



# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAPUA ALUMNI

## NEWSLETTER

### April 2018

#### Organization Update

From Dan Nable, President, 2015-2016

I graduated at Mapua in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Before being elected as President for 2015-2016, I was an active lifetime member of SCMA for 13 years and officer for six years, and had been retired from The Boeing Company after 34 years working on the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs.

During my term, SCMA had signed up 16 new members in 2015 and 2016. Our ongoing mentoring program through the Engineer-In-Training review classes in Southern California, which is organized to help qualified applicants to pass the Fundamentals in Engineering board exam given by the State of California, had been very well received by our younger alumni reviewees. Thanks to the dedicated alumni volunteer reviewers who have selflessly spent their own time and money for this project.

I was proud and excited of our ongoing Scholarship Program which to date has helped produce 32 deserving Bachelors of Engineering graduates of Mapua.

Our goal is to keep these projects alive and going, and look for ways to strengthen and enhance them. On March 13, 2015, the IRS granted SCMA a tax-exempt charitable organization status under Section 501c3, which enables SCMA to enhance its ability to raise funds for new and ongoing projects.

We had successfully administered golf tournament and casino turnaround fundraising events in 2015 and 2016, which supported our Scholarship Program.

Over the years, SCMA has had the good fortune of receiving strong support from Mapua and the National Association of Mapua Alumni (NAMA) in the Philippines for we are most grateful. We have responded by giving back to SCMA and alumni community whenever appropriate, by way of financial contributions and voluntary work. We are engaged with Mapua and NAMA's joint annual project, The Outstanding Mapuan (TOM). The TOM project primarily

seeks to give due recognition to the alumni of MIT who have excelled in their profession or vocation, or have made outstanding contributions to the welfare of the school, the community, the country, and/or the world. Roderick Dela Cruz, BSCE 1990, was SCMA's TOM awardee nominee for International Professional Field of Practice for 2015.

SCMA has always been an active participant of Mapua World alumni grand reunions being held every two years. The 8<sup>th</sup> Mapua World alumni grand reunion held on September 10-13, 2015, at Sydney, Australia, was well represented by SCMA delegation consisting of 15 alumni excluding their spouses.

I would like to thank the members of the Executive Board for their support and trust in me during my term as President in 2015 and 2016.

#### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Induction of Officers, March 25, 2017

SCMA's successful milestone celebration was held at Holiday Inn, La Mirada, CA. The new officers were inducted by the Honorable Mel Red Recana, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge.

#### **Officers for 2017 and 2018:**

<b>President</b>	Glee Quinoveva Quiaot
<b>Vice President</b>	Cecille Lopez-Brod
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Cheryl Silva-Sandel
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Roderick Dela Cruz, P.E.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Berwyn Salazar
<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>	Ross Papilla, P.E.
<b>PRO</b>	Paul Aguilar
<b>Business Manager</b>	Jesse San Miguel
<b>Auditor</b>	Frederick Lina (2017) Shirley G. Hernandez, P.E. (2018)



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group picture of Mapuans after the Alma Mater Song

SCMA's website is currently under construction to better serve our fellow alumni and the public. Look for further updates at [www.socalmapua.com](http://www.socalmapua.com).

## **President Glee Quinoveva Quiaot's Message**

2017 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SCMA. Our milestone celebration and induction of officers on March 25, 2017 was a huge success. It was truly an honor to have been inducted as President on such a memorable occasion. Our celebration would not have been a success without the participation and cooperation of the members of the Executive Board. Worth mentioning are the officers, each of them sharing their God-given talent and the past presidents who have been unselfish in their commitment to the success of the event, namely Marte Tobias, the only remaining active founder of SCMA, Dan Nable who was in charge of ticket sales and control, Pert Arca, Rudy de Torres, Joe Rigonan, Tony Ballesteros, Joey Uy, and Tino Quiaot.

Likewise, the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary dinner-dance celebration on March 10, 2018 at the Double Tree Hotel in Norwalk, CA was also a success. Once again, I thank you for your support.

Our scholarship program thrives because of the income from our dinner-dances. The funds derived from these events determine the number of scholars we can sponsor at Mapua. To abide by the rules of a 501C3 organization, we are expanding our local scholarship program which awards a deserving student a one-time grant of \$500, to include not only children of SCMA members but also students of Filipino heritage pursuing a degree in Engineering at local universities. The feasibility of this project and the implementation procedures are being explored by Assistant Treasurer Ross Papilla and Adviser Tino Quiaot.

My term is ending at the end of this year. I hope that I have achieved what I was elected for: to continue the work started by the founders of this association and to keep the association strong and relevant. SCMA continues to serve as the main link among alumni of Mapua Institute of Technology in Southern California and around the world. For this reason, we are working on a new website which we hope to be up and running this summer of 2018. SCMA Treasurer Berwyn Salazar is spearheading this project. Also in the works is the Strategic Plan conceived by Corresponding Secretary Roderick Dela Cruz, P.E. Included in this newsletter is a summary of the plan to be shared with SCMA members.

SCMA teamed up with the Filipino American Society of Architects and Engineers (FASAE) on the Engineer-in-Training, now called Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) review classes. These classes are conducted mostly at SCMA Director Joey Uy's residence, Adviser Pert Arca's office and Berwyn's office. Conducted by volunteer Mapuans, these instructors help produce 100% passing rate for exam-takers.

I am thankful for this set of officers who I call my "Dream Team". These Mapuans make it easy to lead by making our board meetings productive and at the same time "fun". With so much laughter from Veep Cecille, Madam Secretary Cheryl, and the guys, there is never a dull moment. I hope that more members will consider becoming officers and share their talents for the betterment of the association. On this note, I would like to welcome Shirley Hernandez, P.E., who will serve as Auditor for the remaining months of my term, replacing Frederick Lina. Thank you for your one-year service, Erick. Shirley served as Recording Secretary during Tino Quiaot's term, 2005-2006.

