



The Leap – YEAH! From the Editors

Funny how one finds inspiration for an article from the most mundane of things.

I am browsing the Sunday edition of the local newspaper, The Richmond Times Dispatch and in it a flyer with a slogan that reads: Don't just give a gift, grant a wish. It catches my eye for two reasons: first, because of its "philanthropic" ring; second, because it is an ad from Sears.

Sears makes it sound noble and maybe they really should. After all, the act of gift giving is always noble and most welcome. I am eyeing one gift in particular - a 52-inch plasma HDTV television - and I am thinking that my loved ones, with a few hints here and there, would give me the surprise of my life with that TV in my room soon. I am still waiting. Sigh!

But anyway, like I am always wont to do, I digress.

Don't just give a gift, grant a wish! What can be a more fitting description of what DJLF and its supporters have been doing the last eight years? Today, 20 young men and women scholars back in the Philippines are DJLF's beneficiaries. From a meager \$52.50 raised by the five original "fools" joined by seven others in December of 1999, DJLF now has raised enough to maintain the Loakan Fund that pays for the full college scholarships of these young men and women - thanks to its members and numerous supporters. We beat Oprah last year on the idea and implementation of our sponsorship for full college scholars. Now we beat Sears, granting wishes for college education - and not just giving gifts - since 2005.

One does not have to travel all the way to the Philippines in February every year to witness the awarding of the DJLF college scholarships to be able to appreciate how big and life-changing this scholarship is to the recipients and to their parents. I was a member of the DJLF delegation at the first awarding in 2005, and I must tell you that witnessing the ceremony and getting goose bumps all throughout the proceedings was a unique experience - and priceless.

A couple of years later, we recall the events that transpired in the year 2007, taking great satisfaction in knowing how fortunate we are to be blessed with Foundation members and non-members who genuinely believe in the cause of youth education and development. Through this medium, we convey our acknowledgment of and gratitude for their generosity that helped

achieve our goals for the year.

The good thing about not having a paid staff for this publication is that we do not have to worry about a strike like the one being staged by the Writers Guild. Not that we even dare to dream of anything different than what we have offered all these years for their services: pro bono. This is only possible, we feel, because they believe in what we are doing as a foundation.

We have chosen not to depart from our presentation scheme of previous editions through the five separate sections, namely, Foundation Year; The Living Past, Roll Call, Special Features, and Acknowledgments. A new feature has been added this time - an Introductory page for each section.

As is customary, DJLF Chairman, Winston Arpon, Class 64, has his year-end report, this time he calls the SOFT report, the Status Of the Foundation Today along with a Financial Report. A message of PMA Superintendent, M Gen Leopoldo Maligalig, Class 76, is a first, but "providential," given that Benedict Milo, one of the 10 LEAP Scholars Batch of 2005 scholars, is cadet at the Academy, Class of 2010. DJLF resident poet-laureate, Dan Jimenez, Class 77, writes a poem that explores the relationship between Philippine national hero Jose Rizal and DJLF. Bob Dance, Class 68, a featured writer in previous publications writes two poignant pieces on special persons in his life, who passed away in 2007: his Mom, Anna Corinne, and his bunkmate at the Academy, LtGen Jose Calimlim.

Also this year, we make public the formal Scholarship Guidelines painstakingly crafted by Rolly Malinis, Class 71, and reviewed by the members of the DJLF Scholarship Committee. The guidelines spell out the criteria for the selection and responsibilities of the scholars. Lizzie Fullon, daughter of Ricardo Fullon, Class 45 and the only member of DJLF on the distaff side, reminisces her days growing up in Loakan when her Dad was assigned there in her Musings from My Little Loakan. Vivian Erfe, lady of a DJLF member, shares her experiences as Volunteer Staff in DJLF fund-raising activities. The inspired and inspiring work of DJLF resident artist, Gaby Riego de Dios, Class 81, titled "Sir, the Colors" graces our back cover. Irwin Ver, Class 70 does the honor of writing about it from the artist's inspirational concept with the penetrating, meaningful and powerful prose he is well known for.

In putting this edition of The Leap - YEAH! and in fact for DJLF Foundation Year 2007 as a whole, we were gifted with several members coming out of the woodwork, out of lurking mode and sharing the burden with us. Thus, 2008 bodes well for this publication and the Foundation.

— Willie S. Mejia

From the Chair

A SOFT Report – Status Of the Foundation Today On our 8th Anniversary

Each year on our anniversary we look back to our past, thus:

Through emails, five former cadets of the Philippine Military Academy living in various parts of the US exchanged notes on what they can do to "give back to Loakan what we got from it during our youth."

After several exchanges of proposals and counter-proposals, they ultimately agreed to raise money for a fund - to be known as Loakan Fund - dedicated to a suitable project at the place of their Alma Mater. That project turned out to be the Loakan Educational Assistance Project, LEAP, a project on youth education and development. The date: December 12, 1999. **Eight years ago, today.**

A low-key celebration, no fanfare - was the option we have chosen, just like we did in years past. However, in keeping with what was begun last year to mark our 7th anniversary, here's a brief report. No George Bush's State of the Union here; nor Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's SONA, State of the Nation. Nothing hard; just a SOFT Report. A report on the State Of the Foundation Today.

1. Membership. There is no deviation from what is very clear in our By-Laws - our reliance on the general membership as the cornerstone of our strength, along with the Board of Directors and the Officers of the Foundation. During the year, we added only one new member to the Foundation, Cavalier Nestor "Insighfool" Lim. But what an addition he has been! DJLF, the Loakan Fund in particular, has been beneficially served by the consistency of his generous quarterly contributions. More deliberate and perhaps slower than the highly successful "Duh Drive to 55" - with Irwin "IFool" Ver on the wheel, remember? - "Duh Drive to Double 55" chugs along. Our goal of 110 members remains the same. The Board will be deliberating on a couple of prospective members in the next several days.¹

2. LEAP, the Loakan Educational Assistance Project. Now on its 3rd year (reckoned from the launching of its core component, the Youth Scholarship Program, in February of 2005), LEAP remains the focus of the Foundation. Pending the inauguration of PLEA, LEAP will continue to embody our commitment to the ideal of youth education and development.

3. The Youth Scholarship Program. With the support of the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio, the program has exceeded our expectations. The Foundation is supporting the expenses for tuition, textbooks and other expenses of 19 scholars enrolled in different universities and colleges in Baguio City. DJLF supported one LEAP scholar, Batch of 2005, for one year after which he passed the examinations to and joined the PMA Class of 2009. Three LEAP scholars are graduating in 2008.

4. The Four Component Programs. We have launched at least the first part of the Leadership and Placement Program. The latter part - Placement - has become critically urgent with the three LEAP scholars graduating in 2008. An apprenticeship is clearly needed to transition our scholars for gainful employment after graduation. The Facility Improvement Program and Training Aids Program are held in abeyance until after the current Baguio City National High School, Fort del Pilar Annex is moved outside of the PMA premises in 2009. The Faculty Development Program has yet to take off.

5. The Loakan Fund - CTQ. Members continue to provide throughout the year their individual, out-of-pocket contributions to the Loakan Fund that supports LEAP, "the Loaf that feeds LEAP" through the "Call To Quarters" that was first launched on the inception of DJLF in December 1999. The CTQ "czars" - two DJLF members responsible for over-

¹As we go to press, the Board of Directors has approved the membership of Mel Pestano, PMA 72 & Elmo Garrido, PMA 80

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seeing this in-house quarterly fund-raising – have been challenged to find ways and means to generate greater interest and generate support from individual members. A change in the conduct of the quarterly activity has been suggested and could be implemented in 2008 – a change proposed by Vlad “Fool-vladed” Punto that would allow members to handle the process on a rotation basis and thereby allow for innovation.

6. The Loakan Fund – CTQ Plus. Other fund-raising activities to augment the basic CTQ have been largely successful. DJLF Charity Golf just completed its 4th year with a brand new tournament, the NorthEast Tri-State Invitational, NETI, added to the Metro Washington Invitational, MWI and the Williamsburg Area Invitational, WAI. DJLF Charity Caroling, now on its 2nd year, is currently in progress. Proceeds from the publication of the Foundation yearbook, *The Leap – YEAH! (TLY)* – also on its 2nd year, have been added to the Loakan Fund. This and other related activities will be centralized under DJLF Charity Publishing, starting with the 8th Anniversary edition of TLY currently in progress.

7. The DJLF Scholarship Committee. Charged with the responsibility for administrative and operational control of the Youth Scholarship Program, in coordination with the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio, particularly LEAP Coordinator Tom Panis and the RCMB Selection Committee, the DJLF Scholarship Committee, a.k.a. the D’ALAM Committee after the names of its members – Duller, Aviso, Lorenzo, Alonzo, Malinis – the Committee faces the challenge, in the words of its Chairperson, Jake “Foolever” Duller, “the changing expense profile of our scholars especially on tuition and books.” To the rescue, Rolly “Rolly Fooly” Malinis – he “orchestrated an effort to provide a guideline, later adopted by the Board, to address the inflation and dollar-peso effect and stress on our annual scholarship budget.” Nonetheless, this is an issue that remains to be addressed now and in the future.

The state of the DJLF Scholarship Committee would not be complete without the mention of two other things. Again, to quote its Chairperson: “the Committee was also tasked to look into implementing the “at-large” scholarship - extending the reach of the Foundation from Metro Baguio to the rest of the country. Again, thanks for the timely offer of another benefactor to sponsor a scholar to be selected from Iloilo, this project is now underway.

“As to the selection of the Batch 2008, a set of essay questions are now being mulled over as we speak and should be available for transmittal to Tom this weekend.”²

8. PLEA, Project to Listen and Extend Assistance to members of the foundation and other Cavaliers.

Along with other challenges, unrealized dreams if you will – in random order, 1) the Foundation’s Tax-Exemption status; 2) Apprenticeship & Placement collaboration with the Rotary Club and other business enterprises; 3) d-Bay, the DJLF marketplace on the Internet; 4) External Services Division to provide services to clients for voluntary contributions – PLEA is tops on the list of our dreams. It is the flip-side, if you will, of DJLF’s current project, LEAP. In LEAP we are helping others; in PLEA, we will be helping ourselves.

These unrealized dreams, notwithstanding, we have made good on the DJLF mantra: Dreamers, Doers – Together. Therefore, there is no doubt that we will keep on dreaming, knowing full well and confident in the thought that we are willing and able and committed to doing them. And doing them together.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL.

Winston G. Arpon

December 12, 2007

²As we go to press, the RCMB Selection Committee has received these Essay questions and used them in their selection process

**DJLF FOUNDATION LTD.
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2007**

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

Cash in Banks (Wachovia Account)	\$	21,893.98	
Cash in Banks (Chevy Chase Account)		20,036.79	
		Total Cash	\$41,930.77

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	\$0.00

Fixed Assets

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

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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

Fund Balance

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For the Year Ending December 31, 2007

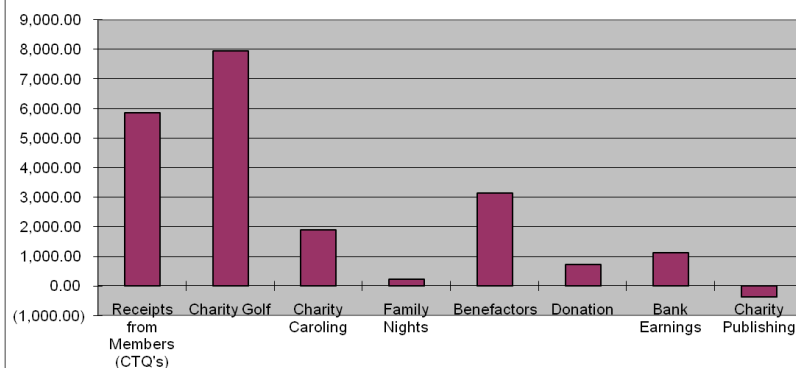
Revenue:

Receipts from Members (CTQ's)	5,460.10	
<i>Quarterly CTQ</i>		
<i>Christmas Fund/Gift to LEAP Scholars</i>	400.00	
Total Receipts from Members (CTQ)		5,860.10
Receipts from Other Fund Raising Activities (CTQ Plus)		
<i>DJLF Charity Golf</i>		
<i>MWI</i>	3,378.83	
<i>WAI</i>	2,249.01	
<i>NETI</i>	2,327.80	
Total Receipts Charity Golf		7,955.64
<i>DJLF Charity Caroling</i>	1,885.00	
<i>DJLF Family Nights</i>	227.00	
<i>DJLF Charity Publishing</i>	1,509.80	
Total Receipts from Other Fund Raising		3,621.80
Other Receipts		
<i>LEAP Scholars Benefactors</i>	3,150.00	
<i>Donation</i>	715.00	
<i>Earnings, Wachovia Account (from Oct 31, 2006)</i>	1,129.18	
Total Other Receipts		4,994.18
Total Revenue		22,431.72

Expenses:

1st Disbursement to Scholars (Feb)	4,200.00	
2nd Disbursement to Scholars (Jun)	6,500.00	
Taxes Paid (Federal 2006)	1,379.96	
Taxes Paid (State 2006)	643.98	
Add Tax (Federal 2006)	151.09	
DJLF Charity Publishing (2005 & 2006)	1,874.25	
Collection Fees, Others	190.09	
Total Expenses		14,939.37
Net Income \$		7,492.35

REVENUE BY SOURCES





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Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City

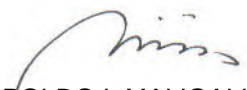
Message

The Philippine Military Academy takes pride in the DJLF Foundation's philanthropic commitment to the Filipino youth through the Loakan Educational Assistance Project (LEAP) Youth Scholarship Program for students of the Baguio City National High School Fort del Pilar Annex.

We share with you the same institutional trust of extending opportunities for higher education to poor but deserving students, also through the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines (CCAFP) Scholarship Endowment, which you have been a part of as former cadets at some significant time.

The Academy is indeed honored that even beyond its portals, among those who have left by choice, chance or circumstance, its core values and finest traditions remained perpetual in its living carriers. It was by no coincidence that you have been destined to lead, excel, and serve through other paths, because you have become and exceeded the outcome that PMA intended you for. You shall always remain a part of our institutional pride, and your contributions to humanity shall take its rightful place in the Academy's chronicles of greatness.

On behalf of the men and women of the Philippine Military Academy, my warmest congratulations on this auspicious occasion of your 8th Anniversary, and I wish that you carry on the virtues and ideals that have distinguished graduates and former cadets in their chosen fields of endeavor, to make a profound difference in the lives of fellow Filipinos.

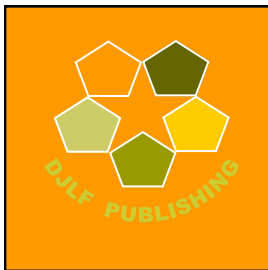

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Major General AFP

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In This Section

DJLF considers Foundation Year 2007 another banner year in achieving its sworn objective: to ensure that the Youth Scholarship Program is a viable undertaking in terms of the Foundation’s financial and human resources. This section outlines the noteworthy activities – the leaps and bounds – of the Foundation. The leaps – how appropriate, we would like to point out, for a foundation where LEAP has become more than just an action word.

The first significant milestone of a typical DJLF Foundation Year is the selection and announcement of the new quintet of scholars. Foundation Year 2007 was no exception.

- ❖ **Selection of LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2007.** Only the members of the DJLF Scholarship Committee and the DJLF Chair know the names of the selected candidates before they are announced during the Awarding ceremonies the day before the yearly homecoming of PMA alumni. Nebu Alejandrino, DJLF member and Director and member of the Host Class of 1977 headed the DJLF Delegation. In this section is a condensed version of the report he filed. Sheryl Belwa, LEAP Scholar Batch of 2005 and President of the informal organization of LEAP Scholars has her take on the same event.
- ❖ **Reports/Testimonials from LEAP Scholars, Batches 2005 & 2006.** A compendium of articles from our LEAP scholars, including an interesting one – the post-graduation plans of the first batch of Leap scholars who are set to graduate in 2008 or 2009. Also included are articles from RCMB – Joan Tan and Alah Soledad M. Sungduan, Chair of the RCMB LEAP Selection Committee for Batches 2006 & 2007, respectively.

DJLF Foundation Year moves on, the activities of the year defined basically by activities to beef up the Loakan Fund that feeds the Loakan Educational Assistance Project, in the words of the DJLF Chair, “the Loaf that Feeds LEAP” – CTQ or Call-To-Quarters, virtually a ‘call to arms.’ CTQ for initiatives and activities involving action individuals from within, and, CTQ Plus from without. In this section, we cover two of them:

- ❖ **DJLF Charity Golf.** On its 4th year, this activity continued to be a major contributor to the Loakan Fund. This year, another the NorthEast Tri-State Invitational or NETI was added to old reliables – MWI and WAI.
- ❖ **DJLF Charity Caroling.** On its second year, the DJLF Caroling Family (yes, they adopted ‘Family’ over last year’s ‘Ensemble’ and rightfully so, we think) was right on the money, no pun intended.

This section concludes with FLASH NEWS covering three items that occurred as the WooBees (worker bees of The Leap – YEAH!) were winding up their respective assignments to meet their self-imposed deadline of February 5, a week or so before the first milestone of DJLF Foundation Year 2008 – selection and awarding of LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2008.

- ❖ The offer to and acceptance by a **Consultant to The Leap Publications/The Leap – YEAH!**, our first ever.
- ❖ **Books for the Baguio City National High School** – a fitting kickoff to one of the five components of LEAP, Training Aids Program.
- ❖ Another offer accepted by **another Consultant to TLP/TLY**.

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LEAP Scholars Batch of 2007

Awarding Ceremony

(A Condensation of the Official Report of Nebu Alejandrino Head of DJLF Delegation)

**Nebu Alejandrino**

Five new scholars were picked from the batch of graduating high school seniors of the Baguio City National High School (Fort Del Pilar Annex). From a field of about 30 candidates, the field was narrowed down to 10. RCMB Youth Scholarship Coordinator and Past President Tom Panis appointed Joan Tan, who is Administrator of the Shalom International and Board Member of the Baguio City National High School Alumni Association, as Batch 2007 Scholarship Committee Chairperson. Joining her were five RCMB members: Lyman Salvador, Past President and currently Administrative Officer of the Commission on Human Rights-Cordillera Region; Frank 'Deepak' Punjabi, Director for Community Service; Marion Solang, Director for Youth Service; Isidro 'Jun' del Cruz; and Audrey Sungduan, Director for International Service.

