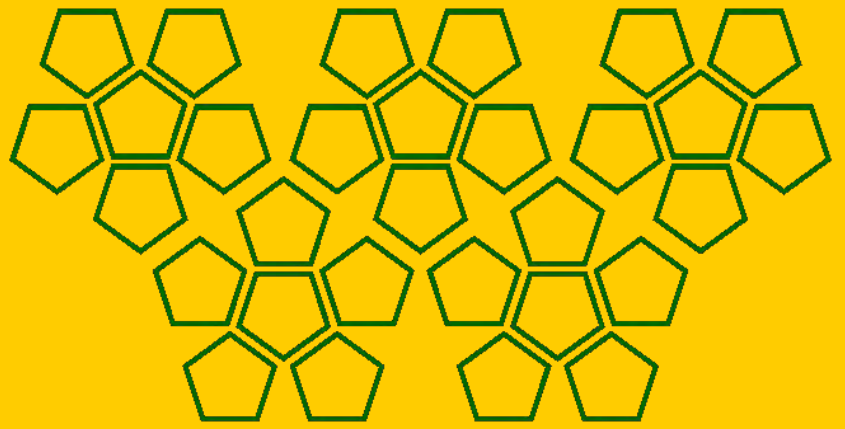
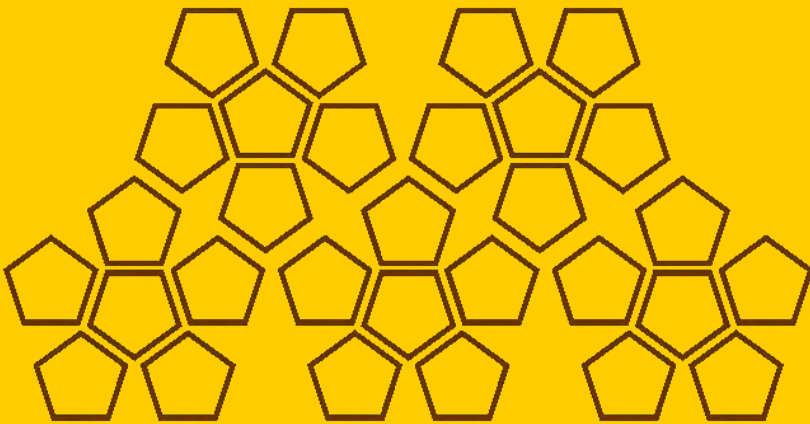




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The Leap – YEAH! calls to mind DJLF’s pet project – the Loakan Educational Assistance Project (LEAP). Leap, in this sense, indicates movement and action, apt for DJLF’s official motto or battlecry: Dreamers, Doers – Together. It is appropriate as well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

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

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

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The Leap – YEAH! From the Editors

2008 has certainly been a tough year. But it is becoming apparent that the toughest part was knowing it was indeed a tough year towards the end of the year when such an unprecedented number of people (at least that many have seen in their lifetimes) were like the legendary lemmings on their annual jump to death over the cliffs of Dover. Hundreds of thousands of jobs were lost, retirement fund earnings dipped so low it was not even an option for those getting ready to retire to do just that. Home foreclosures simply went through the roof. And the still scarier part is what seems to be now an intuitive notion that it is going to get worse before it gets better, that many are wondering when we are going to hit the bottom.

So it is truly amazing how DJLF seems to have not been significantly impacted by the economic down turn. For the most part, DJLF members and supporters continue to show their support for the ideals that the Foundation has set for it self. While overall, monetary contributions dipped somewhat from previous years' levels, support in kind have gone up. A case in point: In all the three fund-raising golf tournaments we held this year, the number of golfers remained at about the same level as in previous years but the number of volunteers have gone up. But the one really big indication of how our members and supporters step up when the situation demands is when no other than the Arpon Family, who is already considered the "First Family" of DJLF in terms of its contribution - monetary or otherwise - to the "upkeep" of the Foundation. This beloved DJLF Family has come forward to support the college education of one lucky young person from Leyte province - where both Winston and Pilar Arpon were born and raised, under the LEAP-Pilar Arpon Nursing Scholarship, following the demise of Mrs. Pilar Arpon - lovingly known as "La Ninang." This scholarship would have become a reality regardless of the passing away of La Ninang. Her death just made it much more quick - and remarkable - in its fruition.

We have to mention that this piece had been written knowing that El Ninong, Winston Arpon, will have no chance of looking it over. For that matter, it would not have found its way to the printed page if he even had the slightest hint something of this sort about him, Mrs. Arpon or his family was coming out. Such is his nature: not wont to tooting his own horn, nor allow somebody else to toot it for him, especially as regard what he and his family have done for the Foundation. Needless to say, while he has been the rock of the Foundation upon which the members and supporters have laid their weights on, La Ninang, Pilar Arpon, has been the inspiration for the involvement that rivals, without necessarily competing with, the members' participation.

This publication serves as a vehicle to recognize La Ninang's unselfish contribution to DJLF and her unabashed advocacy of the LEAP Scholars. She has consistently manifested her desire to give these young people back in the Philippines a once-in-lifetime chance to pursue a college education, which she acknowledged, will not be possible, given the economic challenges they have to overcome. Her dedication to this cause will surely serve as inspiration for those who wish to do the same but could not seem to get themselves started to doing.

We will surely miss her but would like to assure her that her dreams will go on - thanks to her spouse, their children and grandchildren. The successes of the Pilar Arpon scholars will be the happy reminder of how a happy La Ninang made it possible for them to change their very lives for the better.

Following the demise of La Ninang, DJLF Chairman, Winston Arpon, Class 64, El Ninong to those who know him well, took a sabbatical leave of absence. So in this publication, Executive Vice President, Dan Perico, Class 71, has the enviable job of reporting on the major milestones reached in Foundation Year 2008. But Winston Arpon is honored to have been afforded to share his remembrance of La Ninang, Pilar Arpon, with his tribute to the Grand Lady of DJLF. The inspiration provided by the art piece titled "The Salute: Bright Beacon of the Land" by our resident artist, Gaby Riego de Dios, Class 71, appearing in our back cover, serves as a jump-off point for another literary gem by Dan Jimenez, Class 77, undoubtedly, one of the most, if not the most, poetically gifted member/writer of DJLF.

2008 saw the fruition of DJLF's efforts at sponsoring college scholarships for the young people, first from Loakan, and now in two communities outside of PMA's abode. Three scholars belonging to the first batch of LEAP Scholars in 2005 have graduated and are now gainfully employed: Sheryl Belwa and Maria Luisa Sinaking, who both completed their Accountancy course from the University of the Cordilleras and Maria Cristina Burlaza, who finished Hotel and Restaurant Management at St. Louis University. Congratulations to all three of you and welcome to the world of work. You have not only done yourselves proud but also positively shown that you deserved the scholarships awarded to you.

We believe we can never say enough thank you's to our benefactors and friends so as a final note, we would like to once again extend our appreciation to those who through these years DJLF has endeavored to put its scholarship program in place, have been there with us, providing us the reassurance that we are doing the right thing.

— The Editors



From the Chair



Fellow DJLF Members,

The year 2008 was a very challenging year for the DJLF foundation.

With the passing of La Ninang Pilar, both El Ninong and the foundation lost the "woman behind." Indeed, we lost a staunch supporter and she continues to be very much missed.



The now global economic downturn has also greatly affected our fund-raising for the period so we are coming out of that calendar year on a deficit.

But I know that most of the members of the foundation continue to believe in our cause and the nobleness of our goals. We were not trained in Fort del Pilar to retreat on the first signs of seemingly insurmountable challenges and we take pride in differentiating ourselves from those with a "ningas cogon" mentality.

The year 2009 brings in the first successes to our LEAP project, as most of our initial group of scholars attain their college degrees and go on with life with greater chances for a better future for themselves and their families.

It should usher in better times for our organization as we aim to work on our tax-exempt status by the end of the year. A tax-exempt status should make our fund-raising charity activities less difficult.

El Ninong would also be back from his self-imposed sabbatical and again be involved in the day-to-day activities of the foundation.

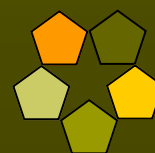
Thanks to the continuing sacrifices and efforts of many of our members, we are able to provide answers to the challenges that we have encountered. Many continue to provide their time, effort and part of their personal finances to sustain our various programs and activities.

I am confident that we shall persevere and continue the philanthropic work that we had begun, without looking back but instead moving forward, inspired by the simple joy and happy satisfaction in seeing the seeds of our labor coming into fruition.

The spirit of volunteerism lives on in DJLF!

