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# EDITOR'S HOMECOMING Greetings

**Dr. Joffre M. Alajar**  
(GS '72, HS '76, CAS '80)

**F**ebruary is the merry month where Bedans here and abroad converge together in the historic Mendiola campus to celebrate with joy the Grand Alumni Homecoming.

This year's homecoming event looks promising in terms of significance and attendance of the alumni. The "ROARRR PA MORE" theme speaks much of the growing desire of Bedans to experience anew their student life in this more-than-century-old campus which contributed much to who they are now.

High School Class of 1992 takes the lead in organizing this fun-filled gathering of Bedans young and not-so-young, leaving no stone unturned to make this once a year event a truly memorable one.

This homecoming issue of *The Bedan Alumnus* magazine pays tribute to this year's jubilarians from Grade School, High School, College of Arts & Sciences, College of Law and Graduate School of Business: PLATINUM Class '52; DIAMOND Class '57; EMERALD Class '62; GOLDEN Class '67; SAPPHIRE Class '72; RUBY Class '77; CORAL Class '82; PEARL Class '87; SILVER Class '92; CHINA Class '97; CRYSTAL Class '02; TIN Class '07 and WOOD Class '12. We all became a little older in age, maybe, but definitely not in our hearts and Bedan spirit!

Let the succeeding pages of this Homecoming issue relive everyone's Bedan experience knowing that they will provide us with more strength and inspiration to carry on our respective lives as sons and daughters of our school's patron saint, The Venerable Bede.

Have a happy and reflective READ!

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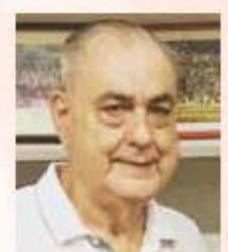
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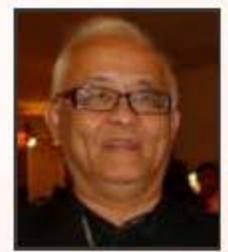
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# The President's Corner

By Atty. Dominador D. Buhain, Jr. (GS '57, HS '61)

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For the very first time, SBCAA is taking charge of the production of the Red and White Golf Tournament. For many years, selected classes had handled this tournament with *much gusto*. We

thank the many alumni who have been consistently supporting this event which are being looked forward to every year by golf aficionados.



Hats off to this year's homecoming host class (*High School '92*) led by Steven Lumabl, Roderick Lindayag, Jayvee Cabochan, John Co and a lot more. They for sure have done a good job preparing the homecoming program, making sure that it will go down the history of San Beda homecomings as the best ever.

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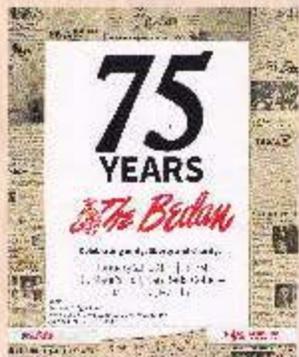


Mr. Jose Mari Lacson

This year, the SBCAA Board of Trustees takes pride in having a select group of awardees, named the 2017 Distinguished Bedans. These awardees are highly exceptional in their lives and professional accomplishments, and the SBCAA would like to honor them for making a difference in their

respective professions. I wish to especially commend Mr. Jose Mari Lacson for being one of this year's Distinguished Bedan awardees for his Outstanding Service to San Beda. This is well-deserved and long overdue for Mari has been doing such a fine job as MANCOM Representative in the NCAA for many years now.

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It has been 75 years of The Bedan publication, and such calls for a big celebration. The SBCAA joins the entire Bedan community in wishing well this important student publication which through the years has produced a significant number of outstanding Bedans who are

now making a big difference in the life of the nation and the global community.

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Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, now 101 years old (*and 8 months*), has been getting sickly lately. Fr. BB had pneumonia last December 2016 and was in and out of the UST hospital. We wish him well, hoping that he will be able to recover soon. Fr. BB is well-loved by a number of alumni and the entire Bedan community, and we all miss his presence in the alumni office.





# Foundation President's Line

By Dr. Jaime Z. Galvez Tan (GS '62, HS '66)



**Roberto Gonzalez**

I am one with my HS Class'66 in celebrating our 51 years as Bedans. We are truly blessed to have reached this far in our respective lives, and I know we've achieved much because of our Bedan Education. Our Class will have another cruise experience this February courtesy of our generous classmate Roberto Gonzalez.

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Our class is again proud to have another accomplished Bedan in the person of Cesar Jacinto Jr. who will receive the 2017 Distinguished Bedan Award in the field of arts and culture. Cesar composed "Walk that Mile for the 1971 Yamaha Music Festival" and "Got to Save the World" for the 1974 Tokyo Music Festival.



**Cesar Jacinto Jr.**

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We condole with the family of outstanding Bedan Jun Alday who succumbed to death last December 2016. Jun was diagnosed to have lung cancer last year, months after his successful art exhibit in San Beda. Jun's last wish was to establish a scholarship fund in San Beda, the funding of which will be coming from the sale of his antique collections. During his wake, the bereaved family of Jun led by his sister Cleo committed to follow Jun's last wishes.

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We are pleased to receive lately a One Million Pesos donation for a Professorial Chair established in the name of the San Beda Law Alumni Association/Ramon S. Ang.



**Ramon S. Ang**



**Atty. Ave Cruz**



**Nick Acosta**



**Atty. Jonas Cabochan**



**Atty. Sixto Brillantes**

Thanks to SBLAA Chairman Ave Cruz, President Nick Acosta, Atty. Jonas Cabochan and Atty. Sixto

Brillantes for facilitating this chair donation. This is SBCAF's 19th Professorial Chair.

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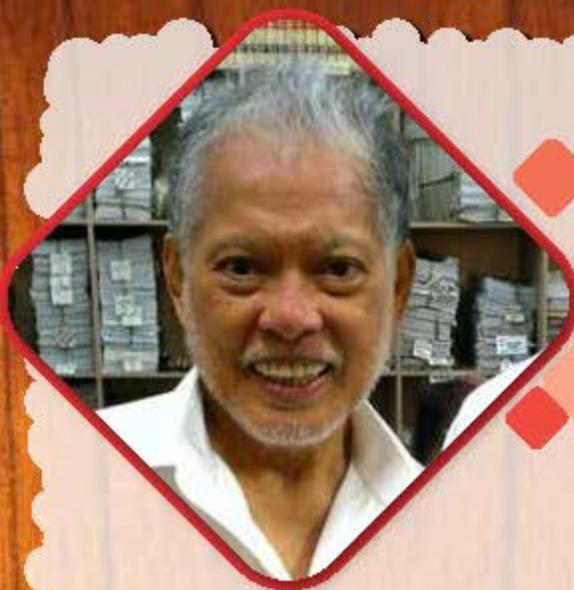
We once again thank Mr. Jorge Ortoll for his upcoming donation for a student-faculty-athletes dormitory to be constructed at the San Beda Rizal campus soon. It will be recalled that Mr. Ortoll established recently a Professorial Chair in Information Technology in San Beda Manila. Truly, San Beda is blessed to have generous alumni like Jorge and his late brother Carlos.

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**Ramon Felipe S. Reyes**

Congratulations to our SBCAF Board Trustee Roman Felipe "Manny" S. Reyes as he receives recognition for Professional and Business Services at the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards. The Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards (APEA) is a Regional Award Recognition program honouring business leaders across Asia for their outstanding leadership and entrepreneurial excellence.



## RELIVING THE PAST, THANKFUL FOR THE PRESENT AND HOPEFUL FOR THE FUTURE

By Atty. Rene V. Segulaog (CAS '59 and Law '63)

The Bedan marked its 75th anniversary last January 20 (Saturday), in St. Maur's Hall. I was under the weather but attended anyway and saw a number of long-time and valued friends, teachers, contemporaries and successors, such as Sonny Belmonte, Spenny Perez, Buddy Gomez, Oscar Contreras, et al.. Uplifting and energizing.

We relived a part of our school's past, such as when Ninoy Aquino breezed through high school in three years, and became the Manila Times' teenaged correspondent during the Korean War, which started in 1950. I was a promid in Pasig, where I started campus journalism as a sports columnist in the Rizalian of Rizal Hi. In Makati Elem, I read in the Manila Times sports columnist Red Smith's quote from Thomas Gray's Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard.

I came here in 1955, a hick or country bumpkin, in a world of "San Beda Boys Low-Waist". It was qua sports columnist that I started in the Bedan (recruited by AB classmate Jay Sapala, quoted by the New York Times last May, on a story on then Davao City Mayor Digong Duterte singing a Sinatra song as part of the night life in that City).

I became Bedan ed-on-chief in 1962-63, when I also became college chess champion and finished law cum laude.

My Bedan experience as a stude was fun-filled and fulfilling. In 1967, as first awardee of a new Faculty Development Program of Fr. Alex Garuza (properly laicized), I rushed an application to Harvard Law in a rinky-dink typewriter, beyond the deadline. I sort of "warned" that it might be sorry someday were I not accepted and allowed to roam in the "sacred precincts of Harvard Yard." It worked, ha, ha; it quickly responded with a generous scholarship offer.

San Beda had refined my ability to make words speak. And charm.

I am thankful, with certain reservations, for what goes on now and look at the present and future with rose-colored glasses.

We have a Prez and Veep who both attended San Beda, along with a number of Cabinet members. I was Prefect or Vice Dean when Digong was a remarkable law senior in 1972 and Leni was my unassuming stude in grad law school in 2013 (she understandably quit on getting elected as Cong that year).

I do have problems with EJKs, traffic, Kanto Boy language (promids I associate with kinder, gentler language), death penalty restoration, etc.. Overall however, I remain hopeful there will be course corrections, to show respect for human life and dignity and long-time friends and/or devils we know, or even devils we don't.

Friends pa more.

I saw Mr. and Mrs. Donald Trump last January 19, together, on stage, in his Inaugural as next U.S. Prez. And how he danced with the wifey, not any kulalal.

Would that Digong marry Honeylet, to avoid awkwardness, make the couple an honest one, and good role models following the laws of God and man, and not confuse the young on the value of sacred holy matrimony, which so mattered in our earlier Jurassic generation. And enjoy pa more blessings from Heaven.

Digong need not worry about a coup. Our people may be too busy partying or taking selfies, not worrying nor hurrying but stopping to smell the flowers.

To paraphrase Ted Kennedy, in seeing hope in the young, which I note in my human rights studes - for those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream - for a better life for everyone - shall never die.

I see Prez Digong meeting with Marcos human rights victims. Good. I was in the Cathedral for Cardinal Tagle's well-attended Mass for druggles organized by the Fazenda de Esperanza. We have just had here the World Apostolic Congress on Divine Mercy. Very good. Hope, healing and forgiving spring eternal.

Kudos to the deserving 2017 homecoming awardees, who will help in the process. I laud and note in particular Cong. Rey Umall and his stance on the eye-for-eye-tooth-for-a-tooth-rape-the-rapist death penalty by public hanging. Every life matters, Rey, and we don't ever give up on anyone.

Animo San Bedal



# SAN BEDA ROARRR GRAND ALUMNI BATCH GS

All systems go for the simple yet the happiest of all alumni homecomings hosted traditionally by the silver and golden jubliarians. This year's Silver Jubliarians (HS Class '92) and Golden Jubliarians (HS Class '67), are the main hosts of the night's festivity which promises to be different from the ones we had in the past, filled with simple entertainment, nostalgia, recognitions and fellowships.

Dubbed "Roam Pa More", the homecoming celebrates the start of SBC's 117 years of great educational service to the Filipino nation, making every Bedan proud of his/her Benedictine heritage.

The celebration begins at 3:00 pm. with a Holy Mass at the Abbey Church, Jubliarians awards will be distributed after the Mass. The Sixth Dugong Bedista award to honor SBC's pillars will serve as one of the highlights of the awarding rites.