Scholarship Awarding Ceremony and Breakfast

On hand to award the scholarships on behalf of the Foundation were DJLF members Jimmy Masferre, Jimmy Garingo, Nebu Alejandrino, and PNP Superintendent Rene Heredia—all members of Alumni Homecoming Senior Host Class 1977.



The LEAP Scholars Batch of 2007: Nelson Bisnar; Mary Gatong-o; Abegeal Mepua; Kerry Lawagan; Jennilyn Rose Tulio.

In addition to my three classmates, the awarding ceremony was witnessed by Gen. Gene Maligat, dad of DJLF member, Louie Maligat. The Maligats generously donated P300 gift certificates to the five scholars. Col. Joone de Leon, PhD, Dean of Professors at PMA, also a member of our class represented PMA Superintendent, Major General Leopoldo Maligalig.

A breakfast with the scholars, teachers, DJLF and RCMB members and friends followed the ceremony. The Vice President of RCMB, who also happens to be anchor woman of the region's premier cable TV network, was on hand to interview the DJLF delegation.

University Visit

Following the precedent set by last year's head of the DJLF delegation, Dan Perico, we planned visits to the three colleges where our scholars are enrolled—University of the Cordilleras, University of Baguio, and St. Louis University, but time constraints limited our visit to Saint Louis University only.

**Saint Louis University**

Overall, the university visit was very informative and enlightening. One can sense the high degree of pride and competitiveness with other schools judging from the highly visible announcements in all of the school's entrances proclaiming their graduates' excellent performance record in various professional licensure examinations.

Leadership Seminar

All the scholars, including Cadet Benedict Milo—original member of Batch 2005 scholars who had just completed plebehood at PMA. Brigadier General Nick Corpuz, PMA Assistant Superintendent and a classmate said that Cadet Milo is slated to be one of the color guards, a coveted and enviable position for a third class (second year) cadets.

Bob Aviso, DJLF member and Director, fresh from his

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business trips to Europe, came in time to discuss the topic of Youth Empowerment. Daisy Tucay, who resides in Virginia with her spouse, Jun Tucay, also a DJLF member, fresh from her medical mission in Pampanga gave an inspiring speech. For my part, I discussed topics on Leadership and Decision Making. Joan Tan, Executive Director of the RCMB Scholarship Committee, delivered an impromptu speech.

The lunch of the LEAP Scholars with the cadets did not materialize. Instead, I hosted a dinner where the scholars showed off their singing and dancing talents. I was impressed.

I also took the opportunity to award the cash prize of



1,000 pesos I promised in December 2006 for those who submitted essays on the topic of my choice.

The party came to an end and when it came time for "hatiran" (taking somebody home) like a doting father, I made sure that each and every one of the 19 scholars was brought home right to their doorsteps.

ONE GLORIOUS DAY

By Sheryl Belwa
Leap Scholar Batch of 2005

Feb.16 is a fine and blessed day especially for the 2007 Batch of the DJLF Scholars. On this day, another group of five young ladies are given the chance to fulfill their dreams. They are chosen to continue their college education and possibly become leaders in their own fields in the next 20 years or so. Five young people—who are dreamers and soon to be doers—are afforded a rare and life-altering opportunity.

This day is a glorious day as proclaimed by the head of this year's DJLF delegation, Mr. Nebuchadnezzar "Nebu" Alejandrino (what a name!). I take it that this must also be quite an exciting day for the DJLF delegation because they are the first to arrive at the venue of the awards ceremony.

The program officially starts with the singing of "Lupang Hinirang," the Philippine National Anthem. It seems odd that this is the first time I sing the national anthem since graduation from high school. It is followed by the opening remarks of Mr. Danilo Gayao, Fort Del Pilar's Teacher-in-Charge. Next comes the welcoming of the tall, good-looking delegates by the Masters of Ceremony, Ms. Joan Tan and Mr. Jun dela Cruz. A presentation by the Baguio City National High School's Special Performing Arts Dancers (BCNHS SPA Dancers) follows the welcome remarks. The group renders traditional dances such as "Sinublian" and "Pandango sa Ilaw." A group of LEAP scholars from the earlier batches showcase how well rounded they are by their singing and dancing prowess.

After all the cultural presentations, Mr. Alejandrino gives his keynote address. He says that he had planned on giving an extemporaneous speech but his mentor (DJLF Chairman, Winston Arpon, also fondly called EL Ninong) advised him to put everything in writing lest he says something he does not



Sheryl Belwa

have to. Plus, he admits he gets emotional, so he might forget something that he needs to mention. One can notice that Sir Nebu is really happy to be here. In his mind, he compares this to his wedding day, with the other delegates as his groom's men but without the bride.

Then comes the highlight of the program: the awarding of certificates of scholarship to the five new scholars. Out of hundreds of many applicants, three ladies and two gentlemen are chosen. Just like the Batch of 2006, the Batch of 2007 has the surprise of their lives.

Since he is busy with the Alumni Homecoming activities in downtown Fort Del Pilar, PMA Superintendent, Major General Leopoldo Maligalig sends his proxy, Colonel Joven de Leon, also a member of PMA Class 77 and Dean of Professors of the Academic Group. According to him we are lucky because if the Superintendent is available, we will have to stay longer to listen to his speech. Col. de Leon also informs us, to our real surprise, that the PMA cadets make a P100.00 contribution each and every year to help finance DJLF Foundation's projects most especially the Youth Scholarship Program.

The program formally ends with closing remarks by the principal, Mrs. Elma Donaal. We proceed to one of the classrooms for "merienda" and fellowship/discussion. We talk about our participation in several community outreach programs in the community. Muller Bato also presents his book. The next part of the day's proceedings is a university visit later that day. The recognition of the 2007 Batch of scholars reminds us that the 2005 Batch is close to receiving their diplomas. In Accounting we call it the FIFO method or First In, First Out. The first batch will always be the first batch—right Tina? Muller? Luisa?

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LEAP Scholar Honored

By Joan T. Tan*

The University of the Cordilleras (UC) held a Recognition Day in honor of the Academic Scholars and Special Scholarship Grantees of the University last March 12, 2007 at the UC Theater.

Included in the list of 273 scholars is Ma. Cristina P. Burlaza, DJLF Scholar (Batch 2005), now a sophomore in the College of Hotel and Restaurant Management (CHRMT). The charming 18-year old made it to the Dean's List for the 2nd Trimester of the academic school year with a weighted general average of 92%.

Cristina's parents could not be present during the Recognition Program (there is no such thing as "day-off" for an ordinary wage earner in the Philippines!); hence, PP Tom Panis (DJLF Over-all Coordinator), ever mindful of the scholars' well-being, immediately got in touch with me to ask if I could stand in for Mr. and Mrs. Burlaza. By now, Tom would have known I cannot refuse any request made for, and in behalf of, any of the DJLF scholars.

I had mixed emotions watching the goings-on. Only two years ago, it was next to impossible for Cristina to go to college, considering the meager income of the family. Then DJLF came along. Slowly, the dying embers of a youthful dream started to catch fire; hope was restored. She was one of the lucky graduating students of the BCNHS-FDP Annex who was selected to comprise the first batch of the Foundation's scholarship program.



Ma. Cristina P. Burlaza

It was time to take my place beside her. On impulse I take her hands in mine and both were locked quickly in a tight clasp. Then I look at her face, so young and delicate, and see the renaissance of my youth. You suddenly realize there are memories that are eternally young. Her Dean calls her name and in an instant I was her mother pinning the Dean's List ribbon on her. I draw her close to my breast as tears started to well in my eyes (I was afraid she'd see me cry!), give her a kiss, and whisper, "I am so proud of you, anak!" She's startled! I bet it is the first time she is afforded such unabashed public display of affection. She acknowledges the gesture, nonetheless, then breaks into a warm smile.

Back on my seat, I think about the other DJLF scholars and wish that all of them will finish their courses. "How," I pondered, "would we produce a future President of the Philippines?" The thought was not completely mine. Mr. Nebuchadnezzar Alejandrino first suggested it during a brief conversation I had with him last February. The challenge was repeated by the Guest Speaker, Atty. Leticia Clemente, who would call on the honorees not only to pursue academic excellence, but that she wished for all to be patriotic. It is this deep sense of patriotism that moves one to get involved in the affairs of the community and the nation, she says. While she is not a member of any Rotary Club, she believes in the Rotary slogan, "Service above self." Furthermore, the Rotary's 4-Way Test is applicable to everyone in their day-to-day affairs. If we pass the test, she proposed, we will succeed. In closing, Atty. Clemente urged the young scholars to hold on to their families, their support system, and their relationship with God.

Two hours passed unnoticed. I ask Cristina to join me for lunch, but she politely excuses herself and matter-of-factly tells me she has another class to catch. I am a bit disappointed. I offer her dinner instead and to make sure she does not forget I said I'll send her a text message to remind her of our date. This time she grins and declares, "Ma'am wala po akong cellphone!" I am amazed at her bubbly enthusiasm and wonder how she has attained academic excellence given her limited resources. I curse poverty!

Her small figure disappears in a theater still full of people. I barely know the kid and yet today I have another daughter to care, to protect, to guide. I can only thank the good Lord for DJLF and RCMB for this rare opportunity of service.

*Author is a member of the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio and served as Chair of the RCMB Selection Committee for LEAP Scholars Batch of 2006

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LEAP Scholars Batch of 2005/2006

SCHOLARS KEEPING IN TOUCH

The scholars keep themselves busy not only with their studies but also with out-of-school activities that allowed them the opportunity to give back to their communities even as early as now.

Today's technology allows us to keep in close touch with our scholars. The wide expanse of space and time between us, DJLF members and them, is no longer an excuse not to keep in touch with the Foundation, particularly when they have accomplishments they can trumpet about. As such, through out the year we receive e-mails regarding the scholars' participation in several outreach programs, in cooperation with local school or government officials, which we are proud to report.

Grade School Tutorials

Cherry Mae Dacyon and **Wela Langgoyan**, both Batch 2006 LEAP Scholars, write about their experience when they conducted tutorial classes in English and Math for pupils in Grades 1 thru IV at Atok Trail, a small community in the outskirts of Loakan. Cherry Mae notes that, "Kids kidding are the best start of an activity like this. If you plan on dealing with teaching kids on any subject, you must have with you a thousand jokes." Of course, a thousand jokes may be a little exaggerated but her point is you must first establish rapport with your pupils and what better way to break the ice of that first meeting than telling them jokes. Wela Langgoyan, shares this view. But she also points out that you must also know how to deal with the students after that first encounter, particularly those who are rude or smart-mouths. Yes, she says, there are those kinds of pupils even in this far-flung place.

Both agree though that the 5 days they spent conducting these tutorials made them realize that it is fun being young and to be able to ask questions over and over again if you happen to not understand your lessons. As "teachers," their challenge was how to size up their pupils' attitudes, learning style and ability and behaviour. These tutorial sessions confirmed what they had suspected all along that these young people's minds are like sponges, ready to soak up knowledge. They just need nurturing teachers and advocates in order to realize their full potentials. Cherry Mae and Wela are treated like they were regular teachers: they participated in the spelling and Math drills, given a complete handle of their classes and administered tests.

At the end of the tutorials, both admit that it was an exhausting experience, but it was worth all the time spent.

Clean and Green Campaign

During the summer vacation of 2007, several DJLF scholars were involved in the Clean and Green Campaign in the community of Loakan from May 21 thru 26. The objective of the campaign is to educate the people in Loakan and nearby communities about the importance of keeping the environment clean and green. "On the surface, our task seemed easy," observes **Sheryl Belwa**, Batch 2005 LEAP Scholar, who sends us the report about this activity. "We were in charge of preparing the wooden signs with the message about the Clean and Green initiative. We were also tasked with painting trash cans that were to be placed in strategic locations around the communities. Painting the trash cans is not too hard. It was cutting plywood for the signs that was really scary especially for us girls. We are not totally new to seeing the carpentry tools used for preparing the signs but we are not experts either. There were near hits with the hammer as we nailed together the boards on the frames or sustaining a wound from the saw as we cut the plywood down to size." The other scholars note that in spite of the challenges posed by the use of

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carpentry tools for the project and the down pour that slowed down the progress of their assigned tasks on the very first day of the activity, they feel good knowing that somehow they were part of the communities' efforts to try to keep their environment "clean and green." All in all, the scholars complete 24 signs and paint 22 trash cans which are distributed in Barangays Spring Hill, Apugan, Magsaysay and Kias. DJLF and its partner organization, RCMB are truly proud of the scholars' involvement in this noteworthy project.

National Rover Camp

Batch 2005 LEAP Scholar **Muller Bato** sends us this very appreciative letter after attending the National Rover (Boy Scouts) Camp in Metro Manila on March 9-11, 2007.

Gentlemen of the DJLF Foundation:

Scout greetings to all,

With great pride and in sincere appreciation for all your help, I wish to share my experience as a participant in the National Rover Camp held at the Boy Scouts of the Philippines National Headquarters and the Philippine Normal University in Manila on March 9-11, 2007.

A week before the camp, I presented to DJLF Chairman, Winston Arpon, through the RCMP Coordinator, Engineer Tom Panis a budget proposal for my participation. I was not sure if my proposal will be approved because of lack of time. But I went ahead anyway because I thought that the worse that could happen is that I will be turned down. On the morning of March 8, 2007, I received confirmation that my request had been approved. I was also told that the funding for this activity was not from the DJLF Scholarship Fund but from private donations being that this activity was not within the purview of the scholarship policy. With much pleasant surprise, I thanked the DJLF Chairman for expediting my request even though it was such short notice. I promised him that through out my participation, I shall represent myself not only as a Scout but also as a DJLF Scholar in both word and deed.

On March 9, I arrived at the venue alone because I was the only delegate from the Baguio City Council. Being the only participant from my area did not make me lonely for long because I befriended other delegates who hailed from different parts of the country. At night, we took part in the Rover Vigil,

an activity that helped me a lot to really know "who I am," "why I am," and "to whom I am." The series of vigils culminated in my investiture as a Rover Scout.

On 10 March, we conducted the Rover Peace Baton Hand-Over Ceremony at the Manila City Hall. For seven months, the Peace Baton was passed from one country to another in the Asia Pacific Region. The Philippines was the final destination of the baton before it was returned to Geneva. This Peace Baton aimed to promote peace among nations thru scouting. A scout Priest said, "Peace is not only the absence of war and conflict but a development." The scout leaders explained to us the importance of peace. The ceremony was attended by Scout representatives from India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Korea, Maldives, Brunei and the Philippines. After the three-day camp, I was presented by a Laguna Council scoutmaster to the Camp director at the National Office. In that visit, I received the good news that made me very excited: the Boy Scouts of the Philippines will send me to Tokyo, Japan, to attend the Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Youth Forum in October 2007. The national Boy Scouts organization was to shoulder my air fare and registration; I only had to pay for my passport and visa and pocket money.

To the gentlemen of DJLF Foundation LTD., my trip to this important Boy Scout forum is the fruit of your generosity and kindness. Had you not granted my request for financial support, this opportunity would not have been a reality. To you, a million thanks!

Thank you for supporting my Scouting.

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LEAP Scholars Batch Of 2005 –

Plans After Graduation

By Sheryl Belwa



Two years and few months ago, we were asked about our plans after high school graduation. While we think about possibly going to college, some or most of us are really uncertain about the prospect. Somehow the question becomes quite difficult to answer mainly because we do not know if our financial situation at the time even allowed us to think about going to college. Thank God! Before finally taking our last step out of the portals of secondary education came the DJLF Foundation and the RCMB giving us the opportunity to go to college.

Now, members of LEAP Scholars Batch 2005 are in their 3rd year as college students pursuing the fields of their choice. In about three more semesters, most if not all of them will graduate from college with the possible exception of those who are Accounting students in Saint Louis University or those enrolled at the University of the Cordilleras which follows a trimester schedule. Facing the prospect of graduation, it becomes inevitable for the questions asked of us two years ago to pop up again. "What are your plans after graduation?" The Batch 2005 scholars give an insight as to what they want or will be after that all important graduation:

Ma.Cristina Burlaza intimates she plans on applying for on the job training (internship of sorts) in Singapore prior to graduation. She is not discounting working in Dubai to earn enough money to send her siblings to school. She also plans to study Culinary Arts in France to fulfill her life-long dream of becoming a chef. Cristina aka Tina is taking up Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University of the Cordilleras.

Frannie Calixto aka Fran plans to work in the country to gain experience before looking to work abroad. She plans to go to England or Italy as a practicing medical technologist.

Mary Luisa Sinaking, also fondly called Luisa is a Financial and Management Accounting student at the University of the Cordilleras. She aspires to land a job as an associate accountant, rack up some hands on experience while she pursuing her Account-

tancy course. She also hopes to take the CPA board exams.

Muller Bato is enrolled at the University of the Cordilleras where he is taking up Education. No surprise then that he wants to become a teacher and educate the youth, who just like the rest of us, are considered the future of the country. With his demeanor, outgoing and go-getter type of personality, he is sure to become a name to reckon with in this field.

Roda Chinalpan plans on taking up review classes here in Baguio for the CPA board exams. She hopes to land a job in an auditing firm in the future so she is not discounting the possibility of going to the big city to job-hunt after she passes the board exams. She is an Accountancy student at Saint Louis University.

Alona Adawi is also an Accountancy student in SLU. She plans to spend her first two years after graduation working and reviewing on her own for the CPA board exams. She, however, still plans to attend formal review classes.

Ellen Cayat intends venture into the food business and open a restaurant here in Baguio City. She is also considering pursuing a Masters Degree with concentration in business management. She is taking up Commerce, majoring in Marketing at Saint Louis University. In addition to opening a restaurant, she plans to acquire her own condo or build her own house.

Katrina Mae Gumatay a.k.a Kat will attend review classes in preparation for taking the Nursing Licensure Exam. She is currently a nursing student at the University of the Cordilleras.

Sheryl Belwa intends to take the qualifying exam to pursue Accountancy in the University of the Cordilleras. Currently, she is a Financial and Management Accounting student.

With these plans already in place, the Batch of 2005 will surely have the right guideposts as they come closer to their dream of graduating from college and get their first dose of reality.