Dan Perico

Acting Chairman and President

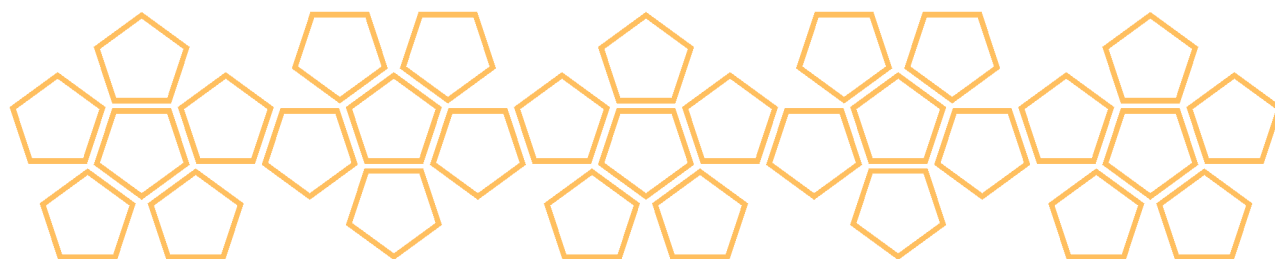


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Foundation Year 2008 – though saddled with challenges – is considered as another banner year in achieving its sworn objective: to ensure that the Youth Scholarship Program is a viable undertaking in terms of the Foundation’s financial and human resources. 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 2008 was no exception.

- ❖ **Selection of LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2008.** 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 usually on February 15, 2008, a day before annual homecoming of PMA alumni in Fort del Pilar.
- ❖ **DJLF Grand Lady Passes On; Memorial Nursing Scholarship Established in Her Memory.** **Pilar Z. Arpon**, Beloved Grand Lady of DJLF, “Ninang” to her Foundation friends, passes away this year while on a trip to Beijing to soak in the sights and sounds of the hectic preparation for the 2008 Olympics. Her demise, not surprisingly, saw many DJLF Fools clamor for a scholarship to commemorate her advocacy of DJLF’s scholarship program, leading to the creation of a nursing scholarship program in her honor and memory.
- ❖ **Another DJLF Member Says Goodbye.** Marius dela Pena, one of DJLF’s original members says goodbye to his real and DJLF families.
- ❖ **Scholars’ Status; First LEAP Scholar Graduates.** We provide our members, patrons, benefactors and friends a status report on our 25 scholars. The information contained in this status report was provided to us by RCMB Past President and Project Coordinator of the LEAP Youth Scholarship Program, **Engineer Tom Panis**. Additionally, see who the first graduates are of our LEAP Youth Scholarship Program.

DJLF Foundation Year 2008 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 5th year, this activity continues to be a major contributor to the Loakan Fund. This year, all three regional golf tournaments – the MWI, WAI and NETI - were held as scheduled in their respective venues.

Call-To-Quarters (CTQ). The administrators of this the first and main DJLF fund-raising activity step out of the box this year in an attempt to boost greater participation of its members necessitated by the increased funding needs of the Youth Scholarship Program.

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Batch 2008 LEAP Scholars



Five young men and women who were chosen as this year's batch of LEAP Scholars entered the college or university of their choice around June 2008. While they are all considered LEAP Scholars, one of them represents the Western Visayas region as DJLF starts to fan out of the Baguio City area in a program that will allow one lucky DJLF member to pick a scholar from his region. This year, this distinction belongs to **Rose Jane Gerona**, whose scholarship is under the auspices of DJLF member Jake and his wife Sarla Duller. Rose Jane takes up Nursing at Western Visayas University. The other four scholars are **Geraldine Baldisa**, **Annabelle Bangguiyao**, **Jannessa Tangonan** and **April Sheehan Tao-ey**.

Pilar “La Ninang” Arpon passes away; leaves behind a legacy of advocacy for LEAP Scholars



“It is a sad day in the DJLF community” starts Dan Perico’s posting on the DJLF e-group on that fateful day of March 17, 2008 of El Ninong’s text message from Beijing. On this day, it unexpectedly and dreadfully came to pass that Pilar Arpon lovingly known as “La Ninang” to us DJLF Fools has passed on to the next life.

Winston “El Ninong’s” text message read thus:

"At 5:10 today, Beijing time by God's will, our beloved Pilar Arpon - Mom, Iday, Ninang - left us to be with her Creator, please pray for the repose of her soul. Winston Arpon in Beijing."

It is short, clear and had the ring of undeniable finality to it.

The news spreads like wildfire. Hundreds of postings flood the e-group within minutes of the tragic news, all express-

ing disbelief in the shocking news but the postings are invariably tempered with loving expressions of condolence to El Ninong and his family.

Winston and Pilar Arpon were in Beijing on a side trip following their attendance at the awarding ceremony of the 2008 Batch of LEAP Scholars that coincided with the PMA Alumni Homecoming weekend at Fort del Pilar. It was to be a trip to catch more than glimpses of China’s capital city as it was in high gear of preparations for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in August 2008. It was not meant to be as Ninang was stricken with a sudden illness that was to be the cause of her untimely death.

Dan Perico ends his posting thus, certainly echoing the sentiment of Ninang’s loving spouse, Winston, their children and their spouses, grandchildren, other family members as well as DJLF Fools and her multitude of associates and friends.

“She was to me a decent human being, a faithful friend, in a class by herself. I’ve seen her as a very loving mother. She was always the woman behind, in front and at the side of EIN. She will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace in the kingdom of the Lord.”

March 17, 2008 was a sad day indeed.

LEAP-Pilar Z. Arpon Memorial Nursing Scholarship Established

It is not surprising that DJLF’s gratitude for Pilar “Ninang” Arpon’s advocacy for the LEAP Youth Scholarship Program became the driving force that led to several proposals for the establishment of programs to honor her memory. Thus, the Baguio City National High School Fort Del Pilar annex has named its library the “Pilar Z. Arpon” Library.

Equally significant is the establishment of the Pilar Z. Arpon Nursing Scholarship. The impetus for this program started during the funeral of Ninang. Several DJLF members wasted no time in gathering support for the scholarship and in a month’s time, a resolution was passed officially creating the scholarship as an adjunct but still under the umbrella of the LEAP Youth Scholarship Program. This scholarship, which starts with the Batch of 2009, will be exclusively for an outstanding youth from Ninang’s home province who wishes to pursue a nursing career.

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While the scholarship is within the purview of the LEAP in terms of selection and administration by the DJLF Scholarship Committee and the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio and Tacloban, funding is provided by the family of the late Pilar Arpon. The program will sponsor one scholar at any one time until completion of the course.

The full text of the resolution establishing the scholarship is on page 14 of this publication.

Marius dela Pena, another illustrious DJLF Fool "leaves" us

Marius dela Pena, PMA Class 70 and "PinaFool" to his

DJLF comrades passed away on August 16, 2008 after a lingering illness. Marius is one of the so-called "original" members of DJLF, having joined the Foundation in its early stages of formation that preceded its formal incorporation in 2002. Marius is best remembered for his high caliber play in tennis as well as golf.

He is survived by his dearly beloved wife, Tess, son Marion and twin sons Mark and Albert.



We will truly miss Marius as we take pride in what he has accomplished both professionally and personally. "Farewell, comrade, until we meet again..."

Scholars Update

We are proud to announce that as of year-end 2008, DJLF has twenty-five scholars taking up courses such as Nursing, Accountancy, Education and Engineering to name a few.

The Youth Scholarship Program is the main thrust of DJLF's efforts to give back to the community in which its members' Alma Mater is located. The scholarships started in 2005, with 10 scholars carefully selected using academic excellence and financial need as the two main selection criteria. One original member of Batch 2005 scholars, Benedict Milo, passed the PMA Entrance Examinations that same year and entered as a first year cadet in 2006. He is now a second class (third year) cadet and a strong candidate for one of the leadership positions in PMA's Corps of Cadets when he is promoted to a first class (fourth year) cadet in 2009.

Shown below is the status of all 25 scholars:

Batch 2005

Scholar	Course of Study	Year	School*
Alona Adawi	Accountancy	4th Yr. 1st Sem	SLU
Muller Bato	Education	Graduated	UC
Sheryl Belwa	Accountancy	Graduated	UC
Ma. Cristina Burlaza	Hotel & Rest. Mgmt	Graduated	SLU
Frannie Calixto	Medical Technology	4th Yr. 1st Sem	SLU
Ellen Cayat	Accountancy	4th Yr. 1st Sem	SLU
Roda Chinalpan	Accountancy	4th Yr. 1st Sem	SLU
Katrina Mae Gumatay	Nursing	4th Yr. 1st Sem	UC
Benedict Milo	Bachelor of Science	Cadet 2nd Class	PMA
Ma. Luisa Sinaking	Accountancy	Graduated	UC

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Batch 2006

Scholar	Course of Study	Year	School*
Odessa Belwa	Accountancy	3rd Yr. 1st Sem	UC
Delphia Lyn Cayabas	Nursing	3rd Yr. 1st Sem	UB
Cherry Mae Dacyon	Nursing	3rd Yr. 1st Sem	UB
Irene Marcos	Education	3rd Yr. 1st Sem	SLU
Wela Langoyan	Industrial Engineering	3rd Yr. 1st Sem	SLU

Batch 2007

Scholar	Course of Study	Year	School*
Jennilyn Rose Tulio	Education	2nd Yr. 1st Sem	SLU
Kerry Lawagan	Info. Technology	2nd Yr. 1st Sem	SLU
Abegeal Mepua	Accountancy	2nd Yr. 1st Sem	UB
Mary Gatong-o	Tourism Mgmt.	2nd Yr. 1st Sem	SLU
Nelson Bisnar	Medical Technology	2nd Yr. 1st Sem	UB

Batch 2008

Scholar	Course of Study	Year	School*
Geraldine Bandisa	Nursing	1st Yr. 1st Sem	UB
Annabelle Bangguiyao	BS Pharmacy	1st Yr. 1st Sem	SLU
Jannesa Tangonan	Nursing	1st Yr. 1st Sem	UB
April Sheehan Tao-ey	Environmental Eng'g.	1st Yr. 1st Sem	UC
Rose Jane Gerona	Nursing	1st Yr. 1st Sem	WVU

*School Legend:

SLU—St. Louis University
UC—University of the Cordilleras
UB—University of Baguio
WVU—Western Visayas University

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Four Batch 2005 LEAP Scholars Graduate



Four members of the first batch of LEAP Scholars (Batch 2005) obtained their college degrees in record time of three years. Their hard work, dedication and focus on their academic studies definitely laid the groundwork that helped them complete their course of studies that would have regularly taken four years to complete. By doing so, they have set a precedence for the other scholars to follow.

