynor....taught us some table etiquette.

".....impromptu request.....to visit the Malacanang Palace was granted immediately.....by 10 o'clock in the morning, we packed all our things.... We stayed in a hostel in San Juan without an overseer.....to train us to live independently.

"In the morning of 27th visit some of the biggest business establishments in Manila (Greenhills, Market! Market! and Ayala Center) in the afternoon, Manila zoo.....one of the most enjoyable and memorable - our visit at Star City....first time (for us) to ride some of the hair-raising rides...

"The most exciting moment.....our visit to the Malacanang Palace on the 28th day of March. Before our face-to-face encounter with the President, we were guided to visit some of the rooms of the Palace, the Heroes Hall and the Museum.

"The moment has come..... introduced by Amb. Paynor to President Gloria M. Arroyo a series of handshakes and



picture-taking. For the first time in my life, I met a president of the Philippines personally.....

"This very beautiful moment in my life.... is my debt to the DJLF Foundation, Rotary Club of Metro Baguio Ambassador Jun Paynor and his staff for the unforgettable experience."

*Excerpted from an Account of Muller H Bato
LEAP Scholar Batch of 2005*

On Community Service

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Subject: **[DJLF] FLASH NEWS!**

Sharing with you this news from Tom Panis, Coordinator of LEAP for the Rotary Club Metro Baguio.

"May I please inform you that our scholars have decided to be tutors of kindergarten and incoming Grade 1 pupils of Atok Trail Barangay which will start this May 15. This is their way of sharing their resources in the community while they're on their summer vacation. It will be held at the Day care center of the Barangay. This activity is in lieu of their previous plan to be Volunteer Workers at the Barangay Health Center."



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LEAP Scholars Batch of 2007

RCMB SELECTS CANDIDATES FOR LEAP SCHOLARS, BATCH 2007

By Rotarian JOAN TAN

It's "All Systems Go!" for the Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio (RCMB) to select ten candidates for the LEAP Scholars, Batch 2007.

My concern after I have been informed of my appointment as Chair of the Scholarship Committee by PP Tom Panis, was to immediately start the selection process. The following Rotarians have graciously accepted my invitation for them to join me in the committee: Dir. Audrey Sungduan, Dir. Deepak Punjabi, Rtn. Isidro Dela Cruz, Jr. and Rtn. Marion Solang.

For a wider dissemination of the DJLF Scholarship Program, the Committee will have attention-catching posters on strategic places of the school. These posters will also be made visible in other populated areas of Barangay Loakan. While the posters are being prepared, the Committee continues to review the guidelines that have been used previously. It is our desire that the students selected are truly deserving of the scholarship being offered. We also hope that there will be more than one male scholar who will qualify this year.

God willing, the Scholarship Committee should be ready to interview applicants and to do personal home visitations the second week of October. The task is not easy, but we find joy in what we do for what better legacy can we leave our youth, especially the underprivileged, than education.



RCMB's 2007 Scholarship Committee composed of top caliber men and women who are not only officers of the club but are successful professionals and businessmen in the City of Baguio, Philippines.



Standing (L-R): PP Lyman Salvador, the administrative Officer of the Commission on Human Rights-Cordillera Region; Frank 'Deepak' Punjabi, Director for Community Service, a Baguio based businessman, Owner of the Fil-Indian Department Store along Session Road, Baguio City; Marion Solang, Director for Youth Service, a Transmission and Distribution Lines Contractor and Isidro 'Jun' de la Cruz, a businessman venturing into Sweets Manufacturing.

Seated (L-R): Joan Tan, the Chairperson of this year's Scholarship Committee; the Administrator of the Shalom International School and Board Member of the Baguio City National High School Alumni Association and Audrey Sungduan, Director for International Service, the owner of YRC Canadian Consultancy and Services.

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DJLF Charity Golf

Tournament Director Lino "Noble Fool" Noble declares that everything is set for the Williamsburg Area Invitational (WAI) scheduled for Saturday, October 7, at the Kiln Creek Golf and Country Club in Newport News, Virginia.

Tournament Director Jun "Bloody Fool" Tucay and his better half, Promotions Director Daisy Tucay, reminisce briefly on the Metro Washington Invitational that preceded the WAI.

LEAP Scholars Batch of 2005 & 2006

John Hay Manor was the venue of a meeting on August 23 of LEAP Scholars Batches 2005 and 2006 with DJLF Foundation Chair and President and representatives of from the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio. DJLF Chair and President reports.

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Call to Quarters

DJLF concludes its third CTQ (2006-3) on September 30 and girds for the fourth and last for the year (CTQ 2006-4) . CTQ Czars Willie Mejia and Del Lorenzo report.

LEAP Scholars

The Rotary Club of Metro Baguio (RCMB) selects the 10 candidates for the LEAP Scholars Batch of 2007. Five will be selected by the DJLF Scholarship Committee.

DJLF Christmas Caroling

This has been in the works in the last couple of years. It is on the launching pad this year - finally. Come December, the DJLF choral group that still has no name will be spreading Christmas cheer to selected homes in the Metro Washington, Williamsburg and Richmond areas. Christmas Caroling, Pinoy-style. Sila, po, ay namamasko – for the benefit of present and future LEAP Scholars and other LEAP programs.

The Leap – YEAH!

The Leap – YEAH! (TLY) stands for The LEAP – Youth Education and Hope, a yearbook of DJLF Foundation, Ltd. The first issue for Foundation year 2005 was published in the first quarter of 2006. This year, Willie Mejia, presumptive head of The Leap Publications, plans to have the yearbook in the hands of its readers much earlier - on or about the 7th Anniversary of DJLF Foundation, Ltd. on December 12, 2006

FEATURES

DJLF Roll Call

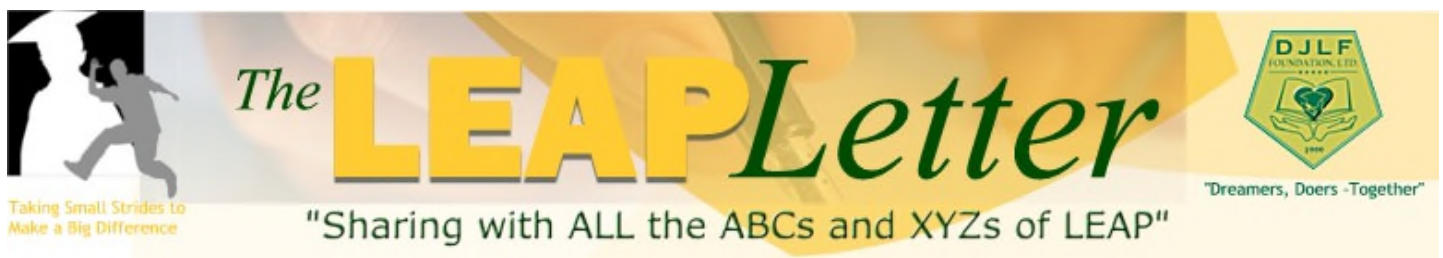
DJLF members, including their families, are featured. In this issue:

Nebuchadnezar "Duffool Bug" Alejandrino. Better known as Nebu by his fellow Cavaliers, he is the 'mistah' or classmate of Dan "Quixote" Jimenez who wrote this feature. Dan Quixote was editor of The Corps, PMA magazine, for the Class of 1977.

Sense or Sins of Humor? Take Your Pick

Some things happened to Randolph "Pards O'Foole" Espejo on his visit to California from his native state of New Jersey. Culled from the archives of djlf@yahoo.com, these are choice excerpts from his travelogue with a generous dose of the wit and humor for which Randy is well known, especially among his fellow PMayers and members of DJLF.

Visit online at WWW.DJLFLEAP.ORG



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DJLF FOUNDATION LTD. BALANCE SHEET As of October 31, 2006

Assets:**Current Assets:****Cash**

Cash in Banks (Bank of America Account)	\$	20,764.80	
Cash in Banks (Chevy Chase Account)		7,808.51	
Total Cash	\$		28,573.31

Receivables:

Notes - Trade	0.00	
Notes - Other	1,500.00	
Accounts - Trade	0.00	
Total	1,500.00	
Less: Reserve for Bad Debts	0.00	
Total Receivables		1,500.00

Other Assets:

Misc. Assets	0.00	
Total Other Assets	-	
Total Current Assets		30,073.31

Fixed Assets

Land	0.00	
Buildings	0.00	
Machine & Equipment(Printer)	500.00	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(400.00)	
Total Fixed Assets		100.00

Total Assets **30,173.31**

Liabilities & Fund Balance**Current Liabilities**

Notes Payable - To Banks	0.00	
Notes Payable - Trade	0.00	
Accounts Payable	0.00	
Total Current Liabilities		0.00

Long Term Liabilities

Bonded Debt	0.00	
Mortgages & Lien Payable	0.00	
Total Long Term Liabilities		0.00
Total Liabilities		0.00

Fund Balance **30,173.31**

Total Liabilities & Fund Balance **\$ 30,173.31**

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DJLF FOUNDATION LTD. INCOME STATEMENT January 1, 2006 Thru October 31, 2006

Revenue:**Receipts from Members**

CTQ 1	\$	525.00
CTQ 2		445.00
CTQ 3		465.00
CTQ 4		-

Total Receipts from CTQ's	\$	1,435.00
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Receipts from Fund**Raising Activities**

Golf Tournament - Metro Washington	3,306.06
LEAP Sponsors/ Subscribers	1,645.32
Other	0.00

Total Receipts from Fund Raising	4,951.38
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Other Receipts

Pledge for Scholarship	3,600.00
Donation	3,000.00
Contribution	400.00
Gain from Sale of Stocks	1,694.72
Other Receipts	74.29

Total Other Assets	8,769.01
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Total Revenue	15,155.39
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Expenses:

Disbursement to Scholars (February)	1,000.00
Disbursement to Scholars (May)	4,500.00
Disbursement to Scholars (October)	4,508.00
Taxes Paid (Federal 2005)	1,975.95
Taxes Paid (State 2005)	922.11
Other Miscellaneous Expense	84.50

Total Expenses	7,490.56
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Net Income	\$	7,664.83
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3rd Metro Washington Golf Invitational

Saturday, July 8, 2006

Virginia Oaks
Gainesville, VA

Tournament Director

Jun Tucay

PALS Coordinator

Lito Abundo

Steering Committee
PMAAA-DJLF Charity Golf

Dan Perico—*Chairman*
Alan Suarez — *Co-Chairman*

Members

Nebu Alejandrino
Archie Almario
Cleo Erfe
Jun Fabros
Willie Mejia
Lino Noble
Harold Ochoco
Jun Tucay
Rolly Tenefrancia



Secretariat

Winston Arpon

Willie Mejia

Rolly Tenefrancia

Delfin Lorenzo

Harold Ochoco

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3rd Williamsburg Area Invitational Saturday, October 7, 2006 Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort Newport News, VA

Tournament Director
Lino Noble

PALS Coordinator
Joe Arboleda / Bobby Salire

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Harold Ochoco
Bert Sampang
Jun Tucay
Rolly Tenefrancia



General Information

Voted one of the “five best courses in the state of Virginia” by Golf Digest, Kiln Creek’s outstanding 27-hole championship course offers members and guests an unparalleled golf experience. 18 holes are open each day, and all 27 manage to mix beauty with a test of shot-making ability. Take your game to a new and exciting level at Kiln Creek.

- 18-hole Tom Clark design
- Bentgrass greens and bermuda fairways
- 3 ½ stars by Golf Digest
- Spacious and targeted driving range
- Putting and chipping greens

“DREAMERS, DOERS — TOGETHER”

DJLF Foundation, Ltd., is a non-profit organization registered in Maryland whose aim is to raise funds to support youth education, starting with the youth of Loakan in the Philippines. Loakan is where the Philippine Military Academy is located.

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DJLF CHRISTMAS CAROLING A Filipino Tradition Fund-Raising for a Good Cause

Dear Sponsor,

Starting this year, DJLF Foundation, Ltd., a non-profit organization, is embarking on a Filipino tradition at Christmas time. A group composed of members of the Foundation, their spouses and friends will be visiting selected homes in Virginia, Washington D.C. and Maryland to sing Christmas carols. All the proceeds of this fund-raising activity will go to the Loakan Fund that supports LEAP, the Loakan Educational Assistance Project. Currently, LEAP supports 14 college scholars and will be adding another five for a total of 19 during school year 2007-2008 and five new scholars, every year thereafter.

The DJLF Christmas Carolers has scheduled performances on December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16. Thank you for being a Sponsor for this activity and for opening your home to us and hosting other sponsors that may be joining you during our performances at your home.

We are pleased to inform you that an article in The LEAPletter, an electronic newsletter of DJLF Foundation, was devoted to this activity. Please find time to visit this link, learn a bit more of the Foundation, provide us valuable feedback and consider being a subscriber for free: www.djlfleap.org

We look forward to seeing you and sharing with you and other sponsors in your home, however briefly, the joy and blessings of the Christmas Holiday Season.



DJLF CAROLERS

Daisy Tucay	Rosie Iames
Jojo de la Rosa	Imelda Iames
Vivian Erfe	Jun Tucay
Mary Ann Evangelista	Jun Fabros
Camille Lorenzana	Del Lorenzana
Charito Perico	Cleo Erfe
Pilar Arpon	Winston Arpon
Jake Duller	

Dan Perico—**Maestro**

DJLF Foundation Launches 2006 Christmas Caroling

Reprinted from The Manila Mail — December 15, 2006 Issue

After two years on the drawing board, Christmas caroling has been added this year to the fund-raising activities of DJLF Foundation, Ltd. a non-profit, charitable organization based in Maryland whose members are for-

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mer cadets of the Philippine Military Academy now residing outside of the Philippines, in the United States and Canada.