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REFUSE TO BELIEVE IN FAILURE

by Katrina Mae Gumatay
LEAP Scholar Batch 2005



We all hope for a charmed life. We hope that we will be successful at whatever we do, that we will give our love to the right person, and that we will be wise enough to take advantage of every opportunity that comes our way. Unfortunately, mistakes, rejection, and defeat are an inevitable part of our earthly existence. We cannot always control the outcome of our actions. We can, however, control how we respond to them.

Katrina Gumatay Setbacks and disappointments are something we all experience at one time or another. But if we refuse to believe in failure, we will be able to find a way to open up all those doors that at one time we thought were closed to us forever. If we mark something down as a failure, then that's what it will be.

However, if we make up our mind to get the better of a situation or experience that we once labeled as a failure, it can become a stepping-stone to happiness instead. So the next time something does not turn out exactly as we hoped, turn it around, be a fighter. The person holding the judge's scorecard is you.

With this in mind, let us not forget the One higher spirit and guide who will and can make things happen. To everyone, God bless!

Innovations in Selection of LEAP Scholars

By: Alah Soledad M. Sungduan
Director - Rotary Club of Metro Baguio

We've climbed a mountain in Ampucao Itogon, Benguet and walked through steep and slippery pathways along Atok Trail and Kias Baragay in Baguio City. Those were some of the most unforgettable experiences the Selection Committee for LEAP Scholars Batch of 2008 encountered during the visual inspection of the houses of the scholarship applicants from Baguio City National High School Fort del Pilar Annex for year 2008. Not to mention how we hid our tears when our hearts were moved learning the difficulties in life of the applicants and how important it is for them to have college scholarship.

The actual house inspection was one of the innovations implemented by the Selection Committee with the aim to know more about the truth in the applicants' life situation and aspiration.

These were properly documented using a video camera. An edited copy of the innovation - starting from the conduct of Career Guidance, the kick-off of the selection of LEAP Scholars Batch of 2008, and the



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screening, examination, interview and house inspection - was sent to the DJLF Foundation officers for their evaluation and basis for selection. This is with the hope that the selection this year will not only be limited to just four but more.

Another innovation for the 2008 Scholars selection was the active participation of the current LEAP Scholars, specifically Sheryl Belwa and Ellen Cayat as members of the Selection Committee. Belonging to the Batch of 2005, they are the most seniors among the three batches of LEAP Scholars.

Completing the dynamic team are Edwin Mora, Incoming President of Rotary Club of Metro Baguio and RCMB Director Marion Solang as Vice Chairperson.

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1. The scholarship covers any approved undergraduate college courses of the Recipient's choice for the specified number of years it takes to complete the course/degree up to a maximum of five years.
2. The Recipient may also elect to pursue the course awarded on any colleges/ universities/institutions of his/her own choice provided that that school is situated within the Metro-Bagui area.
3. A scholarship will normally be tenable for one year in the first instance, renewable annually for a maximum normal number of years as awarded subject to satisfactory compliance to conditions set-forth under Rules 8-14.
4. The award of the scholarship is subject to the Recipient being accepted into the specified approved course at the college/university/institution selected. Failure to get admission will result to forfeiture of scholarship and replacement by an alternate with approved admission from the School of his/her choice.
5. The maximum value of the scholarship is predetermined by DJLF per academic year, which will be applicable to all LEAP scholars to cover tuition fees, registration fees, books, and other pre-approved expenses. This ceiling can only be exceeded upon explicit approval of DJLF through the DJLF Scholarship Committee for reasons justified by the scholar and endorsed by RCMB through the LEAP Coordinator.
6. The scholarship money will be paid through disbursement by RCMB and subject to submission of receipts and other reports required.
7. Continuance of Scholarship is subject to compliance on conditions stated under Rules 8-14.

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CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUANCE

8. Recipient must enroll as full time student on the pre-approved courses on the selected school/university/institution.
9. A Recipient is not eligible to be awarded more than one Scholarship from any other private or government organizations. In this case, he/she needs to accept either the DJLF Scholarship or the other scholarship options.
10. Recipient must maintain an academic grade point average of 80% for all subjects. Those that make it to the cut off grade (80%) but have a failing grade in one subject in any given academic semester will be placed on probation and will be allowed to continue to receive scholarship benefit. The Recipient is allowed only a maximum of two probations (not necessarily consecutive semesters).
11. A Recipient on probation will be allowed to continue to receive scholarship benefit but only up to maximum number of years stipulated in the approved award. Financial support to cover expenses for courses beyond the maximum number of years allowed is subject to approval by the DJLF Board as recommended by the Scholarship Committee. A request to that effect must be submitted by the Recipient.
12. Submission to RCMB of all pertinent documents and records necessary for the administration of scholars of DJLF.
13. Recipient must submit in writing formal notification of changes in scholarship conditions found under Rule 15.
14. Recipient must fulfill all obligations stated under the following Rules 15 - 36 .

OBLIGATIONS

Notification Obligations

15. During the Scholarship period, the Recipient must advise the Scholarship Committee, through RCMB, if in any year if he/she:
 - 15.1 withdraws from all or part of their course of study;
 - 15.2 fails to comply with the academic requirements;
 - 15.3 postpones his/her course of study;
 - 15.4 restarts his/her course of study (following a withdrawal or postponement);
 - 15.5 changes his/her circumstances in a way that might affect eligibility for and/or entitlement to the Scholarship.
16. During the Scholarship period the Recipient must immediately advise DJLF and RCMB of any change of address for formal correspondence and notices.

Reports and Other Obligations

17. The Recipient's scholarship comes with no service obligation after completion of course and granting of degrees applied for. However, the Recipient 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.
18. A Recipient is required to submit biannual progress report to RCMB and his/her mentor after each semester. At the end of the first year of the scholarship, RCMB must recommend to DJLF Scholarship Committee

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whether or not the Recipient should be permitted to proceed to the second year of the scholarship. This recommendation will be deliberated upon by the DJLF Board of Directors, which will decide whether the Scholarship will be terminated or continued. Should the progress report be satisfactory then the scholarship will be renewed for 12 months.

19. For continuance of the scholarship, each Recipient must submit to RCMB, every end of the semester, original copy of semester reports of grade. No release or disbursement may be made until this requirement is fully complied with.

20. A Recipient is expected to complete the submission of funding documents to support disbursement before the beginning of each semester. Failure to do so, within a reasonable period of time, means those funds will be forfeited and reallocated to future scholarship recipients.

21. Recipient must familiarize himself/herself on LEAP's five component programs and should be able to serve as ambassador, at all times, in promoting them in any opportunities.

22. He/she must strive to increase the awareness of the DJLF Foundation and its goals among the graduates of BCNHS Fort Del Pilar and also among classmates and friends at the school he/she is enrolled in.

23. A Recipient is expected to participate in DJFL 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.

24. The DJLF or its representatives will be requesting to interview the Recipient and arrange for his/her portrait taken by photographer. Recipient is expected to co-operate however, if he/she wants to 'opt out' they may advise DJLF of the reasons and an exception will be considered.

25. It is understood that the Recipient's interview/photo/profile/story may be featured on DJLF web site or other publications for promotional activities of DJLF philanthropic projects or recruitment activities.

Model Student

26. A Recipient must demonstrate good leadership and high moral character at all times.

27. A DJLF Scholarship holder is expected to be regular in college attendance, abide by the rules and regulations of the schools he/she is enrolled and above all bear at all times a good conduct in accordance with our cultural values and principles.

Mentoring System

28. As Recipient, you are responsible for creating an email address where DJLF may contact you 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 Recipient at these email addresses at all times.

29. DJLF is implementing the mentoring system where each Recipient 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. Recipient must notify the Scholarship Committee promptly if no mentor has been assigned to him/her yet.

CHANGE OF SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

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Transfer

30. Recipient must submit a written request for transfer from one approved course to another for the scholarship to continue.

31. Any scholarship transferred to another approved course will be paid only for the number of years of the approved course and will not be extended for further years.

Withdrawal

32. If the Recipient withdrew for reasons beyond his/her control, the Recipient must resume his/her course in the next term possible opportunities otherwise he/she will have no further entitlement to the Scholarship.

33. In the case of withdrawal, the Scholarship (on resumption/reinstatement) will be paid for no more than the number of years for which it was originally awarded, and will not be extended for further years.

Postponement

34. The Recipient may postpone the initial start of their course for up to one full academic year if fully justified. This privilege is subject to the other provisions of this Agreement and approval by the DJLF Board of Directors.

35. The Recipient must resume study the start of the first semester to be paid the Scholarship in the year of resumption.

36. On resumption, the Scholarship will be paid only for the number of years for which it was originally awarded and will not be extended for further years.

Intermission

37. Intermission from registration will only be granted in cases of grave and exceptional misfortune. During the period of intermission, scholarship payments will be suspended.

38. Periods of intermission will not normally be granted for periods longer than 6 months. Applications for intermission should be made in advance and require the recommendation of RCMB and the Scholarship Committee.

GROUND FOR TERMINATION

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

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 10) for three times (not necessarily consecutive);

39.2 is not complying with the other conditions of the scholarship as stated in Rules 8-14;

39.3 is reported for misconduct or to uphold reputable character in violation of Rules 24 and 25 as being a model student.

40. A Recipient scholarship maybe withdrawn at any stage, after proper inquiry, if he/she misrepresents himself/herself by providing incorrect information or withholding relevant information submitted to RCMB or DJLF.

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

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42. The Scholarship may be withdrawn (in DJLF's Board sole discretion) if the Recipient fails to:

- 42.1 advise DJLF of any change in his/her course of study;
- 42.2 advise DJLF of any change in schools/universities.

43. If the Recipient ceases study without completing the qualification for which the Scholarship was paid, he/she will have no further entitlement to the Scholarship. He/she will not be required, though, to repay the amount spent for the scholarship.

44. Continuous non-response to communications, request for reports, and other projects being sent by the Foundation or RCMB through the internet, phone, or letter, may invite termination of 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 Recipient 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.

Seeking for Additional Financial Support

47. Depending upon the circumstances of each Recipient, the scholarship amount provided is considered adequate. A Recipient is discouraged to write the sponsor to ask for money to support other expenses since DJLF funds are used for meeting further study/project expenses.

48. Request for funding support related to LEAP five component programs must be submitted in accordance with Rule 49. No proposed activity should commence until the final approval from the DJLF Board is obtained.

Submission of Communications Needing Actions

49. Any request by Recipient directed to the DJLF Board needing actions or approval must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the start of requested activity to give the Board sufficient time to evaluate whether to approve or disapprove the request.

50. A Recipient is not authorized to commit DJLF support for any activities, especially funding, unless final approval has been obtained from the Board of Directors.

51. Requests for change of courses or schools or other changes in Scholarship conditions must be submitted at least 45 days before the start of the incoming semester.

PRIVACY

52. Recipient will allow RCMB to ask and verify any of his/her data from any schools, and private or government institutions, which are needed to process the Scholarship application or to verify academic progress.

53. A Recipient will agree to allow us to share certain data (name, course, student ID number, institution, etc. as required) with other parties within the DJLF. We may also use information collected regarding the scholars in our promotional activities; however, students' addresses and telephone numbers will not be given out without permission from the student, via a request from us.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS

54. The DJLF reserves the right to make or issue additional guidelines/revisions with respect to this Scholarship Agreement from time to time and to revise or amend such guidelines/revisions as it deems fit. All such guidelines/revisions shall be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of the Scholarship Award.

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DJLF RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2007-01

Resolution on the Yearly Selection of LEAP Scholar At-Large

WHEREAS the Loakan Educational Assistance Project (LEAP) was launched on February 21 2005, in pursuit of the avowed mission of DJLF Foundation, Ltd. (DJLF) 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;”

WHEREAS the Memo of Understanding (MOU) between DJLF and the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio (RCMB) provided that “the Youth Scholarship Program shall be the immediate focus” and “that the program shall be applied to Baguio City National High School annex located at Fort del Pilar in the community of Loakan” which is in recognition of the fact that said high school is located in the premises of the Philippine Military Academy, alma mater of DJLF members;

WHEREAS both parties in said MOU declared this credo and article of faith: “Loakan today, Mountain Province and the Philippines tomorrow – and beyond that, Asia and the rest of the world!” and therefore, “DJLF and RCMB shall undertake joint efforts towards studying the feasibility of expanding LEAP in general and the Youth Scholarship Program, in particular.”

WHEREAS a total of 20 LEAP Scholars since then have been selected - all from the graduating class of the Baguio City National High School, Fort del Pilar Annex – in keeping with the immediate focus of the program when it was launched in 2005;

WHEREAS the selection process for another set of five LEAP Scholars for the school year 2008-2009 affords an opportunity for expanding the benefit of the Youth Scholarship Program from the Baguio City National High School and the Loakan community to other high schools and other communities;

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that in the selection of the five LEAP Scholars for school year 2008-2009 and future school years, four shall be chosen from the Baguio City National High School in Loakan, Baguio City and one shall be chosen at-large;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that this four-to-one ratio shall be maintained indefinitely, in keeping with the original intent of making the Loakan community as principal focus of LEAP in general and the Youth Scholarship Program in particular;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the RCMB Selection Committee shall continue to submit 10 candidates: eight from the BCNHS and two from a high school designated by DJLF through the DJLF Scholarship Committee; RCMB to coordinate with the Rotary Club that has the appropriate jurisdiction on the two candidates at-large for that particular year;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the DJLF Scholarship Committee will be responsible for selecting the high school at-large based on procedures that, over time, will allow every DJLF member a high school of his choice and become the Mentor for the LEAP Scholar from that high school.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Secretary-General of the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at an electronic forum of the DJLF Foundation, Ltd. Board of Directors.

(Signed)

Harold S. Ochoco

Secretary-General, DJLF Board of Directors



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CTQ & CTQ Plus

CTQ stands for Call-To-Quarters.

In the parlance of the Philippine Military Academy and other academies in the world, including West Point, CTQ is the bugle call, in the category of service calls, to signal all cadets not authorized to be absent to refer to their quarters between 7 and 9:30 pm of every school night, for a time of relative quiet that they may be uninterrupted during their study for a test, work on an academic project or complete homework and all other preparations for the next day.



CTQ, for DJLF, covers a relatively longer time—a total of two months, the time between the first day and last day of the first two months of a given quarter, following the call to all members for donations to the Loakan Fund (LOAF) that supports their Loakan Educational Assistance Project (LEAP). For DJLF, CTQ is the equivalent of a bugle call, an email and/or Calendar Reminder, heretofore explicit but now muted and implicit after eight years of the activity. To each member, the call and the response to it are, well, “automatic.”



Members give directly to the LOAF or avail of the option to participate in a friendly competition of sorts in which one pits his or her knowledge, analytical skills, and even clairvoyance against those of his or her fellow members. Designed to help members in their financial well being¹ and at the same time raise funds for the LOAF, the competition involves prediction of the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) at the end of the quarter. The three predictions closest to the DJIA are entitled to a prize² and of course, to the Prize Winners go the inevitable bragging rights, especially the top winner earns the sobriquet of “Fool of Fools.” In fooldom³, it is an honor to aspire for. The manner he/she arrived at the prediction – scientific or voodism, using a dart-board, or simply luck – matters not.

¹Raising the members’ level of awareness and knowledge on the stock market—necessary in planning for their retirement plans—was high on the minds of those that conceptualized this activity. To participate and more importantly to win in the contest, members must be knowledgeable of the stock market.

²Prizes intended primarily as incentives for participants to study and watch the stock market are predetermined and announced to the participants by the organizers, called CTQ Czars.

³The company of DJLF fools. See Section 3 of this yearbook.

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For the first time in eight years, during the last quarter—CTQ 2008-4—one predictor, Mel “Fooltergeist” Tibay, was absolutely correct, right on the money, to the hundredths of the DJIA. Remarkable, unbelievable! Almost downright unthinkable when one thinks that the prediction, as required by rules of the contest, was submitted a full month earlier!

As in previous years, CTQ was firmly in place, fulfilling its role as DJLF’s combo offering of “Stock Market 101” and “Philanthropy 101,” rolled into one. It was a significant contributor to the LOAF -- \$5,860 for the year (see Income Statement of this yearbook). Thus, the usual reference to it as the “bread-and-butter,” er, LOAF-and-butter fund-raising activity of the Foundation.

Call-To-Quarters Plus

This covers fund-raising activities from without – from the non-members that comprise DJLF’s core of supporters.

For CTQ Plus In 2007, we had these:

- 4th DJLF Charity Golf
- 2nd DJLF Charity Caroling
- 3rd DJLF Charity Publishing
- 2nd DJLF Charity Sales
- Family Nights



Charity Sales & Family Nights

For Charity Sales, we had one yard sale in spring, DJLF partnering and sharing the modest proceeds with another charity beneficiary chosen by Daisy Tucay who hosted the event with hubby and DJLF member Jun Tucay.

We didn’t have one Family Night similar to one we had in 2004; instead, we had a series of family nights: when two or more DJLF members with their families, friends and acquaintances congregated, there were parlor games played among them and donations given to the LOAF, like Charity Sales modest, by Charity Golf and Charity Caroling standards.

In 2007, **CTQ Plus** accounted for a sizeable part—roughly 78%--of the Foundation’s gross revenue (see Income Statement) – thanks to the countless Benefactors, Patrons, Supporters, Donors and Contributors.

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DJLF Charity Golf

2004-2007

Turn back the clock to December 2004, to a trip back to Washington, D.C. after a visit with fellow PMA alumni in the New Jersey area, Winston "eL Ninong" Arpon on the wheel. Whether it was out of boredom during the long drive in the late afternoon or just an attempt at conversation by a backseat driver with nothing better to do, I found myself asking, "How about golf tournaments to support the programs of DJLF Foundation?"

I do not exactly recall what transpired after I blurted this idea out of the blue. I do remember that we simply came to the conclusion that it was a good idea. Never mind that our track record for hosting golf tournaments was nil, or close to it. El Ninong, I knew, played golf. Me? The closest thing to being a golfer was hitting a few golf balls on driving ranges back in the Philippines.

On second thought, however, it may not have been as spontaneous as it seemed to me at that moment. For several days, my mind had been occupied with the Youth Scholarship Program of LEAP, the Loakan Educational Assistance Project due for launching in one year, February 2005, to be exact. How to augment the Loakan Fund that supports LEAP – this, in retrospect, was the impetus behind the 1st DJLF Charity Golf.