Sheryl Belwa and **Ma. Luisa Sinaking** obtained their Accountancy diplomas from the University of the Cordilleras while **Ma. Cristina Burlaza** completed the requirements for Hotel and Restaurant Management from St Louis University. Sheryl is currently a Loan Officer of the Ecumenical Church Foundation, Inc. while Ma. Luisa Sinaking is a Product Processor at the Texas Instruments Baguio Plant. It is worthy to note that Ma. Cristina Burlaza was on the Dean's List during her senior year. She is now the Administrative Officer of Jollibee, Baguio Branch. Jollibee is of course the most popular hamburger joint in the Philippines. Meanwhile, **Muller Bato** completed the requirements for an Education degree but because of his school's trimester schedule, he will officially receive his diploma in the May graduation ceremonies. He is currently reviewing for the Teacher's Board Examinations.



Ma. Cristina Burlaza



Ma. Luisa Sinaking



Sheryl Belwa



Muller Bato



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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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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.

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;

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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: 2008-01**A Resolution for the Creation of the LEAP-Pilar Arpon Nursing Scholarship**

WHEREAS the members of DJLF Foundation are one in their desire to honor the memory of the late Pilar Arpon, known fondly to the members as La Ninang or Ninang Pilar;

WHEREAS the late Ninang Pilar provided invaluable support to the cause and objectives of the DJLF Foundation during her lifetime;

WHEREAS the surviving members of the Arpon family, have indicated their desire to establish and support a scholarship within the Youth Scholarship Program of LEAP, the Loakan Educational Assistance Project, in honor of the late Ninang Pilar;

WHEREAS, the late Ninang Pilar's educational background was in Nursing and she originally hails from Leyte, in Region 8 in the Philippines before migrating to the United States;

And WHEREAS certain amounts have been donated to the cause of DJLF in honor of the late Ninang Pilar;

BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a LEAP-Pilar Arpon Nursing Scholarship be established in addition to the current number of scholarships under LEAP, to be supported from funds provided in perpetuity as pledged by the Arpon family;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the amount so far donated to the Foundation in honor of the late Ninang Pilar be set aside for the initial funding of this scholarship until exhausted.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the necessary arrangements be initiated by DJLF, through the DJLF Scholarship Committee, with the DJLF Foundation's partner, the Rotary Club of Metro Baguio for the necessary arrangements to establish and operationalize this scholarship starting with the LEAP Scholars Batch of 2009.

RESOLVED FURTHER that unless otherwise changed by request of the Arpon Family: 1) only scholar taking up Nursing will be considered; 2) Winston "eL Ninong" Arpon will "automatically" be the Mentor of the said scholar; and 3) Scholar to be chosen from a high school in Region 8 chosen by the Family through eL Ninong.

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. 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 2008, we had these:

- ❑ 5th DJLF Charity Golf
- ❑ DJLF Charity Publishing
- ❑ 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.

In 2008, **CTQ Plus** accounted for a sizeable part—roughly 78%--of the Foundation’s gross revenue – thanks to the countless Benefactors, Patrons, Supporters, Donors and Contributors.

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DJLF Charity Golf

2004-2008

The idea of the DJLF Charity Golf, now on its 5th year, started in 2004 as a backseat driver initiated conversation on a return trip to Washington from New Jersey between fellow PMA alumni who were also DJLF members. The question thrown out during that fateful day was “How about golf tournaments to support the programs of the DJLF Foundation?”

What followed or happened after that conversation is no longer clear to those involved. What is clear is that many DJLF members play golf on a regular basis and it was just a matter of getting their non-DJLF golfing buddies involved.

During its first year in 2004, the DJLF Invitational Golf Tournaments were to be collectively referred to as Philippine Armed Services golf tournaments. The first of these tournaments - dubbed the Philippine Navy Invitational - was held on April 24, 2004 at the Penderbrook Golf Course in Fairfax, Virginia. This tournament evolved into the Metro Washington Invitational and was to be held at selected golf courses in the northern Virginia-Maryland-DC area.

The first tournament was a fairly successful one (and definitely showed potential that bigger tournaments are possible) that within three months, another break-out tournament was held on July 10, 2004 at the Kiln Creek Golf Club and Resort in Newport News, Virginia. Heralded as the Armed Forces of the Philippines Invitational, it was to become the Williamsburg Area Invitational.

In 2005, the Philippine Armed Services-themed golf tournaments gave way to a “four seasons” theme. The first of this - the “Goodbye to Winter” tournament in the West Coast - was held under the tournament directorship of a PMA alumni who is not even a DJLF member, Cavalier Butch Moreto, PMA 54. The tournament attracted some 200 PMA Alumni golfers and their friends and raised more than \$3,000 for the DJLF Scholarship fund. The other tournaments in this series were the “Hello To Spring” in northern Virginia, the “Salute To Summer” in the Williamsburg, Virginia area and the “Welcome to Autumn” back in the northern Virginia area.

The current invitational golf tournaments are now held based on geographic distribution of DJLF members. As described earlier, two of these tournaments are the Metro Washington Invitational hosted by DJLF members in the Northern Virginia-Maryland-DC area and the Williamsburg Area Invitational hosted by members in the Richmond-Williamsburg-Virginia Beach area. The latest to come aboard these geography-based tournaments is the NorthEast Tri-State Invitational which covers members in the New Jersey-New York-Pennsylvania area.

Plans are afoot for the holding of a New England and South East Invitational Golf tournaments.



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5 Years of DJLF Charity

2008 Golf Tournaments

5th DJLF Charity Golf Metro Washington Invitational

Marlton Golf Club at Upper Marlboro, MD
9413 Midland Turn
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

May 31, 2008



**5th DJLF
Charity Golf
Metro Washington
Invitational**



SATURDAY MAY 31, 2008
Marlton Golf Club
at Upper Marlboro, MD
9413 Midland Turn
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
(301) 856-7566

Tee-off Time starts at 11:00 am

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

Format: Shotgun Start / Captain's Choice

5th DJLF Charity Golf Williamsburg Area Invitational

Kiln Creek Golf Club and Resort
1003 Brick Kiln Boulevard
Newport News, VA 23602

July 26, 2008



**5th DJLF Charity Golf
Williamsburg Area
Invitational**

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



Saturday July 26, 2008
Kiln Creek Golf Club & Resort
1003 Brick Kiln Blvd
Newport News, VA 23602
757-874-2600

Registration starts at 8:00 am
Tee-Off Time at 9:00am
Unlimited range balls and use of practice
facility one hour prior to tee-off

5th DJLF Charity Golf NorthEast Tri-State Invitational

Valley Green Golf Course
1227 Valley Green Road
Etters, PA 17319

August 30, 2008

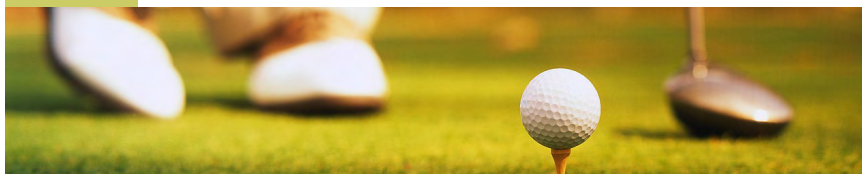


**5th DJLF
Charity Golf
NORTHEAST TRI-STATE
Invitational**



August 30, 2008

Saturday, August 30, 2008
Shotgun Start - 1:00 PM
Valley Green Golf Course
Etters, PA 17319
Tel: 717-928-4300
www.valleygreengolfcourse.com

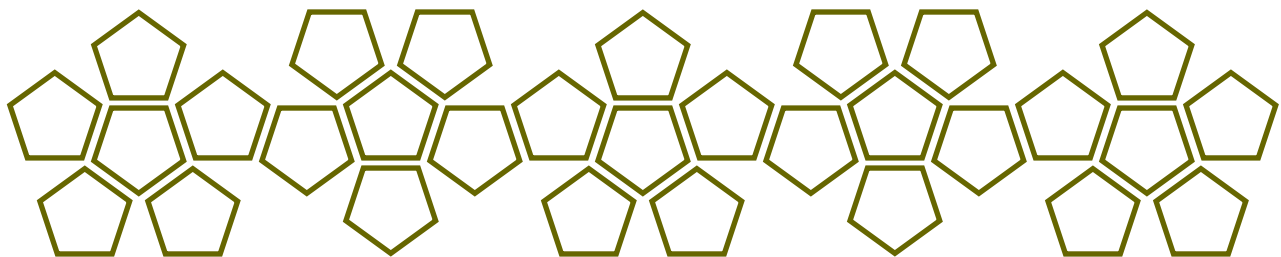


The Living Past



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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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----- Original Message -----
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" 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 2008 – DJLF's 9th 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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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. They are joined by seven others, so, a total of 12 members participate in the first fund-raising event held in December.