The year-round fund-raising of DJLF supports its pet project, LEAP, the Loakan Educational Assistance Project whose core component is the Youth Scholarship Program, a program that currently supports 14 college scholars in Baguio City, Philippines. The other four components are Faculty Development, Facility Improvement, Training Aids Enhancement and Leadership and Placement.

The DJLF Christmas Caroling Ensemble has completed its organizational stages and has been rehearsing for their presentation in the homes of hosts and sponsors in Virginia during the holiday season. Danilo Perico who is also the Executive Vice President and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors is coordinating these efforts. “We are combining,” says Perico, “fund-raising for a noble cause with a fine Filipino tradition.” The ensemble will be caroling Pinyon-style, singing both English and Filipino songs, interspersed with scripture readings and violin rendition by Camille Lorenzana, 15-year-old daughter of Major General Lorenzana of the Philippine Embassy’s Veterans Affairs Office.

These caroling dates have been penciled in : Dec 1 – Friday, 8pm; Dec 2 - Saturday, 5pm & 8pm; Dec 8 – Friday, 8pm; Dec 9 – Saturday, 5pm & 8pm; Dec 15 – Friday, 8pm; Dec 16 – Saturday, 5pm & 9pm.



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DJLF Scholarship Agreement Terms and Conditions (Excerpts)

SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

1. This Scholarship package is an affirmation of the common aspiration and commitment of DJLF Foundation, Ltd, a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Maryland, USA, composed of former cadets of the Philippine Military Academy, and The Rotary Club of Metro Baguio (RCMB) towards alleviating the conditions in developing nations, more specifically by investing in the development of the Philippine youth. Here are some highlights on this project:

1.1 The Loakan Educational Assistance Project, known as LEAP is in pursuit of DJLF's avowed mission to "harness the motivation and ability of the members as a cohesive group to generate funds through personal, private, public and corporate contributions and donations as well as investments; and to endow these funds to selected youth educational programs."

1.2 Both DJLF and RCMB, realize that LEAP will benefit from their joint efforts, including the services that RCMB can provide by virtue of the fact that it is based in the Philippines.

1.3 Under LEAP, both RCMB and DJLF members are investing in the youth of the country of their birth, aiming to help their country of origin in producing not only graduates but productive, upright citizens.

1.4 LEAP has for its core component, a Youth Scholarship Program, and four other programs: Faculty Development Support; Facility Improvement; Teaching Aids Enhancement Support; and Leadership Development.

1.5 The LEAP Scholarship Committee will be the administering arm of DJLF that will coordinate with RCMB regarding the Scholarship implementation.

CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUANCE

10. A LEAP Scholar must enroll as a full time student carrying the curriculum-required units and subjects of their pre-approved courses as prescribed by their selected school/ university/ institution.

12. LEAP Scholar who obtained a failing grade due to the following factors: no final examination, frequent absences due to sickness that he/she missed important topics or the student has dropped the subject beyond the period of dropping for subjects for cause. In such a case, the LEAP Scholar will be allowed to re-enroll that subject without undergoing probation.

OBLIGATIONS

Notification Obligations

16. During the Scholarship period, the Scholar must advise, in writing, the Scholarship Committee, through RCMB, if in any year, he/she:

16.1 withdraws from all or part of his/her course of study;

16.2 fails to comply with the academic requirements;

16.3 postpones his/her course of study;

16.4 restarts his/her course of study (following a withdrawal or postponement);

16.5 changes his/her circumstances in a way that might affect eligibility for and/or entitlement to the Scholarship.

16.6 encounters other problems that would adversely impact his/her Scholarship.

Reports and Other Obligations

18. The LEAP Scholar's scholarship comes with no service obligation after completion of course and granting of degrees applied for. However, the LEAP Scholar is required to comply with all obligations stated under these terms and conditions within the period they are serving as scholar. Most of these requirements are designed to help him/her in attaining maximum benefits from the scholarship. Failure to comply with these obligations would mean forfeiture of scholarship.

22. A LEAP Scholar is expected to participate in DJLF sponsored development activities beyond the regular coursework requirements. These activities are designed to provide additional preparation for leadership and transition from school to more responsible adult life. These activities are mandatory. Sign-up sheets will be provided to document attendance.

27. A LEAP scholar should strive to always handle themselves within the bounds of right attitudes, traits and moral virtues like honesty, responsibility, compassion and patriotism so that they could develop into respected and responsible citizens in the future, honest and righteous leaders of the community.

Mentoring System
28. The LEAP Scholar must create an email address where DJLF may contact him/her for both administrative and mentoring program. He/she is responsible too for notifying DJLF or RCMB of any change in e-mail address. Both implementors/ and or administrators expect to reach the Scholar at these email addresses at all times.

29. DJLF is implementing the mentoring system where each LEAP Scholar is assigned a mentor who will monitor and also serve as adviser during the period of scholarships. Those mentors are proven leaders/counselors who are mostly graduates of the Philippine Military Academy and other foreign military academies. Contact is done mostly through internet emails. Scholar must notify the Scholarship Committee promptly if no mentor has been assigned to him/her yet.

39. Scholarship may be terminated if, after proper inquiry, DJLF Board determines that the LEAP Scholar:

GROUND FOR TERMINATION

39.1 is not making satisfactory progress, i.e., he/she has more than one failing grade on any given academic semester or if he/she goes on "probation" (see Rule 11) for three times (not necessarily consecutive);

39.2 is not complying with the other conditions of the scholarship as stated in Rules 10-15;

39.3 is reported for misconduct or failure to uphold reputable character like cheating in school, violations of criminal and civil laws and school regulations, and other acts in violation of Rules 26 and 27 above.

41. In any year, if the Scholar withdraws for reasons within his/her control he/she will have no further entitlement to the Scholarship.

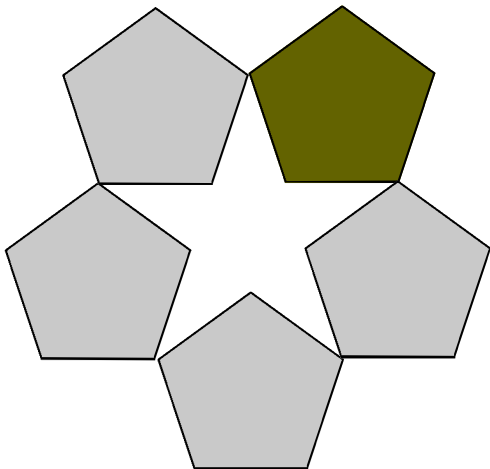
45. Continuous absence from DJLF sponsored activities, with or without excuses, shall be taken into consideration by RCMB when it recommends renewal of Scholarship of subject Scholar for the next academic semester.

46. All termination/reinstatement of scholarship is subject to final approval by the Board of Directors and its decision is final and not subject to any review process.

PRIVACY

52. Any documents submitted by a LEAP Scholar would be used solely in deliberating his/her scholarship application or in determining his/her fitness to continue receiving the scholarship.

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DJLF Foundation, Ltd. Looking Back – The Years That Were



Through emails, five former cadets of the Philippine Military Academy living in various parts of the US – Maryland, Virginia and Florida – exchange notes on what they can do now to “give back to *Loakan* what we got from it during our youth.” *Loakan* is where PMA, their alma mater, is situated.

After several exchanges of proposals and counter-proposals, they ultimately agree on December 12 to raise money for a fund – to be known as Loakan Fund – dedicated to a project on youth education and development. As conceptualized, the project would start with a scholarship program that will benefit students at a high school in Loakan. They are joined by seven others; so, a total of 12 members participate in the first fund-raising event held in December.

They go by the initials DJLF, for Dumb Jones Loakan Fun club. As plebes or freshmen at PMA, they were called “dumb johns” by their upperclassmen. Dumb Jones, the ‘DJ’ in DJLF, thus becomes a sentimental reference to their Academy days. It is also a pointed reference to Dow Jones. And for good reason – part of their plan was to consider Wall Street as a vehicle for investing the Loakan Fund for growth, which dovetailed to their intent to familiarize the members with Wall Street, the stock markets and investment as a whole. This knowledge, the members feel, can only serve their personal goals, especially their preparations for retirement.

Relying on the Internet as medium of communication, the members develop DJLF as an e-organization.



Following the successful, if modest results of that fund-raising in 1999 - \$52.50 was raised from the 12 participants – a decision is made to conduct it once every quarter, the recurring event to be known as “*Call-to-Quarters*” or CTQ. *Call-To-Quarters* evokes among DJLF members an event at Loakan barracks by the same name when they, as cadets, listened to the bugle’s call for them to refer to their respective quarters each day after dinnertime. Then and now, they heed that call.

DJLF members finish the year with four Call-to-Quarters under their belt.



The building of the Loakan Fund continues, not missing a beat, like it did during its first full year in 2000. Like clockwork, CTQs are held every quarter without fail, each rendition adding to the Loakan Fund.

DJLF, seeking to broaden its base, launches a drive to recruit more members. Setting a goal of 55 total members, the campaign is dubbed as “Duh Drive to 55.” Irwin Ver is designed as overall coordinator – and the man “behind the wheel.”

In 2002, Articles of Incorporation are drafted following consensus of a majority of members on formalizing the DJLF organization. A corporate structure is discussed basically consisting of a Board of Directors and a number of Foundation Offices.

15 DJLF members in the Washington area sign their names as incorporators of DJLF Foundation, Ltd. a non-profit organization. Papers are submitted to the state of Maryland on July 5 which were approved on July 7.

Upon our incorporation in July, we had filled the final two slots of Founding Members from extreme ends of PMA classes, a Loakaner from the 90’s, Luisito Angeles Class of 1992 and another Loakaner from the 50’s, Brillante Ochoco Class of 1955.

All 55 DJLF members approve the By-Laws and DJLF is inaugurated on October 5 at Stafford, Virginia at the residence of Nebu Alejandrino who would assume the position of VP for Organizational Goals/OG.

DJLF is formally organized as mandated in the By-Laws. 15 members compose the Board. DJLF is operated by the Foundation Offices: Office of the President and the Offices for Coordination, Communication & Quality Control/CCQ; Operational Deployments/OD; Operational Goals; Solicitation-General/SG; Funds and Investments/FI.

Other positions are added during the year: Counsel-General; two Assistant Solicitation-Generals; and a General Counsel.

True to form as an e-org, the first meeting of the Board of Directors in Manassas, Virginia at the residence of Gil and Carla Osorio

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was an electronic meeting, with Board Director Irwin Ver participating in the Board deliberations from his home at Walnut Creek, California.

Year 2003 ended on a sad note. In December, DJLF's general membership was reduced when DJLF members said their final goodbye to one of its members.



A decision is made to proceed, as originally scheduled in 1999, with the formal launching of the Youth Scholarship Program in February 2005 during the Alumni Homecoming Week of the Philippine Military Academy. The Rotary Club of Metro Baguio whose jurisdiction includes Loakan is chosen as DJLF's partner-in-country for the scholarship program. A Memorandum of Agreement is in the works for this partnership to be formally signed in February 2005.

With the proximity of the launching of the program, DJLF launches Operational Plan/Oplan LOFTY, for LOakan Fast Track of the Year, to encompass fund-raising outside of the regular Call-To-Quarters.

LOFTY signals a shift from the previous CTQs which involved out-of-pocket contributions from each member to diversified fund-raising from without. In pursuit of the latter, DJLF pursues Community Sale, Family Nights and in partnership with the PMA Alumni Association of the East Coast, a Golf Tournament Series. Thus, DJLF's fund-raising now comprises two: the bread-and-butter Call-to-Quarters/CTQ and Call-To-Quarters Plus, the latter to include all activities to raise funds outside of the former.

Three golf tournaments are held – one in spring at Fairfax; another in summer at Williamsburg and the last one in fall at Fairfax National Golf Course – the culmination of what would henceforth be a year-round activity.

Upon further deliberation, the Board determines that to ensure the success of its Youth Scholarship Program, a larger project is necessary; thus, the creation of LEAP, for Loakan Educational Assistance Project. With the Youth Scholarship Program as its core component, LEAP will include four other programs: Faculty Enrichment; Facility Improvement; Equipment and Learning Aids Support; Leadership Development and Placement.

October 30th, on the occasion of the fellowship dinner following the Dual Meet between the East Coast Chapter and North East Group of the PMA Alumni Association, the names of five DJLF members are drawn: Dan Jimenez; Jude Tadeo; Levi Cleofe and Rhyss Hizon. They will be the “mentors” of the five scholars that will be chosen for LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2005.

On September 9, 2004, the DJLF Scholarship Committee is formed with Jake Duller accepting the offer to chair the committee. He is joined later by Bob Aviso, Del Lorenzo, Danny Alonzo and Rolly Malinis. The Duller-Aviso-Lorenzo-Alonzo-Malinis Committee becomes known as D'ALAM Committee, or The Knowledge Committee. **Alam**, in Filipino, roughly translates to knowledge.

November 13th, during its monthly meeting, the Board of Directors approve the interim Memo of Agreement between DJLF and Rotary Club Metro Baguio. In accordance with this agreement, RCMB screens candidates from among the seniors of the Baguio City National High School, Fort del Pilar Annex and chooses 10 scholars. The D'ALAM Committee deliberates and chooses the 5 principal and 5 alternate LEAP scholars.