Since then, so much water has flowed under the bridge and not a few stray golf balls in those waters. Now, on our 4th year of DJLF Charity Golf, we can say, in all humility, that we have come a long way.

Thanks to the abiding support of DJLF members in the Steering Committee and Tournament Committees and our co-Host the PMA Alumni Association East Coast Chapter.

Thanks to our SOVs - Staff Of Volunteers.

Through the years, they have proved to be more reliable than SUVs – whatever the terrain, whatever the conditions. Last year, Harold Ochoco (he's the one we call RCG for Resident Creative Genius – yes, for his creative genius) produced the design for and subsequently procured the vests that now identify our SOVs as Vested Volunteers. They truly deserve to be so identified, resplendent always in their vests of green and gold, DJLF's colors.

Thanks to our Sponsors – Tournament, Hole & Souvenir Program – from Alumni Chapters and Classes of the Philippine Military Academy throughout the country and from our local communities. Because of them, the financial aspect of holding tournaments has become, for us organizers, less daunting. Because of them, the Loakan Fund has grown more than a wee bit over the last four years.

Thanks to our golfing friends from near and far, a good number of them deserving of trophies for the 'longest drive' exceeding 300 yards – from Florida, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina. They have found time to join us in our series of tournaments that has changed thematically but not substantially over time: in 2004, our Testimonial to the Armed Services of the Philippines; 2005, our Celebration of the Four Seasons; 2006, our Focus on Virginia as golf venue; and this year, our Focus on the Old Venue, Virginia and New Venue, Pennsylvania – and perhaps, California, New England and the Pacific Northwest.

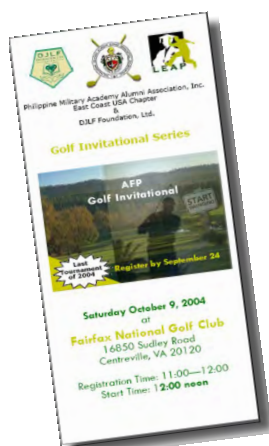
Fore!

Daniño E. Perico
Chairman, DJLF Charity Golf
Steering Committee

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4 Years of DJLF Charity

2004 Testimonial to the Armed Services of the Philippines



Philippine Army Invitational



Philippine Navy Invitational



Armed Forces of the Philippines Invitational

2005 Celebrating the Four Seasons

Goodbye to Winter



Hello to Spring



Salute to Summer



Welcome to Autumn



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4 Years of DJLF Charity

2006 Focus on the Venue – Virginia

**Metro
Washington**



Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.
East Coast USA Chapter

**3rd PMAA – DJLF
Charity Golf Tournament**



**Metro Washington
Invitational**

Regular by June 8

Saturday July 8, 2006

Virginia Oaks Golf Club
at Gainesville, VA
7950 Virginia Oaks Drive, Gainesville, VA
(840) 348-0108

Registration starts at 12:30 am

Format: Shotgun Start / Captain's Choice



3rd DJLF Charity Golf

*Williamsburg Area
Invitational*

Hosted by
DJLF Foundation, Ltd. and
PMA Alumni Association, East Coast USA



Saturday October 7, 2006

Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort
2003 Brick Road
Henric, VA 23062
757-874-2600

Registration starts at 8:00 am

Unlimited range balls and use of practice facility
one hour prior to tee-off

Format: Shotgun Start / Captain's Choice

**Williams-
burg**

2007 Venues Old & New – Virginia, Pennsyl-

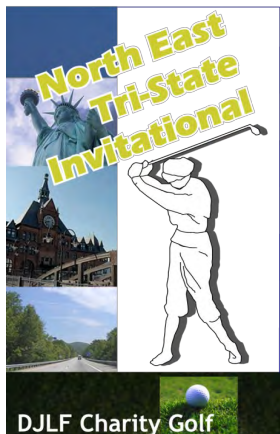


Metro Washington Invitational

DJLF Charity Golf

**Metro Washington Invitational
(MWI)**

Virginia Oaks Golf Club



North East Tri-State Invitational

DJLF Charity Golf

**NorthEast Tri-State Invitational
(NETI)**

Edgewood in the Pines Golf Course



Williamsburg Area Invitational

October 27

DJLF Charity Golf

**Williamsburg Area Invitational
(MWI)**

Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort

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East Coast USA Chapter
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Souvenir Program

4th DJLF Charity Golf **Metro Washington Invitational**

Saturday, June 9, 2007

Virginia Oaks Golf Club
7950 Virginia Oaks Drive
Gainesville, Virginia 20155



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4th DJLF Charity Golf

**Williamsburg Area
Invitational**

Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort
1003 Brick Kiln Blvd.
Newport News, Virginia 23602



**Souvenir
Program**

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NETI – 1st NorthEast Tri-State Invitational**DJLF Charity Golf Goes Northeast***By Randolph "Pards O'Foole" Espejo*

A salute to the DJLF leadership for adding another leg to DJLF Charity Golf!

Yes, Virginia, after the Metro Washington Invitational at Virginia Oaks, all roads will lead to the Ron Jaworski's Edgewood in the Pines Golf Course, off Interstate 80, in the township of Drums in beautiful scenic Northern Pennsylvania for the first NorthEast Tri-state Invitational (NETI) on Saturday, August 18, 2007.

Tucked in the foothills at the base of Butler Mountain, Edgewood in the Pines offers relatively large greens, tree lined fairways and well-placed sand and water hazards. It is mountain and valley golf rolled into one. It was designed by David Gordon in 1978, a par 72 affair with a championship yardage of 6721, rating of 71.9 and slope of 132. It is operated by the Ron Jaworski Golf Management. Ron Jaworski is a former NFL great, now ESPN football analyst, who played for 17 years, mostly as quarterback of the Philadelphia Eagles.

The course is not new to PMA alumni - DJLFools and/or Cavaliers. At least two golf tournaments, part of the dual meet between East Coast and Northeast Chapters in the past, have been held on this course. Drums is the hometown of DJLF's Bob "Bountifool" Aviso and wife Mylene. The couple has graciously opened not only their home and their kitchen but also their whole town to the Cavalier families for picnics, sports fests and reunions.

This golf tournament is finally coming to fruition. Last year during the awarding of prizes in the Metro Washington Invitational at Virginia Oaks, DJLF President Winston "El Ninong" Arpon hinted to the Northeast delegation that maybe it was time for DJLF Charity Golf to grow and to go northeast. We knew later that this was more than just a hint, as we found ourselves bombarded with e-mails, phone calls and other persuasive methods.

PMA alumni of the Northeast Group - DJLFools and/or Cavaliers - met recently to take up the challenge. With Bob Aviso representing DJLF Foundation and Northeast Group President Mandy Espineli leading the Cavaliers, the deal was sealed: NETI to be a part of the East Coast-Northeast Dual Meet for 2007 which now becomes a whole weekend affair: golf for Saturday, Aug 18 and all other non-golf activities on Sunday, August 26th.



The challenge rests squarely on the shoulders of these committees: Invitation/Flyers/Souvenir Program - Vlady Punto and Leo Primero; Hole Sponsorship - Bob Aviso and Jimmy Garingo; Tournament Rules/Tournament Director - Rey Luboa; Awards Dinner/Ceremony - Bob Aviso and Rey Luboa; "10-Week Wonders" Player Development and Equipage - Pardes Espejo, Rey Luboa and Mandy Espineli; Golf Fashion Police - Vlady Punto.

The success of NETI will be a concrete testament to the growing popularity of golf among the Northeast Cavaliers. With only two or three golfers as of mid-2003, the Northeast Group now has several of them, thanks to Cavalier Rey Luboa. Attending our summer picnic for the first time in August 2003 in Congers, NY and seeing his upperclassmen puffing and huffing in a basketball game, he made this impassioned plea: "Sirs, let's shift to golf; we're too old for basketball. I'm offering golf lessons for free until you are ready to play your first game."

We could have not gotten a better deal. Rey, we learned later, shoots in the low 80's. He learned the rudiments of the game at the Del Monte Golf Club in southern Philippines from Filipino and Asian golf champion Frankie Minnoza, a close friend.

The following weekend, eight aspiring golfers including this writer reported to Rey at the Tappan Driving Range in Rockland County, NY with newly purchased starter sets. The rest is history. Five Saturday sessions later, we received the Rey's OK for our first golf game.

Mine was not on a weekend with friends or fellow newcomers but in a corporate golf outing. "You look like a golfer," was the first comment I heard from my bosses. I knew right there and then there was no turning back.

Now, where is my Rossa Monza Corza *puttah*?



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PMayers Slate Charity Caroling

The DJLF Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Maryland, has announced that for the second year in a row, it will hold a charity caroling in the Washington and Williamsburg-Richmond areas from Nov 30 to Dec 15 to raise funds for LEAP, the Loakan Educational Assistant Project.

The foundation said the first performance is scheduled on November 30 to be followed by one performance each on December 7 and 14 and two on December 1, 8 & 15, for a total of nine homes of selected hosts in the two aforementioned areas.

Organizers said the caroling combines fundraising for a noble cause with a fine, uniquely Filipino tradition. Last year, cash gifts from hosts and other sponsors added \$2,125 to the Loakan Fund (an amount that would be sufficient to) support the tuition, books and other

school expenses of three LEAP scholars for one year.

Like last year, the DJLF caroling ensemble is composed of members of the Foundation and their family and friends and will be caroling "Pinoy-style" – singing Filipino, English and Spanish songs, interspersed with scripture readings, narration and violin rendition by Camille Lorenzana, 15-year-old daughter of Major General Delfin Lorenzana of the Philippine Embassy's Veterans Affairs Office. The general is this year's conductor. Dan Perico, who conducted last year, is in California for business reasons and can join only during the final two performances on December 15. The Manila Mail's Dino de la Rosa is a new member, joining his mother Jojo de la Rosa, who was a featured singer along with Daisy Tucay, in one of the ensemble's carols.



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Charity Caroling



Members of the DJLF Caroling Family were among the mourners that paid their last respects to **Dr. Marlene Piccio-Azarcon**. A week before her untimely death, Dr. Azarcon, her husband Gary and child Isabel Ingrid were among the sponsors during the first performance of the DJLF caroling group hosted by Dan and Malou Jimenez at their home in Clarksburg, Maryland.

*The Azarcon family -
Marlene, Gary & Isabel Ingrid –
in the middle of the picture,
by the foot of the stairs.*

This page of The Leap - YEAH! is dedicated to her, in remembrance of the many good things she did in her life (see item below). DJLF Foundation will remember her fondly.



From the Manila Mail

FAIRFAX, Virginia – A well-known Filipino American pediatrician was killed in the morning of Dec. 6 when her SUV skidded on a patch of ice along Lorton road, slamming it against a brick wall and then hitting a tree.

Pronounced dead on the spot was Dr. Marlene Piccio-Azarcon, 54, of Cardinal Rose Court in Fairfax Station, Virginia. Dr. Azarcon was a pediatrician operating a clinic in Alexandria, Virginia.

NBC TV news reported the accident in its 6 p.m. news and said Dr. Azarcon was an Alexandria pediatrician who accommodated children from low-income families. Staffers said she was known to reduce her fees if her patient's parents didn't have enough money to pay her.

Her death sent shockwaves through an extended community that reaches all the way to her native Philippines. "I've gotten hundreds of calls from people everywhere," said Azarcon's sister-in-law Flora Pontevedra. Gary told NBC he and his wife of 20 years had been trying to have children for years. Seventeen months ago, at age 52, Marlene gave birth to Isabel Ingrid.

Marlene, who hails from Iloilo, obtained her medical degree from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines in 1978 and immigrated to the U.S. in 1982.



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A Consultant for The Leap Publications

For the first time, The Leap Publications, The Leap – YEAH! in particular, has a consultant in Joe Dasbach. His letter of acceptance¹:

"Thank you for your invitational emails.

"I will be happy to be a Consultant of The Leap Publications of DJLF. I had decided to accept your offer last night without apprehension. My decision was made even before I realized that the responsibilities included a trip to Iloilo².

"By the way, it was in Iloilo where I was served and first tasted dinuguan³ (with considerable apprehension) — 1972, at a convention. It, too, was an offer I could not refuse. I was seated at the head table, and was the only American there. And to my surprise I enjoyed the dinuguan. Today I still savor it.

"Mona⁴ and I first saw The Godfather⁵ in Manila, in a theater in Cubao. We enjoyed it, and had tasty bibingka⁶ afterwards.

"Your emails triggered pleasant memories of trips to and in the Philippines. In that spirit of Mabuhay I look forward to helping your cause."

Joe Dasbach, married to Mona Lisa Garcia from Manila, worked professionally in science education. This included 3+ years in Penang, Malaysia with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization from 1971-1974. Joe and Mona, both retired, enjoy four children and six grandchildren from Maryland to Connecticut.

¹Footnotes to Joe's letter were supplied by the Editors

²In our invitational email, we informed him that Iloilo will be the first city to have the first at-large LEAP Scholar. Just a foretaste of the author's sense of humor since faraway Iloilo was not on our mind when we made the offer. At \$1 a year for his consultancy services, even nearby Georgia cannot be on his mind nor on ours.

³Blood pudding, a Filipino delicacy

⁴Joe's wife, a Filipino-American

⁵Our reference to Mario Puzo's favorite line – 'making an offer that cannot be refused' - we included in our invitational email to forestall or lessen the risk of rejection.

⁶Rice cake, another Filipino delicacy

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Books for BCNHS

A 20-foot van will soon be on its way from San Francisco to the Baguio City National High School, Fort del Pilar Annex. This we received at press time from DJLF member and benefactor Jun "Playfoot" Paynor. LEAP scholars are chosen from this school each year under LEAP's core component, the Youth Scholarship Program. This shipment will serve to kick off the formal inauguration of another component of LEAP – the Training Aids Program.

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Another Consultant for The Leap Publications

"She's two days into her two-week work-filled trip to Iloilo and Manila. Talking to her, I have also learned that all the texts I sent failed to reach her local cell phone. Anyway, I did relay your "offer" to her and indicated that you're time-pressed to hear from her. Well, after my own you-can't-refuse-this spin, I did get her acceptance. From her own words, she said 'I will do my humble best to help DJLF realize its hopes and dreams. It's a pleasure to be directly involved with your noble efforts.' So, I'm glad to report that Sarla is officially on board!"

This is an excerpt from an email we received, as we went to press, from Jake Duller DJLF member and Chair of the DJLF Scholarship Committee. Sarla, his wife, was on a flight to the Philippines when The Leap Publications asked her to join Joe Dasbach as consultant.

Sarla is currently the editor-in-chief of the Philippine Nurses' Association of Southern California (PNASC) Newsletter, a position she she has held for ten years.

"I was hoping she'd back up her acceptance via email with her bio," Jake's email continues, "but I found myself agreeing to do it for her. First of all, the Internet connection in Duenas is slow at best. But, the more compelling reason was that she was trying hard to bring herself back to health to be well enough to deliver her "balik-turo"⁷ lecture on Acute Coronary Syndrome to the local RN specialists. She will attend the annual convention after that."

Her designation as editor-in-chief of PNA Publication, is the result, in Jake's view, of Sarla "spending late nights to be sure the newsletter comes out on time without sacrificing substance." Music to the ears of the editors of The Leap – YEAH! who know a thing or two about substance and about beating deadlines.

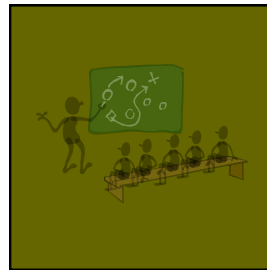
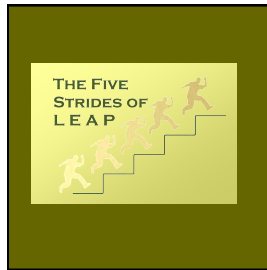
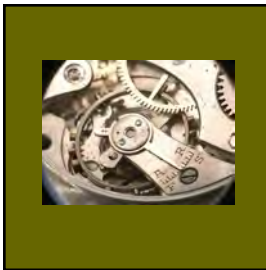
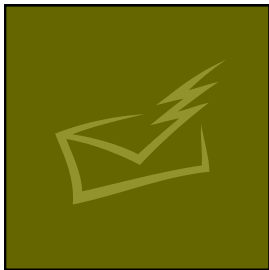
⁷Filipino: balik means back. turo, to teach; so, back to teach

The Living Past



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In This Section

He who does not heed the errors of the past is bound to commit the same mistakes in the future. He who does not attune himself to keeping accounts of his past is not bound for greatness in the future. These two maxims are perhaps the best reasons why DJLF endeavors to keep very good records of its history, the DJLF story.

The DJLF Chairman and co-Editor of this section is a documentation adherent, a result I reckon from his long years in IT where organization and documentation are not simply buzz words. Not surprisingly, he has kept to this day the very first e-mail from way back in December 1999 that marked the beginning and paved the way for the founding of DJLF on the 12th of that month.



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From: "Merv Tiu" <mervtiu@netscape.net>
To: <WArpon@aol.com>; <nalejandrino@mgfairfax.rr.com>; <hochoco@imf.org>;
<MervTiu@netscape.net>
Cc: <WArpon@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 1999 3:25 PM

Subject: Re: (Loakan Fund)
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Sir Arf-Arf,
How about Dumb Jones Loakan Fun Club since it is in the spirit of fun that we are embarking
on the unknown and we were all dumbjoneses once in that hallowed place atop the Loakan hill.
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This section covers, celebrates if you will, DJLF’s story from this point forward, thus:

- ◆ A group of Loakan “bugos”¹ toying with the idea of forming a fraternal organization for the primary purpose of helping each other manage whatever kind of funds they have – be it savings or investments in stocks, bonds or mutual funds.
- ◆ This first five DJLFers who would call themselves DJLFools later, a group of dynamic and forward-looking individuals, bound together by a common cause, hunting for a “few more good men;” soon enough, word getting around about what this group is doing and many coming on board within a span of 2 years; and in 2002, the formal organization as a non-profit in the state of Maryland.
- ◆ A transformation in the principal focus of the new organization - from self-help to helping others, from “Stock 101” whose purpose was to help each other learn the ropes of investing to “Philanthropy 101”, whose purpose was to raise some money for the education and development of the youth, to give back to the community of Loakan whence the members all started from at one point in their youth and hence their project, LEAP, the Loakan Educational Assistance Project.