A dinner program kicks-off at 6pm at the Plaza Montserrat with performers providing a night-filled variety entertainment. Leave it to



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'88 HS '92



the Silver Jubilarians handling every detail of the show extravaganza. Steven Lumabl, Roderick Lindayag, and John Co, heads of this year's silver jubilarians, organized the program. This year's homecoming holds special significance as a grand welcome is awaiting the Class of 2017 from the College of Arts & Sciences, College of Medicine and College of Nursing.

A number of balikbayans from US, Canada, Australia, Germany, China have arrived since last week attending to several Bedan events to include the Red and White Golf Tournament (January 27) hosted by SBGAA and the Frolics (January 27, 28 & 29).

This year's jubilarians include: Class '57 (Diamonds); Class'67 (Golden), Class'92 (Silver), Class'87 (Pearl), Class'72 (Sapphire); Class'77 (Ruby), and Class'83 (Jade).

Here's a toast to an enjoyable evening filled with fun and meaning as we all ROARRR PA MORE.





# The Silver Harvest of High School Class of 1992

By Dr. Joffre M. Alajar



Dr. Dave Dizon

Atty. Eliseo Zuniga Jr.

Arnold Ramos

Taking charge of yearly Alumni homecomings gives me the privilege to collate bits and pieces of information about the Jubilarians as they return to their *Alma Mater* to celebrate their milestone year as Bedans.

This year, the High School Class of 1992 celebrates the Silver Jubilee of their graduation from our prestigious San Beda High School. My greatest joy in writing this piece about High School Class of 1992 is finding the class members doing well in life, and truly living the Benedictine ideals of faith (*fides*), knowledge (*scientia*), and virtue (*virtus*), which hopefully, today's millennial generation should emulate.

In service to San Beda, Country and God, Class'92 is proud of having produced medical doctors whose vocation is purposely focused on being always "in service for other" in a manner every Bedan can draw inspiration from. Dr. Dave Dizon, Class '92 valedictorian, is clinical associate professor

of the UP College of Medicine and the Training Officer of the Section of Spine Surgery of the PGH Department of Orthopedics. Dr. Jay Junle is Pediatric and Cardiac Surgeon at the Philippine Heart Center. Dr. Randy Limon and Dr. Richard Cabrera are both Ophthalmologist. Dr. Jun Amisola is a Surgeon.

HS Class'92 is able to produce a number of lawyers, namely: Atty. Eliseo Zuniga, Jr. Bar topnotcher 2000 and Partner of Quisumbing Torres; Atty. Rommel Lumibao, corporate lawyer of San Miguel; and Atty. Emmanuel Villanueva, Prosecutor in the City of Manila.

Arnold Ramos made High School Class 1992 and the entire Bedan community proud by his placing number four in the May 1997 CPA Board exams.

In the corporate world, members of High School Class 1992 have also been making a big difference. They include: Elvin Salazar, Vice President, Solutions and Applications at Teledatcom Philippines; Steven Lumabl, Finance Director Aspen Philippines, Inc.; Garry Dasig, Regional IT – Procurement Manager-Asia Pacific Region, Lafarge Holcim Group; Josef Carlo Andrey Bustamante, Business Development Manager, Siemen's Philippines; Emerson "Sandy" Roque, Assistant Vice President and Head of Enterprise and Carrier Analytics and Market Research-PLDT; John Philip Elaydo, Area Sales Manager-CDO Foodsphere, Inc.; Aries Alexander Aquitania, Global Vice President for Sales at Oxyelator Organization BV based in



**Ervin Salazar**

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**Gerry Dasig**



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In the field of media and entertainment, Class'92 is blessed to have a very talented and creative mind in the person of **Roderick Lindayag** who is a Television Director of ABS-CBN. Dick is also ably directing the 2017 SBC homecoming program. **Carl Briones** works for ABS-CBN North America.

In the intricate world of business, Class'92 has the following highly successful business icons we can all be proud of: **Jose Cruz III**, Owner-Tong & M Marketing LPG; **Michael John**



**Robert Allan Macapagal**

**Juancho Jerusalem**

**Joseph Allan Evaristo**



**Roderick Lindayag**

**Jose Cruz III**

**Michael John Regala**



**John Co**

**Benjie Serrano**

**Thristan Cruz**



**Michael Thomas Acosta**

**Jose Antonio Cabechan**

**Francis Sia**





Regala, Owner Stagemoovers, Inc.; John Co, Owner, PMPI Creative Suites; Anthony Villabroza, Entrepreneur at 5LINX Enterprises Inc.; Architect Michael Yloron; Chef Jackie Dela Cruz, based in Ilocos; Chef Benedict Tantengco, Based in Doha, Qatar.

In the field of sports, Tyrone Bautista is making a big difference as Sports Director of the International School of Thailand.

In the field of public service, Class '92 has servant leaders, namely: Benjie Serrano, Jr., Provincial Board Member and former Mayor of Orani Bataan; and Thristan "Tantan" Cruz, fifth term, Municipal Councilor of Angat Bulacan; Andrew Alviar, Deputy Sheriff IV at Regional Trial Court, Quezon City; Felipe Carino, Diplomat at Republic of the Philippines, New York, New York USA; Dudlekins Bahjin, Consul DFA.

There are still valued members of HS Class '92 who are for sure making a big difference in the life of our nation and the global community. Further verifications however have to be undertaken to trace their whereabouts.

After 25 years, they are all glad to be back to their second home, for they have given their level best to be praiseworthy witnesses to the Benedictine ideals of peace (*pac*), work and pray (*ora et labora*).

Their Silver Jubilee homecoming goes beyond showing off how successful they have become. Rather, their 25th year





homecoming today is a constant reminder of our Bedan Fellowship that never ceases. Such is also a reaffirmation that they will always have a HOME in San Beda, no matter what the future holds.

They share a Bedan kind of closeness. They learned that Bedan camaraderie can cross any distance to keep them close in heart, and that no matter what else is going in life,

they can always count on one another.

Today they're back, as they continuously strive to live lives that matter, so their Silver Harvest will grow in abundance in the years to come.

**GO SAN BEDA GO!**



# MY IDENTITY AS A BEDAN

By Austin Mangoba

The year 2017 marks my family's 25th year of residency in America. It's a rarity for me to see any former classmates from San Beda College here in Chicago. To my surprise, my good old friend Steven Lumabi, accompanied by his wife Ayen, decided to visit our home in April 2013. They brought with them various gifts including a San Beda jacket, a St. Benedict medal and a San Beda polo shirt. I proudly displayed these items to my daughter Azel who marveled at the design of the patches of the shirt, the iconic Lion emblem and the prominent name of San Beda College at the rear of the jacket. My daughter then asked me, "Why are you proud of your school, San Beda College?" In reply to Azel's curiosity, I then unfolded one of my aging photo albums and presented her some of the vintage class photos of my days at San Beda. After seeing my school photos, I became verklempt and lachrymose, realizing that it has been 25 years since I last stepped foot inside my beloved school. Counting from Prep class, 37 years has elapsed since I sojourned the hallowed halls and grand archways of San Beda. My daughter's question brought back multitudinous memories, from the precocious and insouciant playing under to sun, towards the nascent of erudite academic studies and the pursuit of achieving goals, aspirations and dreams. Because of the benevolence of friends and faculty of San Beda, I recognize them as my family. I am grateful to San Beda for my education, my acquired knowledge, life-lessons and values. Enriched and nurtured by the seminal influence of St. Benedict, I owe my stronger Catholic upbringing, my development, and my identity as a Bedan to San Beda



College.

The Batch of GS-88, HS-92 will be hosting the Alumni Homecoming and Reunion this coming February 4, 2017. I can only imagine seeing all my former classmates and friends gathering once again for a grand and happy get-together. Seeing each other would instantly induce reminiscence of past experiences, recalling favorite moments at school and forging bonds with long lost friends. Some would likely discuss about their first day of school when they were in Prep Class and how they met their best friends, who later on became their Bedan brothers as time progressed. Seeing the campus again, we appreciate the beautiful and serene courtyards, the Roman Garden, the Fountain and the overall Neo-Gothic architecture of the main building. As alumni gather for the Mass at the Our Lady of Montserrat Abbey Church, we recall our reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation,



First Communion and the celebration of First Friday and Graduation Masses. In my honest opinion, the sacrosanct Abbey church is the precious jewel of our school, with its ornate frescoes that rival the intricate design of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. Illuminated by the numerous Angel candelabras, the grandeur of the church is witnessed during the celebration of the Eucharist.

As a student, everyone knew how to borrow books especially *The Adventures of Tintin*, *Asterix* and *Obelix* at the school library. Everyone remembers playing trampo, "Block 123," yoyo, marbles or jolens, text, and other games with their friends. Others would bring an occasional *Voltes 5* action robot while on recess and lunch break. Eventually, the toys we played with would be upgraded to *He-Man*, *GI-Joes*, *Transformers*, *Voltron*, *Dungeons and Dragons*, *Thundercats* and *Game & Watch*. Besides being the unofficial playground of the school, we have fond memories of the Quadrangle, the heart of the campus, wherein we gathered for flag ceremonies, opening prayers, announcements, calisthenics, and other school events. Others may claim that their favorite place at School was the canteen and cafeteria, where one can dine on pork barbecue, sardines pizza, burger, hotdog, taco, chocolate cake, dinuguan, mami, soppao, and other assortment of delicious meals. For those inclined in sports, played basketball at the covered-courts especially during inclement weather, while others preferred a more relaxed and supine time, lying on concrete

benches near the Junior Football Field. Indeed, there are plenty of memories to recall from our time at San Beda College.

With Malacanang Palace and Mendola Bridge near our campus, most of us witnessed the various political turbulence and upheavals of our nation. During class hours, our school would sometimes be disrupted by regnant kerfuffle between riot police versus truculent demonstrators. Although the middle part of the 80's was a morose, tenebrous, challenging, feryd and perilous period in our history, our classes at San Beda persisted. Our education endured even in the occurrence of natural calamities: the powerful typhoon that toppled three of the Quadrangle's age-old trees, the deadly July 16, 1990 earthquake that fractured cracks to certain walls and floors, the major eruption on June 12, 1991 of the once quiescent volcano, Mount Pinatubo, inundated our homes and campus with soot and ash. Despite all of these events, nothing deterred us from going to school. These events enhanced our fortitude, courage, dauntlessness and determination as students.

While studying at San Beda, we ascertained knowledge from respectable and erudite educators and teachers. They encouraged us to be diligent and sedulous with our school work, quizzes, projects and exams. They challenged us to refine ourselves in preparation for higher learning in college. They parlayed our God-given talents to emend them so as to explore other hidden talents we possess. In return, they rewarded us with awards, pins, certificates, medals and enthusiastic encouragement. As we learned the basics of language, math, algebra, science, physics, chemistry, geometry, biology, economics, religion, art, music, physical education, history and social studies, our teachers reinforced our Christian way of life as well. Besides learning our ABC's, San Beda cultivated our spiritual growth through our many recollections, and spiritual retreats. Our annual retreat to the retreat house and the placid cenacle of Tagaytay City led us to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. These retreats served to mellorate our



relationship with our own parents, our siblings, our friends, our neighbors, and most importantly, God.

During High School, everyone had a chance to visit the many depressed areas of Metro Manila through the Immersion Program of the school. We once stopped by at an orphanage, exposing us to the needy and marginalized children of our society. We observed their deplorable and malnourished condition. Baset by poverty and arant destitution, some of the orphaned boys resort to cadging in the obstreperous streets of Quiapo and Luneta Park. We also traveled to a community at the vicinity of the Chinese Cemetery, wherein hundreds of homeless families lived within the shadows of niches, shallow tombs and mausoleums of the buried dead. We conversed with them and heard the stories of their struggle to find a decent home to live in and their search for a respectable way of earning a living. Another trip was to the seaside town of Navotas, wherein scrap wood, corrugated paper, and pieces of metal are fashioned as austere stilted huts. Their houses were in danger of flooding and collapse due to the onslaught of Manila Bay's constant waves and high-tides. We trudged on the turbid ground as we skillfully balanced our way to one of the huts. Looking inside in one of the improvised shack, we beheld eight to ten people crowded together in one tiny space. Collecting trash, salvaging metal and





other useful scraps was the main livelihood of the community. Sadly, most of the children we met do not go to school as most of them accompany their emaciated mothers in the squalid and putrid Smokey Mountain waste dump. Lastly, we spent a week with a volunteer family at Brgy. Wawa in Binangonan, Rizal. For a week we ate what our host family served, slept where they slept, and went to the bathroom where they relieved themselves. As young men, we realized how fortunate we were, having parents able to provide for us warm shelter, good food and a loving home to live in. We discovered how privileged we were of having a good education from San Beda. Seeing the travails of our neediest neighbors amid the dross and desiccated landscape evoked in us empathy and compassion towards the less-fortunate, the indigent, the impecunious members of our society and especially our own countrymen. Our laconic time with the poor taught us about social justice, appreciation of our own blessings, and a clarion call to action to help and uplift our fellowmen.