At year-end, OPLAN LOFTY, the Loakan Fast Track of the Year, also comes to a close, achieving its goal. From \$52.50 in 1999, the Loakan Fund reaches the \$30K mark. There is a prevailing sense of accomplishment among the general membership.

There is a growing confidence among the members, the officers and Board of Directors that the Foundation has done well in its formative years, 1999 through 2004. The basic infrastructure has been put firmly in place for LEAP becoming a reality - in 2005 and beyond.



A watershed, a milestone year for the Foundation. LEAP, in particular its core component, the Youth Scholarship Program (YSP), is formally launched with the Awarding of LEAP Scholars Batch of 2005. All 10 candidates – not only the 5 principals, as originally planned – are awarded scholarships when DJLF member Jun “Playfool” Paynor announces during the awarding ceremony that an anonymous donor pledges to support the tuition and other expenses of all five alternate scholars for one year.

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About Mentoring

Mentoring is a structured and trusting relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the person being mentored. Mentors are good listeners, people who care, people who want to help young people bring out strengths that are already there. A mentor is not a foster parent, therapist, parole officer, or cool peer.

Mentoring – the presence of caring adults offering support, advice, friendship, reinforcement and constructive examples – is a powerful tool to helping young people fulfill their potential.

Mentoring can help by:

- Improving young people’s attitudes towards their parents, peers and teachers;
- Encouraging students to stay motivated and focused on their education;
- Helping young people face challenges; and
- Offering young people opportunities to consider career paths and get much-needed economic skills and knowledge.

The DJLF Mentor

In DJLF, a mentor is a DJLF member selected to provide a scholarship grantee with support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement and constructive example.

What a DJLF Mentor has to offer

A DJLF mentor brings a wide range of life experiences to the mentoring relationship that can be a wonderful source of advice and information to the scholar. Having gone through the PMA and regardless of what profession a mentor eventually chose, the greatest gift a mentor can offer a young person (such as a DJLF scholar) is a genuine interest in the persons’ lives and a willingness to listen and advise them.

A mentor offers a scholar a consistent opportunity to communicate and share a scholar’s wants, needs and expectations. A mentor, in turn, can help them find ways to fulfill those wants and needs.

Studies done by numerous mentoring programs show that young people say they want a mentor to help in three key areas: advice, access and advocacy.

Advice

From time to time, a scholar may need a second opinion or a different perspective. When offering advice, however, it is important to remember that while the roles of a mentor and parents or guardians may occasionally overlap, these are two distinct roles. A mentor is there to provide the scholar with another caring adult who helps them think through problems. A mentor’s job is not to supersede parents or guardians.

Access

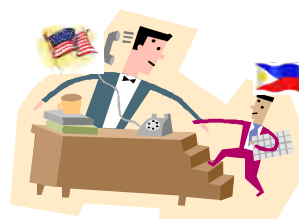
A mentor can help connect a scholar with people, opportunities, and information that are otherwise out of reach. That's what access is all about — helping a scholar find and get involved in new situations or find new resources. For example, a mentor can open up the vast resources of the internet to a scholar.

Advocacy

A mentor can be an advocate for a scholar — in other words, work on their behalf to get them the recognition they deserve or the resources they need to resolve issues or problems. Create opportunities to get to know the scholar as a person. As you continue a mentoring assignment, you will come to find that the advantages you and your scholar offered each other are truly too numerous to count.

Role of a DJLF Mentor

- Establish a positive, personal relationship with a scholar.
 - Establish mutual trust and respect.
 - Maintain regular interaction and consistent support.
- Help a scholar to develop or begin to develop life skills.



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- Work with your scholar to accomplish specific goals such as improved grades, time management, school attendance, self-esteem, and confidence.
- Instill the framework for developing broader life-management skills (*i.e.*, decision-making, goal setting, conflict resolution, money management, etc.).
- Assist a scholar in obtaining additional resources.
 - Provide awareness of community, educational, and economic resources available to the scholar and how to access these resources.
 - Act as a guide, advocate, "coach" and role model.
 - Avoid acting as a professional case manager. View the role of mentor as a friend rather than a counselor.

Keep in mind that each mentor-scholar match is unique and will result in unique experiences.

The Mentoring Process

The mentoring process involves a person to act as a mentor (a sort of teacher, counselor, father, brother – all rolled into one) and to act as an adviser to a selected scholar. It also encompasses all the activities that contribute to the development of the scholar as an individual and a productive member of the society.

This process also requires that mentors take note and share their experiences to the membership. This monitoring and feedback mechanism is essential for the Foundation to provide a basis for changes of procedures for better program implementation and amendments to existing policies to better address changing environments.

Getting to Know Your Scholar

A good way to start a relationship with your scholar is getting to know the person behind the scholar. There are numerous ways, some of which are:

- Obtaining your scholar's information packet from DJLF;
- Knowing the scholar's background, his/her family, school to attend, selected field of study, and others;

Anyway you approach this activity, the purpose is to establish a comfortable relationship whereby your scholar will feel free to share his/her concerns with you. Remember: You as a mentor are preparing for the long haul.

Establishing Communications with Your Scholar

The mentor, having familiarized himself with the scholar's information should take the next step of initiating communications with the scholar. This can be done through various ways – email, letter, telephone.

Once contact is established, the mentor should introduce himself, the organization, the purpose and objectives of the mentoring process. Explain the mentor-scholar relationship and the expectations from each party.

E-mentoring

Online mentoring, or e-mentoring, is a mentoring relationship conducted via the Internet. E-mail can be the exclusive vehicle for DJLF scholars and mentors to connect. E-mentoring shares the goal of face-to-face mentoring: establishing a trusting, nurturing, positive relationship between the mentor and a scholar.

- E-mentoring takes place via the Internet and let mentors and scholars develop their relationship by exchanging messages online.
- Makes mentoring available to mentors and scholars who otherwise might not be able to meet easily because of time or travel constraints.
- Helps scholars learn more about high-tech communications and improve their writing skills.
- Offers scholars the chance to develop a relationship with the mentor and the Foundation.
- Enables scholars to work with mentors on special projects.

Monitoring and Feedback

As in any system, a monitoring and feedback mechanism should be in place to assist the Foundation in gauging the progress and health of the program. The information provided by this mechanism is necessary for the Foundation to make necessary ad-

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justments to its program policies and be able to steer its direction to a predictable outcome. Every mentor is encouraged to provide reports on a regular basis.

Objectives

The objectives of the Monitoring and Feedback mechanism are as follows:

- To keep track on the progress of the scholars, specifically, and to the program, in general;
- To enable to identify potential difficulties a scholar may encounter and suggest appropriate course of action;
- To initiate and develop a mechanism of identifying, solving, and disseminating remedial actions to problems or potential problems; and
- To learn from the experiences of mentoring as a means to adjust, attune, and enhance the LEAP and other programs.

Reporting

At this time, it is left to the discretion of the mentor what is worth reporting. However, mentors are encouraged to make the following reports/assessments:

- End of School Year Assessment
- End of Scholarship Assessment
- Suspension/Termination of Scholarship Assessment
- Special Assessment

In time, from experiences gained from reports/assessments submitted, the Foundation will put in place a more formal and organized structure of reporting.

Issue Resolution

Decisions on actionable issues submitted to and acted by the Board shall be communicated back to the submitting mentor.

SCHOLAR	MENTOR
Batch of 2005	Batch of 2005
Adawi, Alona	Rhyss Hizon '78 – Illinois
Bato, Muller Jr	Irwin Ver '70 – California
Belwa, Sheryl	Jun Fabros '71 – Virginia
Burlaza, Maria Cristina	George Aquino '63 – Philippines
Calixto, Frannie	Del Lorenzo '80– California
Cayat, Ellen	Bob Aviso '73 – Pennsylvania
Chinalpan, Roda	Nick Sotelo '87 – Virginia
Gumatay, Katrina Mae	Nebu Alejandrino 1977 – CA
Milo, Benedict Razon	Levi Cleofe '87 – Virginia
Sinaking, Mary Luisa	Jun Paynor '71 – Philippines
Batch of 2006	Batch of 2006
Marcos, Irene	Dan Jimenez '77 – Maryland
Langgoyan, Wella	Gene Calonge '79 – Philippines
Belwa, Odessa	Louie Maligat '86 – Maryland
Cayabas, Delphialyn	Cleo Erfe '69 – Virginia
Dacyon, Cherry Mae	Vlady Punto '74 – New York

Featured Mentor

IGNACIO "Bob" AVISO

(DJLF Nickname "Bountifool")

Drums, Pennsylvania, USA



Honorary member,
PMA 'Maagap' Class '73;
BS Industrial Engineering,
University of the Philippines;
Masters in Business Administration,
University of Southern Philippines;
International Purchasing Manager,
BOC, Designs, CSS Industries
(NYSE ticker CSS)

Wife: **Marilyn Noceja Aviso**

Children:

Maria Isabelita - BS Nursing, Scranton University; Student, MS Nurse Practitioner, De Sales University

Marco Antonio - BS Business Info System, Scranton University; Student, MBA, DeVry University

Maria Iloisa - BS Biology, Seton Hall University; Student, MS Physician Assistant, Seton Hall University

Maria Imilia – Student, BS Biology, De Sales University

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DJLF 7th Anniversary A Personal Insight **Fools, We Are; Fools We Are Not** *Dan "Masterfool" Perico*

Seven years! Seven years of fooling around?

Unbelievable...but what is probably more unbelievable is that as of now, we have made a big difference in the lives of 15 young boys and girls by giving them a better opportunity to bring their potential out into the world.

I wish all of you were there during the awarding of the scholarships for the batch of 2005 inside the familiar Fort del Pilar. You would have felt that unexplainable emotion that I felt when I saw the tears from some of the grateful parents of our scholars, at a loss for words, simply amazed at this blessing being given to their child.

This scene was repeated last February this year during the announcement of the batch of 2006 scholars. I am humbled by the reactions of these scholars and their parents to what we are doing for them, especially when they say that we are a blessing to them.

It is perhaps proper that we celebrate our anniversary, albeit quietly, during this season when we prepare to celebrate a greater anniversary, the birth of our Lord Jesus and be reminded of the meaning of sacrifice.

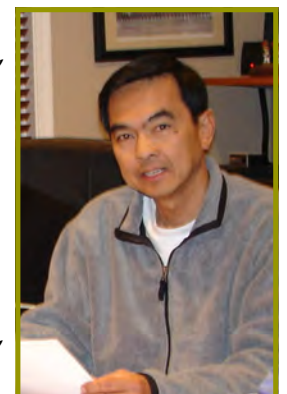
As we were preparing for our Saturday caroling last weekend, a member of the DJLF Charity Caroling Ensemble was asking as she smiled, "what have we gotten ourselves into?" I of course knew that she was asking the question in jest; nonetheless, it was a reminder that it takes some sacrifice to be able to come up with the money to send these children to school; a reminder of our commitment.

So, whether you simply participated in the CTQs, helped in selling our annual publication, joined our golf tournaments or supported any of our fundraising in any way, you have made a sacrifice for these scholars... and you have made a difference in their lives.

Seven years! 15 children whose future would have been in question but for our efforts...and already we are preparing to do more for the next batch, the batch of 2007. Fools or not, what have we gotten ourselves into?

The author is the Vice-Chair and Executive Vice-President of the Foundation. But why the "fool" in his name? The Motley Fools – the duo of AOL fame – were admired not only for their expert advice on picking stocks, investing for retirement, and dealing with life's major personal finance decisions – areas of interest to DJLF when conceived in 1999 – but also for their inimitable wit and humor. Such admiration among the founding members of DJLF naturally led to the choice of such nicknames as "Foolbright Scholar" for Fulbright Scholar; "Fool-vladed" for full-blooded; "Wonderfool" for Wonderful; "Pineaf fool" for Pineapple. A member from Canada – Socrates Brazal is his name – came up with "Foolosopher," for Philosopher.

This caught on over the years and has become a tradition. Now, you can and will find "fool" in the nicknames of Foundation members, with a few exceptions. One can always come up with a "foolish" nickname, so the prevailing thought goes, with a bit of imagination and creativity. A recent member, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis came up with the nickname, Annafoolis.



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The DJLF Saga: 7 Years and Foolever¹

A poem by Dan Jimenez



No score and seven years ago
at the crescendo of the stocks dizzying climb
a group of dreamers set a job to do:
pay what they owe Fort del Pilar's Loakan.

So they gathered and schemed
how to accomplish their aims
while ignoring their shortcomings
and trumpeting their would-be gains.

They are fools, you know
This they will readily admit
without rancor, without doubt
only with self-deprecating wit.

It was for fun they would set forth
as their imaginations ran wild
first with names of "foolish" origins
then of aspirations and goals never had.

They would send deserving youths to college
to pursue ambitions and uplift themselves
that they may help their families and inspire others
Loakan in the end, would be paid so many times over.

Small they would start
Five deserving students for each year
Until the seed grows into a forest
and nothing is left to worry nor fear.

It would begin with a guess
of the Dow's closing numbers
pure luck to some, science to others
three winners takes half, Loakan, the rest.

Win or lose, they would still be winners
For the fun they had and charity's laughter
In a far away home, a youth finds hope's glitter
all because these dreamers metamorphosed into doers.

They are Cavaliers, anonymous for always
wanting nothing for resources offered and efforts made
not recognition, not citation, not accolade
just an honest gratitude to the home they left.