Much has happened to DJLF since then. In 2005, the Youth Scholars Program was launched. Now, the program supports 20 full college scholars who are academically deserving but coming from economically-challenged families.

Whereas Section 1 of this yearbook is dedicated to the events that transpired in 2007 – DJLF’s 8th year – this section chronicles the past. It serves as a testimonial to the activities and other artifacts, relics to some, that define us, a group of men and a woman – yes, we do have one female member at this time – determined to make a difference in the lives of young people halfway across the globe by helping them achieve a college education – an opportunity that would otherwise be just a dream for them.

Through this section, we have chosen to remember these things that we hold dear in our heart of hearts, our Living Past:

- ☐ Looking Back– The Years That Were
- ☐ The Five Strides of Leap
- ☐ DJLF Five-Stage Development Strategy
- ☐ The Five Operating Principles of DJLF Foundation

- Wilfredo S. Mejia

¹Bugos, from the word bugs, is a term used for plebes of cadets of the Philippine Military Academy but eventually for all cadets especially after their graduation

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DJLF Foundation, Ltd. Looking Back – The Years That Were¹

The Years of Initiation²

1999

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 the 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. Seven others join them and 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, that well-known index of economic health. And for a good reason - part of their plan was to consider Wall Street as a vehicle for investing the Loakan Fund for growth, which dovetailed seamlessly to their intent to familiarize the members with Wall Street, the stock markets and investment as a whole. This knowledge, the members feel, can serve their personal goals, especially their preparations for retirement.

Relying on the Internet as a medium of communication, the members develop DJLF as an e-organization, adopting 12/12/1999 as its day of foundation.

2000

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 Construction Years

2001-2003

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.

¹A historical record based for the most part on DJLF's Five-Stage Development Strategy

²Conceptualization; Start-up of DJLF; and Build-up of the Loakan Fund from membership quarterly contributions

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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 designated as overall coordinator- and the man "behind the wheel." If the vision was to grow the fund from which the scholarship monies will come from, it was but logical that the membership, which is the main source of these contributions, should also grow. The CTQ's become the "bread-and-butter" of the Foundation's scholarship fund.

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 are approved July 7.

Upon the Foundation's incorporation in July, the final two slots of Founding Members were filled from extreme ends of the 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. 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; Operation 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-organization, the first meeting of the Board of Directors in Manassas, Virginia at the residence of Gil and Carla Osorio is an electronic meeting, with Board Director Irwin Ver participating in the Board deliberations from his home at Walnut Creek, California.

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

2004

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 encompassing

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all activities to raise funds from outside sources.

Three golf tournaments are held - one in spring at Fairfax; another in the summer at Williamsburg and the last one in the 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.

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

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 five scholars that will be chosen for LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2005.

November 13th, during its monthly meeting, the Board of Directors approves 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, 1999-2004. The basic infrastructure has been put firmly in place for LEAP becoming a reality- in 2005 and beyond.

2005

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. Following thorough and strict screening and evaluation of candidates for the DJLF scholarships, the field is narrowed down to 10, 5 of whom are to be the final scholars. In an unprecedented and pleasantly unexpected move, 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 at all five alternate scholars for one year. Thus officially begins what is to be an annual tradition of DJLF members trekking back to Fort del Pilar to award the scholarships to economically disadvantaged but academically deserving youth of Loakan.

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For this first awarding ceremony, DJLF Chairman and President, Winston Arpon, and the Executive Vice President, Danilo Perico, as well as the Chairman of the DJLF Scholarship Committee, Jake Duller, are on hand to personally award the scholarships. Some 10 DJLF members from both the US and the Philippines join them.

The following week, a golf tournament is held with DJLF as the beneficiary, organized and hosted by the PMA Alumni Association Northern California Chapter, spearheaded by its President, Basil "Butch" Moreto, Class 54. Several members of this chapter are also DJLF members. It is anticipated that this would comprise one leg of DJLF Charity Golf, along with the Metro Washington Invitational and the Williamsburg Area Invitational, attracting numerous Academy alumni and their friends who believe in the worthiness of LEAP.

Members' participation in the CTQ's is at a record high following the formal launching of LEAP.

The maiden issue of The Leap-YEAH! (TLY) to become basically DJLF's annual report, comes off the press toward the end of the year. With a staff composed of members who were involved in cadet publications during their PMA days, The Leap-YEAH! serves as the "book-of-record" for the history, philosophy, membership and other activities and aspirations of DJLF Foundation.

The year-end marks the successful conclusion of the Foundation's Construction Phase and ushers in the start of the next strategic and development stage.

THE YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION CONSOLIDATION⁴

2006

The year 2006 marks the beginning of DJLF's Construction Consolidation Phase. Now that LEAP is in place, the Foundation turns its focus on mustering all of its resources, the most important of which is its members, to sustain the gains achieved in the last five years.

February 15-18 is the year's traditional Homecoming of PMA alumni at Fort del Pilar, Loakan. On Friday the 16th, the LEAP Scholars Batch of 2007 are announced in a ceremony. Leading the DJLF Delegation to this life-changing event in the lives of five – one boy and four girls - are members of PMA Class 71, one of the senior host classes of the Homecoming.

It becomes clear that the Youth Scholarship Program has taken deep roots in the community of Loakan and the City of Baguio. To further cement this relationship, DJLF Executive Vice President Dan Perico, together with some Foundation members and members of the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio, visit the University of the Cordilleras and the Benguet State University, the two area universities where DJLF scholars are enrolled. School officials give presentations on the history, administration and programs of their respective institutions. For their part, members of the Foundation make initial arrangements to facilitate the transfer of funds from the Foundation thru RCMB to the schools for the timely payment of the scholars' tuition and other authorized fees.

RCMB hosts a fellowship dinner for the DJLF delegation at a local hotel. The LEAP Scholars of

⁴Consolidating the foundation established and gains made in Stages I & II, particularly Stage II; Setting up DJLF Foundation, Ltd. for the next stage (IV – Expansion)

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Batch 2005 are among those invited. Basically a “getting-to-know-you” affair, members of the DJLF delegation and their ladies, meet their local partners, most of them for the first time, including RCMB Overall Coordinator for LEAP, Tom Panis. As to be expected, there is plenty of goodwill during the occasion all the attendees come out with the feeling that this fellowship will become a regular feature of the awarding of LEAP scholarships.

The awarding ceremony the following day is attended by PMA Superintendent Major General Leopoldo Maligalig and his staff, the faculty and students of the school, members of the RCMB and DJLF delegation from the United States, current LEAP scholars and members of the media. It is a little more elaborate than previous years. The audience is treated to breath-taking folk dances preformed by groups from the high school and the LEAP Scholars Batch 2005.

In his speech, General Maligalig announces that Benedict Milo, one of the 10 LEAP Scholars Batch 2005, was among those who passed the academic, physical and mental examinations for the PMA Class of 2010. Milo passes plebehood and continues to maintain close touch with and remains a member of LEAP Scholars Batch 2005.

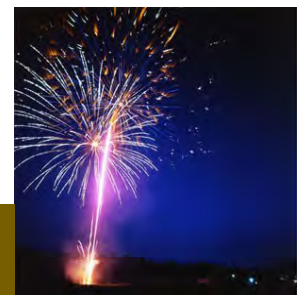
In August of 2006, DJLF Chairman and his lady pay a surprise visit to the scholars. During the “working dinner” – to use the DJLF Chairman’s term - the Chairman’s message is frank and direct: “Disabuse your mind from the notion that because DJLF Foundation happens to be in the land of milk and honey, it is easy for us to support LEAP. DJLF members go through hoops too undertake several activities throughout the year to raise funds for the Loakan Fund that supports LEAP. You can show your gratitude and appreciation for the Foundation’s efforts by doing the best you can and complete the course that you have chosen and become productive members of your families and community.”

LEAP scholars participate in various community development activities and leadership seminars designed to get them started on their community involvement as well as hone their leadership skills in anticipation of not only becoming “big brothers and sisters” to future scholars but also becoming future leaders of their communities.

The Leadership and Placement Program, which is envisioned to help ensure the success of the LEAP’s core component, the Youth Scholarship Program, kicks off. This component of LEAP also endeavors to work with local and national companies for possible employment for the scholars upon completion of their college degrees.

In December, in preparation for the process of choosing the candidates for LEAP Scholarships Batch 2007, RCMB’s Scholarship Committee Chairman Joan Tan is quoted saying, “the task will not be easy as it is our desire, just like in prior years, to select candidates who are truly deserving of the scholarship, but we find joy in what we do for what better legacy can we leave our youth, especially the underprivileged, than education.”

The year ends with another pregnant anticipation of who the 5 Batch 2007 Scholars will be and the welcome idea of another DJLF delegation having the honor and privilege of awarding the same at PMA’s Alumni Homecoming in 2007.



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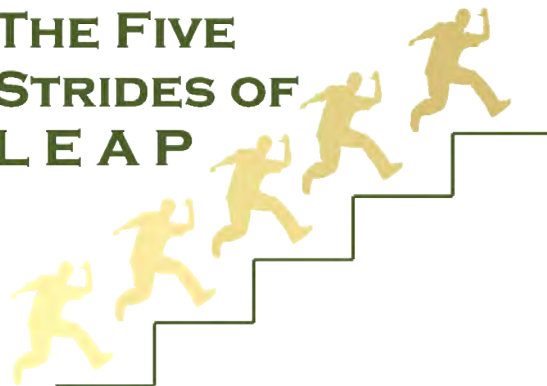
Youth Scholarship Program (YSP)



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 FIVE STRIDES OF LEAP



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:



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)

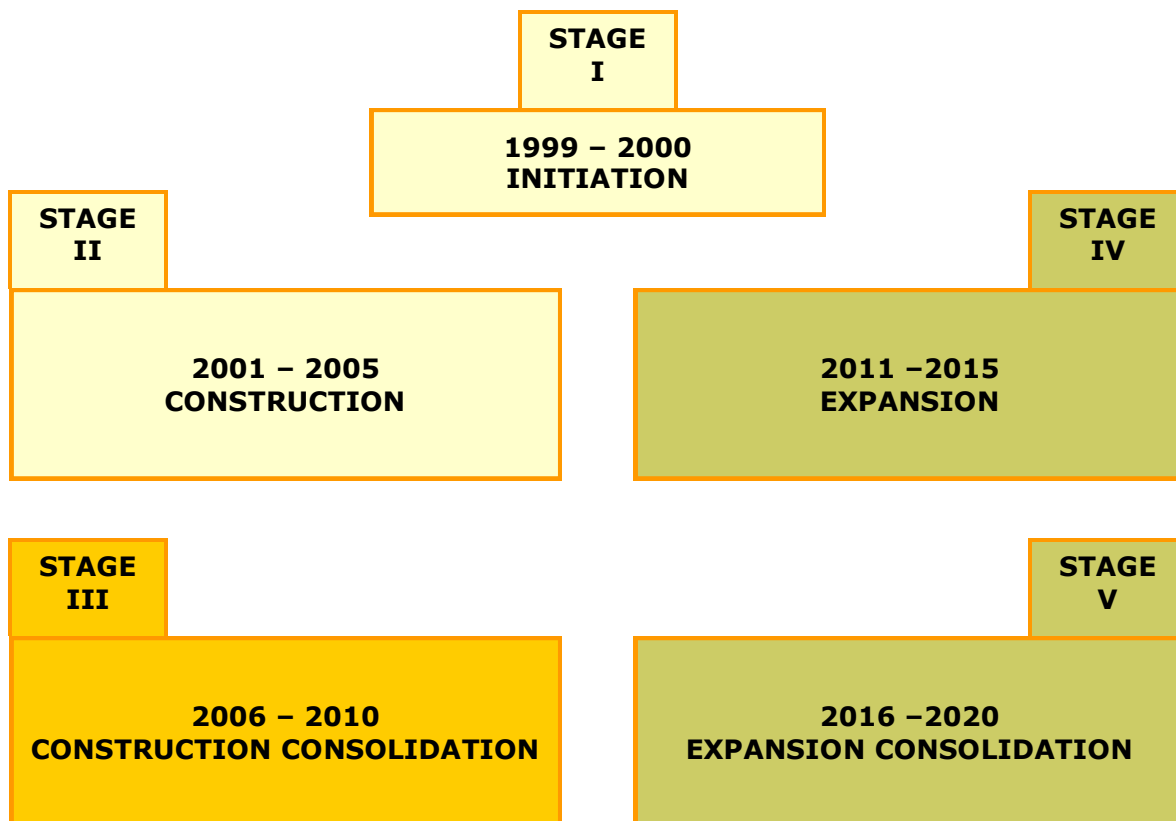
A program to incorporate students into existing youth leadership development of the community.



"DREAMERS, DOERS—TOGETHER"

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FIVE-STAGE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



- Done
- In Progress
- Pending

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DJLF FIVE-STAGE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Where We Have Been

STAGE I 1999-2000 INITIATION

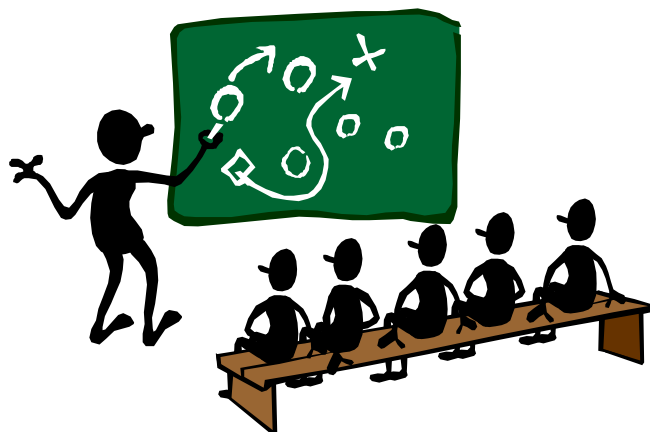
Conceptualization; Start-up of DJLF as the Dumb Johns Loakan Fun Club and Build-up of the Loakan Fund from membership quarterly contributions.

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.

4 Do things well and do them right

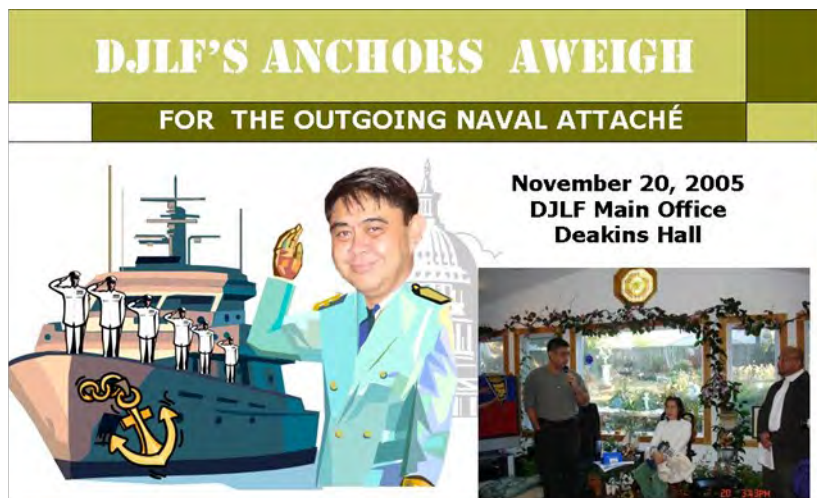
This Foundation should be committed to excellence, to doing things efficiently and effectively, members doing the best they can to pursue the Foundation's goal. But things have to be done the right way and the right way is the moral way, the ethical way. Hopefully, there should be no conflict between 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.

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Photographs of PAST EVENTS

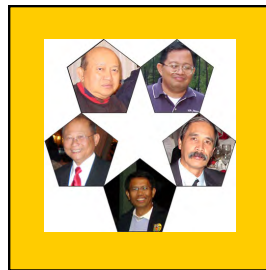
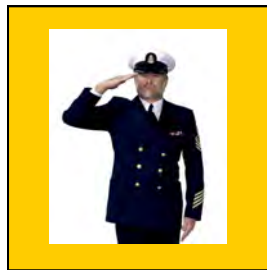
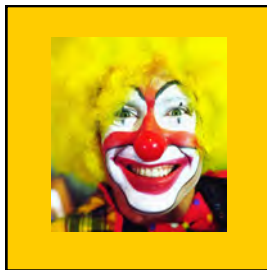


Roll Call



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In This Section

**By-Laws of the DJLF Foundation****ARTICLE I**GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Basic Components. For the purpose of these By-Laws, DJLF FOUNDATION LTD, herein-after referred to as the FOUNDATION, shall be construed to consist of the three basic components of the organization: **the general membership**; the Board of Directors and the various Offices.

ARTICLE IIGENERAL MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Founding Members. These **55 persons**, active members of DJLF when the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the state of Maryland on July 5, 2002, **shall comprise the original members of the FOUNDATION**

If the above extract (underscoring by the Editors) from the By-Laws of the Foundation does not explain the whys and wherefores of this section of The Leap – YEAH!, nothing else will.

In this section, we pause to call the roll, literally roll up a few pages of this yearbook, to acknowledge—or better yet, salute—a membership that has grown, not rapidly but steadily and progressively, during the last eight years: five, all from the East Coast, when it all begun in December, 1999; then six, when one answered the call from California; then an even dozen (11 residing in the US, one in Baguio City, Philippines) during the first fund-raising activity - they called it Call To Quarters. The number stood at 55 'Founding Members' upon their incorporation as a non-profit organization in 2002. The progression continues, not in large numbers, because the By-Laws require selection, not application, as the mode for membership.

There are 85 names in this Roll Call. All should answer, except for one who left us a year ago. And may he rest in peace.

Ruffles and flourishes, please, for these DJLFools!

At this juncture, you know DJLF. But why fools? Read on.....

Roll Call

Fools We Are; Fools We Are Not¹

By
The Editors²

What makes a fool a fool? References offer myriad definitions and over 30 synonyms that range from humorous to harmless and hurtful. Pick one buried in definition number five of the *American Heritage Dictionary*: "A member of a royal or noble household who provided entertainment, as with jokes or antics; a court jester." Always close to the seat of power (they say even Montezuma had one), the fool is also defined as "one who subverts convention or orthodoxy or varies from social conformity in order to reveal spiritual or moral truth."

