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LSQCAA BOARD ELECTED GIVING WIDER BATCHES REPRESENTATION



The eleven members of the Board of Directors of the LSQCAA were formally elected last June 7.

Most noteworthy of mention was that the elected Board is representative of different batches, thus breaking the tradition of having the current silver jubilarians occupy most if not all, seats of the Board. Current President Bernie Abis of Batch 79 envisioned the AA as an association for all alumni, and not only for the Homecoming Activity. He immediately directed the updating of the AA directory, and the coordinating all the email groups of the different batches to receive information from the AA. Being the concurrent president of the silver jubilarians, Batch 79, he undertook to activate the AA Office, including the funding of the Office expenses.

Other elected Board members are Bernardo F. Abis (79) president; Joselito Ma. Sebastian (80) vice president; Dr. John Glenn F. Agbayani (80) treasurer; Atty. Mon Pagarigan (79) secretary; Mon Cabigao (79); Romeo S. Buenaventura (78); Miguel S. Sebastian Jr. (77); George P. Escarraga (82); Ceazar Lorenzo T. Veneracion III (84); Rizaldo M. Apostol (81); and Dr. Manolette R. Roque (88). The event was witnessed by LSQCAA adviser and HS Principal Reggie de Guzman.

LSQC BATCH 79 DISTRIBUTES FREE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Batch 79 President Bernie Abis announced the completion of the Medical



Project of the Jubilarians. Recipients of the equipment include various barangays around the vicinity of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Other beneficiaries of the project were the Lourdes School Clinic. The equipment, numbering about

40 units, comprising of glucometers and thermometers, were imported from the United States under the auspices of Mr. Wally Velasquez, a successful businessman currently based in California. Project Director Dr. Pat Montes was all praises for the generosity of US-based batch mate. According to him, this was Wally's way of sharing the fortunes that God has brought his way.

WATER PURIFICATION PLANT INAUGURATED LAST AUGUST 21.



The Water Purification Project headed by Director Mon Cabigao of Batch 79 was formally completed with the inauguration of the facility last August 21 with a simple Blessing rites headed by Fr. Rector Ichabod Baraan. The rites were witnessed by Fr. Treasurer Tonette Yapchiongco, Elementary School Principal Cesar Aunario and High School Principal Reggie de Guzman. The plant is a multi-stage filtration system ensuring clean and potable drinking water, chlorine and bacteria free, servicing the Lourdes School Community. The system is tested monthly by AquaLab, a DOH accredited water testing company. The consumable filters and monthly maintenance are being handled by Batch 79 until its turnover to School Authorities at the beginning of school year 2004-2005.

The system's main outlet is located just outside the LSQC Alumni Association Office in the ground floor. It currently services the cold water dispensers located at the high school gym and grounds, the water fountains of the high school canteen. Recently, allocations were made for the Fathers' Residence needs.

The funding of the project was made possible through the efforts of the LSQC Batch 79 Foundation, Inc. Principally under the 1st St. Francis of Assisi Golf Tournament held last July 11, 2003.

FRIENDLY RIVALRY SPELLS SUCCESS AT THE 1ST ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI GOLF TOURNEY

A unique rivalry kicked off, rather tee'd off, last July 11 at the



Wack-Wack Golf Tournament between golfers from Lourdes School, Mandaluyong and Quezon City. At stake was the St. Francis Golf Tournament Perpetual Cup, which went to the Mandaluyong clubsters. The objective is to establish closer bonding and camaraderie among Lourdesians from both campuses. On the other hand, Project Director Conrad Fajardo of LSQC '79 reported successful returns from the tournament in terms of ticket sales and sponsorships. President Bernie Abis was very satisfied with the result, as it was adequate to finance the Water Purification Project.

Gracing the event was an outstanding alumnus in the person of Cong. Willie Villarama (1st District of Bulacan), LSQC Batch 67, who swung the ceremonial tee-off. Also on hand was Mrs. Teodie Canave, former faculty and staunch supporter of the Alumni Association.

Highlight of the day was a Raffle Bonanza held at the Clubhouse where lucky ticket holders and players. Playing participants were also treated to gift certificates worth P500 each at the Casino Filipino.

"AA" OFFICE REACTIVATED

The Alumni Association recently received a much needed revitalization with the reactivation of the Alumni Office located at the 1st floor, beside the High School Chapel. Newly appointed Executive Director for Alumni Affairs Raymund C. Cabigao reported that the Alumni Office equipment was substantially functioning, but needed some improvements. Among the equipment were an air-conditioning unit, a personal computer, a fax machine, a filing cabinet, a telephone line and a white board. To this were added a conference table, computer table and chair, a second white board, a coffee pot and various office supplies.