They know in their hearts the unwavering truth
They are who they are because of Loakan's mold
Distance, age, time, success and even gold
They are of no consequence to stories that must be told.

It has been seven years now and reason had set in
Fifteen scholars in a row marching in cadence
First graduate climbs the stage in about a year
Who said there were limits to what these fools can aim?

It was a beginning with no plan for an ending
Gratitude is after all paying forward with continuous refrain
And although no man lives forever in God's endless domain
These fools will, in laughter and kindness, forever remain.

¹You say forever; we, DJLFools, say foolever

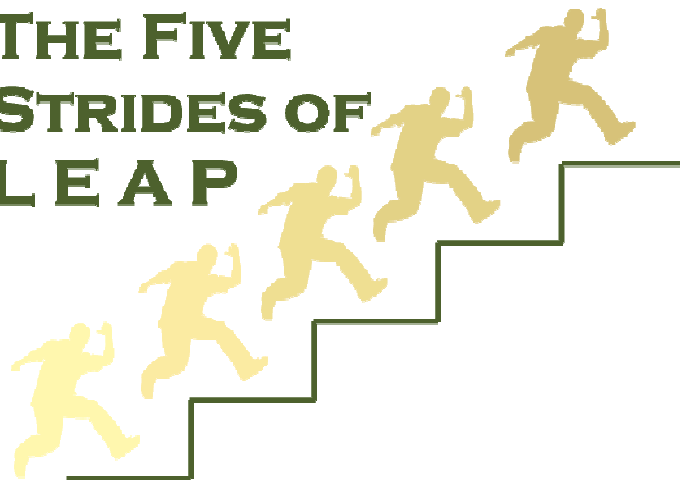
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Youth Scholarship Program (YSP)

Under **LEAP** is a Youth Scholarship Program to provide financial support to selected scholars for tuition, books and other expenses needed for a college degree in any duly accredited institution of learning in the Philippines. Each year, the program will be supporting a set of scholars selected on the basis of financial need and academic qualifications.

The **Youth Scholarship Program** is the core but by no means the only component of LEAP. Stride by stride with it are these four programs to be undertaken in support of and to ensure LEAP's future success:

THE FIVE STRIDES OF LEAP



Faculty Development Program (FDP)

A program to help maintain a high standard of academic excellence, dedication, commitment and motivation of teachers.

Facility Improvement Program (FIP)

A program to improve the physical environment of the school as a whole, the students' classrooms and the working conditions of the Faculty and administrative staff, in particular.



Teaching Aids Program (TAP)

A program to contribute towards the modernization of school equipment and tools of learning.

Leadership and Placement Program (LPP)

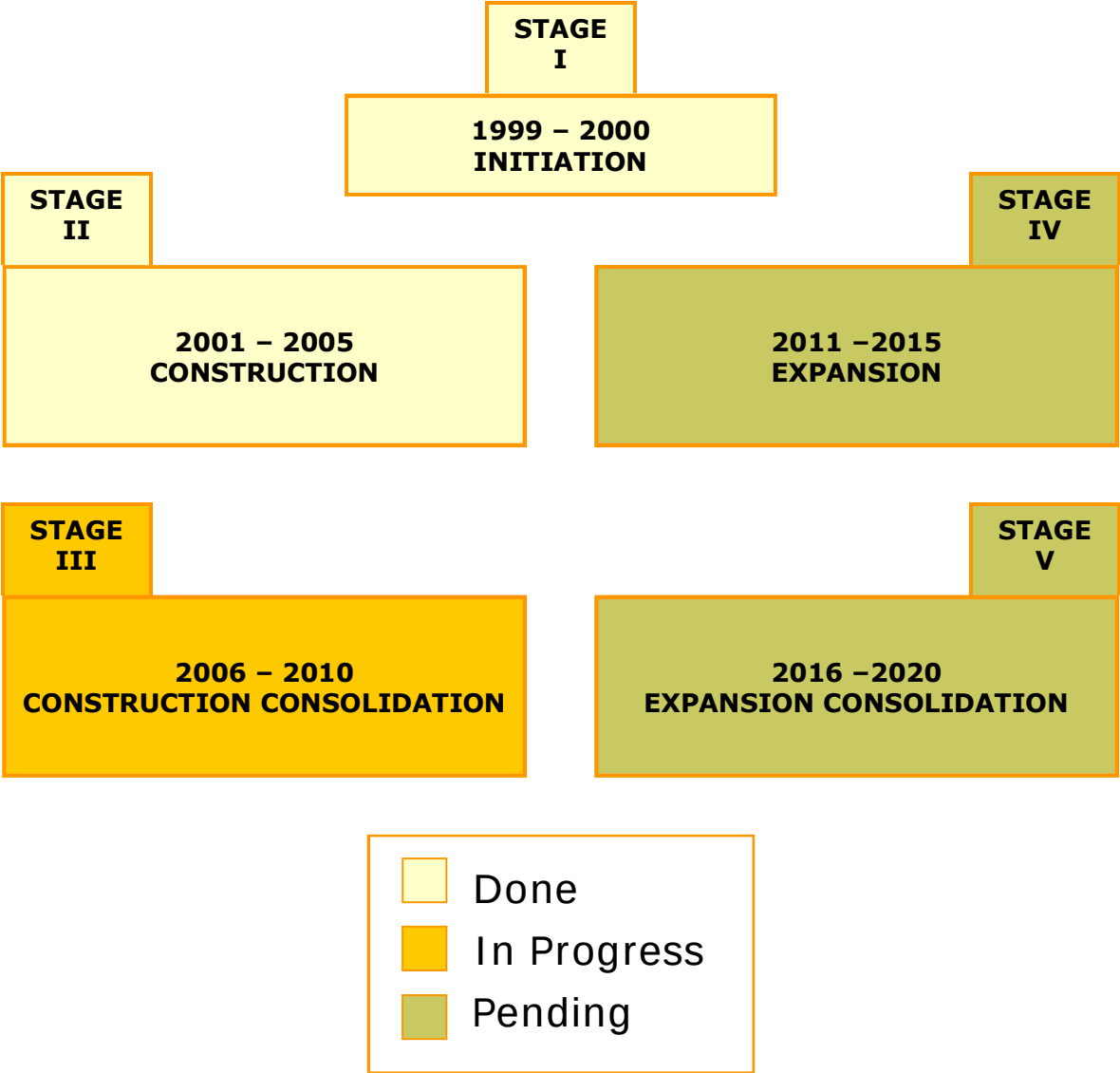
A program to incorporate students into existing youth leadership development of the community.



“DREAMERS, DOERS—TOGETHER”

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FIVE-STAGE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



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DJLF FIVE-STAGE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

STAGE I 1999-2000 INITIATION

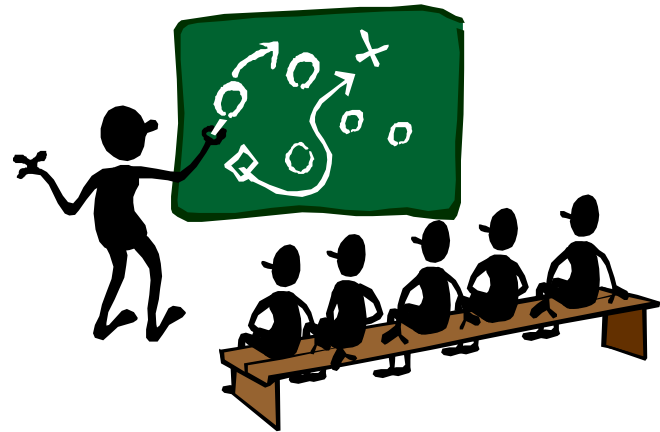
Conceptualization; Start-up of DJLF as the Dumb Johns Loakan Fun Club and Build-up of the Loakan Fund from membership quarterly contributions.

STAGE II 2001-2005 CONSTRUCTION

Build-up of membership base and contributions from that membership; incorporation of DJLF Foundation, Ltd.; Conceptualization of the Loakan Educational

Assistance Project/LEAP; Start-up of Revenue base from sources other than membership; Inauguration & Operationalization of the Youth Scholarship Program;

Start-up of the other Program Components of LEAP.



WHERE WE ARE NOW

STAGE III. 2006-2010 CONSTRUCTION CONSOLIDATION

Consolidating the foundation established and gains made in Stages I & II, particularly Stage II; Setting up DJLF Foundation, Ltd. for Expansion in Stage IV.

WHERE WE WILL BE

STAGE IV 2011-2015 EXPANSION

Basically to determine an optimal point at which the Foundation can be sustained and bringing or expanding the Foundation to that point.

STAGE V 2016-2020 EXPANSION CONSOLIDATION

Basically a consolidation of the foundation established and the gains made in the Expansion Stage; the final major developmental stage of the Foundation; at the end of this Stage, DJLF Foundation, Ltd. is expected to be on “cruise control” mode, sustained and sustainable in all the years to come.

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5 OPERATING PRINCIPLES OF DJLF FOUNDATION

1

ACCOUNT FOR EVERY DOLLAR, EVERY QUARTER, EVERY DIME, EVERY NICKEL, EVERY PENNY

Transparency is our first guiding principle. Every contribution to the Foundation should be properly accounted for to the last penny. There should absolutely be no doubt about where the money goes. We owe this to ourselves and to all others who contribute to our Foundation. In all matters, particularly in financial and monetary matters, this Foundation must be operated with utmost integrity. All transactions must be done honestly and honorably, as expected from a Foundation whose members trace their roots to the Philippine Military Academy.

2

LET EVERY DOLLAR COUNT

Aside from accounting for every dollar, we need to ensure that every dollar is used wisely and judiciously. Endowment programs need to be developed that would serve the best and the highest interest of our chosen beneficiaries and redound to their maximum benefit and welfare.

3

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL; LET NO ONE DILUTE OUR GOAL

We are a non-profit, charitable, philanthropic organization and our goal is clear: to raise funds for the benefit of our chosen beneficiaries. Every member of the Foundation should stay focused on this goal, keep distractions to the minimum – or none at all. The Foundation should not be used for other purposes. We should resist and frustrate any attempt by anyone - inside or outside of the organization - to use the Foundation for personal gain, political, business, economic or otherwise.



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DO THINGS WELL AND DO THEM RIGHT

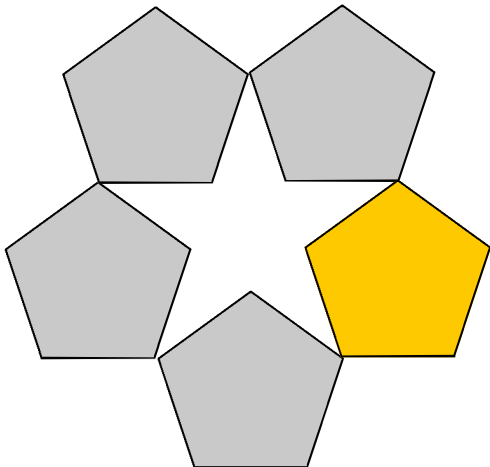
This Foundation should be committed to excellence, to doing things efficiently and effectively, members doing the best they can to pursue the Foundation's goal. But things have to be done the right way and the right way is the moral way, the ethical way. Hopefully, there should be no conflict between doing things well and doing them right, but should there be, our choice is clear: do it the right way, the ethical, the moral way should take precedence.

5

BUILD FOR THE LONG HAUL

Let us build and develop, let us maintain and enhance for the long-term. This Foundation should be here to stay. Rome wasn't built in a day; neither should this Foundation. But having built it, we should keep it standing for all time. We should build and sustain it so that whatever we do today will live long after we are gone.

Roll Call



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ROLL CALL

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Roll Call

DREAMERS, DOERS — TOGETHER
"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread"
Alexander Pope from An Essay on Criticism.

Rudy Abcede
 Butch Aguenza
 Angel Agustin
 Nebu Alejandrino
 Danny Alonzo
 Archilles Almario
 Luisito Angeles
 Orville Antonio
 George Aquino
 Winston Arpon
 Bob Aviso
 Socrates Brazal
 Roland Bruce
 Generoso Calonge
 Vic Carag
 Arturo Carolino
 Arnel Carolino
 Antonio Chanco
 Levi Cleofe
 Pedro Cruz
 Dante Cruz

Bob Dance
 Avelino De Guzman
 Anthony De Guzman
 Marcial De Leon
 Marius Dela Pena
 Gabby Dizon
 Gerry Domingo
 Ariel Domingo
 Claro Doria
 Jake Duller
 Audie Embestro
 Cleo Erfe
 Ronnie Escalada
 Randolph Espejo
 Rodolfo Estrellado
 Urbano Fabros Jr.
 Ernesto Fernandez
 Elizabeth Fullon
 Jimmy Garingo
 Benjie Gorres
 Renato Heredia

Rhyss Hizon
 Elmer Ignacio
 Rogelio Jaramillo
 Danilo Jimenez
 Ping Layson
 Cip Leron
 Delfin Lorenzana
 Delfin Lorenzo
 Luisito Maligat
 Rolando Malinis
 Sam Marcelo
 Jaime Masferre
 Wilfredo Mejia
 Avelino Noble
 Brillante Ochoco
 Harold Ochoco
 Louie Onglengco
 Gil Osorio
 Gene Padre
 Benzar Patron
 Marciano Paynor

Edgar Peralta
 Dan Perico
 Leo Primero
 Vladimir Punto
 Antonio Ramos
 Russell Ramos
 Manny Refugia
 Gabriel Riego de Dios
 Jet Sacramento
 Nestor Sadiarin
 Johnson So
 Agustin Sotelo
 Rafael Tadeo
 Wilson Tan
 Hermel Tibay
 Mervin Tiu
 Domingo Tucay
 Irwin Ver
 William Ylanan



Last Taps
 Raul Heredia

Featured Fools:

A Fallen Soldier; A Family Man; A Father; Marathoners; Golfers; Ambassadors

In Memoriam

Raul F. Heredia



This is not to say I knew Raul Heredia. This is not to placate his loved ones nor disprove his critics. This is not to render judgment, not to reward nor punish. This is merely to tell the story, as honestly as possible, of a man we once knew.

