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President's Message:



Ross Papilla, EE'75, PE, MBA

Greetings to you fellow Mapuans. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As I mentioned in our July newsletter, we are in the process of revitalizing our organization with key objectives such as energizing and growing our membership, growing our scholarship and education/career-assistance programs, using technology to improve our operations, establishing new fund-raising methods, and increasing the quality of our socialization programs to strengthen our bond as Mapuans. I'm happy to report that we have started many initiatives to achieve these objectives and are seeing successes with them.

Our Annual Summer Family Picnic and Membership Drive was a huge success. We had a record attendance of over 110 people despite the pandemic. The big attendance was largely due to the outreach by volunteers to alumni friends and Mapua affinity groups. Mapuans who were new to SCMA or who haven't attended the event in a while were present. The camaraderie was electric. We also saved on expenses as alumni groups and individuals volunteered to pay for the lechon, sponsor the website, and donate the banner and raffle prizes.

At the summer picnic, we started an initiative to increase the number of "New Lifetime Members" by highlighting the benefits of being a lifetime member, presenting them to the general membership and giving them free welcome Mapua T-shirts. I have subsequently called each new Lifetime member, and I can tell you that there is a lot of enthusiasm among these members. They are a special group and they are already helping energize our organization. We introduced the new Lifetime Members at the Christmas Party and will "Pledge" all New Lifetime Members at the upcoming Dinner-Dance. So far this year, we've signed up fourteen (14) new Lifetime members, a recent record.

Our Christmas Party was another huge success. Based on past attendance, we anticipated 50 people, but we had 62 attendees, another recent record. We reached an on-line RSVP goal of 50 people within 2 weeks of the event's announcement, as word spread quickly among Mapua alumni friendship networks. We utilized our new website to organize the event efficiently, including the announcement/flyer, on-line event RSVP, and electronic payments via Zelle and Venmo on the website. The party was so much fun. We introduced our new set of Officers, New Lifetime Members, Past Presidents, and Golf Champions. In attendance were alumni from Class 1961 to 2013 - we did a hilarious Karaoke Caroling contest among three generational groups. We also introduced a new form of fund-raising called the "Scholarship Matching Fund" program. I am humbled by the enthusiastic outpouring of financial support from those present. We received over \$4,000 in tax-deductible donations/pledges, and more are continuing to pour in.

We are currently planning our 45th Anniversary Dinner-Dance and Induction Ball which will be held on April 30, 2022 at the Norwalk Doubletree hotel by Hilton. This will be a night to enjoy and remember, so invite your fellow alumni, family and friends, and submit your RSVP and souvenir program ads early. We will have a nice formal dinner and a live band with dancing and live entertainment. We will be inducting our new set of officers, pledging our new lifetime members, and honoring past presidents who founded SCMA in 1977. We are also planning a Mapua Golf Tournament, a bowling outing, a California EIT Exam review class, and other activities. Please monitor our website and mark these events in your calendar.

I feel that the ball is now rolling in the direction of a newly-revitalized SCMA. With your help, we will continue with the progress of our organization in achieving our mission of granting scholarships to bright but needy students of Mapua University and other students, and providing career advancement assistance to our members and other disadvantaged individuals, as we enjoy our mutual bond as Mapuans. Please visit our website www.socalmapua.org to learn more of our organization, or perform on-line functions such as membership application/renewal, event RSVP, and donation.

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New SCMA Lifetime Members:

This year, we started a new program to encourage new members and those renewing their annual membership to sign up as “New Lifetime Members”. This will reduce the administrative effort involved in renewing memberships each year, so that we can focus on the important work of our organization. Lifetime members do not need to renew their membership each year, will be in the SCMA souvenir programs and website, and will be eligible to vote on SCMA issues for life. They will be “Pledged” at the upcoming Dinner Dance and Induction Ball. To date, here’s a list of the New Lifetime Members. Those who sign up as new Lifetime Members before March 30, 2022 will be included in the list.

Renato Baluyot, ChE '78
Hilario Papilla, ME '78
Pete Aguilar, CE '83
Russel Vilorio, CE '90
Cecile Rosana, CHM '69

Ver Puertollano, ME '01
Rosalinda Tandoc, CE '66
Cynthia De Leon, CE '70
Estrella Arellano, BA '66
Arturo Tuazon, ME '69

Alberto Avendano, ME '93
Benjamin Cubacub, CE '74
Ederly Enclona, IE '95
Janina Lyka Baiza, CE '13

SCMA Scholarship Matching Fund (SMF):

One of our most important missions is helping poor but smart students studying at our beloved Alma Mater to complete their education through our Scholarship Partnership program at Mapua University. Due to the pandemic, we had not been able to raise funds as our scheduled fundraisers in 2020 (dinner-dance, golf, casino trips, etc.) were canceled. The need to help these students is greater than ever. As Mapua alumni in Southern California, we are so blessed, and I know that we are looking for a way to share our blessings with them. As such, we have created a program for us to make direct donations to the SCMA Scholarship fund. Your donation (\$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 or any amount), payable in 2021 or 2022, will go directly to the Scholarship fund and will be tax-deductible as we have maintained our IRS 501(c)(3) status. As an added incentive, your donation will be matched by a few SCMA members (called patrons) who have pledged to donate \$500 each to use as a fund to match your donation. This Matching Fund Program has the effect of doubling the impact of your donation. This program is also open to non-Mapuans as donors. Please fill in the form below and send it to treasurer.socalmapua@gmail.com. You may also complete this form on our website www.socalmapua.org. Please write “SMF” on your form of payment (Zelle, Venmo or check). If your are an SCMA member and wish to be a patron, please contact Ross Papilla at (909) 896-6160. Thank you for your kindness, and may the Lord bless you and your family always.