They go by the initials DJLF, for Dumb Jones Loakan Fun club. As plebes or freshmen at PMA, they were called “dumb johns” by their upperclassmen. Dumb Jones, the “DJ” in DJLF, thus becomes a sentimental reference to their Academy days. It is also a pointed reference to Dow Jones, 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 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.

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 dinner-time. Then and now, they heed that call.

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

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.

DJLF, seeking to broaden its base, launches a drive to recruit more members. Setting a goal of 55 total members the campaign is dubbed as “Duh Drive to 55.” Irwin Ver is designed as overall coordinator- and the man “behind the wheel.” If the vision was to grow the fund from which the scholarship monies will come from, it was but logical that the membership, which 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 Loakaneer from the 90’s, Luisito Angeles, Class of 1992 and another Loakaneer 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.

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

True to form as an e-org, the first meeting of the Board of Directors in Manassas, Virginia at the residence of Gil and Carla Osorio was an electronic meeting, with Board Director Irwin Ver participating in the Board deliberations from his home at Walnut Creek, California.

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

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 include 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 fundraising from without. In pursuit of the latter, DJLF pursues Community Sale, Family Nights and in partnership with the PMA Alumni Association of the East Coast, a Golf Tournament Series. Thus, DJLF's fund-raising now comprises two; the bread-and-butter Call-to-Quarters/CTQ and Call-To-Quarters Plus, the latter to include all activities to raise funds outside of the former.

Three golf tournaments are held- one in spring at Fairfax; another in 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.

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.

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

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

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

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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. All 10 candidates- not only the 5 principals, as originally planned- are awarded scholarships when DJLF members 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.

2006

February 18-20 is the year’s traditional Alumni Homecoming Day at the Academy. It is also the much-anticipated awarding of the scholarships for the batch of Loakan scholars. Leading the DJLF delegation to this life-changing event in the lives were members of host class PMA Class 71.

Clearly, the 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, scheduled a visit to the University of the Cordilleras and the Benguet State University, the two area universities where DJLF scholars were enrolled. School officials gave presentations on the history, administration and programs of their respective institutions. On their part, members of the Foundation made 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.

Following the cordial university visits, RCMB hosted a fellowship dinner for the DJLF delegation at a local ho-

tel. The LEAP Scholars of Batch 2005 were 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 that went around during this occasion that it is not surprising a unanimous decision is made to make this fellowship a regular feature of the awarding of LEAP Scholarships.

The next day comes the formal scholarship awarding ceremony. As has become the “tradition” since 2005, it was held at the Fort del Pilar Annex of the Baguio City National High School inside the Philippine Military Academy.

The ceremony, 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, is a little more elaborate than last year’s. 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 makes mention 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 is now a thirdclass cadet and continues to maintain close touch with and is considered to be a member of LEAP Scholars Batch 2005. Following the awarding ceremony, the 2006 LEAP Scholars are invited as guests to a luncheon with the Cadet Corps Armed forces of the Philippines at the cadet mess hall.

In August of 2006, DJLF Chairman Winston Arpon and his lady who is herself an ardent advocate of the program, Pilar Arpon, pay a surprise visit to the scholars just to see for themselves how the scholars are doing. During the simple “working dinner” - as described by DJLF Chairman - that he and his lady hosts for the scholars and members of RCMB, the Chairman’s message is frank and direct: Disabuse your mind from the notion that because

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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.

Another significant development in 2006 is the participation of the scholars 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.

2006 also saw the kick off of the Leadership and Placement Program, which is envisioned to help ensure the success of the LEAP's core component, the Youth Scholarship Program. This particular component of LEAP also endeavors to work with local and national companies for possible employment for the scholars upon completion of their college degrees.

As has become part of the annual routine for both DJLF and RCMB, the screening of possible candidates for LEAP Scholarships Batch 2007 starts. RCMB's Batch 2007 Scholarship Committee Chairman Joan Tan states in no uncertain terms that "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."

With these words, 2006 comes to a productive close with great but reasonable expectations that the year 2007 more productive or at least will be no less.

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Visions of hope continued to permeate the Foundation. The usual fund-raising activities thru the CTQ, golf tour-

naments, caroling and personal solicitations were carried out in true DJLF fashion of begging, cajoling, but oftentimes just merely clarifying the goals of the Foundation.

Five new scholars were picked from the batch of graduating high school seniors of the Baguio City National High School (Fort Del Pilar Annex.) On hand to award the scholarships on behalf of the Foundation were Jimmy Masferre and Nebu Alejandino, the former a member of Class 77, the senior host class in PMA's Alumni Homecoming and the latter, an original member. 2007 also saw the scholars coming out of their chrysalis. Cherry Mae Dacyon and Wela Langoyan, Batch 2006 LEAP Scholars, conducted English and Math tutorials for five days for about 30 pupils at the Atok Trail Elementary School, just outside of Loakan. Both agreed that the tutorials were such a humbling and rewarding experience as it crystallized in their minds the notion that those young minds were like sponges ready to soak up knowledge that is available out there.

Sheryl Belwa, Batch 2005 LEAP Scholar, led a group of LEAP Scholars in a community-awareness project dubbed "Clean and Green," designed to inculcate awareness in the surrounding communities the importance of keeping the environment clean and green. The scholars made signs heralding the Clean and Green initiative as well as painted trash bins that were distributed in the nearby barangays.

Meanwhile, Muller Bato, Batch 2006 LEAP Scholar, was fortunate to have been awarded some funds to attend the National Rover Scout Jamboree in Metro Manila. He and other senior scouts gathered to fulfill their testimonials of "who I am," "why I am," and "to whom I am" culminating in his investiture as a River Scout.

Finally, the most significant development in Foundation Year 2007 was the formal adoption of the Scholarship Guidelines diligently crafted by members of the DJLF Scholarship Committee, with their appointed Scholarship Guideline team leader, Rolly Malinis, a distinguished member of PMA Class 71.

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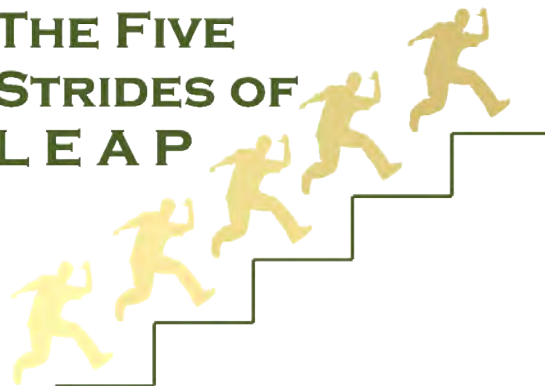
Youth Scholarship Program (YSP)



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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DJLF FIVE-STAGE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Where We Have Been

STAGE I 1999-2000 INITIATION

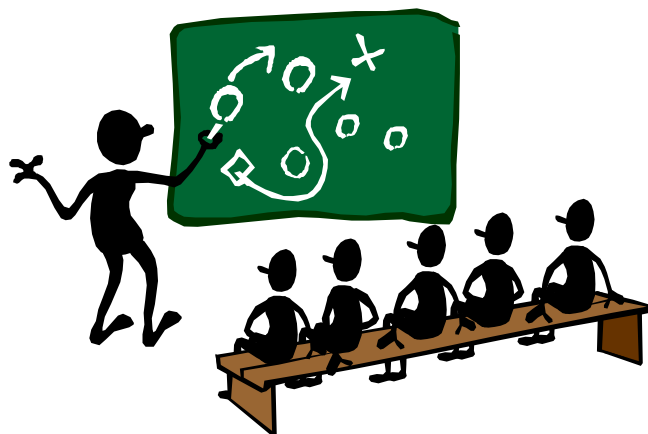
Conceptualization; Start-up of DJLF as the Dumb Johns Loakan Fun Club and Build-up of the Loakan Fund from membership quarterly contributions.