As cadet of the Philippine Military Academy, he was a very kind "secondclassman" to my "fourthclassman." A big brother anybody would like to have. One who looked out rather than make life hard for an underling. There was no meanness in him even if such is a requisite to being an upperclassman. Plebes saw that not as a flaw but as a strength. A trait to be emulated. An example to follow.

Raul Heredia graduated from PMA in 1975, following in the footsteps of his father, his uncle and cousins. True to the family's military tradition to serve and to lead, Cadet Heredia was the 2nd Battalion Commander with a rank of Cadet Captain upon his graduation - a testament to his exemplary leadership.

He was aide-de-camp to Generals Abat and Ver, became an Intelligence Officer with the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and served as a UN representative in Japan. Joining the Logistics family in the AFP, he became the Philippine Army's Deputy Staff for Logistics, G-4. In this assignment, he was recognized as the best senior Staff Officer of the Year in the whole AFP.

To further his military career, he took Masters in Management

in Sydney, Australia and thereafter worked for his Senior Staff Degree in Washington, DC. While in the US, he never missed PMA alumni gatherings. He was always accounted for, always willing to participate and always affirming his PMA roots. It was in one of those gatherings that he learned about DJLF Foundation and its philanthropic goals. Without any second thoughts nor hesitation, he signed up as a member. As member or DJLFool, in the parlance of the Foundation, he was still working on his "fool-ish" nickname when he returned to the Philippines.

Eager to continue his AFP service after his stint in the US, he served at the National Defense College as an Instructor to impart his newly acquired knowledge. This assignment turned out to be his last. He was assassinated in 2003. It was a tragedy for the AFP and more so for the loved ones he left behind, especially his children, Raul, Jr. and Filomena.

The last taps has sounded for Colonel Heredia – the Dreamer, the Doer, DJLF "Fool With No Name" but he is not forgotten.

We pay tribute. We pay our respects. We utter our prayers for eternal rest and perpetual light. We bid goodbye.

Police general, Renato Heredia, PMA '77, Raul's younger brother, is presently assigned as Police Attache at the Philippine Embassy in Washington, DC and already he has picked up where Raul has left off. Renato has become a member of DJLF Foundation, another fool rushing in where angels fear to tread.

Raul's legacy lives on.

Dan Jimenez '77
 @2006

Roll Call

DJLFOOLS

“Fools rush in where angels fear to tread”

Featured Fool:

He is a Family Man

Standing: Dan “Foolfool” Alonzo with Mila DeVera, mother-in-law and wife Sandy

Kneeling: Alonzo children - Kathryn, Kristyn, Nicole

Sitting: Vic DeVera, father-in-law

(Dan is Editorial Accounting Administrator of DC Comics; Sandy, Production Director of Cosgrove Associates; Nicole, 17 years old, Senior HS; Kathryn, 15, 10th grade; Kristyn, 11, 5th grade)



Featured Fool:

He is a Father

The Ochocos

Father Harold “Foolbright Scholar”,
Son Harrison Miles, DJLF Volunteer



Featured Fools:

They are Marathoners

From left: Del “Delightfool” Lorenzana; Jun “Joyfool” Fabros; Harold “Foolbright Scholar” Ochoco; William “Billfoold” Ylanan; Levi “Levirfool” Cleofe.



Roll Call

DJLFOOLS continued...

"Fools rush in where angels fear to tread"**Featured Fools:****They are Golfers**

From left: Vlad "Fool-vladed" Punto; Pete "Fool House" Cruz; Rolando "Rolling Fool Bruce"; Larry "Kumander Foolikat" Doria; Tony "Somafool" Ramos; Randolph "Pards O'Foole" Espejo; Del "Delightfool" Lorenzana

Featured Fools:**They are Inter-Generational****(The Young Once & The Young Ones)**

Clockwise: Brillante "Chockfool of Guts" Ochoco (2nd) and Gerry "X-Fool" Domingo (6th) both PMA Class of 1955 pose with PMA graduates of the 60's, Domingo "Bloody Fool" Tucay '65 (3rd) and Winston "Founding Fool aka El Ninong" Arpon '64 (5th) and graduate of the 80's Harold "Foolbright Scholar" Ochoco '81 (4th). Rodolfo Sinon (1st) is not a DJLFool but has been a contributor to the Foundation.

**Featured Fools: They Are Members of the PMA Alumni Association Overseas**

Left to right, Five DJLF Members Marciano "Playfool" Paynor PMA '71, Archilles "Archifool" Almario '71, Winston "Founding Fool aka El Ninong" Arpon '64, Irwin "IFool" Ver '70 and William "Billfoold" Ylanan '82 pose with fellow PMA Alumni, Rodolfo Ruelos '67 and Billy Enerio '63.

Featured Fools:**They Were in the 100th Nite Show**

Plebes and classmates Avelino "Noble Fool" Noble (left, in costume) and Dante "Dante's In-foolno" Cruz (right, in uniform) pose for souvenir picture after the traditional 100th Nite Show at PMA.



Roll Call

DJLFOOLS continued...

“Fools rush in where angels fear to tread”
Rotary Club of Metro Baguio

Demetrio Daet
Incumbent President & Signatory
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
 By and Between
THE DJLF FOUNDATION, LTD and
THE ROTARY CLUB OF METRO BAGUIO
 For The
LOAKAN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

SELECTION, LEAP SCHOLARS BATCH OF 2005 & Batch of 2006

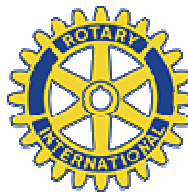
Agerico “Eric” Rodriguez
Incumbent President

RCMB LEAP Scholarship Committee

Marissa Mabalot-Bomogao/ Danilo Errazo
Chair/Co-Chair

Members

Julie Tabangin/Tom Morado/Maria Alicia de Guzman/Audrey Sungduan/
 Deepak Punjabi/Fernando Albino

**SELECTION, LEAP SCHOLARS BATCH OF 2007**

Oscar “Oca” Matusalin
Incumbent President

RCMB LEAP Scholarship Committee

Joan Tan
Chair

Members

Deepak Punjabi/Marion Solang/Isidro de la Cruz/Audrey Sungduan

INTRODUCING**Joan T. Tan**

Administrator of Shalom International School. Joan has 16 years experience in Pre-school, Elementary, and High School education using the School of Tomorrow system

To her circle of friends, known to be an English critique, a motivational speaker, a creative consultant, and an event organizer. Outside the office, she devotes her time to the different ministries of her church and is an active Board Member of the Baguio City High School Alumni Association. Recently, she was accepted as member of the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio (RCMB). In November, 2006, RCMB (in partnership with the DJLF Foundation) appointed her Chair of the Selection Committee of the LEAP Youth Scholarship Program.

Joan Tan is wife to Rene, a systems analyst employed with Ernst & Young, K.S.A., and “Mommy” to Mary Angeline (24), Louane (9), and Justin Theodore (5).

Tom C. Panis**RCMB Overall Coordinator
LEAP**

Can be described thus: 1st A Family Man; 2nd An accomplished Professional; 3rd A Civic/Business Leader & A Corporate Manager; 4th A True Rotarian Leader with dedication and conviction; 5th A Sportsman

- A FAMILY MAN, Always finds time for the whole family to be together in the dining table. He and Ann Celia are blessed with 5 children, 3 of whom are already professionals, 2 are still in



college and 5 Grandchildren whom he considers, the jewels of the family home.

- AN ACCOMPLISHED PROFESSIONAL, he holds the degree of Masters of Science in Management Engineering; substantial units in Doctor of Philosophy and a graduate of Electrical Engineering where he earned the Highest Distinction of the Most Outstanding Electrical Engineering Practitioner of the Philippines in 2002.
- A CIVIC/BUSINESS LEADER, having been a Past President of the Baguio Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Past President of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Association; Past Regional Governor of the Institute of Electrical Engineers of the Phils.; Past President of the SLU Graduates Association; Past President of the Phil. Management Association; President of the Chapis Homeowners Association
- A CORPORATE MANAGER, presently holds in several corporations in Baguio City today: President, Topland Management and Marketing, Corp.; President, Realeza Development Corp.; President, Calgryp, Philippines, Inc.; Exec. Vice President, ALPA PCM, INC.
- A TRUE ROTARIAN LEADER WITH DEDICATION AND CONVICTION, having been the President of the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio 3 years from his Induction into membership and among his credits; a Significant Achievement Award from Rotary International in RY 1997-98; Water System of Taloy Norte in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinjuku; Vocational Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities of SPED Elementary School in partnership with the Rotary Club of Newark, New York, U.S.A; the Water System of Happy Hallow Elementary School. Other positions during Rotary Years: Interact Chair, Rotaract Chair, RYLA Chair, RCC Chair, PESETS Chair, member of the DNC, Cluster Chair, RYLA Counselor in the RYLA Convention in Brisbane, presently the District Chair for Community Service; appointed by RI President Glenn Estess, Sr. as a member of the R.I. Rotaract Committee for RY 2004 to 2007.
- AS SPORTSMAN, a golf enthusiast, a bowling pro - and ballroom aficionado.

In sum, a simple and GOD fearing man who can be anybody's friend.

Roll Call

DJLFOOLS continued...

“Fools rush in where angels fear to tread”

Yes, Sir, Even Ambassadors!

By Randolph “Pards O’Foole” Espejo¹

In October 2006, the Commission on Appointments of the Philippine Congress approved, among others, the promotion of Ambassadors Marciano Paynor, Jr. and Generoso Calonge to the rank of Chief of Mission I (CM I) and Chief of Mission II (CM II), respectively.²

My salute³ to Marciano Paynor Jr. and Generoso Calonge, two worthy Ambassadors - although in the circles of DJLF Foundation, they are simply “Playfool Jun” and “Wishfool Gene” - and just like me and others in this non-profit, charitable organization, “fools (that) rush in where angels fear to tread.”⁴

Marciano Paynor, Jr. – Chief of Mission I

He comes from a mixed Tagalog-Ilocano parentage, the son of Marciano Paynor Sr, originally from Jaen, Nueva Ecija and Alma Aguirre of Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte. Born and raised in Baguio City, he is a product of the Baguio City National High School, the same school from which LEAP Scholars are chosen, about four decades after he graduated there. A graduate of the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1971, he served the AFP for 12 years, first, with the Presidential Guard Battalion which would later become the Presidential Security Command and then, the National Intelligence and Security Agency.

Why a second career in DFA? “Why not?” is his quick answer? “Accidental, serendipity and destiny” are the three words that describe his move to the diplomatic service. He took and passed the FSO exams in 1981.

His assignments since March 1983: Vice Consul of the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC. handling politico-military affairs; Charge D’Affaires of the Philippine Embassy in Libreville, Gabon in Africa; Second Secretary and Consul of the Philippine Embassy in Budapest, Hungary; Director of the Southeast Asia Division; Special Assistant to the Undersecretary for Administration; Chief of Presidential Protocol from 1993 to 1997; Deputy Chief of Mission of the Philippine Embassy in Rome, Italy; Ambassador to Israel with concurrent accreditation to Cyprus; Consul General of the Philippine Consulate in Los Angeles; Chief of Presidential Protocol; Presidential Assistant for Foreign Affairs; and Presidential Assistant for State and Foreign Visits.

Married to the former Teresita Bustamante, a nurse, he has three wonderful daughters, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren. He is one of DJLF’s biggest benefactors. He sponsored five scholars in 2005 and one more for the next three years; has donated a laptop for the scholars’ use, and also made a sizeable monetary donation in early 2006.

“No if’s and but’s. An idea such as the DJLF cannot be anything but loved,” he says. “If I have time and some available resources, I’ll jump in to support DJLF.”

Generoso Calonge – Chief of Mission II

A military professional, lawyer and diplomat rolled into one, Gene began his military career in 1978 as a cadet of the Officer Cadet School of the Australian Army. He served the Philippine Army upon graduation in 1979, took up law, resigned his Army commission and accepted appointment as FSO. The following year, Gene passed the Philippine bar exams.

His DFA assignments: First Secretary and Consul in the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC; head of the Philippine Consulate in Saipan; Minister and Consul General in the Philippine Embassies in Moscow; Charge D’Affaires and Consul General in the Philippine Embassy in Abu Dhabi; Special Assistant of the Undersecretary For Special Concerns.

Gene is married to Gloria, a practicing lawyer who also the current Legal Counsel of DJLF to whom he attributes his modest successes. And “Wishfool” Gene is among the Founding Members of DJLF and remains fully committed to its cause. “I just love the idea,” he says, “of giving back and sharing whatever we can to the bright young men and women of our mother Philippines.”