If you're a novice, this is a good place to start to get to the bottom of all the fool-ishness of this unique fraternity – but don't ask me, please, what I am doing here. For the *veteranos*, you will notice that we've rounded up the usual suspects and added fool-some endorsements. The cast of characters in this fools' paradise—members, benefactors, patrons, sponsors, donors and contributors—all deserve fool credit. So we call the rolls.



First, the **Membership List** featuring member pseudonyms—fool-ish names chosen with courage, wisdom and jest—lest we forget that in joining this fellowship we become transformed. Since its early years, we have referred to Sina-trá's "Fools Rush In" (lifted from Alexander Pope) as our anthem. Here are the Fools who have fearlessly tread ...

Next, the **Gallery of Fools** featuring a rogues' gallery—more aesthetically composed than the one in your neighborhood Police Precinct or Post Office—of the aforementioned "usual suspects." Each mug indicates a resounding "Present and accounted for!" and an empty pentagon indicates an even louder "Sorry folks, I am currently AWOL or MIA." No fuming fool-minations here, just a reminder that only in the topsy-turvy reality of DJLF does the presence of one's absence presents a clear and present danger.

Lastly, the Fool Monty! DJLFools have fool-ish pseudonyms, aliases and dramatis personae. They also have real and not-so-foolish lives that make the DJLF fool's paradise a true delight.

So, dear reader, if all this buffoonery makes your head spin, you're better off seeing for yourself in the following pages what really makes a fool a fool. You'll find, we suspect, that it takes much more than just frolicking in a cap with bells and a multicolored coat with matching breeches.

¹An article with this title was written by Dan "Masterfool" Perico and appeared in the 7th Anniversary Edition of The Leap – YEAH! This rather confusing assertion is one that invariably would prod a PMA cadet to ask, in barracks lingo only the fraternity of cadets can understand or appreciate, "Are you or are you?" or its negative version, "Are you not or are you not?"

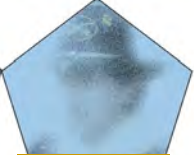
²Readers of TLY will notice by this time, that we do not have an Editor-in-Chief, but 'The Editors' instead, reflecting the collaborative nature of our production effort. So, by-lines occasionally become an issue. 'The Editors' that wrote this piece asked—begged would be more appropriate—to exclude her/his by-line. We were torn by indecision because we really wanted to acknowledge her/his craft(wo)manship? But we demurred eventually – The Editors

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

Rudy Abcede "10s Fool Swing"	Anthony de Guzman "North Fool"	Rene Heredia "Fooliceman"	Benzar Patron "Patron of Fools"
Butch Aguenza "Tanguerofool"	Avelino Deguzman "Afoolitical"	Rhyss Hizon "Fool Pack"	Marciano Paynor "Playfool"
Angel Agustin "Angel Fools"	Marius DelaPena "Pineafool"	Elmer Ignacio "Kahn Fool"	Peewee Peralta "Weefool"
Nebu Alejandrino 'Duffool Bug"	Marcial DeLeon "Wonderfool"	Rogelio Jaramillo "Ruefool"	Danilo Perico "Masterfool"
Archilles Almario "Archifoel"	Gabby Dizon "Brute Fool"	Danilo Jimenez "Dan Magan Quixote"	Med Pestano "Club Fool"
Danny Alonzo "Foolfool"	Ariel Domingo "A Sunday Fool"	Ping Layson "Fooling Ping"	Leo Primero "WEBfool"
Luisito Angeles "Fool Blast"	Gerry Domingo "Gratefool"	Cip Leron "Fool E'm"	Vladimir Punto "Fool-vladed"
Orville Antonio "Fool-Ob-Yt"	Claro Doria "Kumander Foolikat"	Nestor Lim "Insightfool"	Antonio Ramos "Somafool"
George Aquino "Geofoolitical"	James Dullas "PasiFoolsiFool"	Del'in Lorenzana "Delightfool"	Russell Ramos "Foolgas"
Winston Arpon "el Ninong"	Jake Duller "Foolever"	Delfin Lorenzo "Fool Speed Ahead"	Manuel Refugia "Manifoold"
Bob Aviso "Bountifoel"	Audie Embestro "Foolfilled"	Luisito Maligat "Zestfool"	Gabriel Riego de Dios "Fool na Fool"
Socrates Brazal "Foolosopher"	Cleo Erfe "Erfool69"	Rolando Malinis "Rolly Fooly"	Jess Sacramento "Sacred Fool"
Roland Bruce "Rolling Fool"	Ronnie Escalada "Foolutan"	Sam Marcelo "Savvy Fool"	Johnson So "Annafoolis"
Gene Calonge "Wishfool"	Randolph Espejo "Pards O'Foole"	Jaime Masfere "April Fool"	Agustin Sotelo "Fool Tank"
Vic Carag "Carefool"	Rodolfo Estrellado "Dullfool"	Wilfredo Mejia "Willfool"	Rafael Tadeo "Tadfool"
Arnel Carolino "Armfool"	Urbano Fabros Jr. "Joyfool"	Avelino Noble "Noble Fool"	Wilson Tan "Thankfool"
Arturo Carolino "Carfoolino"	Ernesto Fernandez "Fool Boy"	Brillante Ochoco "Chockfool O'Guts"	Mel Tibay "Fooltergeist"
Antonio Chanco "Pefool"	Elizabeth Fullon "Foolyon"	Harold Ochoco "Foolbright Scholar"	Mervin Tiu "Moron Merv"
Levi Cleofe "Levirfool"	Jimmy Garingo "Foolman Brown"	Louie Onglengco "Fooled Over"	Domingo Tucay "Bloody Fool"
Dante Cruz "Dante's Infoolno"	Elmo Garrido "Eventfool"	Gil Osorio "Fool on the Hill"	Irwin Ver "IFool"
Pedro Cruz "Fool House"	Benjie Gorres "Go for Fool"	Gene Padre "Faithfool"	William Ylanan "Billfoold"
Bob Dance "Dancing Fool"			

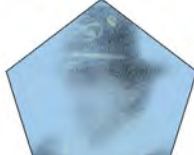
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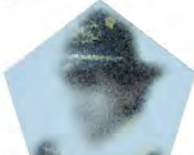
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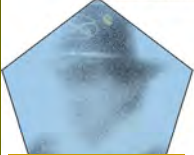
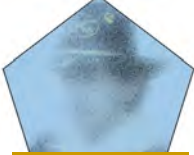
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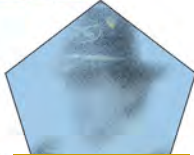
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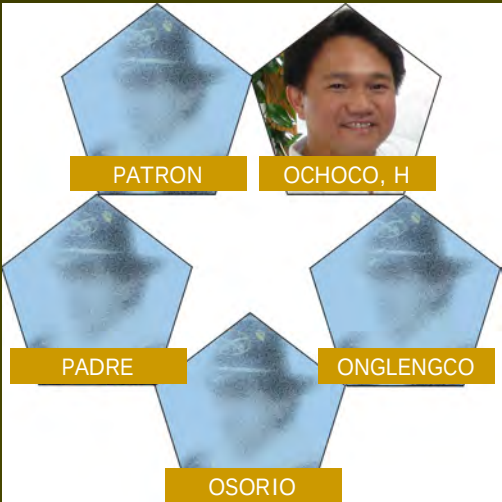
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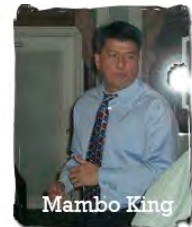
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DJLF FOOLS
THEY, TOO, HAVE A LIFE



They take time off from their job; for some, this is their day job! Just don't tell their employers...



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**They believe they
can sing**



**They pose with their fellow
Cavaliers/Alumni**



**He spends quality time with his
grandson in California**



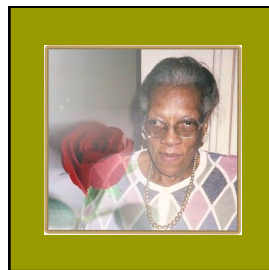
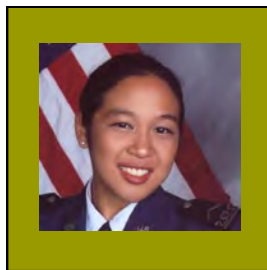
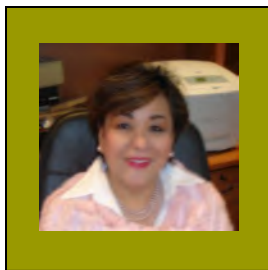
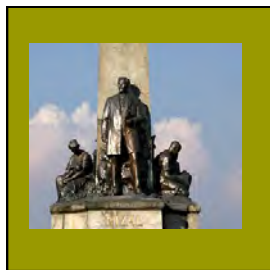
They socialize

Special Features



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In This Section

Imagine moving from budgets and logistics to training and doctrine. In the Special Features section, we take a break from the nuts and bolts of running a scholarship foundation and ponder why we do what we do. Readers will find that, indeed for participants in an endeavor such as DJLF's, there are no lines between our public and private lives. We draw from our personal, political, professional and historical roots to make our dreams and the dreams of our young scholars come true. This year, the editors are proud to offer a collection of literary gems.

- ❖ **In the Light of Rizal's Words** by editor Dan Jimenez, who is also dubbed DJLF's PIR - poet in residence - affirms DJLFers' commitment to a cause inspired by the Philippine national hero over a century ago. The finely-crafted poem echoes Rizal's admonition in *Noli Me Tangere* to look to the next generation for hope. "Where are the youth who will consecrate their golden hours, their illusions, and enthusiasm for the welfare of their country?" This Special Features pièce de résistance was especially commissioned for this issue.
- ❖ In **Musings from My Little Loakan**, Elizabeth Fullon traces her trek as an army brat from her Loakan birthplace to her home among the pine trees of Montana. With PMA always in her heart, her piece justifies why she outranks most graduates. The essay was solicited by Chairman Winston Arpon during a family visit to Big Sky country. Vivian Erfe's **What the Hell Am I Doing Here?** is a heartfelt account of how a volunteer spouse rationalizes and justifies her involvement in DJLF. It is an "up periscope" view for those who take involvement in all things Loakan for granted. It also explains why DJLF should be a family affair.
- ❖ In the spirit of cultivating the next generation of DJLFers, Hannah Marcelo's **From Sea to Shining Sky** presents an update on her progress as a cadet at the US Air Force Academy where she continues to make three generations of her family as well as all of us at DJLF very proud. Robert Dance's **Late Night Call** and **Eulogy for Pepe** are personal tributes lifted from postings on DJLF's egroup. These poignant accounts capture the essence of "Birth, Life, Infinity" as seen thru Bob's eyes. They signify how we as a community share crucial moments in our lives and honor those who have come and gone before us.

We like to think that DJLF's success stems from a belief in giving all its undertakings a human face. This section invites DJLF's benefactors and beneficiaries to share their beliefs, values and life experiences. Through these Special Features, we hope to give readers the pleasures of moments of reflection and memories of good times and the motivation to calibrate one's moral compass. A window of DJLF's little 'world.'

— *Lizzie Fullon*

— *Dan Jimenez*

Special Features

DJLF**In the Light of the Words of Jose Rizal¹**By Danilo M. Jimenez²

The author, a graduate of PMA Class of 1977, is a Founding Member and one of the 10 incorporators of DJLF Foundation, Ltd. He serves as Director of the Board and occupies one of the positions in the Foundation Offices: Vice-President, Operational Deployments.

So he said

In the fury of the gathering storm
What seemed to be a cry from a baby still unborn
The country's hope, freedom's true bastion
The unconquered heart, the youth of our nation.

So he said

Like melted metal flowing thru one's vein
No sovereign will survive when poisoned with disdain
Abandon your heritage, demolish your dreams
The old does not care, the young goes down the drain.

So he said

While hundreds cry protesting his fate
Live for my life, forsake my death
Waste not your tear, discard the useless rage
I am the past, the future waits.

So he said

As the bullets tore his flesh
Wake up the young, time for their quest
Imbue them with honor, guide their unyielding grit
Save Sisa's sons, our country's best.

So he said

As the shadows herald the night
In the cold's bosom lies the sun's persistent light
Let not your aspirations fade nor your young corrupt
Hold their hands across the tempest, give it all your might.

So he said

In a death with neither funeral nor eulogies
The flesh matters not neither the memories
I am dead young, tragedy of tragedies!
Not me you FOOLS, Our YOUTH, Our BEST!

And so he said

In a silent mourning hangs a nation's fate
No sorrow wails, no ancestors to weep
Learn from the past, to the Filipino we must believe
Beyond oblivion, this legacy we must keep.

And yes we affirm

In spite of a thousand miles and a hundred years
The future we will shoulder, the promise we will bear
No failure, no lost, no consequence will matter
Onward noble youth, we have eternity to spare.

¹National hero of the Philippines; a poet, among his many talents

²Author-poet is Danilo M. Jimenez, PMA Class 1977, original five members of DJLF, currently member of Board of Directors. He was editor-in-chief of PMA magazine "The Corps" during his senior year. As ed-in-chief, his pen name was dan.mel.jim; as one of the DJLFools, he goes by the 'fool'-ish nickname of "Dan Magan Quixote", DMQ, for short. Together with Lizzie "Foolyon" Fullon, DMQ edits the Special Features section of this yearbook.

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Musings from My Little Loakan

By
Elizabeth Fullon*

The memory is not mine. I remember it as my sisters tell it: being dressed up and rushed out of the house as small children on a Sunday morning, running uphill from the officers' quarters towards the parade ground and taking your seats at the grandstand, giggling as children do and then shhh-ing each other to blend in with the adults in the audience. And then finally, the much-awaited moment comes. Over the loudspeaker, the big voice announces the officer of the day, and it's your Dad's name. On cue, you and your sisters jump up from your seats, cheer like unruly fans at a ballgame and applaud as loudly as you can. It's surprising how over half a century later and halfway around the world, one can continue to draw strength from childhood moments of pride and excitement.

I was born at the 7th Station Hospital, AFP, in Loakan, Mountain Province, Philippines. Capt. Dominador C. Javier (MD), who was on call that night, attests on the birth certificate that "...he dado a luz este nino, el cual estaba vivo." By the time the cadet corps was roused to reveille that December morning, I had already been officially welcomed to



1952: Loakan Reunion - Dad (Delta Tac-O Ricardo Fullon '45) with fellow former Capas interneers Roberto Doctura '45 and Architect Honorato Paloma.



2007: FLY at her perch at home in Montana.

the military way of life. The November issue of the Corps forecasted a son who would "follow in his father's footsteps." And although the Delta Company Tac-O got another daughter rather than that long-awaited son, I grew up pulling rank on Peemayers by bragging that "if you came to the Academy after 1953, I was there before you."

Growing up as an army brat, I learned at an early age that the military is not just an institution or a profession—it is a way of life. Courage here does not just mean taking up arms and fighting wars. It means preparing one's self for life's little battles through discipline and love for learning. At home, afternoons (for the younger kids who were pangumaga) and evenings (for the older kids) were spent doing homework under strict supervision. It meant spending many hours learning Mark Antony's speech in Julius Caesar ("Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears...") and reciting it aloud over and over until you got it right. There were tedious explanations about using the right tone to convince a political enemy that he was indeed "an honorable man." It meant weekends at the swimming pool with Dad coaxing us to do "just one more lap." And when countered with the sobbing "Dad, ayoko na," he would skip the lectures and sermons, resort to teaching by example and proceed to do his twenty laps on that 25-meter pool. I was never to become a great swimmer, but I learned to appreciate patience, perseverance and the immense amount of time and effort it takes to be a good teacher.

From Mom we learned the importance of nurturing others. With seven children in the household, our

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1955: Army Wives - Mom ("Baby" Fullon) with Fely Viola, wife of PMA Dean of Academics Eleuterio Viola '45.

home was an open house. There was a constant traffic of cadets even when we later moved to Camp Aguinaldo. Cadets would come by, share jokes and stories about life in the Academy and serenade us with renditions of "Kaydet Girl" while Mom prepared boodles in the kitchen. She knew exactly which cadet liked her leche flan and which one liked her pancit. Cadets who came back from the Southern Cruise remembered to bring back satanghon noodles as pasalubong. Mom was a confidante to many who visited and stayed with us unexpectedly at the middle of the academic year. From her we learned to care for those who needed it most. Successful people tend to take care of themselves and each other, she would say. She was always ready with a hot meal and a sympathetic ear for those who were less fortunate. To this day, she remembers generations of cadets. On occasion she still asks, "I wonder what ever happened to ..." and she'd always be thrilled to hear that they are doing well.

I learned how caring for others is vital to leadership from a Peemayer during my college days. After ROTC Ranger training on Sundays at Diliman, we'd drop by V. Luna Hospital to visit wounded soldiers. A young lieutenant who had been shot in the leg during an encounter in the South once told me about how he remembers each and every one of

his men. He knew each one by name, their personal circumstances, their quirks and qualities. He said he makes a mental roll call every night to make sure he remembers each one of them and does not lose touch while he was away recuperating for months in a hospital bed. I remember being inspired by this young man. I was struck by the possibility that true leaders could think beyond their personal comforts and worry about others. Duty was first--there was no time to feel sorry for oneself. In our own little personal battles or the ones we wage in our military or civilian career, we learn to bind our own wounds quickly and look around for others who might need help.



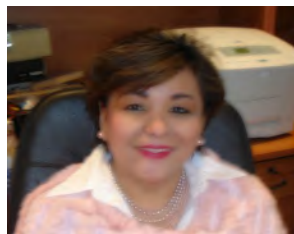
1969: Army Brats - Three of the six Fullon daughters (Bep, Wawi and Lizzie) and the much-awaited son (Joey) with fellow army brat cadets.

It is over half a century later, and I am halfway around the world from Loakan. I often find myself reminiscing as I hike down rocky crevices and through the pine groves around my home in Montana. As I approach retirement age, I realize that our greatest achievements do not center on the material goods we accumulate through the years. As time passes, among the most valuable thing we have left—the things that give us pride and excitement—are the memories. Wherever we may be ("o'er land or deep blue sea"), each of us continues to carry our own Little Loakan inside us. We draw strength from our military roots in our daily lives. Although we do not have the power to bring back the past, we have the power to stand by what we learned from those who came before us and, in our own small way, to share that with those who come after us.