In order to sustain the operations of the AA, LSQC Batch 79 Foundation Inc. President Bernie Abis, engaged the services of Ms. Abbey B. Aquino, to serve as Alumni Coordinator, tasked with the updating of the alumni directory, assisting in all alumni-related affairs, corresponding with different batches through the designated batch coordinators, where available. The AA Office shall serve as the Major channel



in alumni communications and information dissemination. For this purpose, the Official email address of the AA was adopted: lsqcaa@edsamail.com.ph and lsqc1955@yahoo.com. To further its objectives, the construction of the LSQC Website is currently ongoing at www.geocities.com/lsqcaa. The AA Office is open daily 5 days a week from 8:30a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and may be reached at telefax # (632)781-6475.

LSQCAA HOLDS 1ST OKTUBEERIT

The LSQC High School Grounds was recently the site of the 1st OKTUBEERIT, a pre-Halloween gathering of the general alumni, in the tradition of the



Octoberfest of German influence. Spearheading the toasts were alumni from Batch 82, headed by Board member George Escarraga. Live band music and jamming were the order of the day - rather the night-turn-morning affair. With a minimal entrance fee, alumni from different batches enjoyed a night of pop music spanning from the 60's Beatles, rocking and roll-ing to the Saturday Night Fever hits, up to the VST & Co. and the recent hit MR. SUAVE, while gulping down bottomless beers of all sorts and a hearty entree of pika-pika, courtesy of the sponsoring Batch. Organizer head Escarraga later reported that the Oktubeerit was indeed a success, not in terms of financial gains, but in terms of alumni involvement. He intends to pursue this activity as an annual event, and to patent the "Oktubeerit" logo/concept as an intellectual property exclusive to the LSQCAA.

Amidst the rambles and drum beating was a memorable moment when senior alumni Rey Mercado of Batch 59 donated the LSQC Yearbook of his time.

AA BARES PLANS FOR THE 2004 GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING



AA President Bernie Abis announced plans for the 2004 Alumni Homecoming during the recent Board meeting held at the AA Office. The grand affair is scheduled on February 21, 2004, highlighted by the commemorative rites of the Silver Jubilarians, Batch 79. Dubbed as **STAYING ALIVE!!!**, the program promises to be a balance of nostalgic as well as rocky mix of live band music and jamming. The program

kicks off at 4:30 p.m. with a Mass intended for all alumni. Total guests are expected to number 400.

Project Director Jose R. Agoncillo for the Homecoming has made plans to set up product exhibit booths and refreshments nooks for the alumni and guests, in preparation for the main course buffet dinner. After the program proper, live music and dancing follows to sawa. Table sponsors and souvenir programme for the occasion, shall provide for the supplemental budget funding. President Bernie Abis foresees the occasion not an affair only for the jubilarians but an affair for the whole LSQC Alumni Association. He said, *"the Homecoming is what it is.. a homecoming for the Sons of Lourdes. We in batch 79 are of the common conviction that the night belongs to all the Lourdesian Graduates, young and old, successful or not, with or without hair, handsome or not so handsome; we, the silver jubilarians are only the workhorses to make the affair possible. We hope that this will henceforth be the trend in the coming homecomings, particularly since we are looking at the 50th anniversary of our Alma Mater next year 2005, a landmark in the history of Lourdes School. We would therefore like to solicit whatever support the different alumni batches can give. We have set up various modes by which support may be given. Donations and pledges are always welcome through the Project Chairman Jose Agoncillo (0918-926-5266), Alumni Affairs Director Mon Cabigao (0917-9222-560), or at the AA Office (02-781-6475).*

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The Lourdes Alumni family recently lost one of its most outstanding sons. Francis Macalino or KikoMac as he is known to his friends, succumbed to a fatal heart attack last August 30, 2003, in Los Angeles, California, USA. He was 41 at the time. He is survived by his wife and two sons, who are currently residing in the US. Kiko was a graduate belonging to Batch 79. He finished his Bachelor of Laws at the Ateneo de Manila University, and placed 7th in the Bar Exams given by the Supreme Court in 1987 in Manila. He migrated to the United States



shortly thereafter and practiced law in New York State after passing the State Bar Exams. Prior to his untimely death, he was an avid supporter of the activities of the AA, extending whatever help – be it financial or technical, even moral and spiritual – as though his physical absence was never felt. In the eulogies given by his batch mates during the Mass offered last September 4, he was described as the one of the classmates who definitely stood out in class as a towering edifice, because of his height, but with the contrast kindness of his heart, he managed to make friends without stepping on anybody's toes. To our dear Kiko, may the Good Lord take you under His wings! Goodbye. We'll sure miss you!

LSQCAA BARES FUTURE PLANS



Alumni Affairs Director Mon Cabigao released the future plans of the AA for the coming fiscal year to include:

- Active Participation in the preparation and celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes come Feb 11, 2004
- Feb 21, 2004 Grand Alumni Homecoming
- Preparations for the 50th anniversary of the LSQC
- All out campaign for the LSAA VISA Credit Card
- The 2nd St. Francis of Assisi Golf Tournament
- Oktubeerit! 2004
- Physical expansion of the AA office
- Continuous update of the Alumni database
- Wider assistance to needy alumni and former teachers
- Full scale re-launch of the affinity card
- Scholarship and sports programs involvement
- More active involvement in other school related activities.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR BATCH DIRECTORY.

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