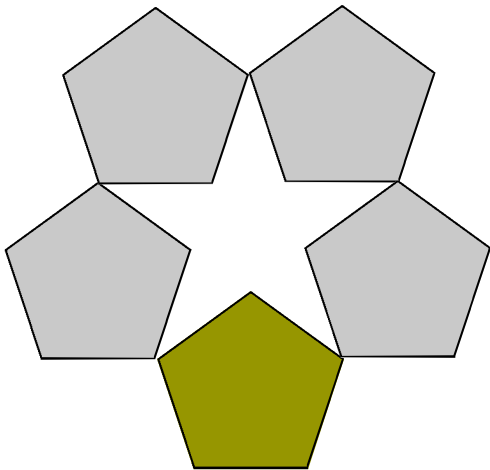
1 The author is a member of the Board of Directors and Staff of The LEAPLetter and of this yearbook, The Leap – YEAH! He was past President of the PMA Alumni Association Overseas, North East Group

2 CM II, the junior of the two, is the first star or the rank of Brigadier General; CM I would translate to the higher star ranks.

3 I am deeply honored to write about these two gentlemen, up close and personal.

4 A third “AmbaFool” is Bob Dance, DJLF Board Member who goes by the fool-ish nickname of Dancing Fool.

Special Features



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Special Features



Special to The Leap – Yeah!

On Philanthropy

Fred de la Rosa

Publisher & Editor, The Manila Times

I find it interesting that Time's Persons of the Year were cited not for their outstanding music (Bono) or technological accomplishments (Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gates) but for their philanthropy.

Time saluted the three for using their power to save the global poor from disease and poverty. Bono harnessed his glamour and political savvy to become a "formidable spokesman for the developing world," Time said. The Gates employed the same tenacity that built Microsoft to revolutionize philanthropy and save lives.

Together, Time's persons of the years spent billions to fund research on treatments for HIV, TB, malaria and other diseases. They have made debt reduction a mission. They traveled to the poorest countries in Asia and Africa to talk to disease-ravaged mothers and hungry children. They sought out world leaders—presidents, prime ministers, kings—to donate money to causes that can make a difference in the lives of the poor.

The magazine used an interesting timeline to trace the beginnings of American charity: from Johns Hopkins (1873) who left millions to found a university and a hospital, to John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur (1977) who endowed a very interesting foundation: the grantees (in numerous fields) do not get to know they have been chosen to receive a very handsome cash prize until the last minute.

Among the first do-gooder perhaps was the Good Samaritan in the Bible who took pity on a man who was robbed and beaten by a group of robbers. While others ignored the victim, the Samaritan took pity on him, dressed his wounds, took him to an inn, and took care of him. Before leaving, the Samaritan gave the innkeeper silver coins, asked him to look after the victim with the promise that on his return, he would reimburse the innkeeper for any extra expense he may have.

To do good or doing good works is a recurring theme in the Good Book. Doing well, says the Bible, reaps rewards, on earth and heaven.

From the Church, the word has spread to other places. Philanthropy, "the effort to increase the well-being of mankind," has become a mission for major institutions. More than a century ago, Alexis de Tocqueville, wandering in America, marveled at the national propensity to dip into personal pockets and to organize civic associations for the needy.

For prosperous countries, philanthropy has transformed to "foreign aid," albeit with strings attached. Governments are also quick to aid their citizens, in emergencies or for long-term needs, as in persistent poverty, the most difficult challenge of all.

There is a limit to government generosity, hence the private sector must come in. Big business has taken up a large share of the burden. Individual corporations or chambers of commerce exercise their social

conscience as they make profits. Rich, successful entrepreneurs (such as the Gateses and the MacArthurs) have formed foundations to help spend their money on poverty, disease and ignorance.

Tax deductions, of course, go with philanthropy. But as a Wall Street Journal editorial has noted, "a surprisingly large percentage of charitable gifts aren't even itemized on tax forms." In the 1980s, the level of charity giving nearly doubled.

Every civic group embraces philanthropy of some sort to justify its existence. The Lions, Rotarians, Jaycees, Kiwanis are proud to banner service to community as part of their escutcheon. Cause-oriented organizations, such as the Red Cross, exist for a particular purpose.

In the 20th century, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) have taken the slack. The NGOs have entered the national life to become a part of the economy, politics and popular culture. They are into every activity: building houses, supporting political parties, providing scholarships. NGOs have become a fifth estate in the political economy.

A more recent phenomenon is the "borderless" organization, a brotherhood of activists that does not recognize boundaries, that operates across the seas and makes the world its public. They are known by such names as Doctors Without Borders or Journalists Without Borders. They have shrunk the globe to pitch their service. National groups of professionals help them disseminate or perform their work.

Affluent persons, according to The Journal, are increasingly spending their vacation not in upscale getaways but to take part in community building in the counties they visit. Quite a few have helped build modest houses, repair roads or rebuild plumbing systems.

Philanthropy is active in the Philippines, although not in the scale of prosperous economies. Filipinos are proud of the tradition of "bayanihan," which means helping each other or locking arms to do a particular good. The enduring symbol of "bayanihan" is a group of men literally carrying a native house on their shoulders, on its way to a better site.

Those who have no money or material to give contribute their time. They visit prisoners, the sick and the elderly. They donate blood. They teach the young particular trades. They contribute their skill. Filipinos are quick to offer distressed countries the services of their doctors, surgeons and nurses, a particular source of pride. Filipino healthcare givers are considered among the best in the world.

From tithing, Filipinos have moved on to bigger charities. Contributing, donating, subscribing, they have organized big and small foundations, charities, endowments and other civic-aid organizations. They deliver "the milk of human kindness" and "the kindness of strangers."

Volunteerism has become a big undertaking.

Still, there is such a thing as donor fatigue. As an example, many ignore beggars who tap on car windows or who leap into jeepneys. The secretary of the Philippine Department of Welfare and Social Development has even advised Filipinos to stop giving alms to streetchildren.

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Excerpts from Filipinas Magazine

I AM A FILIPINO

Dan Jimenez ¹

(With apologies to Carlos P Romulo) ²

I AM A FILIPINO, the embodiment of endless frustrations and inexhaustible hope, a personification of a never ending aspiration, of a spirit broken into million pieces yet unwilling to give up, an offspring of shame and futile struggles constantly seeking respect, a prisoner brutalized by enemies and abandoned by allies yet remains defiant with unwavering dignity and pride.

I AM A FILIPINO, the care-giver of the world, the worker who never complains, the wanted undocumented alien, the voiceless nanny with a golden heart, the construction worker who disregards safety and war that the family back home can have a better life. I am the doctor who became a nurse in search of fulfillment measured by house and cars, the teacher who ran away from school that I may teach the Prince's son for a princely sum, the soldier fighting in a foreign war for a foreign flag that I may possess the prized citizenship for my family and myself. I am a seeker of a better life- boundaries, latitudes, working conditions, language, religious intolerance and job description notwithstanding. I will do what needed to be done asking only for a chance to prove myself disregarding discrimination, loneliness and self pity, realizing that pride nourishes the ego but never one's physical needs.

I AM A FILIPINO, I wowed the world with a string of beauties beyond compare, entertained with talents roaring from Broadway to Hollywood, boxed the lights out of champions and victoriously clashed with brilliant minds. I am gifted with grit and brains wanting for nourishment and development. I am willing and able to compete and prove my mettle. But my poverty chains me to the cellar of mediocrity and failure. So I stick with

the superficial, to the endeavor that warrants nothing but a smile and a lot of skin exposure. Still the world applauds.

I AM A FILIPINO, I long for heroes, heroes I can touch, heroes who will inspire, heroes who will lead, heroes who will live, heroes who will not die. I am tired of pretenders, of actors and actresses, of traditional politicians passed on from one corrupt generation to the other. I am tired of being resigned to dying without seeing the sun's glory over my beloved country, of being ridiculed and be the butt of jokes. How I wish I can stand with the rest of the world's people claiming freedom and equality as my birthright not something I have to die for! How I wish for prosperity, for a level field and the chance to compete, that even though I may not have a choice of my birth circumstance, I will have a choice of how I will live.

I AM A FILIPINO, skin brown as the earth, nose hardy as the mountains. I will refuse comparison with the whites, the blacks, the yellows and the reds. Neither will I compare my native tongue to languages foreign and unknown. My country is of the orient known for pearls from endless seas, of the sun majestic at dawn and dusk, of the ancient culture and civilization filled with awe and wonder. My country is of my dreams fleeting but not yielding, of my history both real and true and of my anonymous life, significant only to my forefathers and to those I will leave behind.

I AM A FILIPINO, I will wake up the ghosts of the past that I may find the meaning of my future while wallowing thru the quagmire of the present. I will venture into the unknown trusting each step and hesitating not in spite of doomsayers and non-believers. I will continue to search what is ideal and human, knowing that the greatest failure is to never attempt. I will dedicate my life, my "obra maestra", my greatest feat to children of my own that they will be content to be a Filipino, even proud. And this I pledge as long as the earth mimics the color of my skin and my archipelago of a broken Rosary stays as one.

WHY IS THE FILIPINO SPECIAL?

by Ed Lapiz

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Filipinos are brown. Their color is at the center of human racial strains.

This point is not an attempt at racism, but just for many Filipinos to realize that our color should not be a source of or reason for an inferiority complex. While we pine for a fair complexion, white people are religiously tanning themselves, under the sun or artificial light, to approximate the Filipino complexion.

Filipinos are a touching people. We have lots of love and are not

afraid to show it. We almost inevitably create human chains with our perennial akbay (putting an arm around another's shoulder), hawak (hold), yakap (embrace), himas (caressing stroke), kalabit (touching with the tip of the finger), kalong (sitting on someone else's lap), etc. We are always reaching out, always seeking inter-connection.

Filipinos are linguists. Put a Filipino in any city, any town around the world. Give him a few months or even weeks and he will speak the local language there. Filipinos are adept at learning and speaking languages. In fact, it is not uncommon for Filipinos to speak at least three: his own local dialect, Filipino, and English. Of course, a lot speak an added language, be it Chinese, Spanish or, if he works abroad, the language of his host country.

In addition, Tagalog is not 'sexist.' While many "conscious" and "enlightened" people of today are just by now striving to be

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"politically correct" with their language and, in the process, bend to absurd depths in coining "gender sensitive" words, Tagalog has, since time immemorial, evolved gender-neutral words like *asawa* (husband or wife), *anak* (son or daughter), *magulang* (father or mother), *kapatid* (brother or sister), *biyanan* (father-in-law or mother-in-law), *manugang* (son or daughter-in-law), *bayani* (hero or heroine), etc. Our languages and dialects are advanced and, indeed, sophisticated! It is no small wonder that Jose Rizal, the quintessential Filipino, spoke some twenty-two languages!

Filipinos are groupists. We love human interaction and company. We always surround ourselves with people and we hover over them, too. According to Dr. Patricia Licuanan, a psychologist from Ateneo and Miriam College, an average Filipino would have and know at least 300 relatives.

At work, we live *bayanihan* (mutual help); at play, we want a *kalaro* (playmate) more than *laruan* (toy). At socials, our invitations are open and it is more common even for guests to invite and bring in other guests. In transit, we do not want to be separated from our group. So what do we do when there is no more space in a vehicle? *Kalung-kalong!* (Sitting on one another). No one would ever suggest splitting a group and wait for another vehicle with more space!

Filipinos are weavers. One look at our baskets, mats, clothes, and other crafts will reveal the skill of the Filipino weaver and his inclination to weaving. This art is a metaphor of the Filipino trait. We are social weavers. We weave theirs into ours that we all become parts of one another. We place a lot of premium on *pakikisama* (getting along) and *pakikipagkapwa* (relating). Two of the worst labels, *walang pakikipagkapwa* (inability to relate), will be avoided by the Filipino at almost any cost.

We love to blend and harmonize with people, we like to include them in our "tribe," our "family"- and we like to be included in other people's families, too.

Therefore we call our friend's mother *nanay* or *mommy*; we call a friend's sister *ate* (eldest sister), and so on. We even call strangers *tia/tita* (aunt) or *tio/tito* (uncle), *tatang* (grandfather), etc.

So extensive is our social openness and interrelations that we have specific title for extended relations like *hipag* (sister-in-law's spouse), *balae* (child-in-law's parents), *inaanak* (godchild), *ninong/ninang* (godparents) *kinakapatid* (godparent's child), etc.

In addition, we have the profound '*ka*' institution, loosely translated as "equal to the same kind" as in *kasama* (of the same company), *kaisa* (of the same cause), *kapanalig* (of the same belief), etc. In our social fiber, we treat other people as co-equals.

Filipinos, because of their social "weaving" traditions, make for excellent team workers.

Filipinos are adventurers. We have a tradition of separation. Our myths and legends speak of heroes and heroines who almost always get separated from their families and loved ones and are taken by circumstances to far-away lands where they find wealth or power.

Our Spanish colonial history is filled with separations caused by

the reduction (hamleting), and the forced migration to build towns, churches, fortresses or galleons. American occupation enlarged the space of Filipino wandering, including America, and there is documented evidence of Filipino presence in America as far back as 1587.

Now, Filipinos compose the world's largest population of overseas workers, populating and sometimes "threshing" major capitals, minor towns and even remote villages around the world. Filipino adventurism has made us today's citizens of the world, bringing the *bagoong* (salty shrimp paste), *pansit* (*sautéed* noodles), *siopao* (meat-filled dough), *kare-kare* (peanut-flavored dish), *dinuguan* (innards cooked in pork blood), *balut* (unhatched duck egg), and *adobo* (meat vinaigrette), including the *tabo* (ladle) and *tsinelas* (slippers) all over the world.