Indeed, 25 years has passed since we accomplished our goal of graduating from High School. We are proud of our individual success as a professional in the field we chose. Some of us have achieved great and excellent deeds in life. Some of us have traveled to the far reaches of our planet and beyond the depths of oceans. One thing is evident about us: "Once a Bedan, always a Bedan." We should be thankful to God for all the graces and blessings we have received. Moreover, we are indebted to all our former advisers, instructors, faculty members, educators and priests because of their assiduous guidance and forbearance. We should be thankful to our parents

especially for their love, support and financial sacrifices. Lastly, as we celebrate the happy occasion of this Grand Alumni Homecoming and our common and lasting fellowship, let us

remember our departed priests, teachers, fellow classmates and batchmates. They may no longer be present among us, but they represent our contingent of Bedans in Heaven. This article is dedicated to all of you. Continue to appreciate one another and the legacy of our school. Remain faithful in our Christian upbringing, glorifying God in whatever task we do. As we persevere in our journey in life, my hope is that we never lose the Bedan in our identity and our character. That when others meet and know us, they will attest with pellucidity and honesty that we are Bedans. UT IN OMNIBUS GLORIFICETUR DEUS.



# THE CAS CLASS OF 1992

## *Shining Brighter, Living Lives Better*

By Dr. Joffre M. Alajar

One good thing about still being active as a school administrator - teacher for many decades now, is the opportunity to still keep track of former students after they have left school to be on their own. One of the Bedan groups I stay in touch with is the CAS Class of 1992. Thanks to the social media i.e. facebook, twiteer, Instagram etc., keeping track of these former students made it so convenient and accessible.

Looking back, the CAS Class of 1992 came into being after a time when the entire Filipino nation was gathering the gains of the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution, struggling hard to recover what were lost during the 20-year dictatorial regime of strongman Ferdinand Marcos. With the improvement in both political and economic situations in the country, the members of this Class envisioned a much better future for their generation – and proved themselves

right. After 25 years, the Class of 1992 is back, proud of what they have harvested all those years since their graduation from the CAS.

Being this year's Silver Jubilarians, it is only fitting that this enviable class be given tribute for all their significant contributions to make this world a better and brighter place.

In the field of accountancy and taxation, **Walter Abela, Jr.** is Partner, Tax Corporate Services of Navarro Amper & Co. (Philippine Member firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu); **Atty. Lawrence Blascocho** is also Partner of the Tax Isla Lipana & co, Pricewaterhouse Coopers; **Nelson Lopez** is Cost Accountant, Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, State of Colorado, USA; **Michael Sabado** is Accountant Partner of Assurance, SGV & co.

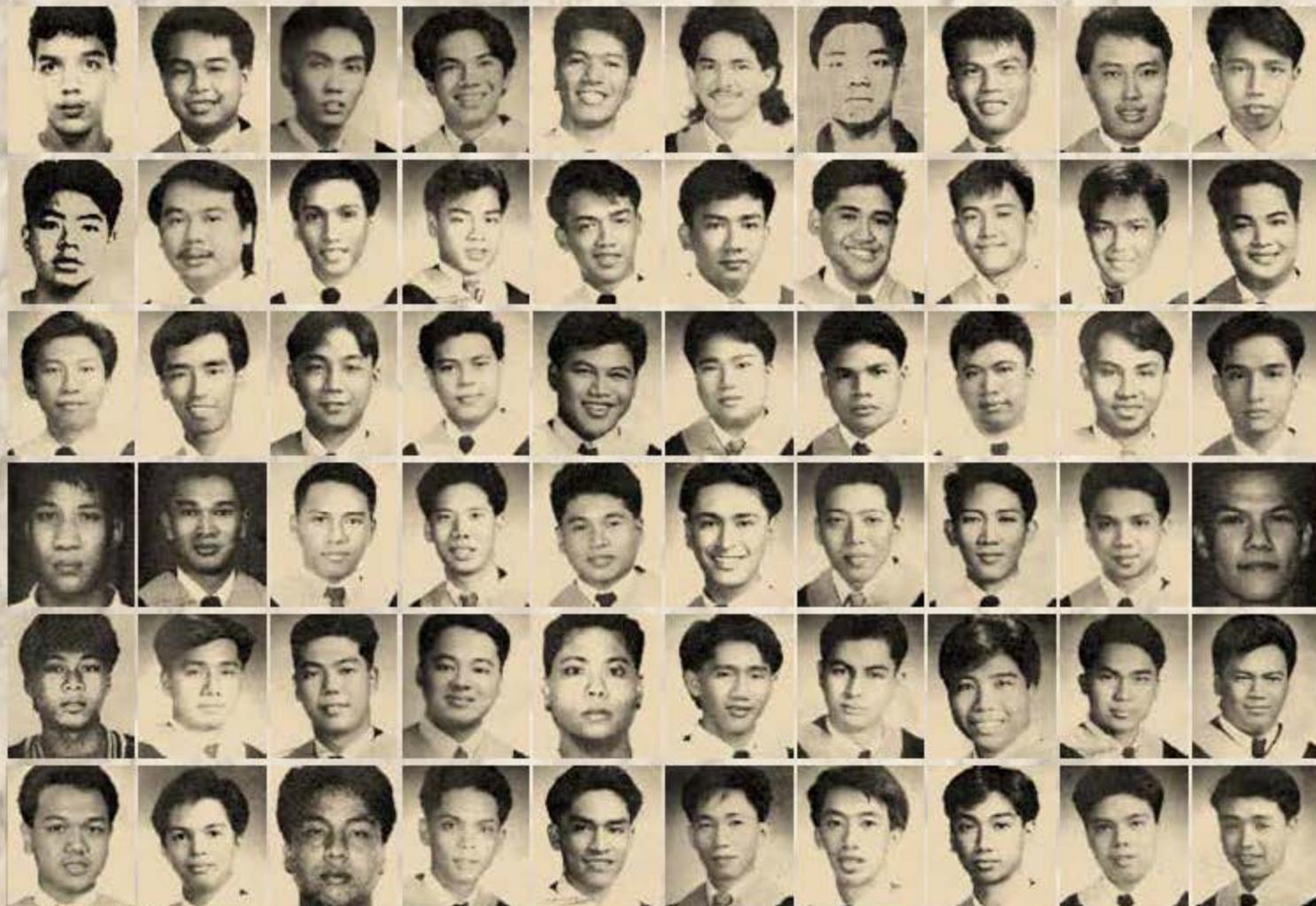


(Ernest & young); Glenn Tee serves as Chief Audit Executive Energy Development Corp.; Nick Pasco is Managing Director of HC Global Fund Services LLC; Gerard Angelo Festin is VP-Comptroller of Bloomberg Corporation; Archel Angeles is Finance Director of Mead Johnson (Bangkok, Thailand); Erwin Tenorio is Corporate Controller of Cambridge International Inc. and practicing accountant in USA; Ryan Gabinete is Engagement Partner, Ernst & Young – Qatar; Armando Nunez is CFO of ANH Unlimited; Dennis Gaw Gonzales is Production Manager of Globe Distillery; Paolo Rivlera is Real Estate Contractor in Zamboanga City.

In the field of entrepreneurship, Clas'92 is proud of Voltaire "Bong" Magpayo who is franchisor of the famous Sweet Corner and Sumo Takoyaki; Davidson Lim is owner of LinShi Mall based in Zamboanga City; Roel Bocobo is proprietor of a Hardware & Construction Supply Company and Trading/Financial Consultant and Jobel Reyes is a businessman. Jason Syjuco, Frederick Tan and Rannie Rodriguez have their respective businesses.

In the field of government service, Class'92 shines with Lucena Mayor Roderick "Dondon" Alcalá; Quezon City Councilor Godofredo "Bong" Liban III; Dennis Alcoreza Chief of Manila Traffic and Parking Bureau (MTPB); Eric Dimaculangan is Executive Director of the Bureau of Immigration; Glen Ricarte is Supervising Agent of NBI; Joseph Decapito, Senior Budget and Management Specialist, Department of budget and Management; Bogle Reyes is Board Director of MTRCB; Gary Domingo is Department Head, Business Permit and License Department, Quezon City Local Government Unit; Jay Patrice Bartolome is Asst. Dept Head, LGU Cauayan City, Isabela; Francisco "Kiko" Villanueva, Sr. is Customer Relations Assistant of Philippine Amusement Gaming & Corp (PAGCOR), and Darby S. Garcia, AVP for Regulatory Compliance and Comrel, First Generation Corporation. Romeo Cruz is PAGCOR Senior Treasury Officer.

In the corporate world, Class'92 takes pride of Pete Antonio who is Assistant Vice President of Cocolife; Rommel Agullar is Corporate Card Sales Manager-Retail Banking Sector Group Phil. National Bank;