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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FIVE 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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Remembrances of Things Past

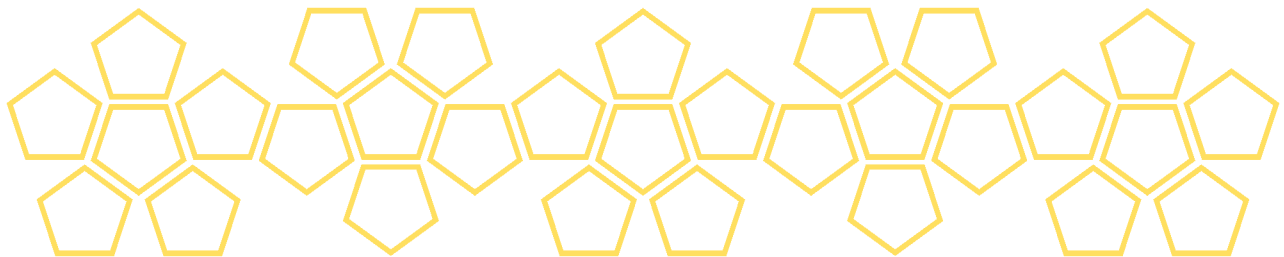


Roll Call



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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 Not

By
The Editors

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 Sinatra'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.



Roll Call

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



† Raul Heredia

† Marius Dela Pena

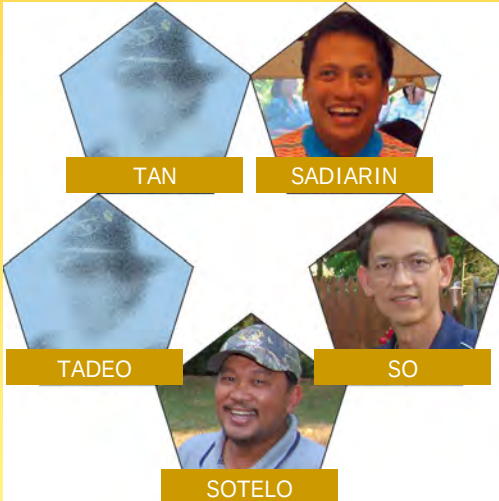
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The Toastmaster



The Pensive One
Par deux



Golfers Na, DJLFer's Pa



CISCO Kid



The Usual Suspects



Karaoke Master



Pencil Pusher



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Green Reader



Oakland Slicer



Slim Jim



Capt. Marvel



Mambo King



The Statesman



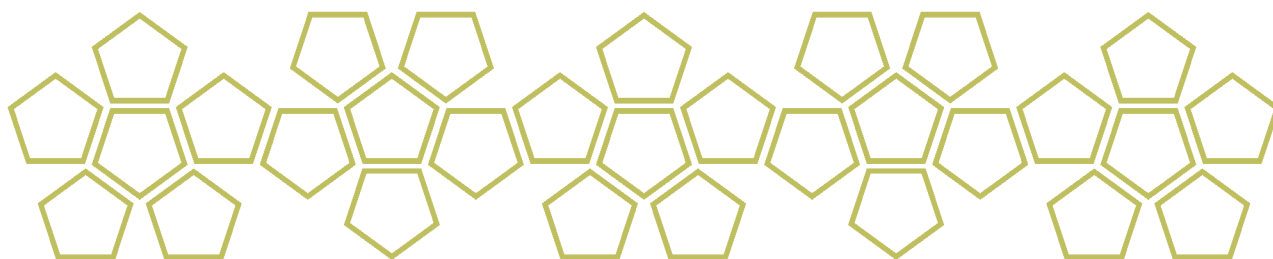
DJLFers play tennis too

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, this publication focuses on three persons who individually have provided advocacy to our scholars, make us proud with poetry and provide visual delight with works of art, and who collectively have all inspired us with their passion for their cause and their craft.

- ❖ **A Tribute to La Ninang:** Winston “El Ninong” Arpon takes us on a poignant reminiscing of Pilar “La Ninang” Arpon through a tribute that only he can give. After all she has been his better half for more than four decades and the marriage would have been longer and sweeter had it not been for La Ninang’s tragic demise in March this year.
- ❖ **“The Salute: Bright Beacon of the Land:”** is both a visual and literary work of art that brings together the talent of the brush and the pen by two of our truly talented members – Dan Jimenez, Class 77 and Gaby Riego de Dios, Class 81. Together, they bring to light once again our eternal love and respect for our Alma Mater, the Philippine Military Academy, who not only provided us with the education we need to become successful leaders in both the Armed Forces and in civilian endeavors, but also ingrained in us Courage, Integrity and Loyalty, hallmarks of an officer and true gentleman.
- ❖ **GABRIEGO’s Blog:** In 2005, Resident-Artist Gaby Riego de Dios, PMA Class 81, started what he calls and inspired series of art work depicting different aspects of life in the Academy, to include the famous landmarks in “downtown” Fort del Pilar. He has since completed three pieces of art work, the third of which is featured as the cover of this year’s publication. We have reproduced the main portion of his blog that gives us an incite about his inspiration for his “Paint The PMA” series of painting.
- ❖ **What It Takes To Be A LEAP Scholar:** The LEAP Scholars may be physically thousands of miles away from the DJLF “headquarters” in the United States, but they keep in touch in whatever way they can. And in this world where cyberspace reigns supreme, they certainly have managed to do that. Hence, every so often, you see postings of the scholars goings on in their own milieu, letting us know about their successes, their challenges as well as their sense of humor and maybe even goofiness. Two scholars give us a peek as to their feelings regarding being a LEAP Scholar.

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.’



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*Tribute to La Ninang***EULOGY for PILAR ARPON**

By Winston Arpon

St. Mark the Evangelist Church

Adelphi, Maryland

Saturday, March 29, 2008

If only she could, she would be sitting out there with you and as I speak, she will listen intently and at the appropriate time she would give me a signal - a knowing nod, a small wave of her finger, a faint smile or slight frown on her beautiful face. Then I would know it is time to stop.

So Father McKay, Father Peter, family and friends, I beg your indulgence for writing longer than she would have approved. But quite frankly, the thousand or so words that I have written will not suffice as my final tribute to her.

Thank you all for coming today to bid farewell to a dearly beloved - Pilar Zeta Arpon -my wife, my friend, my everything. If only she could, she would, after this gathering, get a card and in her own hand, write a personal note of gratitude to each and every one of you. Exactly what she did for several days after coming out of a difficult surgery last July - one card after another: about two hundred fifty cards in all when she was through.

Medical science failed her. Only my faith keeps me from believing that prayers, yours and mine, failed her. But on behalf of her family - Cybele, Bismarck and Lavinia; Alan, Dia and Michael; Nasir, Nicolas, Lorenzo, Aaliyah, Sophia, Alyssa and Khayri, I ask you: let us not fail her in our loving memory of her and the life she lived so well.

One memory of her remains and will stay with me for as long as I live. On March 1, a week after her stroke and before she suffered the fatal stroke that would end her life, Cybele and Lavinia left for the hospital ahead of me. I called to ask how their Mom was doing. Cybele said, "Why don't you ask her?" and handed the phone to her. In her condition, what else could she say? "I am in pain." "I am suffering." "I need help." "I want to get out of here." "I want to go home." But what she said in a whisper was this:



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"What do you want?" That did not come to me as a surprise.

How many times, during the 42 years, 9 months and 18 days of our married life, did I hear these? Your towel; your clothes; your cereal; your medication; your car keys; your appointment with the doctor; your fingernails; your toenails; the hair in your nostrils; the white hair on your eyebrow; your haircut.

She was the youngest in her family, doted upon as a child, spoiled, if you will, by everyone in her family. I don't know how or when but I thank God that she grew up to be the selfless, generous person that that I knew, that my family and many others came to know. She did not think twice about quitting her job as Assistant Principal of Galang School of Nursing and giving up a promising career in nursing education when she felt it was necessary to devote full time to her family.

I cannot profess to know what her passing will mean to each of you. I only know this: for me and my family, she leaves a void that cannot be filled. Ever!

Diagnosed with cancer in 1988, she told absolutely no one, keeping to herself the bad news she got from her doctor. Her reason? She did not want Christmas - only a few weeks away - to be a gloomy one for others, especially for her family. Only after she confided in her confessor and friend, Father Peter, who advised her, that she relented, reluctantly, to share the news with us.

Our house in Adelphi was home to eleven of our children's friends as well as ours, at one time or another in their lives, during the 25 years that we have lived there. She insisted that they stay for as long as they needed to, for as long as they wanted - and they did.

She went to the Philippines in February to attend the awarding ceremony for the scholars of DJLF Foundation, Batch of 2008. Among the things she packed in her luggage were Washington D.C. T-shirts she bought from her own pocket for all 25 scholars of the Foundation.