Our annual family picnic is just around the corner. I hope to see more members attend this event and our other planned activities for the year. It is always heart-warming to see fellow Mapuans enjoy each other's company even just for a day. Viva Mapua! To God be the Glory!

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"...Helen Keller

### **SAVE THESE DATES!**

#### **SCMA Annual Family Picnic**

Saturday, June 23, 2018  
Del Valle Park, 5939 Henrilee St,  
Lakewood, CA 90713  
Contact Cheryl Sandel – (562) 346-7839

#### **SCMA Casino Fundraising**

Saturday, July 7, 2018  
Pechanga Casino, 45000 Pechanga Pkway,  
Temecula, CA 92592  
Contact Glee Quiaot – (310) 617-5245

#### **SCMA Annual Golf Tournament**

Saturday, October 13, 2018  
El Prado Golf Courses, 6555 Pine Ave,  
Chino, CA 91708  
Contact Cecille Lopez-Brod – (909) 331-7647

#### **SCMA Annual Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 8, 2018  
Location: TBD  
Contact Glee Quiaot – (310) 617-5245  
Paul Aguilar – (415) 697-4599

#### **Mapua World Guam 2019**

April 4-7, 2019  
Guam, USA  
[www.mapuaworldguam2019.com](http://www.mapuaworldguam2019.com)  
Contact Zeny Santos – (671) 898-0010





**SCMA Annual Family Picnic, July 22, 2017, El Dorado Park, Long Beach, CA**  
 This is the last picnic that Mrs. Caridad Mercado Alix ((seated 5<sup>th</sup> from left) attended. Mrs Alix was the oldest active member of SCMA. She passed away at the age of 90 on January 22, 2018.



**Fundraising trip to Pechanga Resort and Casino, August 19, 2017**



**SCMA Christmas Party at iDance Studio, December 16, 2017**



**Fundraising Golf Tournament, September 2, 2017 at El Prado Golf Courses, Chino, CA.**  
 Winners receiving trophies from Cecille Lopez-Brod (left), Glee Quiaot (center) and Tony Ballesteros (second from the right). Champions: Team Lopez – Joseph Lopez, Jun Lopez, Reggie Torres and Rosie Daquit (not in picture), Jaxon Ednilao, Cecille’s grandson and Donna Hobbs, both winners: Longest Drive, Junior/Ladies Group







Executive Board Members at the 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Dinner-Dance, March 10, 2018 at Double Tree Hotel, Norwalk, CA

## Reminders

### EIT/P.E. Review Classes

For more information, please contact:  
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and Berwyn Salazar –  
[berwyn\\_salazar@yahoo.com](mailto:berwyn_salazar@yahoo.com) , (818) 445-7677

### Membership Dues

Membership fee: \$15 per year. To be eligible for candidacy in 2018 and earn the right to vote for yourself and your favorite candidate, fees must be paid for two consecutive years prior to Election Day.

Lifetime Membership Fee: \$150.00.

## The Path Forward the Next Three Years

By Roderick Dela Cruz

SCMA – Strategizes its Future

The future is bright for Southern California Mapua Alumni (SCMA) as it moves closer to reaching its golden year. Our success as an organization was due to tireless dedication of leaders and members who committed their time, talent and treasure to achieve our mission. We have accomplished many major milestones but we aim to thrive and be more of a purpose driven organization to expand our reach.

SCMA is strategizing its future to become more successful and adapt to increasing technological changes that will help us thrive as an organization. We are creating a strategic plan to direct our future. This strategic plan creates the path forward for the next three years. From it, we will develop detailed work plans and metrics with the goal of creating strategies to ensure all members can see the progress toward achieving our goals.

Integral to the success of this strategic plan is SCMA members' continuous engagement to open doors, generate ideas, support fellow members and activities, and elevate SCMA with their commitment. Our strategic plan will only be strong and effective when it's developed collaboratively by its members. Be a part of this exciting journey by providing your input in building a better and more dynamic organization. A survey will be sent out to all SCMA active members to ensure that our plan is align with our members needs and members input and ideas are incorporated.

## SCMA Scholarship Program Update

By Ross Papilla

The SCMA Scholarship Program is one of the most important programs that receive funding from the various fund-raising events at SCMA. The Program has both a small local Southern California-based and a larger and older Philippine-based component. The local component provides a one-time monetary award to a high school graduate who is either a child or a grandchild of an active SCMA member, or an active SCMA member pursuing graduate studies. To date there have been four recipients of the Local award. The Philippine-based component provides tuition assistance for selected students enrolled in our old alma Mater, Mapua Institute of Technology, which was recently renamed to Mapua University last year. To date there have been 33 scholars from 1999 to 2017, and two new ones starting this year.

Following the completion or termination of awards to the last two scholars in 2017, a selection process was made for the current two scholars. The process started with the submission of scholarship applications by the school. There were 14 applicants, and they are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year in their undergraduate engineering program. Evaluation of the applications and selection of the scholars was based on their Grade Weighted Average, Financial Need, and Essay, and was performed by members of the SCMA Scholarship Committee, which consists of Dan Nable (Chairman), Ross Papilla, Tony Ballesteros, Joe Rignonan, Cecil Brod and Nene Irlandez. Starting this year, the two new scholars selected are Czarina Anne A. Martin, a 4<sup>th</sup> year Industrial Engineering student, and Noreen Anne Eleine A. Tarac, a 4<sup>th</sup> year Civil engineering student. Earlier this year, visits to Mapua were made by Dan Nable and Ross Papilla to meet with the then scholar candidates and the Scholarship and Financial staff.