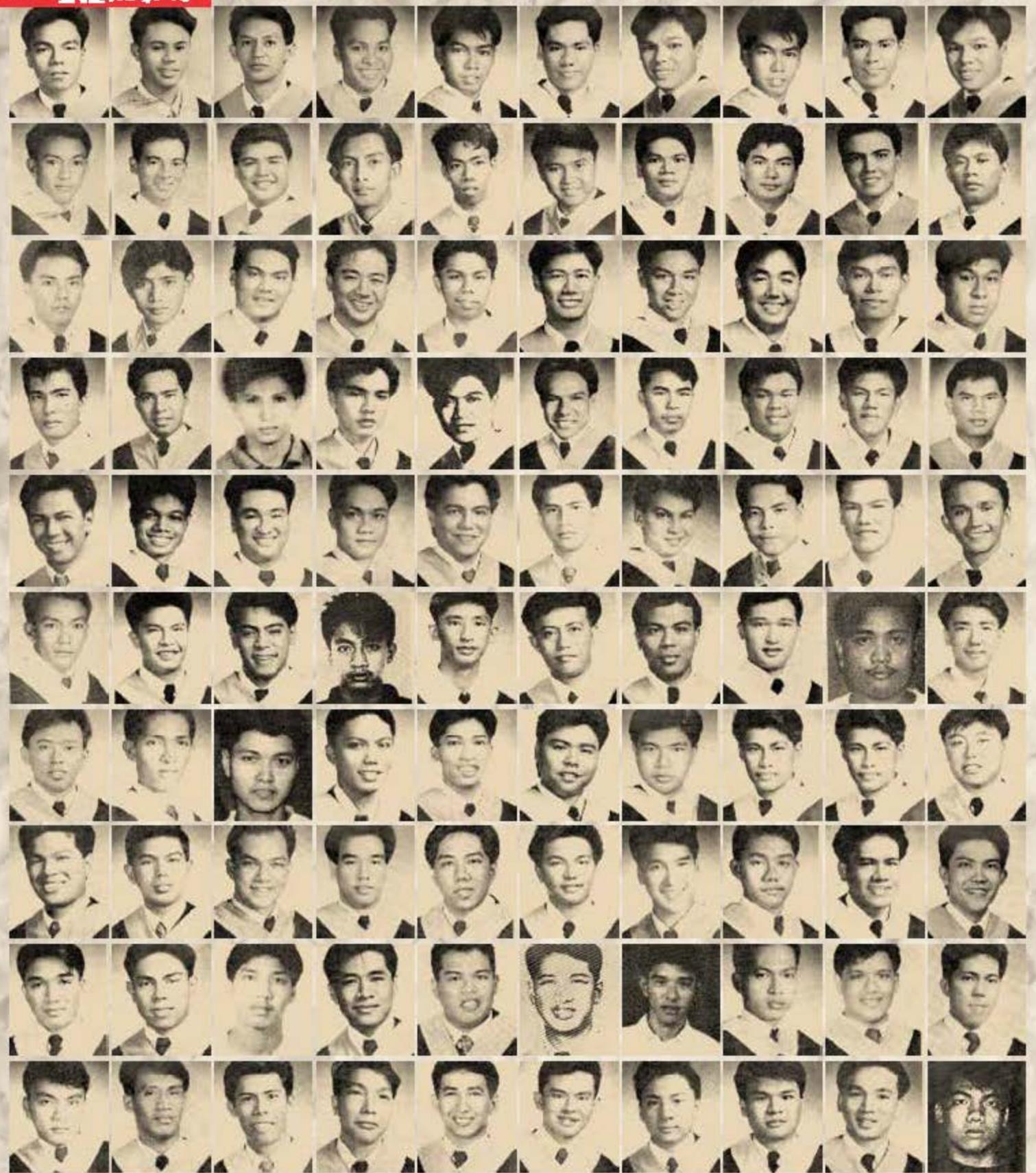


**Dino Claudio Sanchez** is a branch Manager of RCBC Savings Bank; **Gerry Calleja Dumalasa**, Former Service head/AM Phil. Veterans Bank Legazpi City Branch; **Arman Manansala** is Branch Sales Officer Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co.; **Jonathan Trillana** is Subject Matter Expert, Concentrix; **Nell Cabrera** is Direct Sales Channel Manager, DHL Express; **Joel Hilay** is Regional Manager, Stronghold Insurance Co.; **Arnold Acosta** is Key Account Director of MServ; **Patrick David Lim** occupies an executive position at PRU LIFE UK based in Davao City; **Jonathan Roberto Nazario** is AVP, Business Development - Global Partners, BDO Remittance; **Garry Lacsamana** is Human Resources Dept. Manager- EHS Lens Philippines, Inc; **Eduardo Malatag** is Modern Trade Head of Monde Nissin Corporation; **Tom Cruz** is Head of Sales for Gen Trade at Uratex; **Oscar Gutay** is Director, Supercare Medical Services, Inc.

**Jovito "Jejei" Gertes** is Chief Finance Officer and Vice President of Third Generation Holdings Corp of the Lopez Group of Companies. Jejei was recognized in 2014 by PICPA for his community service. An MBA graduate of Asian Institute of Management, Jejei is a CPA accredited in Public Practice and Commerce & Industry and certified tax practitioner by the BIR. **Paolo Rivera** is a Real Estate Contractor, Zamboanga; **Luis Antonio Mangulabnan** is VP/Director for distribution, logistics and procurement - Versarall Corporation. **Ched Aragon** is HR and Administration Head of Wakwak Golf and Country Club.

Members of CAS Class '92 are shining brightly overseas led by **John Equina (USA)**, **Nell Natanauan (USA)**; **Joey Parayno Gabrillo (Bakersfield CA)**; **Norberto Bonsol Jr. (San Francisco, CA)**; **Crelton Crelencia (USA)**; **Archel**





**Angeles (Thailand); Henry Cortez (New York); Roderick "Dick" Bayona (Montreal, Canada); Walter Lim (Spain); Dennis Tabernilla, (Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada); Ryan Gabinete (Qatar); Erwin Tenorio (USA); Antonio Maravillas (USA) and Ronaldo Landas (New York). Nick Pasco has**

**several companies in Los Angeles and New York. Menandro "Mandy" Bagtas is a highly successful rich businessman in the USA; Keith Arthur Elbo is Senior Cabin Crew Member/Recruitment Assessor-Fly, Dubai.**

In the banking sector, **Mariano Vicente Rivera** is Assistant Vice President, Security Bank Corporation. **Walter Lim** is Vice President of Metrobank based in Madrid, Spain. **Jay Capistrano** is SAVP branch head of BDO Las Pifias. **Virgilio Martin II** is Senior Personal Banking Manager of HSBC. **Alex Cinco** is Customer Service Officer, Citibank, while **Oliver Guinto** is Senior Manager of Maybank Philippines.

The Class takes pride producing two entertainment artists, namely: **Dante Ponce Buerano** and **Nap Miranda**. Dante used to be a vocal artist under Backroom Talents of Boy Abunda, and appeared in various telenovelas and movies until he decided to go back to US where his family is based. Nap will be remembered for his long running Surf product commercial where he played the role of Lando, the faithful husband of Lumen. He is also an entrepreneur of the family machineries at National Bookstore and a number of office warehouses. He is likewise incorporator of the Metro Shoppers Trading Inc.

**Raymund Villanueva**, editor of *The Bedan* in 1992, is an accomplished journalist and media personality

The CAS Class'92 Student Council President **Phillip "Ipe" Tubera** has just been promoted to being Master Chief of the US Navy. This is the highest rank given to an enlisted personnel.

Class '92 is blessed to have a priest who has been absorbed in th rhythm and discipline of the religious vocation **Rev. Fr. Ambrose Emeric Ambrose Monroy**, parish priest, Laoag, Ilocos.

In the field of Law, Class'92 is blessed to have **Judge Dennis Orendain** who by the way has been a great

help in organizing this homecoming; **Dennis Apostol** who was editor of the Echoes Yearbook of Class'92 is a practicing lawyer who handled a number of controversial litigation and appellate cases. Presently, **Atty. Apostol** is Chief Legal and legal consultant of several companies; **Marlon E. Buan** is NCR Director of Public Attorney's Office (PAO); **Jay Miguel** is RTC Judge, Manila; **Atty. Oliver Pantaleon** is Partner in the prestigious ACCRA Law Firm while **Atty. Jiboy Cabochan** runs a private Law Firm.

Perhaps, it is former Congressman and Bayan Muna Party-1st Representative **Neri Colmenares** who truly made a big difference in the life of our nation and people. He may have lost in the recently concluded national election for a Senate seat, but to a number of Filipinos, especially is Bedan family, he could have been the best Bedan Senator in the mold of **Rene Saguisag** and **Raul Roco**. In 2016, He was awarded Distinguished Bedan in the field of Government Service.

Much as I would love to have a complete roster of achievers from Class 1992, this may not be possible at the moment given the limited space and access to other Class members. Nevertheless, I am optimistic that in all these past years, the members of the CAS Class of 1992, had been shining brighter and living their lives better for San Beda, Country and God. Really proud, they all belong to the Bedan Race, and as their school administrator-professor 25 years ago, I was privileged and truly blessed to be part of their Bedan formation.

Here's to a fun-filled and meaningful homecoming!

May Our Bedan Fellowship Never Cease!





# LASTING REFORMS: OUR BIGGEST ROAR

By *Neri Javier Colmenares (CAS '92)*

It was a pleasant surprise when I was informed that we are the Jubliarians this year. Has it been 25 years since we donned our robes, and playfully marched to receive our diplomas as San Beda College graduates? It does not seem that long since we banged on our computers for weeks using Wordstar (or was it Wordperfect?) to finish our "thesis" on the last day for submission. When I had to bravely, but elatedly, cross enroll in the all-girls La Consolacion College to pass my 'incomplete' grade in Spanish. Or swallow whole Mang Roger's balot for dinner or gobble up tapsilog during lunch breaks at the "hole in the whole" kiosks that line up the Bedan walls then. Or those many solrees with "St. Scho" girls when Beda was still an "all boys" club. It doesn't seem to be that long ago.

As fresh graduates all of us faced the world then full of hope that after years of ora et labore under the stern gaze of our very strict English teacher, the colorful Bible stories of our Theology professor, the until-now-incomprehensible programming lectures of our Computer teacher and the fearful feeling every time we are called to the office of Dom Clement Roque, after all these stressful but fun years of study, we were free to roam the world and bid for success.

Some of us immediately launched into their respective careers, and worked on their fields in Economics, Accounting, Management and Philosophy the only courses offered in San Beda then. Others like me, trudged on a little longer, and went to law school. Armed with the Bedan principle of Faith, Knowledge and Virtues, many of us led successful lives, whether in business or politics. Perhaps, the dictum of work and prayers, hammered into our minds through our Bedan years, coupled with the determination and courage of our Red Lions, worked very well in propelling us to face and hurdle great challenges in life. Whatever small successes that came my way as a member of Congress, come largely from that Bedan motto deeply inculcated on us during those important college years—Faith, Knowledge and Virtues.

It was a lonely battle when, in 2011, I filed the bill to increase SSS pension. But Faith and the never say die spirit of our Red Lions in many championship fights probably inspired me to persist despite the

*Former Bayan Muna Congressman Neri Colmenares entered San Beda in 1987 and finished his AB Economics in 1992. He was given the Distinguished Bedan Award in 2013 for 'Exemplary Government Service'. He was an Associate at the Asian Law Center when he was taking his Law PhD at the University of Melbourne. He was the Senior Deputy Minority Leader of the 16th Congress and authored the original SSS pension bill. He has been an advocate for social pension and tax reforms for years with bills to increase pension, lower income tax and eliminate VAT in gasoline, water and electricity charges. Among the bills he also authored are the Anti-Dynesty Law and the Freedom of Information Law. He also authored several laws such as the Mobile Disaster Alerts Law, the law creating special election precincts for persons with disabilities and senior citizens, early voting for the media, recognition and indemnification for martial law human rights victims, the Anti-Torture Law and the Anti-Enforced Disappearance Law. As a lawyer, Neri has argued before the Supreme Court in various issues and has won some of the controversial cases that were decided by the Court the latest of which was against pork barrel in the form of PDAF and DAP. Rep. Neri was also one of the government prosecutors in the Impeachment Trial of then Chief Justice Renato Corona. He is an MCLE Lecturer of the IBP. He was Chess Champion of Western Visayas and placed second runner up at the Palorong Pembansa at the age of 16 and is the Vice President of the National Chess Federation. He and Shelimar are doing parents to son Bien.*

odds until one day all our work bore fruit with Pres. Rodrigo Duterte's bold approval of the pension increase. I never thought that my bill requiring government to send text messages containing disaster warnings, evacuation places and schedule of relief operations would ever become a law. But faith and a recognition that a law that tries to save lives during calamities is worth fighting for, in the end gave birth to RA 10639 or the Free Mobile Alerts Disaster Act. It may be difficult to pass a bill in Congress, but *ora et labore*, helped me craft ten laws during my stint in Congress including the Anti-Torture Law and the Human Rights Compensation Law.

I almost did not file HB 5401, which aimed to lower our unjust personal income tax charges, because of the voluminous studies that have to be undertaken in relation to income tax reforms. But St. Benedict's drive for education and 'knowledge' as an important component of whatever we do, inspired me to burn that extra candle to analyze how unjustly we have been overtaxed for years. And fight for tax reform during the last Congress. I am very sure that this battle ends this year when our income tax rates, unchanged since 1997, will be justly reduced under the current administration.

Virtue, ah, this one escaped me for years, as I grappled with the question as to what kind of virtue did our Benedictine tradition primarily want to imbue on us, only to realize that it has been staring at me all along. It has been there in the camaraderie of Batch 92 during those memorable college years, it was there in our jubilant cheers and jeers during heated championship fights, and that sense of Bedan belonging that lingers long after graduation and re-lived during alumni homecomings—the love for the Bedan community and our people.

I guess this virtue of love for and service to our people is what guided me through all those battles against corruption and abuse during my Congress years, and in the struggle for reforms in our society. Faith, knowledge, virtues, those difficult but important learnings that Bedans cannot and must not forget especially now, that Bedans wield the power to govern this country.