Her heart gave up on her. As far as I know, her heart never gave up on the persons she cared about, the persons she loved. Her life - at least that part that I had the distinct honor, the rare privilege, the good fortune, the sheer joy, of sharing - all of 50 years, four months and three days -yes, her life was not about her. It was about others. But make no mistake about it - she was no softie. She did not allow a lifelong battle with diabetes to slow her down. She was feisty, a woman who tolerated nonsense from no one. She faced any and all challenges - personal or professional - and by the strength of her character and her unerring determination and will power, she triumphed almost invariably. She believed that she deserved, she aspired and worked hard for the finer, the best things in life for herself. But as always she shared the fruits of her labor with others - her children and grandchildren most of all, her relatives and friends, associates, and even people she hardly knew.

We were proud of her. We adored her. We emulated her. In Beijing, Cybele, Bismarck and Lavinia kept telling her whenever they could by her bedside that she was a "rock star." I do not know about "star," but a rock she was: my bedrock, the bedrock of our family?

I cannot profess to know what her passing will mean to each of you. I only know this: for me and my family, she leaves a void that cannot be filled. Ever! What do you want? Mama, (I will get that hearing aid you'd been asking me to buy, but) I hear you. What I want now is to draw from you, my Pillar of Strength, as much and as often as I possibly can, from the memory of all the things that you were and with that strength take a stab at the most difficult thing that I have to do: living a life without you, until God wills that I rejoin you - you and I together again like old times. I used to call you and say, "Your carriage is ready" each time I parked the car in front of your building to pick you up and bring you home - remember? Thank you so much for letting me.

Well, Mama, in a few moments, your carriage will be ready. I regret I won't be your driver this time. I regret even more that your carriage will stop a mile short of our home. Mama, I loved you. I love you. I always will.

Goodbye, Ma.



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A Letter from GABRIEGO



Gaby Riego de Dios '81

We are proud to feature here "GABRIEGO," his monicker in the art world, Gabriel Riego de Dios, PMA Class 81, who by his own admission or confession, depending on how you look at it, has taken to the artist's trail not because he finds it lucrative – although he hopes it will be eventually – but because it has been a childhood dream and passion.

Read on and get an insight as to why, like so many artists before him and even those about to be, it is a pursuit that he just cannot just let go.

Dear Cavalier,

"A Peemayer Paints PMA." Yes, Sir! This sums up my lifetime commitment to our Alma Mater.

I am Gabriel Riego de Dios, Class '81. In the year 2000, I embarked on a long sought career as a professional artist. In the art world, I am known as GABRIEGO. The passion of the brush has been with me since childhood and has stayed with me to this day. The past eight years have not been easy. It has been a difficult path for this struggling artist. However, as one fellow cavalier told me a long time ago, it is not the destination but the journey.

A main part of this journey is to "paint PMA." I wish to share with one and all, Peemayers and non-Peemayers alike, the beauty that is PMA and the richness of its traditions and legacy. For this reason, I have been painting scenes of the Academy.

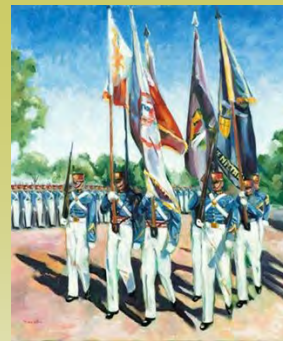
I have already done two major paintings in oil: "Strong Hearts" and "Sir, the Colors ...", both of which have been featured with pride, I must say, as the back cover of two editions of "The Leap-YEAH," DJLF's yearbook. I have just finished work on the third one, "The Salute: Bright Beacon of the Land," which is featured as the



Strong Hearts

back cover of this edition of the yearbook. The first two are now available in prints better known as giclee' prints.

I have to point out that I chose this publication to showcase my art work because of the connection between what I personally believe in and DJLF's goal of giving back to its members' Alma Mater thru a scholarship program that will be the vehicle by which young people will get the chance to better their lives, that of their families and communities, the same kind of opportunity that has been accorded to all PMA graduates.



Sir, the Colors!



The Salute: Bright Beacon of the land!

To date only the original of the "Sir, the Colors..." is available and is up for auction. Part of the proceeds from the sales of the original paintings and prints will go to PLEA (Project to Listen and Extend Assistance to PMayers), another worthwhile and member-oriented project of the DJLF Foundation. It is worth repeating to say that the members of this Foundation all went through the august

halls of PMA, at some point in their lives. Since 2005, DJLF has been supporting the college education of needy high school graduates in the Philippines, through the Youth Scholarship Program component of its project LEAP, the Loakan Education Assistance Program. LEAP is a comprehensive program with the objective of improving the overall educational environment of the Baguio City National High School, Fort del Pilar Annex.

By your patronage of my paintings, you will be helping me pursue a challenging career, develop fully what we in Loakan called "native talent," and promote our Alma Mater's prestige, while supporting a very good cause, PLEA, the project of the DJLF Foundation to help Peemayers.

Thank you and "O Hail to Thee."

GABRIEGO
2008

Special Features



Sheryl Belwa

Sheryl Belwa - 2005 LEAP Scholar is in a unique situation to provide an insight about being a LEAP Scholar. After all, she is one of the first ten young people awarded the scholarship in 2005 and one of the first four graduates of that batch. Here is her take:

Once a LEAP Scholar, Always a LEAP Scholar

What makes a LEAP Scholar a "LEAP SCHOLAR?" I venture to posit that a LEAP Scholar abides by the following requisites now that he/she has been given the opportunity to pursue higher educational goals to better his/her own situation, as well as those of his/her family and community.

To me a LEAP SCHOLAR is:

LOVING – A LEAP Scholar loves him/herself but is never self-fish. He/she thinks of the welfare of others and is always willing to share all the good things in the world he/she has.

ENTHUSIASTIC - A LEAP Scholar is always eager to take on the challenges of his daily life, particularly as regard his/her academic studies that entail many sleepless nights. He/she is always willing to participate in activities even if it means putting in more time and effort than he otherwise would.

AMBASSADOR - A LEAP Scholar is chosen by a select circle of respectable and well-qualified representatives of a group of Philippine Military Academy alumni and well-known professionals and businessmen in the City of Baguio. As such a LEAP Scholar is mindful that he/she must act in accordance with the tenets of his/her benefactors and in conformity with the acceptable standards of behavior wherever he/she is. A LEAP Scholar is always proud to carry and promote the name of the organizations he and the people behind it that he/she represents.

PERSEVERING - While a LEAP Scholar occasionally fails, he/she never quits. He/she never stays down where he/she falls. Most of all, he/she always looks for the positive side of all the negative experiences.

SINCERE - A LEAP Scholar expresses what he/she feels no matter how hard it is on their part. He/she does not feign or fib just to have people's attention or get something he/she desires.

COMPASSIONATE - A LEAP Scholars is kind-hearted just

like his/her benefactors. He/she is always desirous to help. His/her compassion is manifested by participating in activities that will benefit the community especially the youth. He/she feels the same pain that the people around and close to him/her feel.

HUMBLE - Just like his/her benefactors, a LEAP Scholar knows how to look back from where he comes from and never forgets the people who have helped him/her them in ways big or small. He/she always knows where and when to keep his/her chin up and blow his/her horn.

OPEN-MINDED, OPEN-HEARTED - A LEAP scholar never closes his/her mind and heart. He/she accepts criticisms and adapts to changes. Furthermore, A LEAP scholar provides even if it means giving up what he/she has or needs more. He/she always seeks his/her own improvement.

LEADER - A LEAP Scholar always endeavors to guide/mentor other young people. He/She is always aware that he/she is a role model to his/her peers and underlings, whether in the family, school, community and in the world of work. He/she leads the people around them by doing what is right. Aside from being a Leader, a LEAP Scholars is a team player. He realizes that there is nothing that cannot be done if he/she collaborates with others and avail of the synergy of group effort.

APPRECIATIVE – A LEAP Scholar appreciates all the blessings in life, whether ordinary or extraordinary. He/she turns adversities to accomplishments and adopts a positive outlook at all times.

RESPONSIBLE - A LEAP Scholar admits his/her mistakes and shortcomings and always faces with responsibility and integrity the consequences of his/her unfavorable actions. He/she never leaves a task undone and never puts the blame on others just to save face.

These character traits make-up the morale fiber of a LEAP Scholar. While these traits are not the exclusive domain of a LEAP Scholar, adherence to them is to me what makes the LEAP Scholar a LEAP SCHOLAR.

A LEAP Scholar's benefactors demand nothing monetary in return for the scholarship. The only "pay back" they expect is that a LEAP Scholar give back to his/her community and be a "beacon of light" to others with the same challenges.

Is it difficult to live up to the expectations of a LEAP Scholar? That, LEAP Scholar, is the real challenge.

Are you up to it?



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My Life as a LEAP Scholar

It's been almost four years when I received my LEAP scholarship grant from DJLF. That day opened a whole new world for me, giving me a chance a chance of having a brighter future. When I was in high school, I, together with nine other fortunate batch mates were awarded with the scholarship. Along with the financial assistance that came with it, are great responsibilities - to think, act, and live as a scholar. Truly this gift spared us from the financial burden of going to school.