Filipinos are excellent at adjustments and improvisation, managing to recreate their home, or to feel at home anywhere.

Filipinos have *Pakiramdam* (deep feeling/ discernment). We know how to feel what others feel, sometimes even anticipate what they will feel. Being *manhid* (dense) is one of the worst labels anyone could get and will therefore, avoid at all cost. We know when a guest is hungry though the insistence on being full is assured.

We can tell if people are lovers even if they are miles apart. We know if a person is offended though he may purposely smile. We know because we feel. In our *pakikipagkapwa* (relating), we get not only to wear another man's shoe but also his heart.

We have a superbly developed and honored gift of discernment, making us excellent leaders, counselors, and go-betweens.

Filipinos are very spiritual. We are transcendent. We transcend the physical world, see the unseen and hear the unheard. We have a deep sense of *kaba* (premonition) and *kutob* (hunch). A Filipino wife will instinctively feel her husband or child is going astray, whether or not telltale signs present themselves.

Filipino spirituality makes him invoke divine presence or intervention at nearly every bend of his journey. Rightly or wrongly, Filipinos are almost always acknowledging, invoking or driving away spirits into and from their lives. Seemingly trivial or even incoherent events can take on spiritual significance and will be given such space or consideration.

The Filipino has a sophisticated, developed *pakiramdam*. The Filipino, though becoming more and more modern (hence, materialistic) is still very spiritual in essence. This inherent and deep spirituality makes the Filipino, once correctly Christianized, a major exponent of the faith.

Filipinos are timeless. Despite the nearly half-a-millennium encroachment of the western clock into our lives, Filipinos-unless on very formal or official functions-still measure time not with hours and minutes but with feeling. This style is ingrained deep in our psyche. Our time is diffused, not framed. Our appointments are defined by *umaga* (morning), *tanghali* (noon), *hapon* (afternoon), or *gabi* (evening).

Our most exact time reference is probably *katanghaliang-tapat* (high noon), which still allows many minutes of leeway. That is

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how Filipino trysts and occasions are timed: there is really no definite time.

A Filipino event has no clear-cut beginning nor ending. We have a fiesta, but there is visperas (eve), a day after the fiesta is still considered a good time to visit. The Filipino Christmas is not confined to December 25th; it somehow begins months before December and extends up to the first days of January.

Filipinos say good-bye to guests first at the head of the stairs, then down to the descanso (landing), to the entresuelo (mezzanine), to the pintuan (doorway), to the trangkahan (gate), and if the departing persons are to take public transportation, up to the bus stop or bus station.

In a way, other people's tardiness and extended stays can really be annoying, but this peculiarity is the same charm of Filipinos who, being governed by timelessness, can show how to find more time to be nice, kind, and accommodating than his prompt and exact brothers elsewhere.

Filipinos are Spaceless. As in the concept of time, the Filipino concept of space is not numerical. We will not usually express expanse of space with miles or kilometers but with feelings in how we say malayo (far) or malapit (near).

Alongside with numberlessness, Filipino space is also boundless. Indigenous culture did not divide land into private lots but kept it open for all to partake of its abundance.

The Filipino has avidly remained "spaceless" in many ways. The interior of the bahay-kubo (hut) can easily become receiving

room, sleeping room, kitchen, dining room, chapel, wake parlor, etc. Depending on the time of the day or the needs of the moment. The same is true with the bahay na bato (stone house). Space just flows into the next space that the divisions between the sala, caida, comedor, or vilada may only be faintly suggested by overhead arches of filigree. In much the same way, Filipino concept of space can be so diffused that one's party may creep into and actually expropriate the street! A family business like a sari-sari store or talyer may extend to the sidewalk and street. Provincial folks dry palayan (rice grain) on the highways! Religious groups of various persuasions habitually and matter-of-factly commandeer streets for processions and parades.

It is not uncommon to close a street to accommodate private functions, Filipinos eat, sleep, chat, socialize, quarrel, even urinate, or nearly everywhere or just anywhere!

"Spacelessness," in the face of modern, especially urban life, can be unlawful and may really be counter-productive. On the other hand, Filipino spacelessness, when viewed from his context, is just another manifestation of his spiritually and communal values. Adapted well to today's context, which may mean unstoppable urbanization, Filipino spacelessness may even be the answer and counter balance to humanity's greed, selfishness and isolation.

So what makes the Filipino special? Brown, spiritual, timeless, spaceless, linguists, groupists, weavers, adventurers; seldom do all these profound qualities find personification in a people. Filipinos should allow - and should be allowed to contribute their special traits to the world-wide community of men - but first, they should know and like themselves.

Bus Stop Fantasy

By Irwin Ver

She took the JD bus to UP from EDSA corner South road. I knew the approximate time she would arrive at the waiting shed. I'd go there early to make sure I would not miss her. Sometimes I'd intentionally wait one block away, till she arrived, to hide my eagerness to see her.

Once, I let her get on our usual bus while I waited for the next one just because I wasn't wearing the right shirt.

I would be eager to see her but whenever I was near her, I was invariably tongue-tied. I didn't know what to say to her. I was 16, and clueless on how to talk to girls.

So, I only knew the basic simple greeting. I had several forms, from the formal "Hi, kumusta ka?" accompanied by a slight nod, to the more casual "Kumusta ba?" or the plain



"Kumusta?" I would rehearse several ways uttering them, from a curt, almost baritone declarative to a melodious inquisitive. Depending on my mood that day, I would rehearse and rehearse that greeting till I got to what I thought was perfect.

Yet, whenever she'd be at the bus stop, I'd avoid contact, and always looked towards the left as if watching for our bus. My legs would start shaking. While frantically trying to steady them, I'd urge myself to speak up. When I could finally gather enough courage to face her, somebody else would be talking to her, or the bus would have actually arrived.

She occupied my thoughts all day long. She, as white as onion, was in my dreams at night.

Every school day of that second semester of my sophomore year at UP, I stood beside my beautiful muse waiting for the school bus to arrive. Midway to the semester I had to leave for another school. I never found the right time to talk to her. I got her name though; I read it from the cover of her notebook when once she happened to look the other way.

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Marcelo on Marcelo

DJLF daughter, Cadet Fourth Class Hannah A. Marcelo, United States Air Force Academy Class of 2010

The granddaughter of former Philippine Navy Flag Officer in Command Vice Admiral (retired) Virgilio Q. Marcelo has been selected to attend the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) for the Class of 2010. Hannah Adam Marcelo has begun her 4-year cadet training at USAFA on June 29, 2006. She is the daughter of recently retired US Navy Chief Petty Officer and DJLF member Samuel J. Marcelo and Registered Nurse Julie Adam Marcelo. She is also the granddaughter of the late Philippine Navy Captain Alfredo A. Adam Sr.

Hannah was born in Los Angeles, CA and raised in Long Beach, CA; Subic Bay, RP; Singapore; Yokosuka, Japan; Bremerton, WA; San Diego, CA; Larissa, Greece and Virginia Beach, VA. Hannah is the eldest of three siblings.

Last June 16, 2006, Hannah graduated with honors from Kempsville High School in Virginia Beach, VA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and the Student Council Association. She served as Vice President of the Filipino-American Heritage Club. She excelled in varsity swimming and varsity track and field. She was also a cadet NCO of the Civil Air Patrol, Virginia Wing Coastal Composite squadron. As an active member of the community, she led her school in the "Relay for Life" to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, and raised funds for the Tsunami relief efforts. She also provided elderly care at the Beth Shalom assisted living facility. Hannah is a member of the Avalon Hills Bible Church youth group.

Hannah received her USAFA appointment from President George W. Bush. Her goal is to take advantage of the top-notch education the US Air Force Academy provides. She plans to major in Systems Engineering. She will be commissioned Second Lieutenant (2LT) in the United States Air Force upon graduation in 2010.

Hannah's military career, which literally runs in her blood started to manifest itself when she was six years old. At that tender age she was already very much aware of her military surroundings at the U.S. Naval Base in Subic Bay and showed great interest in military customs and traditions. Every time we passed through the gates, she would make it a point to smile at the guards and return their salutes. Such eased the rigid demeanor of the gate guards as they smiled back at her. Her interest in the military became clearer to us when we visited PMA during her grandfather's incumbency as Superintendent. The snappy cadets in their dress gray uniforms did not escape her attention. In fact they impressed her even more than the snappy US Marine guards at Subic Bay. She even asked my father to have a dress gray uniform made for her. Without hesitation, my father had the dress gray made. The next time we visited the academy she had her perfectly tailored dress gray uniform worn and her pictures taken with the staff officers. More than once we saw the corps of cadets paraded, and I recalled one time Hannah

told me she wanted to "march on the grass and be like them (cadets)."

As the family relocated from one duty station (stateside and overseas) to another, Hannah became more appreciative of the military environment and lifestyle. Moving from one location to another gave us not just the opportunity to see different places but also allowed us to expand our network of friends within the military families and the host community. These relocations presented their unique challenges and difficulties. Even then, we learned to adopt to appreciate different cultures. These invaluable experiences taught us and our children to be flexible, observant, resourceful, tactful, and resilient – traits Hannah has developed and now practices to help her "survive" the daily grind at the Academy.

Hannah did not limit her friendship to her peers. During command-sponsored family events held at a NATO base in Greece, she socialized with both enlisted personnel and officers from the different branches of service and nationality. Her inquisitive nature made her ask questions about the military service as a whole and the different branches, in particular. On several occasions she would ask me what is the best branch of service. My prejudicial and no-brainer answer, was of course, the Navy!

From Greece, we were reassigned back in CONUS for my sea-duty assignment aboard the USS TRENTON (LPD 14) at Norfolk, VA. Hannah was incoming sophomore in high school when we visited the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD. On the same occasion we visited the admissions office to inquire about entry to the Academy. An admission staff briefed us on the Academy and the admission requirements. After the briefing, the greatly enthused Hannah remarked, "I cannot wait to get in!"

The service academies are known for their excellent education and the leadership training they provide to the cadets and midshipmen. Entry to the service academies is very difficult and competitive. Selected candidates are provided free board, lodging, room, tuition, uniforms and allowances. To top of it all, those who successfully complete the program are awarded bachelors degree in science and a commission in the US Armed Forces or in another country's armed forces in the case of exchange (foreign) cadets and midshipmen.

A candidate has to score high in the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), typically, the service academies' SAT scores requirement are at the same level as that of the Ivy League colleges and universities, with a range of 1300-1700 points. But the SAT score is only the tip of the iceberg in determining the qualification of a candidate. A candidate must pass the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) administered by a local Military Treatment Facility (MTF). Also a candidate

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must pass the Physical Aptitude Examination (PAE) in the following categories: 1.0 mile run in 12 minutes or less, push-ups and sit-ups as many as you can in 2 minutes, 3 pull-ups from a dead man hang position, basketball throw and long jump. Equally important in determining a candidate's selection to the service academies is his or her high school grade point average (GPA), sports, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. After meeting all these requirements, a candidate must be nominated by a congressional, senatorial or similar nominating authority. The nomination process is competitive in and of itself.

Knowing all these requirements and the criteria for admissions as early as Hannah's sophomore year in high school allowed us to "program" her and make all the preparation that eventually won her an appointment to the US Naval Academy (via Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI), Air Force Academy, US Military Academy, and the US Merchant Marine Academy.

While we were confident Hannah's academic and extracurricular achievements were adequate for her to hurdle the entrance requirements, her myopia (high refractive error in her eyesight) was a major road block in her bid to obtain an appointment to the service academies. All the academies she applied to placed her in "pending waiver review" status. The Naval Academy, however, was the first service academy to grant her a waiver. She was offered an indirect appointment via NAPS to join USNA class of 2011. Hannah was very happy with her NAPS appointment. Her excitement was short-lived as the admissions office rescinded offer of appointment, claiming her myopia was beyond the waiving standard. They offered an apology for the oversight.

Life went on for Hannah. The news spread so quickly in her school, and among our friends and relatives that she is to enter the Naval Academy. As it were, the academy's oversight was already a great disappointment for all of us. Even more so was the heartbreak of telling the whole world that Hannah is not going to enter the Naval Academy after all!

Earlier in the year, Hannah also applied to USMA, USMMA, USCGA, and the USAFA. All bets are off for USNA, so we kept our hopes high on the other service academies. Hannah's hopes were rekindled once more when the United States Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY offered her a direct appointment. The USCGA outrightly disqualified her due to their very high eyesight standard. USMA offered her with a conditional letter of appointment (on the condition that she scores high enough on the PAE physical fitness test). She retook her USMA PAE and scored with flying colors (the service academies allow for a PAE retake for certain candidates with highly competitive record).

The US Air Force Academy is the service academy we least expected to offer an appointment to Hannah because of their very high overall standard in SAT, PAE and GPA. USAFA and the USNA are the most popular Academies pursued by candidates during these times, especially, when the popularity of West Point is at near record low due to the conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan being waged mostly by ground troops.

Meanwhile, Hannah was invited to an overnight visit to USMMA at Kings Point, NY as a prospective candidate. Kings Point seemed to be the only choice we have as of this time if we were to decline the USMA offer. In my thoughts, at least, a merchant marine officer career wouldn't be as risky compared to that of the army.

However, Hannah was not sold to the idea of entering King's Point as compared to the other academies she visited. But more than anything else, she wanted to be commissioned in the Navy which USMMA cannot guarantee due to her myopia that could worsen and eventually disqualify her for a Navy commission upon graduation. Hannah was in desperation again due to this seemingly strong possibility.