Never before in history are Bedans given the opportunity to bring about lasting changes and reforms in our society and unshackle our people from the chains of corruption, crime and eternal poverty. The President of the Republic is a Bedan and many in the corridors of power are Bedans. Faith, knowledge, virtues, *ora et labore* helped shape the lives of Bedans. Bedans are now in a position to help shape the lives of our people and change the destiny of this nation. Let us depart from tradition, be different and make a difference. This will be our loudest roar, a roar that will resonate throughout our country and heard through the years. Change was promised and change shall come. *Roar pa more!*



# Remembering ANDREW L. GOTIANUN, SR.



The SBC Alumni Foundation organized a tree-planting activity and an unveiling of a commemorative marker inside the SBC Rizal campus last November 11, 2016. It coincided with the 89th birthday anniversary of Dr. Andrew L. Gotianun, Sr. who passed away last March 2016.

In attendance were widow Mrs. Mercedes T. Gotianun, kids: Andrew Gotianun, Jr., Jonathan Gotianun, Mrs. Lourdes Josephine G. Yap and husband Joseph Yap, and Mr. Michael Edward T. Gotianun. A short program was prepared by the Integrated Basic Education Department (IBED) led by Mrs. Tess Batted, Principal, and other school administrators. Rev. Fr. Paul De Vera OSB, Vice Rector (Rizal campus) welcomed the Gotianun family with Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan, SBCAF President, Mr.

Ed Favilla, SBCAF Treasurer, Mr. Geoffrey Go, SBCAF Secretary and Mr. Butch Africa, SBCAF Trustee.

The Gotianun marker recognized Mr. Gotianun's contribution to Bedan Education, as follows





**Response from the Gotianun Family at the Tree Planting Ceremony and the Installation of a Commemorative Marker in loving memory of outstanding Bedan, Dr. Andrew L. Gotianun Sr.**

Reverend Father Paul Ma, De Vera, Officers and Members of the San Beda College Alumni Foundation, Friends,

I have been asked to say a few words on behalf of the family in response to this tree planting ceremony and the installation of a commemorative marker in memory of your fellow Bedan.

When I was asked to do this, I felt that whatever I say would not sufficiently convey my dad's feelings about this event. Obviously, it would have been more satisfying and meaningful if he were the one who personally responded to this honor. Unfortunately, he passed away 8 months ago, less than a year after he found out that he had cancer. Needless to say, the family was devastated and we miss him a lot.

Since my dad cannot be physically present with us today, I thought maybe I should try to imagine what his feelings would be and what he would say about what we are doing today.

First of all, I think he would reaffirm his great love for San Beda and how much his two years in San Beda helped provide him the solid foundation for his business career as well as for his personal growth. It appears that he had a great time in San Beda because he often talked about how much fun he had there. He was a provinciano, but San Beda took care of him as an intern. He learned a lot from his professors, something he never got tired of narrating to us. He also said San Beda was not all about hitting the books and studying all the time, but about acquiring new friends and partying, including meeting girls from nearby schools. I believe San Beda was also instrumental in reinforcing certain values which guided him throughout his adult

life. Values such as having a positive attitude towards work, leading by example and having high ethical standards in business dealings, including being fair in dealings with his customers, his employees and society in general and government in particular. I know he was eternally grateful to San Beda for this.

In addition, I know he would express his sincere thanks to everybody who has been part of this event today, whether present or not, as he had done so when San Beda conferred upon him an honorary degree some years ago. At that time, he said that he would cherish forever the fact that San Beda was so kind to him as to bestow on him an honorary doctorate degree. He said at that time "Never did I think that I, who was not able to finish college, and who does not even have a Bachelor Degree or a Master's Degree would be conferred a Doctorate Degree. I accept this degree with sincere gratitude and humility. I hope that I can live up to the responsibilities that receiving such a degree entails. In addition, I would like to pay tribute to the many who are not present here today: my parents, my professors, the people that have worked with me all these years, my friends, my business associates, our customers. Without their guidance and support, I know that I would not be standing here in front of you today." I know if he were here today, he would also have said something similar. Definitely, he would have been extremely happy and would have thanked you from the bottom of his heart.

In closing, I know Dad always wanted to make a difference with his life and to contribute to the advancement of society thru his participation in the business sector. Not one to heap praise on himself, he went about doing this every day of his life until he passed away to the best of his ability, persistently and without fanfare. For him, he was just doing his duty to be a positive influence. I think if he were here today, he would encourage us to take up our own challenges, to live a productive and happy life, and to focus our efforts not only on ourselves but also on the betterment of others. He was not an outwardly religious person, but we all know he had a deep faith in God's Providence and was thankful for all the good things that he attained in life. He knew too that his good fortune necessitated the obligation of looking out for others, and to contribute to the greater good.

We have San Beda to thank for making Dad the person he was. He lives on in us and we pray that he would watch over us every day of our lives and inspire us to live the values he was taught and lived as a Bedan.

Thank you very much.



**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE  
DR. ANDREW L. GOTIANUN, SR.  
(1927-2016)**

A distinguished Bedan (Commerce'49) and a great believer in Bedan Education whose vision, passion and life mission made San Beda Rizal campus a living reality.

Recipient of the San Beda Doctor of Humanities, honoris causa degree in 1994, Bedan of the Century in 2001, and ultimately, elevated to the San Beda Hall of Fame in Philippine Business and Industry in 2005, making him one of San Beda's stellar achievers and a revered treasure who made Bedans rightly proud of their heritage.

In recognition of his immense contributions to Bedan Education, and the Philippine business and industry; his commitment to the role of private industry in nation-building; his good and ethical leadership which contributed much to national development; his having epitomized and exemplified the Benedictine ideals of pax ora et labora and the Benedictine values of fides, scientia et virtus; and his being an exemplar for the young generations to emulate, this Commemorative Marker has been installed in remembrance of his great legacy to San Beda, Country and God.

This special marker is unveiled this 11th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen during the tree-planting ceremony organized by the San Beda College Alumni Foundation, Inc. on the occasion of his 89th Birth Anniversary held at San Beda College Rizal Campus.

That in all things God may be glorified!

*James Z. Galvez, Jr.*  
DR. JAMES Z. GALVEZ, JR.  
President  
San Beda College Alumni Foundation, Inc.

*Aloysius M. Maranan, OSE*  
VERY REV. FR. ALOYSIUS MA. A. MARANAN, OSE  
Rector-President  
San Beda College

*Manuel V. Pamplin*  
VERY REV. FR. MANUEL V. PAMPLIN  
Prior-Chancellor  
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DR. MANUEL V. PAMPLIN  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
San Beda College



## The 2017 Dugong Bedista Awards Bedans honor San Beda's Strong Pillars

In its continuing effort to recognize the many unsung heroes of San Beda College, namely: teachers, administrators, faculty and service staff, the SBCAA established in 2012, the annual Dugong Bedista award. This special SBCAA awards aims to recognize non-Bedans who have a) exhibited exemplary service to SBC service for at least 25 years; b) of good moral character; c) no pending disciplinary or administrative case filed; and d) rendered exemplary service to San Beda College worthy of emulation by other members of the Bedan Community.

For AY 2016-17 the SBCAA Board of Trustees has chosen Prof. Sergio Javillo, CAS Assistant Prefect of Activities and Spanish professor for more than 30 years; Ms. Lycette Ventura, former High School principal and Science teacher; Ms. Amalia Abustan, Chief Accountant San Beda College; and Mr. Fernando "Nanding" Lacap, former CAS Secretary and now, the school's telephone system operator. Winners will receive a Dugong Bedista trophy and cash reward.

It is hoped that this award recognition will further inspire non-Bedan administrators, teachers, professors and non-teaching personnel to continue with their outstanding service to the college marked by dedication, commitment and competence.

### Prof. Sergio S. Javillo



Sir Serge, as he is fondly called by peers and associates, is San Beda's well respected assistant prefect of students. To a number of alumni who have passed the halls of San Beda, Sir Javillo will always be the very approachable Spanish teacher of the College of Arts and Sciences in the decades of the '60s, '70s, '80s and '90s who would frequently go out of his way to assist the students in understanding and appreciating the difficult Spanish language. His warm smile, fatherly concern and always accommodating aura made him well-loved and highly admired by members of the Bedan Community specially the students and the alumni. At 80 years old, Sir Serge is already fully retired and enjoying the fruits of his labor with his loving wife Rose and kids.

*For his significant contributions to the growth and development of San Beda College and his dedicated service marked by loyalty, competence, dedication and commitment, the San Beda College Alumni Association honors Prof. Sergio Javillo, with a 2017 Dugong Bedista Award.*

### Ms. Felicitas "Lycette" B. Ventura



Lycette, as she is lovingly called by members of the Bedan Community, was with San Beda for 28 years. She entered San Beda as a High School Religion and Science teacher, became a Prefect of Studies and later on rose to become one of the best principals of the High School Department. She retired from active school service but continues to be an educator in heart and mind, being active and much-sought-after PAASCU accreditor and consultant.

*For her significant contributions to the growth and development of San Beda College and her dedicated service marked by loyalty, competence, dedication and commitment, the San Beda College Alumni Association honors Ms. Lycette Ventura, with a 2017 Dugong Bedista Award.*

### Ms. Amalia L. Abustan



Who would not know Ms. Army Abustan? She is one of San Beda's loyal and diligent employees who has served the Bedan community with *much gusto* for almost three decades now. She has been Chief Accountant of the school for several years now, rising from the ranks since she started out her professional career in San Beda's Accounting Department, with her bossom friend Ms. Nita Luna, Comptroller.

Very industrious and hard working, Army's God-given industry, integrity and accounting acumen have endeared her to the Benedictine fathers, students, administrators, faculty, service staff and the alumni.

*For her significant contributions to the growth and development of San Beda College and her dedicated service marked by loyalty, competence, dedication and commitment, the San Beda College Alumni Association honors Ms. Army Abustan with a 2017 Dugong Bedista Award.*

### Mr. Fernando "Nanding" D. Lacap



Everybody's favorite, Nanding Lacap has been with San Beda for 34 years now as Department Secretary of the BED Central Office, CAS Central Office, CAS Research Office & Office of the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs. His dedication, loyalty, competence and diligence as an ever-reliable employee of San Beda is his life-time legacy. At present, Nanding serves as the institutional telephone operator. Irrespective of his job position, Nanding continues to make a big difference in the lives of members of the Bedan community, enabling him to be one of the much loved personalities in San Beda.

*For his significant contributions to the growth and development of San Beda and his dedicated service marked by loyalty, competence, dedication and commitment, the San Beda College Alumni Association honors Mr. Fernando Lacap with a 2017 Dugong Bedista Award.*



Class outing at Pancho Villaraza's Naeugba Resthouse



Grand Alumni Homecoming at SBC Mendolote Campus in 2010



45th Anniversary at Casa Bella, Cabuyao (2012)



Jamming session



50th Anniversary of Grade School Class 63 at Rey Mojica's Ayala Alabang Residence (Fr. Bonabero, Fr. Tarsi and Tini Imperial were formally adopted as members of SBC HS 67)



40th Anniversary Dinner Dance at Wack-Wack Golf and Country Club



67 and in almost all Grand Alumni Homecomings thereafter.



## Grade School Class of 1963 and High School Class of 1967 TOGETHER AS ONE

By Dr. Joffre M. Alajar

Every moment of life is a precious gift for which we all learn to be grateful, treasure and enjoy to the full. Such must be the realization of the members of Grade School Class of 1963 and High School Class of 1967 as they relive golden memories of being Bedans.

As this year's Golden Jubilarians, this enviable Class'67 continues to fill the stirring of inspirations, and finding joy and contentment after many years of searching, chasing dreams, breaking records and making a difference.

In their golden years, Class'67 has expanded their realization and understanding of life leading them to an even greater discovery of who and how marvelous they truly are as Bedans as they continuously build up their lives to a glorious sunset.

Being Bedans, the Grade School of 1963 and High School Class of 1967 share the Spirit and find more authentic *raison d'être* for all their class activities that keep them together as ONE BEDAN FAMILY.

Let us all have a homecoming that will bring us all together as ONE!



Birthdays, R



**Fr. Tars:** "This is how Bedans take care of their own. I am proud to be a part of this group"



Fr. Tars officiating a neurological service and funeral Mass for a departed classmate

Attend to the needs of classmates



Donation of One Hundred Thousand Pesos for the repair of the roof of the Divine Word Hospital, Tecioban, run by the Benedictine sisters of the of St. Scholastica.