College is definitely a different world from high school. To me, the most important part of the transition from secondary school and college is to have a clear picture of what one is trying to accomplish and make a clear distinction between what I want and what I need. It's all about "knowing your destination." If I established goals that are truly important to me, I am much less likely to slip into that ever-precarious comfort zone that will prevent me from learning and growing and just coast along. The goals I set for myself, both short and long term, are signposts by which I measure my progress as I journey down my life's path. These goals are beacons of motivation that keep me focused and moving forward. I chose Bachelor of Science in Nursing as my course, and I plan to finish it within four years without any failing grade. I chose this career not only for practical reasons. I also believe that this is my calling. They say nurses are mere angels who open the eyes of a newborn, and gently close the eyes of a dying patient. Endearing but soul-piercing, isn't it?

During the trying times, I always try to "find the rainbow, not the rain." Moreover, I simply cling to what Terry Tempest Williams describes as "a teacher in the absence of fact" – faith. It is the belief in an all-knowing God whose wisdom is superior to our own.

When I entered college, much of the intellectual conditioning and support I received were enough to set my mind in the career I have chosen, give me strength of character that allows me to believe that I, too, like others before me, can be successful. The years have been tough, and so with the responsibilities that come with it. Everybody I know has a busy life, and its how we choose to handle that busy life that determines whether or not we ever actually get to enjoy it. During my early years in college, I started looking at my busy life as a blessing, and then I disciplined myself to become better organized. Planning ahead, prioritizing, learning when to say no, and setting aside time to rest and relax are some of the most important criteria that I have set for myself during these times. Furthermore, it had been very helpful for me to bring passion to everything I do. Cultivating a positive attitude is absolutely an essential step that will lead me towards success. So the next time I catch myself going about



Katrina Gumatay

Katrina Mae Y. Gumatay is a member of LEAP Scholars Batch 2005. She is currently a senior taking up Nursing at the University of the Cordilleras. Katrina has consistently written for the DJLF Yearbook, which according to her is her way of letting DJLF know that she always wants to keep in touch and show her gratefulness for the scholarship that she has been awarded.

my daily routine with a less-than-enthusiastic demeanor, I jolt myself back into thinking very hard about whether or not I am really making the most of what life has to offer, and see if I can find any seeds of passion to bring forth into bloom.

In a few more months, graduation day will come upon me. This is the day that I had been waiting for, the day when one of my highest goals in life will be achieved. To be perfectly honest, not all days have been good. A lot of trials and disappointments have tested my resolve to stay on track. While I had my share of troubles, it has pretty much par-for-the-course thus far. During the trying times, I always try to "find the rainbow, not the rain." Moreover, I simply cling to what Terry Tempest Williams describes as "a teacher in the absence of fact" – faith. It is the belief in an all-knowing God whose wisdom is superior to our own. Placing my trust in Him and his divine wisdom and choosing to accept and embrace Him as a constant source of guidance and inspiration ha provide me with an unending supply of joy and sustenance that had helped me through some dark moments and challenging times and opened the door to inner peace and fulfillment.

My life and career have definitely benefited from all the loving guidance and support I have received from so many, but most especially, from my parents and my DJLF-RCMB family. The warmth, comfort, love, and security I craved for I found within these circle of "my family." They played an incredibly important role in shaping the person I have and will ultimately become. From my co-scholars whom I considered as my siblings, I have found an exceptional degree of acceptance and security that I can always rely on to help me over life's stumbling blocks. From my mentors, I have found the willingness to share their wealth of experience-based knowledge and the genuine interest in my learning and well-being. From my whole DJLF-RCMB family, I have found an invaluable source of support and stability in my often charted but still unpredictable life. They know and understand my strengths and weaknesses, and provide me with a chance to discover more about who I really am, and to care for others unconditionally, just as what they did for us. From all these people whom I always value and pray for, I have found a never-ending wellspring of love, support, trust, and companionship that truly I will always be thankful for.

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THE SALUTE: BRIGHT BEACON OF THE LAND!

By Dan Jimenez

To thee we guard in reverence
Standing tall in peace's or tempest's reign
As brave forefathers hold the line of grey
Thy sacred womb 'til death we defend.

Oh keeper of dreams and idealism unbound
Thy well of truth a haven to the young
Mold our faith with thy righteous hand
Our fortune and reason in they bugle's sound.

Make thy cause our noble task
In freedom's name, with death we march
Our life and honor thy so dispatch
For country and people we will question not.

Life we hold in finite terms
Nothing lasts, not wealth nor fame
Thy lessons though in a sweet refrain
In our hearts forever, ending never will

So we salute thy bosom, thy hallowed grounds
In the darkest hour or in glorious sun
Endure like the mountains for generations yet unborn
Our hope, our heritage "Bright Beacon of the Land"



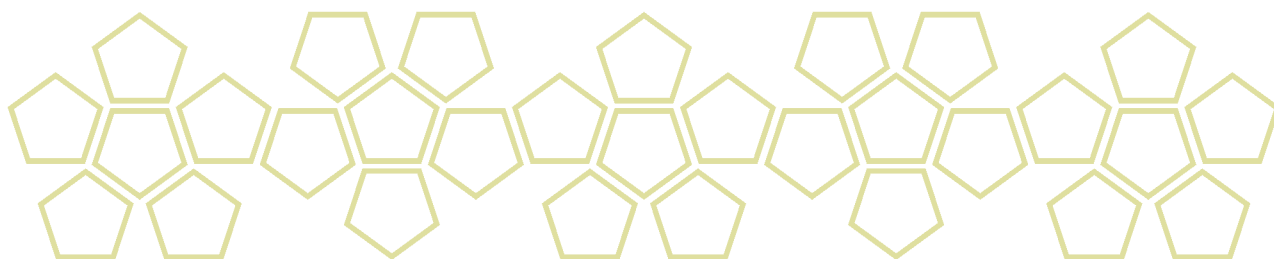
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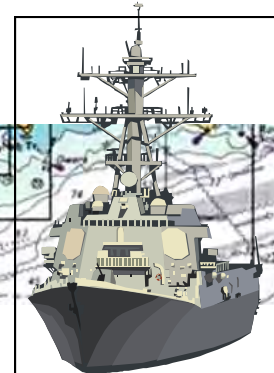
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Section 3/Roll Call is this yearbook's salute to the general membership of DJLF Foundation. In this our concluding section, we **ACKNOWLEDGE**—in big, bold letters—thank and salute countless others outside of our organization: family members, organizations and individuals that, together, continued to be the core of benefactors, patrons, supporters, donors and contributors. They helped to make DJLF Foundation Year 2008 as robust as it has been in our organization's 9 years of existence.



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. The Overall Coordinator of the Youth Scholarship Program as well as all the members of the Selection Committee have gone out of their way to collaborate with other Rotary Club Regional Chapters in the screening of candidates for the “at large” scholars, who are the protégés of DJLF members who are lucky enough to have their names drawn and become benefactors of a high school graduate who qualifies for the scholarship

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. The latest in our growing list of benefactors is Vladimir “Fool Valded” Punto, PMA CI 74 who will be the benefactor of a high school graduate from his hometown of Arayat, Pampanga.

Charity Golf. The DJLF Charity Golf continues to generate sizeable revenue for the Loakan Fund that supports LEAP, the Youth Scholarship Program in particular. We salute the tournament directors, volunteers, players, and patrons for their continued support of this fund-raising activity, with its three regularly help tournaments, namely: the Metro Washington, Williamsburg Area and NorthEast Tri-State Invitationals.

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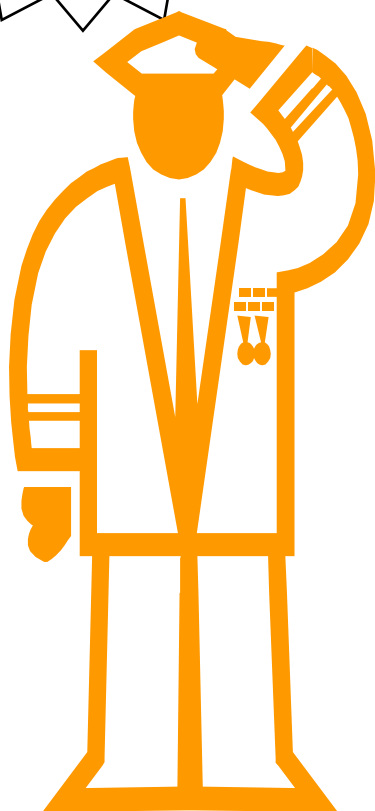


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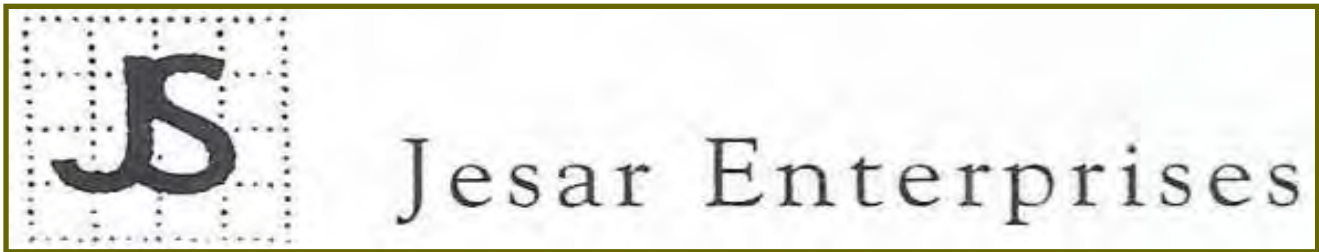
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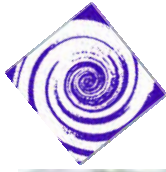