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"What in Heaven's Name am I Doing Here?"By Vivian C. Erfe¹

I don't play golf. I do not know what a "bogey" is. I can't imagine what a "back nine" is. I've heard terms like "we will have a shotgun start," "it's going to be a Blind Calaway," "use a fairway wood" and "see you on the 19th tee." I've been invited to a number of



"Invitationals" in Washington D.C.; Williamsburg, Virginia; Drums, Pennsylvania and even as far as Los Angeles, California ... all because I am a wife of one who belongs to the "Fools" clan. These events are not a piece of cake. More often than not, they made me ask, "What in heaven's name am I doing here!?" I was thinking of the line I heard from my own husband when he was a persistent suitor about not wasting his time on a sport that seemed so foolish, and I quote: "...see these guys hit the ball as far as possible only to go after the ball and hit it again." At first, I thought volunteering for DJLF will be easy. After some deliberation, here are some thoughts I'd like to share about being in the company of "FOOLS."

It was always exhilarating to observe the members' zest, enthusiasm and their strong sense of purpose to achieve any undertaking. I see that intense anticipation and eagerness — the glint in El Ninong's eyes and Ninang Pilar's vitality — in preparing for the "Tournament of Champions." So I made it a point to "interrogate" my "Tart"² further, until I concluded that this endeavor is truly a "NOBLE" cause!³ So with an open heart and mind, I promised to offer my time and effort to help achieve the DJLF's purpose as a wife, mother and volunteer.

Together with Ninang Pilar, Charito Perico, Lenny Mejia, Daisy Tucay and other ladies and kids of the "Fools," I became a volunteer. We had Patrick Perico helping his Mom with the yard sales and Shayna Perico joining us in Christmas Caroling '07. My own son, Joseph, donated his prized futon bed, BBQ grill and some clothes. My daughter, Anna, enthusiastically gave away even her slightly-used clothes and volunteered multiple times in Golf Tournaments and in our Christmas '07 caroling excursions. Both kids also donated some money to add to the funds. We also have Daisy Tucay's niece, Imelda, and her daughter, Rosie, who were active participants in these outings. I started to feel a strong sense of pride and accomplishment at being a part of this organization with such special people.

After spring cleaning from our homes, we have yard and garage sales to sell clothes, shoes and house wares that had long been outmoded. Spring '06 and '07 were good years. We managed to make a few dollars. We hope to do better come Spring '08. When we are not selling, we hold casino or bingo night. We had fun nights playing 'Mah-jongg' or 'Poker' or just serving booze to the "Fools." Someway, somehow, we collected a few bucks here and there, all for the cause of DJLF.

During Christmas I ask myself again, "What am I doing this time?" But in the winter, the most anticipated activity is Christmas caroling. We start the season with rounds of Christmas carol practice. By Christmas day, we would have gone to four or five homes to bring cheer to the host family and their friends. We've done this for two seasons, and it is very gratifying. I have such a wonderful time caroling with the "fools" and their loved ones. This year, we had Del Lorenzana leading the group in the absence of Dan Perico, our original conductor, nay "Maestro." In Del's absence, Ninong Winston pitched in as the choir leader.

Volunteering for Golf Tournaments in the summer is the most tedious of all the activities. It starts with coordinating and communicating with Golf Course staff; then we have to look for participants and solicit for Hole Sponsors. We set up the registration area, collect fees, sell tickets for special privileges during the game, take pictures before tee-off and see them off with their packed lunch. We have to attend to the post-tournament phase and that keeps us on our toes. There are prizes to award, more "donations" to collect, food to serve and souvenirs to give away. And again, at the end of the day, the same question comes to mind, "What in heaven's name am I here for?"

As the year 2007 comes to a close, I look back and reflect on what I've been doing for DJLF. The bigger picture becomes clear. I see the happy faces of 23 scholars in far away Loakan. I see them looking forward to a bright future. I see a nurse, an accountant, an engineer or even a young lieutenant who would have been otherwise another blight statistic in the Philippines. Now I know why I am here and what am I doing as a volunteer for DJLF. I realize why we have to sustain this undertaking no matter how far that "little ball" is. To some unfortunate youths back home, that "little ball" is all they have to realize their dreams.

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² My hubby Cleo who, after over a quarter-century of wedded bliss (I hope) has gotten used to this contraction of sweetheart

³ A reference to DJLF member Lino Noble who I mistakenly believed to be a member of PMA Class '55 instead of '63

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From Sea to Shining Sky

By Hannah Marcelo



USAFA Cdt 3rd Class Hannah Marcelo

It is amazing to look back on how far I came from merely dreaming to climb the Core Values ramp in high school to becoming a cadet. My fourth class (freshman) year was full of trials and tribulation. Now in my third class year (sophomore), I confront a much different challenge from what I had previously. I remember Daddy driving me up the big hill to the Cadet Area on the early morning of In-processing Day. I took a

deep breath of Colorado Springs' fresh, pine-scented thin air and saw the morning sun filters through the cone-shaped pine trees – elements that greeted me as I was to embark the long and challenging road ahead.

"Are you sure you want to do this?" my Dad asked me, "We can always turn this car around." "I'm sure" I answered without a bit of hesitation. "You know the military is a pretty rough environment for a sweet girl like you. I just don't know if you are willing to take it."

After going through high school with hard work, sweat, and tears to earn the most coveted US AIR FORCE ACADEMY (USAFA) cadet appointment, to back out now is not virtuous how much more my appointment as a cadet did not come by as an accident. This is the fulfillment of my childhood dream! I was so excited, I couldn't help but give those around me the smile that exuded confidence and positive attitude. After a brief pep-talk from the President of the USAFA Association of Graduates, we were immediately in-processed. When the in-processing was over, we got into the school bus en route to the cadet area. All hell broke loose inside the bus when a cadre (an upper class cadet assigned to train basic cadets) began her demoralizing spiel! The cadre yelled at us the rules of engagement, that we were officially the scum bags of the Earth (aka Basic Cadets). My first "beast barracks" (the first half of Basic Cadet Training) was tough. The rude awakenings from the cadres pounding on your door at around 0400 in the morning, the never-ending drills, flutter kicks, push-ups, indoctrinations, and the cadres bantering of my shined but "not up to their standard" combat boots and ill-fitting battle dress fatigue. The worst part was that I was the one who was usually picked on by the cadres and they made it their mission

to make sure that I failed basic and resigned. However, the more they told me that I cannot make it, the more that I wanted to prove them wrong. It was probably one of the worst times of my life when I felt like I had sunken so low when I thought I could do everything right but failed. As hard as they tried to break my will, my fortitude and sheer determination were enough to convince the cadres and officers in charge that I should be go on with the training. Before the second phase of "beast barracks" started at the cadet chapel, I knelt down and prayed to the good Lord to help me get through the second phase. I would not have gotten through the first phase, nor for that matter, in any phase of my stay in USAFA without God's help.

The second beast barracks was not as bad as the first beast barracks, granted that we have had different cadres, so I made sure to start the second beast off with the right foot. The cadres respected me for my hard work even though I struggled in many of the evolutions. It was then that I discovered a lot about myself in knowing my strengths and weaknesses that I became more dependent on God.

I survived the beast barracks. The fourth class academic year proved to be a challenge different from the beast. At times, we wish it were beast again because we did not have to think for ourselves. We learned to carefully manage our time, excel in our academic subjects, perform well in athletics and military trainings, and get scrutinized and disciplined even for minor infractions. So it was unofficially called "beast part 3." Fourth class year was spent calling "minutes," carrying our book bag (back pack) in our hand since we were not allowed to carry it over our backs, "beat sessions" with my classmates and upperclassmen, and running the marble strips on the Terrazzo greeting upperclassmen and officers by their ranks and names and our "squadron greet."

I struggled a lot with academics during my fourth class year that I was placed on academic probation for most of the year. I was fearful of getting dismissed for academic deficiencies. There were times when I just looked in the mirror and wonder why I was still in the Academy. There were times when I cried in my room when I was experiencing my worst days when I was really tired, discouraged, and felt like my whole world fell apart. Nonetheless, I regained the strength and comfort from my relatives, classmates, from upperclassmen that I respected, and most importantly from God.

I was on Academic probation in Chemistry. For some reason, I

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could not understand the subject well enough. I was discouraged because all the help in "extra instructions" (EI) with the professor was not clear enough. If I was not off academic probation within a reasonable period, I will be subject to an academic review with the possibility of getting academically dismissed. It was really demoralizing and frustrating because I could not get a passing grade in Chemistry. I worked too hard in high school to earn my appointment to USAFA. Getting kicked out of the Academy would be a major disappointment to those who have pinned their hopes in me - my family and friends, my school tutors who helped me passed the Scholastic Aptitude Exam, my math tutor, and my physical trainer who helped me passed the Candidate Fitness Test. Then I realized that it really was God who had given me my appointment to the Academy and helped me pass all the tests and trials to get there. I did not even get my first college of choice, the U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY where, instead, I got offered to enter the Naval Academy Preparatory School. Be that as it may, God led me to where He thought was best. I am glad He led me to the UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY! God certainly had a plan for me far better than my own plans. When I pray, He always answered in His way and time. Up until now, I always trust God.

In retrospect, I also then realized that since God had helped me got through high school and Basic with flying colors, He certainly helped me passed Chemistry and got through the fourth class year. I learned to worked hard and trusted him even more. As God led me to other people and resources for help, He also led other people to me who needed help. That was amazing! My training officer, a "firstie" who was a hard core and stern leader, found out that I was failing Chemistry and was concerned. He told me to talk to the professor who had helped him pass Chemistry. I went to the professor and spent a lot of time getting EI from him as well as doubling my effort studying. The effort paid off earning me my first grade of B in a Chemistry test! I continued to work hard in Chemistry for the rest of the semester. However, my cumulative grade in Chemistry was not enough to pass. After my Chemistry final, I was informed that I failed Chemistry and that I had to give up my summer leave to retake Chemistry and worst of all, I was still on Academic probation! I was really disappointed and I was in my room crying. Well, if God wanted me to retake Chemistry and give up my summer leave, so be it. A week later after the Graduation of 2007, I received a call from the Chemistry Department saying that they made an error grading my last exam so I passed with a cumulative average of exactly 2.0 GPA! Praise God! I have learned very important lessons during my cadet fourth class year like about what it means to be a leader, how to manage your time, to live one day at a time, and to perse-

vere. I also did a lot of things that no civilian college student my age would get to do. USAFA cadets get to fly gliders, Cessna planes, and skydiving. During the summer, we have the opportunity to attend summer programs that further education by traveling around the world to familiarize ourselves with our military operational and tactical settings. As with all the service academies worldwide and in the U.S. the camaraderie is so strong among us cadets. I have met my best friends at the Academy and all of us have a common bond even though we come from different walks of life. Most importantly, the Academy has helped me grown closer to my savior Jesus Christ.

Now that I am a cadet third classman and a proud member of Squadron ONE known as the "Mighty Mach One" I can look back with a feeling of accomplishment and confidence. I got lucky to be assigned in this squadron which has the reputation of being the hard core and the best of the rest. Life as an upperclassman is enjoying and rewarding but not without its own challenges and difficulties.

My message to anyone who wants to attend a Service Academy or have big dream in life: my advice to you is (1) Keep God first in your life and to always pray. You might not have control over everything, but you can be assured that He has good things in store for you; Jeremiah 29:11. (2) Work hard! There is no substitution for success without working hard. (3) Double "D" your goal. Put dedication to excellence in all you do and determination to achieving your goal.

Attending the UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I look forward to becoming a Commissioned Officer and God-willing to becoming the first Filipina-American General of the world's greatest Air Force!

US AIR FORCE ACADEMY Motto: Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do.



Hannah Marcelo (center) with two PMA 3rd Class Cadets during the former's visit to PMA, June 2007.

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The Late Night Call – May 14, 2007

By Bob Dance

It was 2:11 a.m. on the morning of May 14, 2007, when the phone rang. “Mr. Dance, this is the Cardiac Unit at Inova Fairfax Hospital,” said the female voice on the phone. “You had better come now. There’s been a crisis with your Mother. We are doing everything we can, but it doesn’t look good.”

I said a prayer that if it were His will, she would pull through, though in my heart I felt that such would not be the case.

My Mom, Anna Corinne Chandler, was born on January 5, 1920, in Dry Ridge, Kentucky, to Maude Porterfield Rice of Dry Ridge and Percy Rice of Eutaw, Alabama. Her parents were both children of former slaves. Her brother and only sibling, Robert Wesley Rice, died in 1984. After growing up in Dry Ridge, she attended high school in Burkeville, Virginia, and college at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina. She spent most of her life in Cincinnati, Ohio, and retired from the Hamilton County Ohio Welfare Department in 1983. After her third husband, James Chandler, died in 1987, she lived alone in the house where I grew up on Blair Avenue in Cincinnati.

I left Cincinnati and entered the military in 1962. Then I retired and entered the Foreign Service in 1986. Though I visited Cincinnati and my Mom on various occasions, I never have returned to Cincinnati to really live there, something that had been my dream. Over the last few years, I had noticed a slow, but marked physical decline in my Mom. She had had high blood pressure every since I could remember. More recently there was the onset of diabetes about 12 or 14 years ago. Then one of her knees went bad, but she refused to have anything done about it. About six years ago, I noticed her vision was not right. I found that in addition to the glaucoma which I knew that she had, she also had cataracts.

I tried to talk her into moving into some sort of a senior apartment, but she always refused, stating that these places would keep her from her neighborhood, her church, and her friends. When I went back overseas to serve as the Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in the Kingdom of Swaziland, I invited her over to stay with my wife Claris and me, and even offered to pay her travel expenses, but she refused, citing her concerns about airline security (This was post 9-11).

When we returned from Swaziland in 2004, I was a bit shocked and somewhat saddened to see how she had declined physically. Still, her spirit was strong. It was then that

we really started pressing for her to move, but as always, she refused.

Still, I had this fear that something would happen, and she would die alone with no one there to help her.

Once we were settled in our home in Springfield, Virginia, we started inviting her up to stay with us. The first time we drove to Cincinnati to pick her up and bring her back to Springfield, I felt that the eleven hour trip was just too long. Checking around, I found that Southwest Airline, one of the budget carriers flew into a several cities within a hundred miles of Cincinnati, so I made reservations and flew with her to Columbus, Ohio, and then drove her home.

In early 2006, she had an operation on one of her eyes for the cataract, and afterwards, she could see somewhat better. At the same time, however, she was having trouble with her bad knee and her balance and had fallen several times. This past summer, I gave her a cane, and she started using it and was able to get around better. Still my wife and I were worried about her and tried to invite her to stay with us every other month. She was last with us in February, but because of various commitments we both had, she could not come back to be with us until this month of May. On Saturday, May 5, I flew out to Ohio and picked her up. When I saw her, I again noticed a physical decline, but the spirit was still there.

Claris and I both work, and during the day, my Mom would go to the basement, drink her Diet Pepsi, snack on Fritos, and watch television. Every evening, we would get together for dinner where she would raptly listen to Claris’ stories about work and relate to us the latest happening on Oprah and Dr. Phil.

This past Thursday evening, as she was preparing to go to bed, she called me into her room and asked me to check her pulse, because she just wasn’t feeling right. It was around 60, which she assured me was normal for her. She then stated that she was going to sleep, but she just wasn’t feeling right.

On Friday morning, I delayed going to work to check on her; she said that she was still feeling a little strange, but that she thought that she would be O.K. We returned Friday evening around 6:30 p.m. I went to the basement to check on her. Again she told me that she wasn’t feeling quite right and that she had had diarrhea since the day before. Claris and I went to get her some Imodium and picked up some Chinese food on the way home.

We put the food on the dining room table and called my Mom

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to eat around 8:15. She came up the stairs looking pale, drawn, and extremely tired. She said that she wasn't really hungry, but we got her to eat some soup. She laughed a little when Claris described her day at work. Again I asked her about her health, and she replied that she felt strange and that something was wrong. When we suggested taking her to a hospital emergency room, she declined stating that she did not want to put us. Then she went on saying that if she knew that "this was going to happen," she would have stayed at home. After a few seconds, she recanted saying that it was probably better that she was here with us because she would have been at home alone, and if something had happened, no one would have known.

At around 9:30 p.m., we took her to the Emergency Room of the Inova Springfield facility. I got a wheelchair and wheeled her into the reception area. After I worked with the receptionist to fill out the necessary paper work, I wheeled her into triage where a nurse took her blood pressure and her pulse and immediately had her placed in the trauma unit. My Mom's pulse was only 37.

She was placed on the Gurney, hooked up to various monitors, had the needle for an IV inserted into her arm, and then had blood drawn. After what seemed to be hours, though it was only 20 or so minutes, the doctor attending her came to me to tell me that she had an extremely high level of potassium, almost to the point of being toxic. In addition, there was renal failure possibly brought on by the high potassium level which was causing an excess of fluid to collect around her heart, exacerbating her heart condition and slowing the beat of her heart. "What heart condition?" I asked. She has never said anything about a heart condition.

Various persons started working on her -- inserting a catheter, injecting drugs, taking samples -- all in an attempt to stabilize her. Finally, around 4:00 a.m. Saturday morning, she was deemed stable enough and was transported to the Inova Fairfax Hospital (ranked by "U.S. News & World Report" as one of the best hospitals in the United States) where she was immediately sent to the Emergency Room because her pulse rate had fallen again. After a couple of hours in the Emergency Room, she was deemed to be in a critical, but stable condition and was moved to the Intermediate Care Unit (ICU). To my eyes, she didn't look all that well and her voice was weak.

After we had ensured that she was as comfortable as possible (she was sleeping), Claris and I came home around 7:30 a.m. I immediately started calling the family and my Mom's pastor. I then slept for several hours, but Claris had a visitor and was not able to sleep. Around 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Claris and I

went to the hospital's ICU only to discover that my Mom had been moved to the Critical Care Unit of the hospital's coronary branch. We went there, found that she was comfortable but weak, and then talked to the Doctor who told us that she was getting better, but that they were a bit worried about her pulse rate, which had dropped again.

That evening, Claris and I and our son Adrian and his girlfriend Halima, went to see her. Though she seemed tired, the color had returned to her. I explained what I understood had happened to her, and told her we would return tomorrow -- Sunday, and kissed her and told I loved her. We all told her good night, after which the nurse advised me that she would receive several units of blood and the next day she would have a CT scan. Though we realized the situation was delicate, we were hopeful.