Socio-Civic Activities



Various Meetings



# AS ONE



unions, etc.



... console them in times of grief



**Proud of our Roster of Eight Outstanding Bedan Alumni Awardees, namely: Rolfo Sapiata (2013), Jun Castillo (2013), Teddy Carillo ( ), Edmund Sia (2014), Dr. Raul Jara (2015), Toti Tanahaca (2016), Cecil Tady (2017), Ernesto Nasol (2017) and Jose Mari Lacaon (2017)**

Planning for the Golden Jubilee

# A Golf Tournament Where Bedan Fellowship Grows Even More

The San Beda College Alumni Association for the very first time hosted this year's Red and White Golf Tournament. This annual event highly anticipated by Bedans, especially the jubilarians was held at the Wack-wack Golf and Country Club Mandaluyong City. The tournament registered 138 participants considered as one of the highest in the history of golf tournaments organized by Bedans. The ceremonial tee-off started at 8am with Justice Nick Acosta, SBALAA President, Atty. Jonas Cabochan, SBCAA Vice President, and Mr. Vico Angala leading the golf players. Atty. Jonas Cabochan and Joey Alvaro emceed the fellowship program at 5pm. Tournament winners are as follow:

## 2017 RED & WHITE GOLF TOURNAMENT

JANUARY 27, 2017  
WEST COURSE



		GRS	HCP	NET
LOW NET	<u>HARRISON PALTONGAN</u> 43-4	74	6	69
LOW GROSS	<u>RAFFY GARCIA</u>	68		
<b>BEDAN ALUMNI DIVISION I</b>				
CHAMPION	<u>NICK ACOSTA</u> 45-4	82	13	69
1ST RUNNER-UP	<u>ANDY HIRANG</u> 5-4-4	76	6	70
2ND RUNNER-UP	<u>JONATHAN BALINGOD</u> 5-5-4	88	18	70
<b>BEDAN ALUMNI DIVISION II</b>				
CHAMPION	<u>RANDY PENGOL</u> 45-5	93	21	72
1ST RUNNER-UP	<u>NOR GUANLAO</u> 4-5-4	96	24	72
2ND RUNNER-UP	<u>TAD CANILAO</u> 5-5-4	93	21	72
<b>BEDAN ALUMNI DIVISION III</b>				
CHAMPION	<u>RAUL HEBRON</u>	100	26	74
1ST RUNNER-UP	<u>ALBERT PASIBAO</u> 6-5-4	103	28	75
2ND RUNNER-UP	<u>MARK DY</u> 6-4-4	100	25	75
<b>GUEST DIVISION</b>				
CHAMPION	<u>HAE SOO JUNG</u>	73	6	68
1ST RUNNER-UP	<u>ING ALCANTARA</u>	79	10	69
2ND RUNNER-UP	<u>MON CAMSTRANO</u> 4-3-4	74	6	70
ROCK OF THE YEAR	<u>BEULIE VILLACORTE</u>		136	

<b>RED TEAM</b>		GRS	HCP	NET
CHAMPION-BATCH 80	<u>RAFFY GARCIA</u>	68	0	68
	<u>ARMINT BERA</u>	87	16	71
	<u>EDWIN BRIONES</u>	89	18	71
		TOT		<b>216</b>

<b>WHITE TEAM</b>		GRS	HCP	NET
CHAMPION-BATCH 72	<u>CHITO TEE</u>	83	12	71
	<u>DENNIS MARCELO</u>	90	18	72
	<u>JUN GATMATAN</u>	92	20	72
		TOT		<b>215</b>

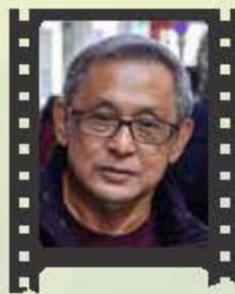


# San Beda's Pride

## DISTINGUISHED



**RICARDO R. PALO**  
(1971, CAS'93)  
ACCOUNTANCY



**GEBAR Y. JAGINTO**  
(1962, HS'86)  
ARTS & CULTURE



**ARCH. ERNESTO ANTONINO D. NABOL**  
(1963, HS'87)  
ARCHITECTURE



**FREDERICK JOHN ALEXANDER H. SALCEDO IV.**  
(1991, CAS'91)  
BANKING & FINANCE

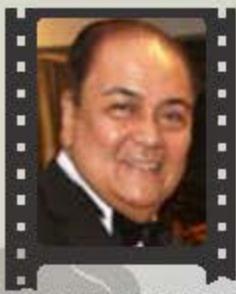


**ISIDRO A. CONSUMIN**  
(1992, CAS'92)  
BUSINESS



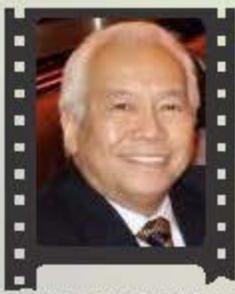
**VICTOR A.**  
(19...)  
BUSI...

### OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO SAN BEDA



**JOSE MARI V. LACSON**  
(1963, HS'87)

### OUTSTANDING OVERSEAS BEDAN



**DR. CELSO M. ANTIPORDA**  
(1967, HS'71)

### OUTSTANDING WOMAN OF SERVICE AWARD



**JUSTICE MA. THERESA MEDOZA-ARCEGA**  
(Law '80)

### PROFESSORIAL



**DR. LINAYWAY H. ACERO**



**DR. JOFFRE M. ALAJAR**



**DR. CHRISTIAN BRYAN S. BUSTAMANTE**



**ATTY. ALDE B. L.**

### DUGONG BEDAN



**SERGIO S. JAVILLO**



**FELICITAS B. VENTURA**



# Peace and Glory 2017

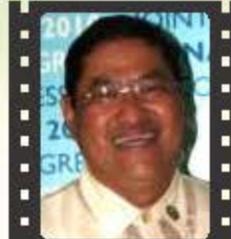
## THE BEDAN AWARDS



**CONSUJJI**  
(GS73)  
BUSINESS



**LAURENCE V. MENDOZA**  
(GS74, HS78)  
ENTERTAINMENT



**CONG. REYNALDO V. UMALI**  
(GS71, HS75)  
GOVERNMENT SERVICE



**JUSTICE**  
**MARIO V. LOPEZ**  
(Law '80)  
LAW (JUDICIARY)



**ATTY. NORBERTO P. MANZANO**  
(Law73)  
LAW (PRIVATE PRACTICE)

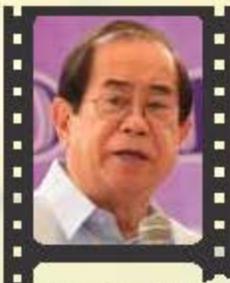


**DR. CECIL Z. TADY**  
(GS'69, HS'87)  
MEDICINE

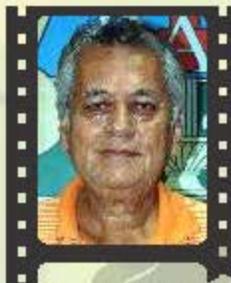
## RAUL S. ROCO AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE



**Executive Secretary**  
**ATTY. SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
(LAW'78)



**HON. JOAQUIN M. CHIPECO JR.**  
(GS'54, HS'88, and Law'88)



**DAVID G. BRODETT**  
(GS'63, HS'83)

## RAMON V. MITRA AWARD FOR LEGISLATION

## SAN BEDA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

## CHAIR HOLDERS



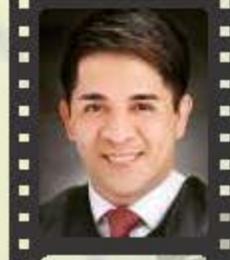
**BEN REUBEN**  
**LUNA**



**DR. JENNIFER T. RAMOS**



**DR. MARVIN R. REYES**

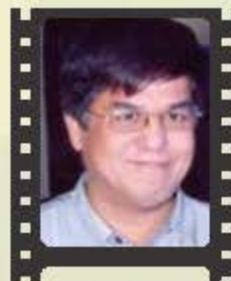


**PROF. EDILBERTO**  
**B. VIRAY, JR.**

## ALUMNI AWARDS



**AMALIA L. ABUSTAN**



**FERNANDO D. LACAP**

We were in first year High School in 1974 when the Miss Universe beauty pageant was held here in the Philippines for the first time. Forty years after, our class is celebrating our Ruby Jubilee as Bedan graduates, with another hosting by the country of another Miss Universe beauty pageant. The issues in 70's were poverty, anarchy, state of lawlessness, human rights violation and martial law. Now that we are on our 40th year after high school, there is still the Miss Universe competition to entertain us, but the societal issues have not changed. Poverty is still prevalent, state of lawlessness still abounds and even

## Reflective Times for the Ruby Jubilarians (Class'77)

By Albert Almendralajo



A number of HS Class'77 medical doctors are in the private and public health services: Larry Umulta, Boyet Toledo, and Jojo Jimenez. Engineers and technical persons in the telecommunication and public enterprises include: Ferdie Reyes and Mario Carlos.

A few classmates entered the creative industry as film directors (Jefferey Jeturian) and writer, and producers, (this author included) and, as beauty stylist (Maki Glenn Eaguerra). Some are into social enterprises: Romwell Sabeniano and Mon Angeles.

For every class in celebration today, I pose the following questions inspired by the recently concluded Miss Universe Q&A portion: What have we done to change society for the better? In the last 25- 50 years after graduating from San Beda, what significant change have you observed in Philippine society, and what was your role in the said change. On the issues of poverty and lawlessness, what role did you play to alleviate poverty and prevent law and order from deteriorating?

With these thought - provoking questions, I really look forward to the day when our very own San Beda will be able to prepare its students to be Citizens for Change, for the betterment of our country and the global community.

It is never too late to do something for our beloved country. When we are gray and old, memories of our school will help us get through. But it is our contribution to society that will leave a lasting legacy for our family, school and country.

As we mark our Ruby Jubilee as graduates of San Beda, it is worth reflecting on what significant marks we will leave behind as members of the Class of 1977.



worsened with extra judicial killings being a part of state policy and kidnappings as part of an "official" police operation. What had happened for the past 40 years? What have we done as members of Class of 77 to help solve our societal ills.

I was trying to look into the roster of classmates to look for answers. A viber group has been created to link the Class together. I usually receive 300 viber messages coming from all over the world with classmates hungry for news and yearning to reach out and relive stories of their youth long gone. From comparing medicines for aching legs, to best golf course here and abroad, to best stock market buy. A number of classmates have become financial gurus and arm chair economists, and many became philosophers of life. Sad to say the brain drain was prevalent in the 70's where the promised land was in the United States and the Middle East, and not here in the Philippines.

A number of schoolmates migrated abroad to seek for greener pastures: Dennis Dionisio, Tommy Villanueva, Argle Mariano, Richard Halog, Manny Enriquez, Jess Landig, George Solatan, Jess Pulido, Manny Canteras, Joey de Leon, Red Belmonte, Ric Aure, Raffy Consing, Jojo Estrella, Raffy del Rosario, Bong Borromeo, Vicente Ballosillo, Rafael Meily, Delfin Sarta, to name a few.

A big chunk got employed by multi-national corporations and family enterprises to support an emerging and struggling economy: Jody Gadia, Jorge Garcia, Dennis Sunga, Sergio Jamila, Bhagwan Pessumal, Vic Bataclan, Max Chico, Dennis Arce, Raul Asuncion, Frank Reyes, Ken Fera, Alex Bernabe, Gerry Vinzonis, to mention some.

# Greetings from ANNIE PEREIRA IMPROGO



My very dear Bedans, former students, and friends, It is not every day that one witnesses a gathering of former class and schoolmates after 50 years, particularly when one also observes and feels the friendship, closeness, and brotherhood that remains to be evident in the present, here and now, after

all the years!! The Benedictine community spirit has really seeped in deep into your hearts and soul and you all deserve a commendation for that.