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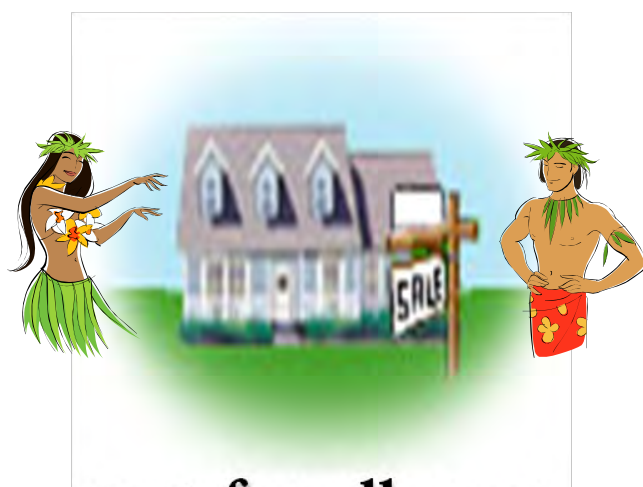
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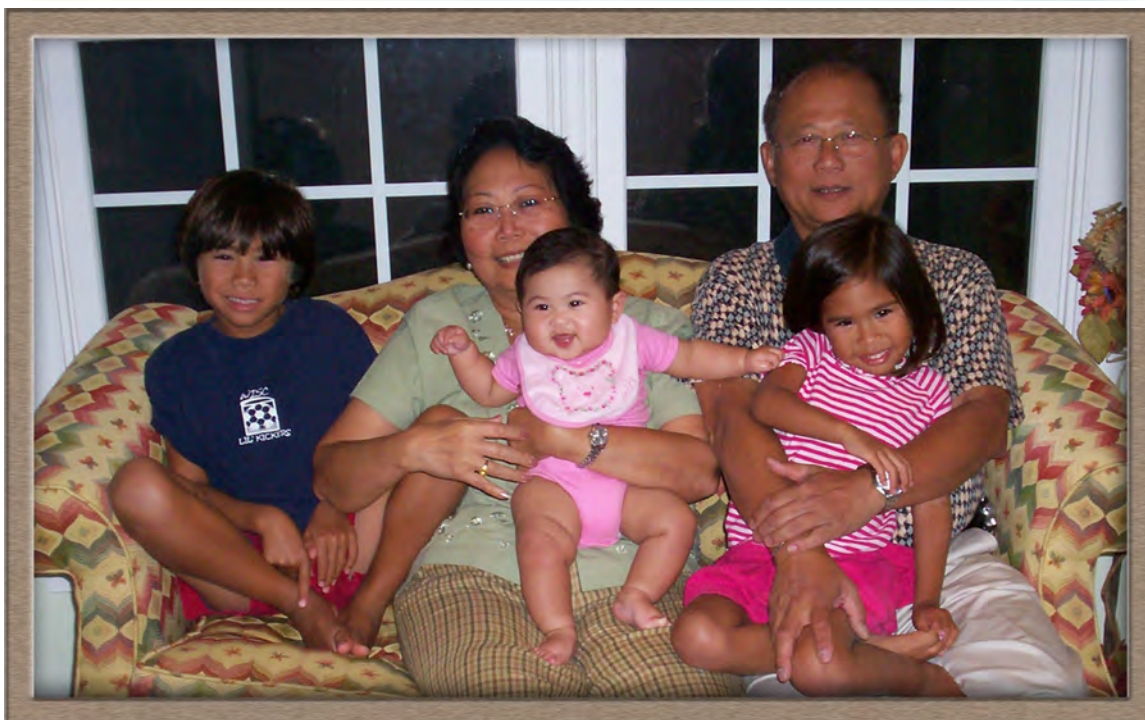


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*A daughter of a PMA graduate, I want to express our (my husband's and our soon-to-be little one) best wishes to the DJLF Foundation for a prosperous 2008 and a successful Youth Scholarship Program. — **Meg Paynor***



Clockwise, L-R: Zoe Sia, Marie Paynor-Sia and Olivia Sia



PAYNOR, GLODOVEZA and SIA Family
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 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!

Music by: Quirico P. Evangelista (PMA '40)
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Date	EVENT
01/15	LEAP Scholars Batch of 2009 – Receive Final List and Documents of Candidates from RCMB Selection Committee
01/28	LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2009 - Final Selection by DJLF Scholarship Committee
02/14	The Leap – YEAH! – Completion and distribution
02/21	PMA Alumni Homecoming , PMA, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City
02/23	LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2009 - Awarding at Baguio City National High School, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City
02/29	Call to Quarters 2009-1 – Deadline for Members’ Pledges of Donation to Loakan Fund
03/14	First Death Anniversary Commemorative Golf Tournament for Pilar “La Ninang” Arpon
03/31	DJLF Pre-10th Foundation Anniversary Summit
04/01	Call to Quarters 2008-1 – Announcement of Prize Winners
04/25	6th DJLF Charity Golf —Spring Kick-off Invitational (SKI)
05/16	Project to Listen and Extend Assistance (PLEA) to Foundation members and their families and to fellow Cavaliers—e-Launching
05/16	DJLF Charity Sale
05/24	6th DJLF Charity Golf —Metro Washington Invitational (MWI)
05/31	Call-to-Quarters 2009-2 —Deadline for Members’ Pledges of Donations to Loakan Fund
07/01	Call-to-Quarters 2009-2 —Announcement of Prize Winners
07/04	DJLF Web Site Milestone —Launching of eBay, DJLF’s fund-raising marketplace on the web (DJLF’s version of e-Bay) Begin auction of Painting , “The Salute: Bright Beacon of the Land” and other art work of Gabriego
07/18	Family Night —Las Vegas Night in Metro Washington
08/01	6th DJLF Charity Golf —Williamsburg Area Invitational (WAI)
08/31	Call-to-Quarters 2009-3 —Deadline for Members’ Pledges of Donation to Loakan Fund
09/26	TLY Foundation Year 2009 Edition —Kick-off Meeting
10/01	Call-to-Quarters 2009-3 —Announcement of Prize Winners
10/17	6th DJLF Charity Golf — NorthEast Tri-State Invitational (NETI)
11/30	Call-to-Quarters 2009-4 —Deadline for Members’ Pledges of Donation to Loakan Fund
12/04	Holiday Fund-Raiser – 4th DJLF Charity Caroling
12/05	Holiday Fund-Raiser – 4th DJLF Charity Caroling
12/06	Holiday Fund-Raiser – 4th DJLF Charity Caroling
12/11	Holiday Fund-Raiser —4th DJLF Charity Caroling; DJLF Foundation Day—Milestone
12/12	DJLF Foundation Day —10th Anniversary; Annual e-Meeting Board of Directors
12/12	Holiday Fund-Raiser – 4th DJLF Charity Caroling
12/15	LEAP Scholars, Batch of 2009 —Submission of Final Candidates by Rotary Club Metro Baguio Selection Committee
12/18	Holiday Fund-Raiser – 4th DJLF Charity Caroling
12/19	Holiday Fund-Raiser – 4th DJLF Charity Caroling
12/31	Call-to-Quarters 2009-4 —Announcement of Prize Winners

Back Cover - Painting by Gaby Riego de Dios PMA '81



This year’s back cover features the third in the series of Gaby Riego de Dios’ paintings (art world nom-de-guerre: GABRIEGO) he has proudly dubbed, “A Peemayer Paints PMA.” Titled “The Salute: Bright Beacon of the Land,” the piece is yet another tribute to his Alma Mater as portrayed in a ritual, if you will, that all PMA graduates and cadets alike respectfully render together during the annual Alumni Homecoming Parade at Borromeo Field, venue of important drills, ceremonies and sporting activities. In this piece, he has juxtaposed a cadet rendering the salute and the façade of Melchor Hall, considered the most revered and easily recognizable landmark in all of Fort Del Pilar.

GABRIEGO writes:

The passion of the brush has been with me since childhood and has stayed with me to this day. The past eight years have not been easy. It has been a difficult path for this struggling artist. However, as one fellow cavalier told me a long time ago, it is not the destination but the journey. A main part of this journey is to “paint PMA.” I wish to share with one and all, Peemayers and non-Peemayers alike, the beauty that is PMA and the richness of its traditions and legacy. For this reason, I had been and will continue painting scenes of the Academy as my Salute to the “Bright Beacon of the Land.”



“THE SALUTE: BRIGHT BEACON OF THE LAND!”