On Sunday, Mother's Day, we went to church. Interestingly for us, the preacher made a comment to the effect that in life though we must trust in Him, we must also learn to hang on to life, love those who are with us, but when the time comes, we must let them go. A tear came to my eye, and Claris started crying.

I took Adrian and Claris to dinner, and then Claris and I went to the hospital where we saw my Mom and talked to her a bit. She didn't look bad. I was informed that the renal failure was clearing up but that the doctors wanted to check her heart condition. We left because she was on her way to the CT scan. As we were preparing to return for evening visiting hours, I received a call from two different doctors who advised me that the scan had shown that two of the three arteries to my Mom's heart were completely blocked and that the third was just barely open. They had inserted a temporary pacemaker and had increased the amount of oxygen she was receiving because they felt that her heart muscle wasn't getting enough. And her heart rate was still low.

I went back to the hospital at 8:45 p.m. When I walked into the room, I looked at my Mom and felt that she now looked worse. I talked to the attending physician who asked me to explain to my Mom that during the night they might have to "enervate" her, i.e., put an oxygen tube directly in her mouth to force air into her lungs. I told her this, and she started asking me in a weak, childlike voice, "Why am I here? What am I doing here?" I explained her situation; she thought about it and again asked me in the weak childlike voice, "Why am I here?"

Claris arrived with my Mom's Mother's Day cards, which I read to her. I then told her about the interview of former Governor

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Mitt Romney on “Sixty Minutes.” She smiled. I asked her to hold on until Monday when she was scheduled for another procedure to further define her problem. She looked at me with a questioning sadness. Claris and I each kissed her and told her that we loved her. I prayed that she would live until the next day.

We arrived home after 11:00 p.m. Claris started washing her hair, and I turned on the news. At 11:30, I switched to the news in Spanish. At midnight, I switched to CNN; Larry King was interviewing Oprah. I watched for awhile and went to bed. Claris watched the end of the show and finished her hair. By 1:15 a.m., we had gone to bed and had dozed off.

Then I received the telephone call. My Mom’s condition had worsened. We both dressed and went out to the car. By 2:25 a.m., we were moving. As we pulled out of our housing area, I received another call from the doctor, who asked if she should talk now or wait until I arrived in the hospital. I told her I would be there in ten to fifteen minutes and that we could talk then.

We arrive at the door to my Mom’s room at 2:43 a.m. As I looked in, I saw the nurses seemed to be straightening up, but none of the monitors were functioning. The doctor approached me and explained that my Mom’s pulse and respiration had stopped and they had tried chest compression and shock to revive her, but nothing had worked. She was gone. I was in shock. The person who had birthed me and had been there for me all of my life was here no more. I walked over and kissed her forehead; she was still warm. Then I started calling on the cell phone. I called my son Robert in Cincinnati; his wife Missy answered and told me that Rob had left hours ago for Washington to be with us. I called and told him that she was gone and agreed with him that he should return to Cincinnati.

While I was talking, Claris looked at the nurse’s chart and then told me, “Your Mom died at 2:37 a.m.” We had missed her by five minutes.

One of the attending nurses came in and had me sign some papers. She asked if we wanted my Mom’s jewelry. I asked for her watch and rings. Her hands were swollen; the rings would not come off. I said, “Leave them with her.”

I walked over to her and kissed forehead three times. Claris also kissed her, and we said our goodbye to her.

As we were leaving, I thanked the two nurses who had cared for her. One told me, “After you left, your Mom’s condition

improved. By midnight, she seemed stable and quiet. We were satisfied. At around two, the monitor alarms warned us that her condition was changing. Her pulse rate had started dropping rapidly. We rushed in and started procedures to try to save her. She was looking at us, but her eyes were not seeing us. At around 2:20 a.m., she lifted her arm as though reaching out to something. Then it dropped; her pulse stopped; and she was gone.”

I remained calm all the way home, but I did cry a little once I entered the house. I am thankful that she was with us when this happened. And I am glad that I told her one more time that I loved her.

My Mom is gone. I loved her and always will love her. She loved us all and took special pride in her grandchildren and great grandchildren. I held onto her while she was living, always seeking to let her know that I loved her, but now that she is gone, I must let go of my grief by taking pride in and celebrating her life. Mom, I love you.

At the end of it all, I do have one question: For what or whom was she reaching the moment before life escaped her?



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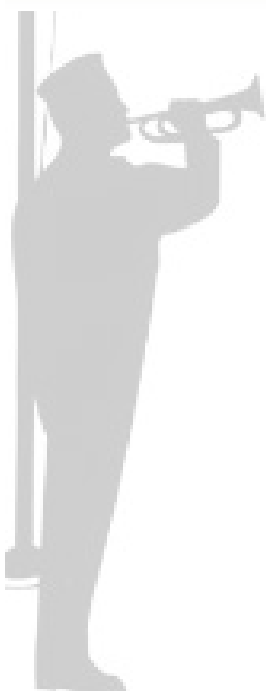
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*"So long, Pepe,
until we meet
again.
Quis Separabit?"*



To A Fallen Comrade, Classmate and Friend Eulogy for Pepe

After days of trying to finalize my retirement, I took the time to read my e-mail only to learn about the passing of Pepe Calimlim. My immediate shock was followed by an indescribable sense of sadness. Just a few months ago when Pepe was paying one of his infrequent visits to the U.S., we got together for the buffet lunch at the Fort Myer Officers' Club and had planned to get together in February when Claris and I will be in the Philippines.

Pepe and I were Charlie Cats all the way. For a while, he was my bunkmate. He was the Charlie Company Commander, and I was his Executive Officer. I remember meeting his father and his sister, and his great love for Tina (who was our company sweetheart during our First Class year and later became his wife). He joined the defunct Philippine Constabulary(PC), while I, after attending PASC in Fort Bonifacio and Airborne training at Ft. Magsaysay, returned to the U.S.

Twenty-one years later, I returned to the Philippines to teach at PMA. I visited Pepe and his family at their quarters in Fort Bonifacio. He was, by then, the PC Deputy Chief of Intelligence. We had a great meal, and talked politics.

I saw him next in 1998 or 1999. He invited MJ deLeon and I to dinner at the Red Lobster in Fairfax, Virginia. He was then a general officer assigned in the U.S. and was preparing to return to the Philippines to assume his last assignment in the military. (I was cleaning out some drawers in my nightstand yesterday and came across the pen set he gave me at that time.)

We saw each other several months ago. He had planned to invite me out, but I was able to turn the tables and invite him, instead. We had a nice leisurely lunch at Ft. Myer and planned to get together at Subic, his post military assignment, in February. I remember his expressing a longing to just retire to his home here in Virginia, but at the same time expressing a strong sense of obligation to serve the Philippines by managing Subic, a position to which he had been trusted by the Philippine Government. But neither was meant to be.

Now he is gone from us, having joined the Long Gray Line that has marched on to the other side. Still, his spirit and sense of duty, those of a true PMayer, will always be with us. While we feel a sense of sadness, we should take heart knowing that he has gone to join our Heavenly Father. We should rejoice that he is resting in the arms of God.

We will truly miss Pepe as we take pride in who he was and what he accomplished both professionally and personally. One day, we will be home to join him in God's Kingdom.

So long, Pepe, until we meet again.

Quis Separabit?

— Dencio, '68

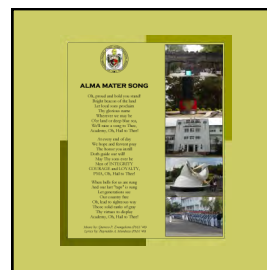
* Author is Bob Dance. Dencio was his nickname as PMA cadet and is still called by that name to this day in the circles of PMA alumni. As a member and Director of DJLF Foundation, Bob goes by the 'fool-ish' nickname of Dancing Fool.

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In This Section

Section 3/Roll Call is this yearbook’s salute to the general membership of DJLF Foundation. In this our concluding section, we **ACKNOWLEDGE**—in big, **bold** letters— thank and salute countless others outside of our organization: family members, organizations and individuals that, together, continued to be the core of benefactors, patrons, supporters, donors and contributors. They helped to make DJLF Foundation Year 2007 (see Section 1) as robust as it has been in our organization’s 8 years of existence.

They joined us on this ship we call DJLF, in a journey of a thousand legs, we call LEAP. We find it fitting, perhaps, that one won’t miss “*Don’t Give Up The Ship*” on the first page of our Page Sponsors.



They gave their time, their effort—and yes, their money—but most of all, they gave tremendous encouragement that we were on the right course in pursuing our cause of youth education and development.

- ❖ **Rotary Club of Metro Baguio.** The initial RCMB has become almost synonymous with DJLF since the Memo of Agreement we signed in 2005. As our in-country partner, RCMB provides administrative and operational support to LEAP.
- ❖ **Benefactors of LEAP’s Youth Scholarship Program.** Chris Freeman, an associate of GEICO, and DJLF members Jun Paynor, Rhyss Hizon and George Aquino—last year’s Benefactors were joined this year by Telly Noble and Sarla Duller, the better half of DJLF members Lino Noble and Jake Duller, respectively; Telly the Benefactor for a LEAP scholar Batch of 2007, Sarla, for Batch of 2008.
- ❖ **Charity Golf.** For the first time in four years of this fund-raising activity that provides a sizeable part of the Loakan Fund that supports LEAP, we had a tournament sponsor – FOREX – a company that caters, among others, to the Filipino-American community. As in previous years, we had the support of Hole Sponsors, donors and a Volunteer Staff in all three of our golf tournaments: the Metro Washington, Williamsburg Area and NorthEast Tri-State Invitationals.
- ❖ **Charity Caroling.** We acknowledge our DJLF Caroling Family, the so-called Fashionistas and Passionatos, the Hosts that welcomed them warmly into their homes during the holiday season and together with Sponsors responded to the performance not only by clapping their hands but also opening their purses and giving generously to the Loakan Fund.
- ❖ **Supporters of This Yearbook.** In the Explanatory Page of Section 4/Special Features, Dan Jimenez and Lizzie Fullon write, among others, why DJLF should be a family affair. Our Page Sponsors must have seen an early copy of this yearbook, because a good number of them are grandparents and parents. This year, 26 pages of the yearbook – the largest so far in three years of TLY – attest to the tremendous response we received from businesses, families, groups and individuals. We acknowledge that their donations not only help to defray the cost of the production of this yearbook, but like Charity Golf and Charity Caroling, add to the Loakan Fund.

— *Winston G. Arpon*

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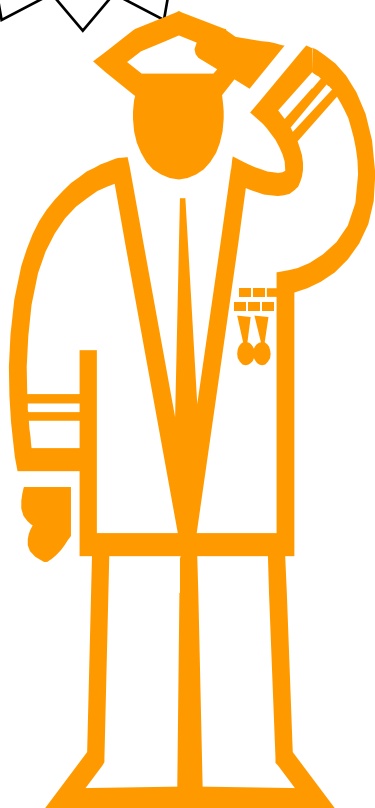


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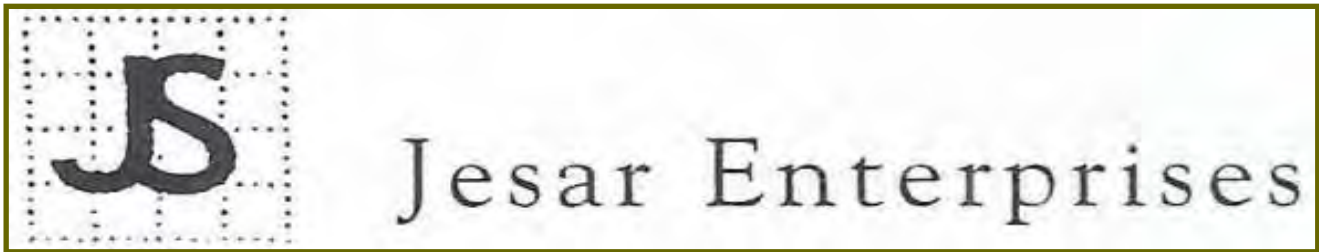


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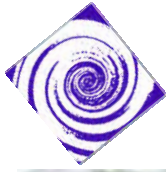
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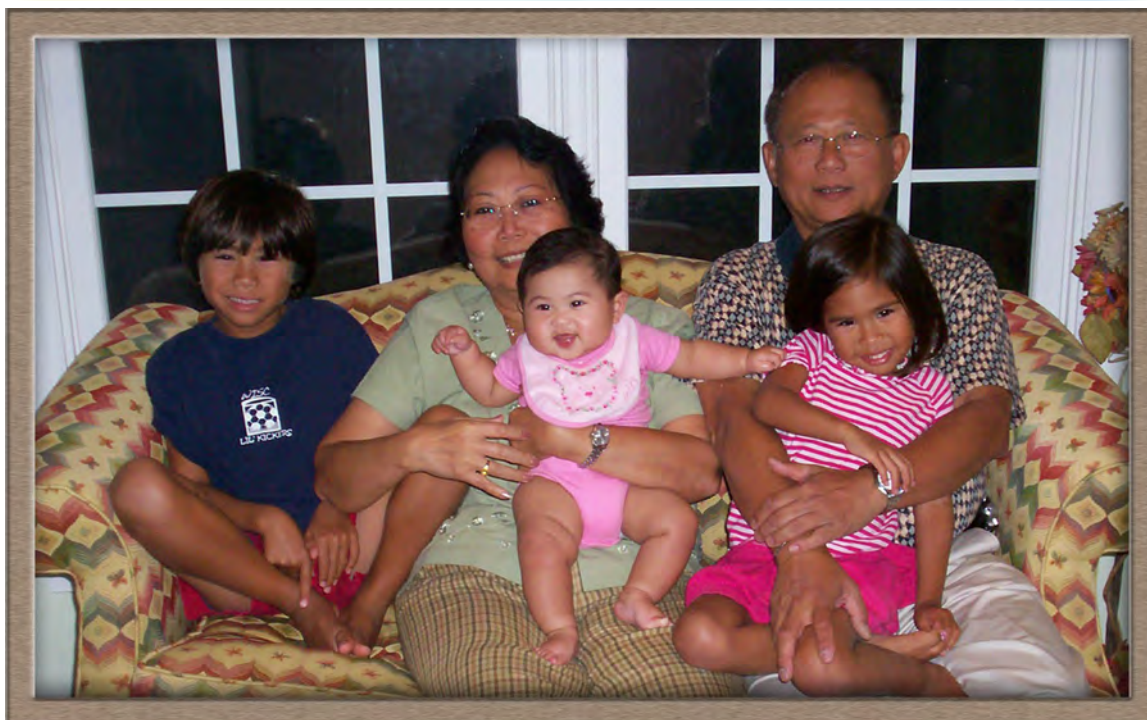
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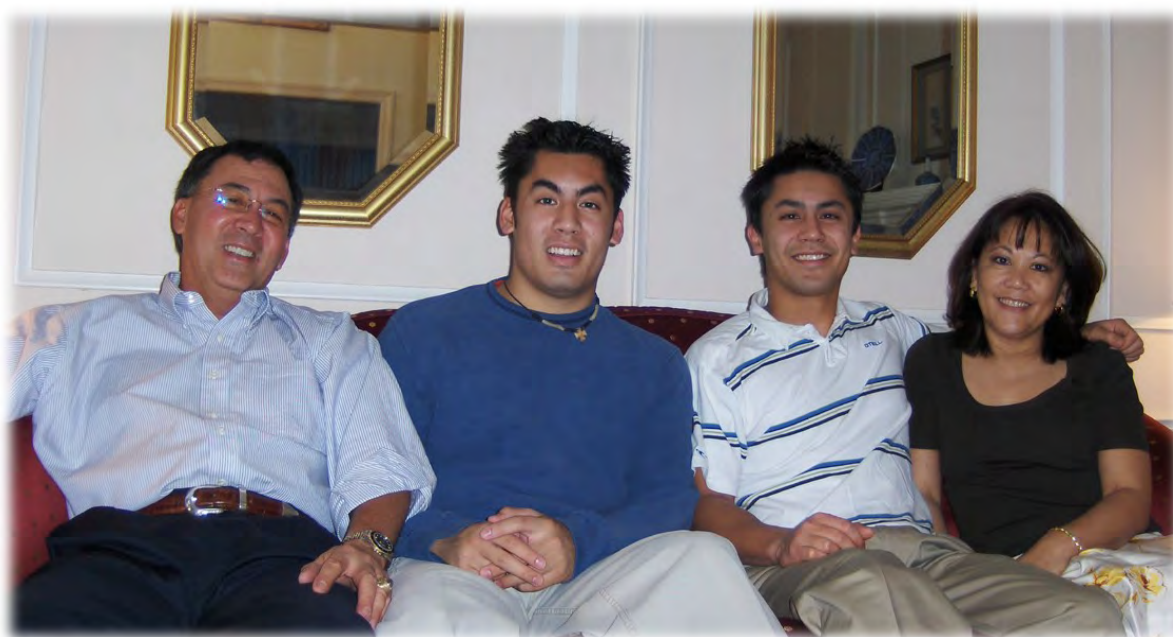
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ALMA MATER SONG

Oh, proud and bold you stand!
Bright beacon of the land
Let loyal sons proclaim
Thy glorious name
Wherever we may be
O'er land or deep blue sea,
We'll raise a song to Thee,
Academy, Oh, Hail to Thee!

At every end of day
We hope and fervent pray
The honor you instill
Doth guide our will!
May Thy sons ever be
Men of INTEGRITY
COURAGE and LOYALTY,
PMA, Oh, Hail to Thee!

When bells for us are rung
And our last "taps" is sung
Let generations see
Our country free
Oh, lead to righteous way
Those solid ranks of gray
Thy virtues to display
Academy, Oh, Hail to Thee!

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