I saw that everlasting camaraderie and brotherhood spirit first-hand when I was honored by your invitation for me to attend your GS67 and HS71 Reunion in 2015 in Las Vegas. It was almost overwhelming to see you all: now fully accomplished professionals, respectable lawyers, doctors, accountants, businessmen, engineers, and above all loving husbands and family men to your beautiful and wonderful wives whose support of you was and is truly amazing. It was just as marvelous to have met all your better halves and to have forged a bond of friendship with them in an instant. I would like to specially mention and thank Rowena Verdan for all the "room help", Marie Zamora for the "persimmons supply," Peaches Carreon for the pleasant conversation, Dali Garcia for the

memento and her dancing expertise, just to name but a few.

But wait, this is not all praises for you though. You see, let's face it, you all are not so "young" anymore. Some or most if not all of you are close to retirement if not in retirement already just like me, Haha. Do you hear and see my laughing face???

"How is it that you were their teacher?", the waiter in Las Vegas asked in 2015. I smiled at him and cheerfully said, "Thank you"

I took it as a compliment externally, yes but seriously, I was more thankful to have had the opportunity to be back with you, my former students, and affirm the leveling of the playing field during that reunion. What was nice was that once in your youth, (I guess I can say mine as well) I was there to give you my little contribution to your Bedan education and I pray that apart from learning a bit of Spanish, some bits of life lessons got tangled up in it exactly the same way that you, as my students then, have taught me because teaching is a two-way proposition, I probably learned more from you, than you did from me.

Today, as you celebrate your GS67 Golden Anniversary- 50th Alumni Homecoming, I commend and congratulate you all from the bottom of my heart and hope to see you again, perhaps in your HS71 50th, God willing.

God bless us all.

## Praying for Sidney

(HS '88 CAS '92)



He cut quite a profile before he got seriously ill. To date, Sidney Simangan is undergoing kidney dialysis weekly. Marissa, loving wife of Sidney, is seeking the kind financial assistance of fellow Bedans and friends for Sidney's very expensive treatment. The family has become financially distressed due to Sidney's challenging health condition. They have never given up knowing that the Good Lord is working in mysterious ways, sending generous Bedans and friends to help them.

Let us continue extending financial help to Sidney. Please send in your donations to: Marissa B. Simangan, Metrobank SA#3310-141322. You may wish to visit Sidney at 4301 Nile Bldg, Manila River City Residence Delas Alas St. Sta. Ana, Manila.

With heads up in hope, we continuously pray for Sidney's complete healing.



## Grade School Class of 1967 (Golden Jubilarians)

# "50 Years of Brotherhood and Friendship"

By Joey Mendoza, Giles Herbosa, Chito Zaldariagga (Class GS67/HS71)



Edgardo B. Favila

San Beda Grade School Class 1967 formally launched its week-long Golden Jubilee celebration with a Welcome Reunion Party last January 28, 2017. Over 80 classmates of the famed batch - coming from all over the Philippines, the US, Canada, Australia and parts of Asia - converged at batchmate Eli Nglaion's Events Place in Quezon City for the gathering that began 6pm, Saturday lasting up to early morning of Sunday.

From the January 28 to February 4, more Overseas and Philippine-based batchmates are expected to arrive to take part in the program laid out by the Organizing Committee: Jan 29 - Batch Golf (friendly game lang) at Valley; Jan 30 - "Fellowship Dinner" hosted by Eric Cruz; Jan 31 - (rest daw muna); and then from February 1 to 3 - a batch 3-day 2-night road trip to La Union and Vigan, Ilocos Sur, with the spouses, hosted by Pablo Ortega, Ompong Plineda, and Francis Sebastian and organized by Jake Tolosa and Larry Mulkey.

The week-long gathering of Batch GS67/HS71 will culminate in the San Beda Grand Alumni Homecoming on February 4, where the batch will join other Bedan Alumni Jubilarians in the celebration at the Mendocia Campus.

### The Reunion Dinner

Saturday's Welcome Reunion Dinner had a fast-paced nostalgia-filled program, roaring Bedan songs and cheers, good food and drinks, tons of fun and camaraderie, kanchawan and reminiscing - all of which were further blessed with the presence of Fr. Ed Africa (the batch's favorite Religion teacher, spiritual adviser and friend), and graced by some of the lovely wives (the inspiration behind this Bedan brotherhood), and friends from the Alumni Association led by Prof Joffre Alajar who updated all on the future San Beda University.

Among the highlights were a memorial to Classmates who have gone ahead - capped by a heartfelt tribute to the late Jimmy Tiongco, the moving spirit behind the Batch, - accepted in his behalf by daughter Jerline.

Likewise, a touching message by US-based former teacher Mrs. Annie Pereira Improgo (read by Joey Parungao) served as an apt link to the Teachers, Professors, and other school personalities the Batch met, learned from and formed memories of.

Capturing the evening's pulse, here are further insights shared by batchmates Giles Herbosa and Chito Zaldariagga:

"May their fellowship never cease..." (by Giles Herbosa SBC GS67/HS71)

Boys will be boys, they say and we're just kids who just got wrinkled and lost hair, teeth or both! The night was saturated with laughter yet sensitivity reigned, guided by the code of "let's have fun but conscious of other's feelings".





Rev. Fr. Edwardo Africa, OSB

Classmates embracing classmates, firm sincere handshakes pervaded the night, tales of "the carefree days of our boyhood" were the catalyst of more tales of boyhood mischief which were 'absolved' by the Reverend Father Abbott Ed Africa, who jokingly said that up to now we are still his 'headaches'.

Special mention of quiet courage was very evident in the person of batchmate and very good friend, Ofrace Ocampo, who, despite a current challenge, was present and continued to display poise under fire. The words "Bring out the challenges, we'll win them all" were personified by this gentleman, and represented the will and spirit of our batch.

"...and the fellowship never ceased!" (by Chilo Zaldariagga SBC GS67/HS71)

The atmosphere was electric. Almost surreal. When eager schoolmates (all 80 + of them) of 50 years ago got together on January 28, 2017, Time seemed to stand still.

This was the golden reunion of the SBC class 67 Grade school batch held at Eli Ngkalon's place in QC, Philippines.

In this case, this "time warp" was time well spent. Not only for the 7 years during the formative grade school years - but the 50 years that were spent periodically keeping in touch - through the much sought after and anticipated interim reunions including one in Las Vegas for the US-based batchmates.

As it was decided, (and I think somewhat dictated) by the SBC Manila boys, the event was held in Manila where all the mischief, camaraderie, discoveries and stories were made... way back all those golden years ago.

Amazing how even the not-so-close batch and classmates felt this common urge to embrace long lost faces, remembered only from the Echoes year book that were occasionally browsed upon. (Pare - Is that Chuck Cabanus from Sydney? Si Chilo Tanchocol Dave Chua - and yeah, Albert Chen, Renan Paglinawan -Nivi Lumanlan is a Commodore in the US Navy? Great! Ching Bugial Mon Reyes from Canada, Dr. Obet Santos and wife, Paul Shotwell (without brother Dennis) that's Lito Santos - and Loy Chuakay, and so many more...)

The program itself felt like a lot of blood sweat and tears was spent on the part of the organizers, kibitzers and of course the patrons and supporters.

I must recognize the guys like Ed Favila, Eli Ngkalon, Jake Tolosa, Jules dela Fuente, Danny Villarante, Alex Viado, Eddie Sy, Lakhani Mukhey, Larry Salazar, Pinggoy

Lagumbay, Pek Tecson, Francis Sebastian, Joey Mendoza for putting together a great evening - and presumably a great Reunion week ahead.

The night was so aptly and Bedanly orchestrated by Jake Tolosa, Joey Mendoza, and Ed Favila. Meaning there were the usual barbs and jabs wherever appropriate, and words of wisdom from time to time. Meanwhile, the spinner Jules dela Fuente did his part to provide the audio and the video for optimum impact.

We were honored by the presence of Fr. Ed Africa, who did not seem to age much (another Fr. Banabarré in the making?), and of course some of the gracious wives who joined us.

Amidst the amplified songs of our times, the catching up done with each other, and the gems and hidden stories of our Batch driven and revealed by the "San Beda 67/71 Trivia" game we played - I thought to myself - I wish these guys would live forever.

Then came the part to sing the Bedan hymns and songs, and cheer the Bedan cheers: "The Red and The White. The Indian Yell. The Alma Mater Hymn. Go San Beda Fight!..."

I never heard these old familiar songs rendered with so much force and passion. From the stage, one could see every single one of our brothers, belting out those lyrics with fire and power. And yes - I did catch some teary eyed ones too.

The evening wore off and most of the boys stayed on. Kuwentuhan, kantahan (Mark Migalloo belting out "Twist and Shout") kanchawan, catching-up. Tawanan.

Some with pot bellies, some with grey or white hair, some with walking sticks, some even with rippling muscles (@!#!) - whatever time altered in these band of brothers, time failed to change one thing - and that's - Bedans will always be Bedans.

Ask any Bedan... and he will tell you what that means!  
"May their fellowship never cease"



# The Bedan: A Short History



By Ruel Ramirez

The date was October 31, 1941

In the United States, the completion of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial was just announced. In the waters of the Atlantic, near Iceland, USS Reuben James was hit

by a torpedo attack from a German U-boat, the first American ship to be sunk in World War II, even before America entered the said war.

And in Manila, a new publication for and by the students of San Beda College released its maiden issue. It was a 12-page, five-column affair, printed by letterpress process on glazed newsprint, with its own birth as the main story. *"The Bedan Replaces Ecos as Student Organ,"* the banner headline blared.

Five weeks later, World War II began.

After only three issues, the Bedan ceased publication, the emerging voice of the student body abruptly silenced by World War II. When Manila fell to the Japanese Imperial Army, the San Beda college campus was taken over by the occupation forces. It was to be used as the Japanese forces headquarters and depot.

Fr. Boniface Axtman, the school's American Rector who was instrumental in the establishment of The Bedan, was sent to the UST Internment camp, and later, to UP Los Baños, along with three other American priests.

San Beda continued to operate during the Japanese occupation, but The Bedan resumed publishing only on September 12, 1945, six months after the liberation of Manila, and on the occasion of the 50th year of the Benedictine Mission in the Philippines.

It was The Bedan's "second spring, after the chilling winter of the last four years of war," wrote Fr. Eladio

De Juan, OSB, Prior of the Benedictine Community of San Beda College, in his welcome message.

From then on, The Bedan continued to grow and flourish through the 50s and 80s, its pages filled with elegant writing that, sometimes, even proved prophetic. By the start of the 1970s, social, political and economic issues were heating up to boiling point.

The Bedan responded with a more nationalistic and progressive tone in its articles. On September 21, 1972, President Ferdinand Marcos declared Martial Law. The next day, he issued Letter of Instruction number 1, which led to the closure of all newspapers and magazines, including student publications. Once again, historical turmoil silenced The Bedan, if but briefly.



Rev. Fr. Eduardo Africa, OSB

It was revived in 1975, in the shadow of the dictatorship perched on the other end of Mendiola. Rev Fr. Eduardo Africa, OSB wrote in his message *"...after a two-year hiatus and in view of a changed political situation in the country, new objectives have to be considered and formulated, a new spirit has to be created."*

The Bedan resumed its role as chronicler of campus affairs and concerns, and the voice of the student body.

But each time the clarion called, The Bedan was there to answer.

It would also be challenged by internal forces, but it soldiered on, refusing to be silenced once more.

The words by Fr. Boniface Axtman 75 years ago still resonate to this day: The noble work of its founders and those who have labored on its staff from year to year will always be spoken of with pride.



# The Bedan 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration

By Pido Velez (Editor-in-Chief)  
The Bedan 1978-79 and 1979-1980

Anniversaries and homecomings bring back memories of years long ago. The friends we made and the times we had together. The Bedan 75th celebrations are not any different. It speaks of tradition and courage. It speaks of commitments to a cause and the willingness to speak out. We were the young budding journalists-to-be raring to make our mark in San Beda, the community and the country. We chose The Bedan, or maybe The Bedan chose us.