When we came home from Kings Point, NY, lo and behold our neighbor whom we asked to collect our mails while we were away handed Hannah a manila envelope from the US Air Force Academy bearing her letter of appointment to the class of 2010 and a certificate from the US Air Force Academy.

A couple of days later, she received a letter and certificate from the USNA Superintendent reinstating her to the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) at Newport, RI and for eventual appointment to the US Naval Academy Class of 2011.

It took her another month to decide which service academy to enter – an episode that was not easy. On the 11th hour, She decided to join the US Air Force Academy and we were behind her all the way.

GO AIR FORCE!

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Life After PMA – A Foreign Ayer Rambles On

Out of Africa Now

Bob Dance

It has been just over two years since I finished my assignment in Africa and returned to the "rat race" of working in Washington, DC. My wife and I often find ourselves wishing we were back in Africa. I was assigned to Swaziland, a small, landlocked country in southern Africa. (Several times I received messages from friends and relative stating that they really wanted to come visit me in Switzerland.). Such is life in the Foreign Service.

**Bob Dance**

When I entered the U.S. Foreign Service twenty years ago, I had assumed that at some point I would be posted to the Philippines, but I have come to realize that government agencies, at times, work in strange and mysterious ways. While I was in my

initial training as a public diplomacy officer, my classmates and I were made aware that a position in the U.S. Embassy Manila was one of the openings available, and of course, I placed that position on my "wish list" of possible assignments. After being told by my faculty adviser that because of my extensive experience in the Philippines I would be assigned to another region of the world, I was sent to Span-

**Claris Dance**

ish language training and then to Trinidad, an English-speaking country. (Well, at least the name of

the country is in Spanish). After forgetting much of my Spanish, I was ordered to Venezuela. There I met my wife Claris (whom I wed after a five-year courtship that span two continents). I also remember meeting a Filipina in Caracas who was helping to produce a television series about the natural wonders of Venezuela (The Venezuelans assumed that she was from China; in fact, in Latin America anyone from Southeast Asia is termed as a "Chino" or Chinese).

After my tour of duty in Venezuela, I served in El Salvador during the time of the recent civil war there, and in Colombia during the most intense time of the War on Drugs in that country. Then I was off to Malawi for my first assignment on the African continent. It was at that point that I decided that Claris and I really should get married.

(Transoceanic courtships are tedious and expensive.) In Malawi, I was surprised by the large number of Filipinos I found living in the country. There were doctors, nurses, business persons, and missionaries. I remember that one day while I was serving as the Acting Consular Officer; I interviewed a Filipina missionary for a visa to the U.S. I casually mentioned that I had "lived" in the Philippines, to which she replied, "Oh, yes. You're Mr. Robert L. Dance, PMA Class 68." I shouldn't have been surprised to know that news in the Filipino community of my presence there traveled fast, plus the brother of the missionary's husband was a PMayer, or so she indicated.

After my tour in the Malawi, I was posted to Washington for four years during which time I was able to connect with the PMA alumni in the DC area, an action that gave me an emotional high. Let me explain. After living and sometimes "rotting"¹ with my classmates in the Academy for four years, to be

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almost completely cut off from those classmates – to no longer be a part of that group nor of the larger group of Ayers -- at a deep level engendered in me a sense of loss and emptiness. I missed the Philippines and its wonderful people; I missed the bonds formed in the Academy. Still, I could not, would not, and did not let this deter me from my career.

Eleven years after graduating, I returned to PMA as the Exchange Professor from West Point where I had been teaching. It was great to return, to reconnect with the Academy community, to reconnect with the wellspring of inspiration that for me is the Academy. During this time in the Academy, I decided that I could serve my first country more effectively as a Foreign Service Officer. I made up my mind to forego the military career and to enter the Foreign Service, which I did in 1986. Actually, I was able to retire from the military. I had served two years as an enlistee and four as a cadet. This coupled with my 18 years of commissioned service allowed me to retire with 24 years of service (at which time my first wife advised me that she was retiring from me, but I won't go there).

At one time, the Foreign Service was a uniformed service. This changed during the middle of the 19th century. Still the rank structure in the Foreign Service is very similar, to that of the military with each level in the Foreign Service being equivalent to rank

in the military. Because of my military service, I was able to enter the Foreign Service at the equivalent of a Captain (O-3).

My last posting in Swaziland was very interesting and rewarding. I was the Deputy Chief of Mission (Deputy Ambassador) in the U.S. Embassy there.

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Swaziland is the last monarchy in Sub-Saharan Africa. The 37 year-old king rules in a somewhat autocratic manner, using the national treasury as his personal bank. The country is somewhat poor and has the world's highest HIV adult prevalence rate. It sits next to South Africa, a country which is for all practical purposes a first-world country with several severe developing country problems.

The goal of the U.S. in Swaziland was to help the country move from autocracy to democracy. One aspect of doing this was strengthening the Swazi economy. To do this, not only in Swaziland, but throughout Africa, the U.S. Government eliminated most tariffs on goods manufactured in Africa. (BMW manufactures all of its U.S. - bound 3-series cars in South Africa, for example, because it can make a greater profit on cars made there than on those manufactured anywhere else.) A number of textile manufacturers from China, Taiwan, Thailand, and India set up plants in Swaziland to take advantage of the U.S. tax break their finished products would receive. Many of their managers and line supervisors are Filipinos. Other Filipinos were there as missionaries or health care professionals.



1 In PMA cadet lingo, this means suffering or having difficulty

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All told, there were some 200 Filipinos in the country when I was there. Because the Philippines has no Embassy in Swaziland and the Philippine mission in South Africa is very small, no Filipino official was available to come to Swaziland for June 12th activities. I was very pleased and proud that members of the Swazi Filipino community called on me twice to be the keynote speaker at their celebrations to honor Philippine Independence (Colonel Pobre² prepared me well for this) in small way. It was a distinct honor to give back to elements of my second country.

Swaziland was almost a dream assignment. In the office, I was able to carry out tasks that helped to

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better the lives of people. In my off-duty time, I was able to see much of Southern Africa including Kruger Park, one of the great natural wonders of the world, and Cape Town, one of the great fun cities of the world. Moreover, my Swazi tour help propel me to the equivalent rank of BG.

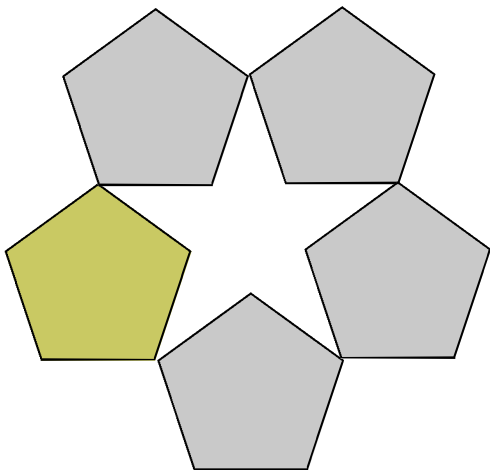
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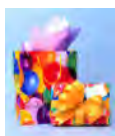
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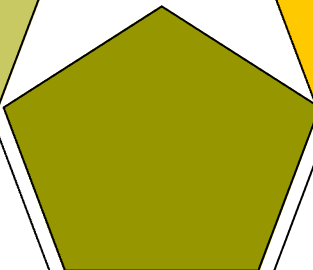
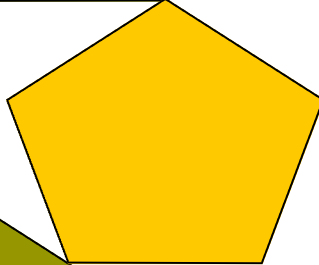
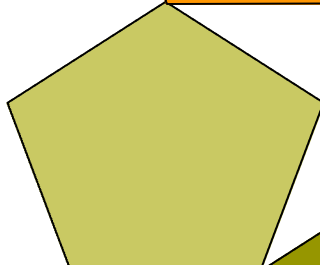
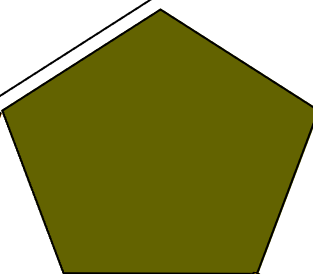
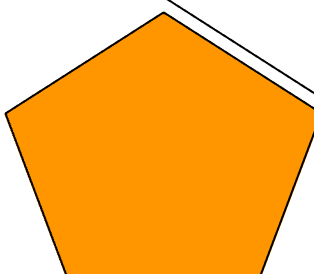
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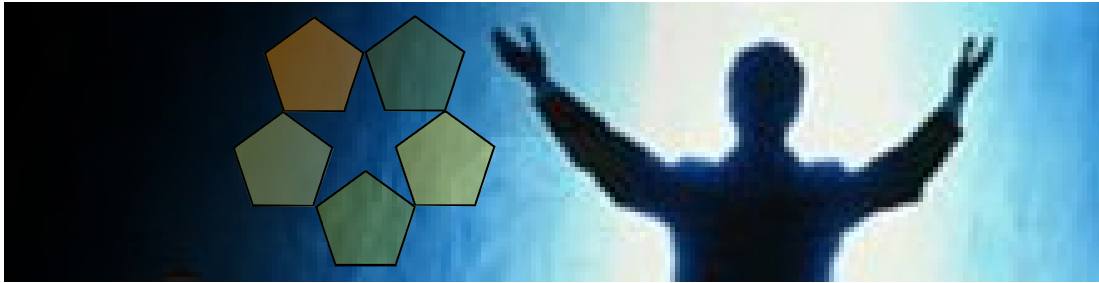


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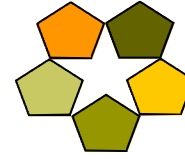
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01/05	DJLF e-newsletter, The LEAPLetter - Web Posting, Issue 1, Vol 2
01/15	LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2007 - Final Selection by DJLF Scholarship Committee
02/05	DJLF Web Site Milestone - Launching of dBay, DJLF's fund-raising marketplace on the Web; Begin Auction of Painting, back cover of DJLF yearbook, "Academy, Oh Hail to Thee" by painter/artist Gaby RiegodeDios
02/12	LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2007- Awarding at Fort del Pilar, Baguio City
02/28	Call to Quarters 1 - Deadline for Members' Pledges of Donation to Loakan Fund
03/31	4 th DJLF Charity Golf – 2007 Kickoff Tournament
03/31	DJLF Charity Contributions - Call to Quarters 1 – Announcement of Prize Winners
04/05	DJLF e-newsletter, The LEAPLetter - Web Posting, Issue 2, Vol 2
04/27	4 th DJLF Charity Golf - Los Angeles Invitational (LAI) - Tentative
05/19	DJLF Charity Sale – The Tucay Residence, McLean, Virginia
05/31	DJLF Charity Contributions - Call to Quarters 2 - Deadline for Members' Pledges of Donations to Loakan Fund
06/09	4 th DJLF Charity Golf - Metro Washington Invitational (MWI)
06/30	DJLF Charity Contributions - Call to Quarters 2 – Announcement of Prize Winners
07/05	DJLF e-newsletter, The LEAPLetter - Web Posting, Issue 3, Vol 2
07/21	DJLF Charity Family Night – Las Vegas Night in Metro Washington
08/05	4 th DJLF Charity Golf – North East Tri-State Invitational (NETI)
08/31	DJLF Charity Contributions - Call to Quarters 3 - Deadline for Members' Pledges of Donations to Loakan Fund
09/29	4 th DJLF Charity Golf - Williamsburg Area Invitational (WAI)
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12/07	DJLF Charity Caroling
12/08	DJLF Charity Caroling
12/12	DJLF Foundation Day - 8 th Anniversary DJLF Charity Publications - The Leap – YEAH! 2007 – Publication & Distribution of 3 rd Yearbook Annual Financial Reporting – Nov 1, 2006 to Oct 31, 2007 Annual e-Meeting – Board of Directors
12/14	DJLF Charity Caroling
12/15	DJLF Charity Caroling
12/15	LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2008 - Final Candidates by Rotary Club Metro Baguio Selection Committee
12/17	DJLF Web Site Milestone - Begin Auction of Painting, back cover of 2006 DJLF yearbook (Painting to be determined later)
12/31	DJLF Charity Contributions - Call to Quarters 4 – Announcement of Prize Winners

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The Sundial, a prominent fixture at the Philippine Military Academy grounds in Fort Del Pilar, is tied up to a few traditions in the life of a cadet. Because of its strategic location, it is also a popular spot for photo opportunities. After the commencement rites, graduating cadets are traditionally "dunked" in the pond by the sundial, the metal parts of which are

cleaned daily by plebes of Alpha Company just because their barracks at Melchor Hall used to be the closest.

The "Sundial" evokes a paradox of time. While it is an ancient contrivance that helps to determine the time of day, it has become a silent wit-

ness to the significant happenings during the cadets' stay at the academy through the many years of its existence. If only the sundial had a means to record what it had witnessed, we would have seen the faces of members of the long gray line in their youth, happily escorting would-be kaydet girls, marching proudly in their gala uniforms to parades at Borromeo Field, in their dress gray to the mess hall or classrooms or leisurely walking in athletic uniforms.

Like the sundial, the founders of DJLF Foundation, Ltd. hope to institutionalize a timeless vehicle that allows those who go through the portals of the Academy a means to give back to the country in the name of their Alma Mater by providing for those who have less in life. — *Dan Perico*

"The Sun Dial"