Name: _____ Amount of Pledge: _____ Donation Payable Year: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____ Form of Payment: _____

SCMA Scholarship Program:



Jhoan

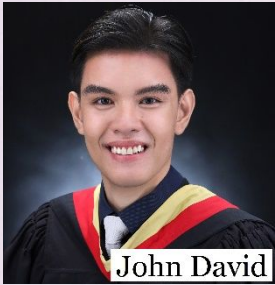
Many events have been greatly affected by this pandemic, one of which is the Scholarship Program. Since there were no events last year to raise funds, SCMA had to maintain the two remaining scholars: Jhoan De Jesus of Valenzuela City, Bulacan, 4th year B.S. Physics and Materials Science and Engineering and John David Andres of Bacoor, Cavite , 4th year B.S. Civil Engineering.

Jhoan is having difficulty completing her remaining subjects - Thesis and On-The-Job Training (OJT) due to lockdown and quarantine mandates. She was able to resume her thesis briefly late last year with the help of a few generous SCMA donors. However, to date, she has not completed the two requirements necessary for graduation. Hopefully, as the restrictions ease up, she'll be able to finish and graduate.

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John David Andres, is a candidate for graduation this quarter, having completed all his remaining units last quarter, First Quarter of 2021-2022 which ended last month. He is most likely to graduate with Honors. Congratulations John!



John David

The Scholarship Matching Fund promises a brighter outlook for the scholarship program this coming year. With the assistance of Eden Brasileno, Financial Assistance Officer of the Center for Scholarship and Financial Assistance at Mapua University, advertisements for SCMA scholarship are now posted at the University to solicit applications from financially needy but deserving students. With sufficient funds, the Scholarship Program will be able to meet its goal of sponsoring two or more students with an annual grant of

\$1,600 (\$400 per quarter) per scholar.

SCMA 2021 Annual Summer Family Picnic:



This year's annual summer family picnic and membership drive was held at Suzanne Park in Walnut, CA, on August 7, 2021. With an estimated 110+ attendees of both old-timers and young prospective members, it was a very well-attended event, despite the intervening news of the Covid Delta variant. This festive day was filled with lots of fun, games and raffle, sumptuous foods, and lively music. The Lechon, traditionally paid for by SCMA, was sponsored by the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Mapuans from Walnut. Attendees from various batches and Mapua affinity groups (such as LA City/County employees, SCMA Basketball Team, SKE fraternity, etc.) were called in so that they could meet and greet each other. The event was also

one of the most successful membership drives, with a record of 5 new lifetime members, 7 new regular members, 3 converted from regular to lifetime membership, and 4 renewals of regular membership.

Golf Tournament Champions:



We are pleased to announce that Mapúa University, represented by Southern California Mapua Alumni (SCMA), is the champion of the 2nd Annual Battle of the Alma Mater golf tournament and won the coveted Al Justin Pintor Trophy. The golf tournament was held at Dos Lagos Golf Course in Corona, CA, on September 25, 2021, with a total of 15 participating teams and 10 members each team. A portion of proceeds from the golf tournament went to Shoes4Grades, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Team Mapúa, led by Cecilia Lopez-Brod, scored a Team Event Net of 386. In addition, team member Bhot Salas won the award for Overall Low Net and is also the champion for the Seniors division. A special thanks to Berwyn Salazar for donating the uniforms for Team Mapúa.

Team Mapúa Roster: [Captain] Cecilia Lopez-Brod / [Members] Bhot Salas, Alex Carlos, Ely Mamoyac, Bayani Perez, Alfonso Pintor, Tony Ballesteros, Cirilo Marquez, Rene Manaloto, Ric Guanio / [Donor] Berwyn Salazar

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SCMA Annual Christmas Party:

Last year, the pandemic has forced Southern California Mapua Alumni (SCMA) to break the tradition of having in-person Christmas parties. This year we have come out of our hibernation and celebrated the holiday season at The Gatsby Bistro in West Covina last December 4 with much flair and fun fare.



It was an unprecedented event with several highlights that have never been experienced in past holiday gatherings. There were alumni in attendance from the 1960s through the 2010s driving in from all points of the Southern California from Palmdale/Lancaster to Orange County. Former Presidents including those who were considered founding fathers of SCMA were in attendance and spoke about the formative years of the organization. A record number of new lifetime members were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and tell their stories. The SCMA golf team that won the NCAA/UAAP golf tournament was in the house and showed off their well-deserved trophy and medals, paving the way to revitalizing future SCMA golf tournaments.

Our President, Ross Papilla did a great job of organizing and being the master of ceremonies. He also presented several programs that SCMA is embarking on, including the Scholarship Matching Fund program. A pledge form was distributed to those in attendance and collected at the end of the event. Over \$4,000 were pledged, and the program continues to accept more pledges for the benefit of our scholars. The alumni in attendance were divided into 3 groups, based on the year they graduated, for the Christmas caroling competition that was won by the "Young Ones" team (from 1980s to 2000s) with a well-delivered rendition of Pasko na Sinta Ko. A group of Class 1975 alumni led by Mr. Rey Principe also sang a Christmas carol for all.

Exchange gifts and door prizes made the event more exciting. Everyone had a blast and are looking forward to more future SCMA gatherings.

Mark Your Calendar !

SCMA 45th Anniversary and Induction Ball

Saturday, April 30, 2022

6:00 PM to Midnight

Double Tree Hotel by Hilton

13111 Sycamore Drive

Norwalk, CA 90650

Music: The Hill Tops Band

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SCMA Bowling Tournament

SCMA Annual Golf Tournament

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