It speaks of the times we stressed over deadlines and where we could get that quick meal because we had to go back to the printing press. Of the coffee we lived on, sometimes cold and stale yet gratifying in a way, together with that cigarette hanging from our lips dropping ashes on the paper in the typewriter (I guess this image no longer applies as smoking has been banned in so many places and by the fact that I've quit several years ago) and spending more time just to get the next line for that inspiring editorial. Or the reams of newsprint we wasted just to get the perfect first line of the headline story. (Thank God for computers, I don't feel as guilty now as more trees don't have to die when I have to do a restart.) I remember our advisers at the time, led by Atty. Dante Q. Barbosa, who

was also one of the outstanding editors that The Bedan has produced, Tess Arcadio-Magsaysay, who was the first female faculty adviser and who later migrated to the US, and the late Fr. Pio Lomibao OSB, who pinched hit sometimes as adviser and had control of The Bedan's purse strings.

And those were the times, which we remember vividly. We challenged authority because we could. We covered the rallies on Mendiolita, but participated in it as well. We did not sit back and just be observers to history. We challenged the norms and made our point emphatically. We took sides on issues of the day, whether it was about school policies or national issues. Our roles were significant and we made ourselves relevant, many of us at the forefront.

The Bedan beckoned as the organization to be in as I entered college in 1976. From San Beda High School, where I was editor in chief for The Cub Recorder, The Bedan was the most logical choice. Martial Law was declared four years earlier in 1972 and took guarded steps in order to maintain the paper's presence in the community. That first year as staffer, we were only able to publish in the first semester as we were suspended as a paper in the second term for not showing the blue print before releasing the last issue.

The following year we were back in business, Iboy Pinga was editor. This was the year when San Beda ended the NCAA senior basketball championship drought. On my third year I was appointed editor in chief. Louie San Juan, our photo and news editor was elected chairman of the revived College Editors Guild Metro Manila Chapter.

The lessons learned from The Bedan goes beyond the classroom. It transcended our textbooks and



All past Editors and Staffers of The Bedan thru the 75 years.

expanded our horizons to national issues. To go beyond theory and apply what we learned in class. We didn't compromise principles but learned to manage expectations. Four years in The Bedan meant sacrifices but it also had its rewards. An experience that I'd do all over again.

The editors of the 80s and 90s led by Manny Mas and Ares Gutierrez among others spearheaded the idea of an alumni association for The Bedan. We first came together in the middle of 2015, with younger editors and staff of years past coming home in preparation for the 75th celebration. That Saturday, when the editors and staff met again, was filled with surprises. Some were unrecognizable, as either we gained weight over the years, or had more white hair than black, or not much hair left. It was a time to remember the good times and the bad, but certainly the bond was there, even perhaps stronger than ever.

It was a great time to organize The Bedan's alumni association. Past editors were there, Manny Mas, Ares Gutierrez, Weewee Raz, Ruel Ramirez, Jeff Darol, Porky Porcalla, JG Matibag, and whole lot more which my memory can't remember since I seemed to be the most senior at the time of the meeting, with all due respect to Atty. Rene Sagulsag, our chairman emeritus. Of course, I have to mention The Bedan's first female editor, Danna Katrina Padilla Lim who has been one of the group's reliable pillars. And I think was followed by at least seven lady editors in chief, with Maureen Dullas as this year's incumbent.

The actual organization was flexible and we had people coming in all throughout the year. Projects were planned and we set up the assignments. Committees formed for the specific areas for the coming celebrations. We met on weekends and sometimes reminisced about old times. But there were more times when we'd talk about the issues of the day. Projects are lined up related to the publication, with the digitization of all The Bedan issues since October 1941 as a premiere activity. Other projects include a coffee table book focusing on The Bedan through the years and updates to The Bedan Stylebook.

At the end of the day, we all agreed that The Bedan Alumni association would have the following objectives:

- Provide a venue for former editors and staff of The Bedan to meet and exchange ideas
- Pursue that The Bedan be the official publication of the school
- Assist the current staff with activities to enhance their capabilities



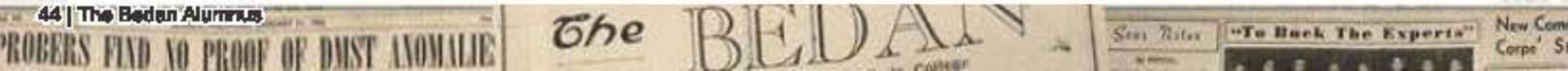
Former House Speaker Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte speaks to former and current editors and staff of The Bedan. He is a former News Editor in his 4th year in San Bede High School.

On January 21, 2017, we celebrated 75 years of campus journalism. Our esteemed seniors from the 50s and 60s, and up to the 70s, who attended the event included Atty. Rene Saguisag, chairman emeritus, Speaker Sonny Belmonte, Spanky Perez, Buddy Gomez, Nonong Contreras, Art Amansec, Iboy Pinga and other names which tells me I have to start writing down names. The Bedan's rich tradition continues forward into the next 25 years and beyond. We also celebrate the outstanding alumni of The Bedan such as Raul Roco and Ramon Mitra who have brought honor to the humble student paper. The list is long and we may not have enough space for all their names here.

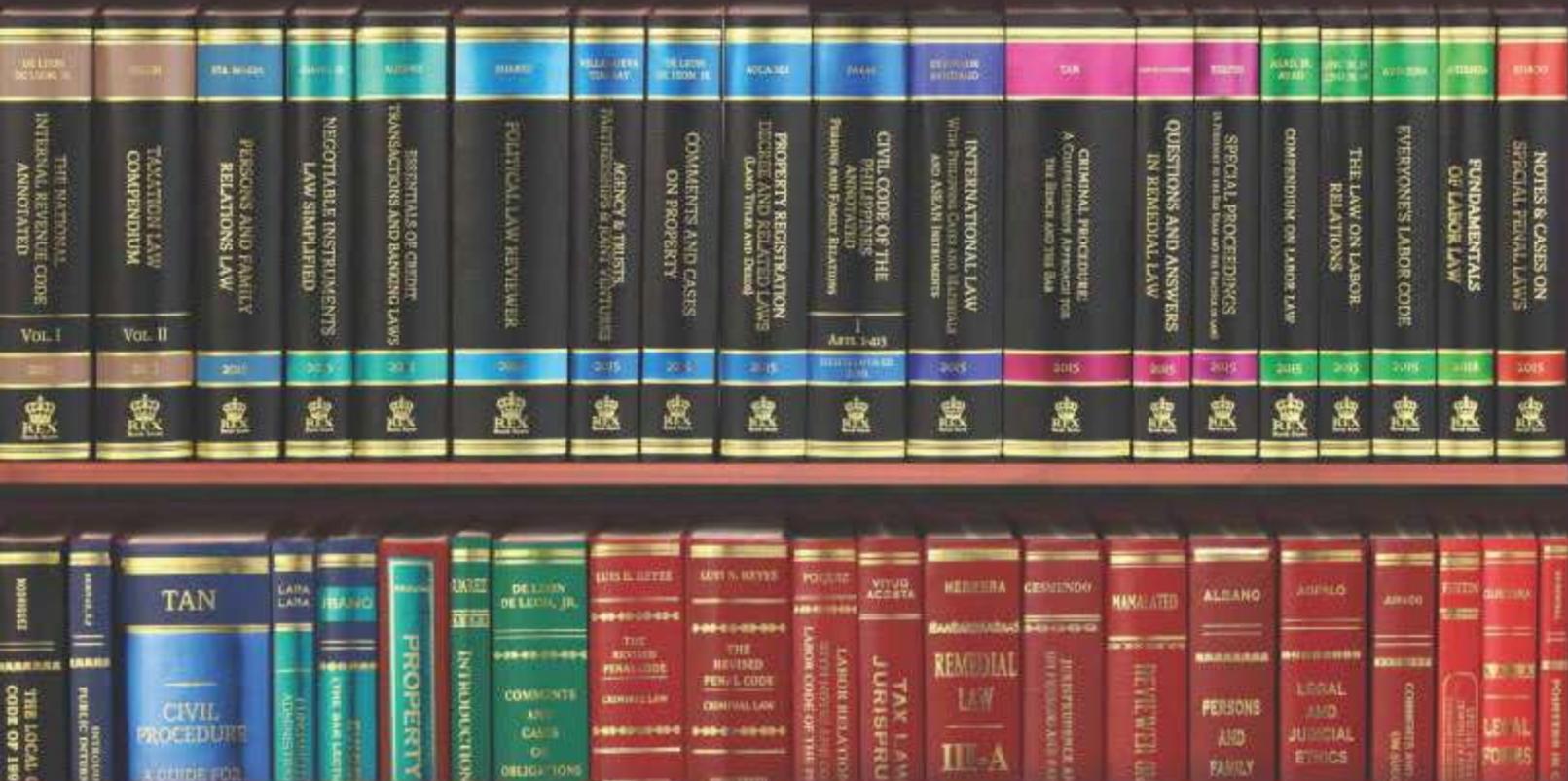
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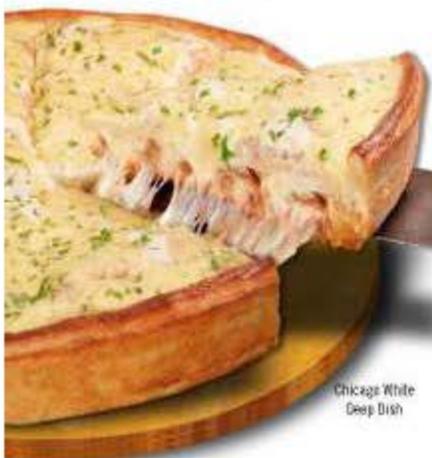
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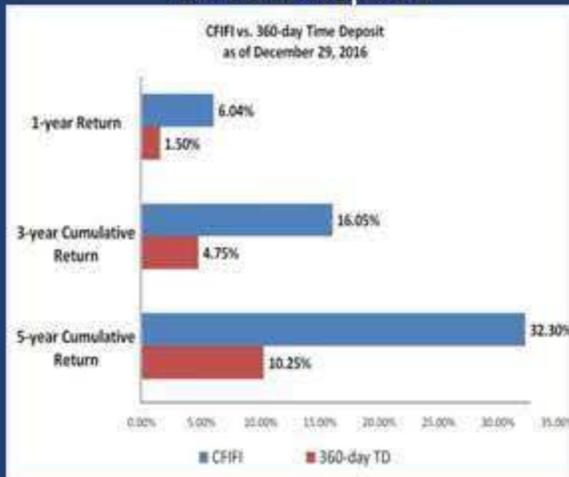
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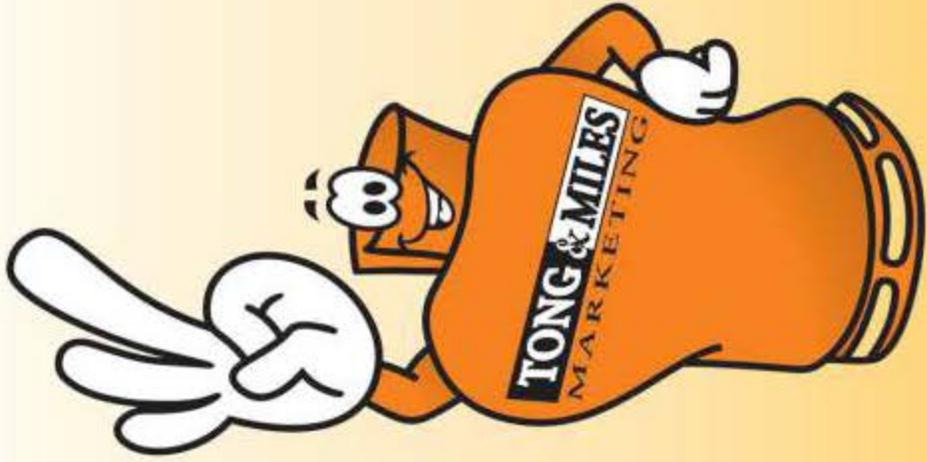
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