



# St. Paul University Dumaguete Alumni Association of North America

## Tapok-tapok Sa Green Bay

On June 13 - 15, SPUDAA-NA marked its second biennial conference which was held at the Raddison Hotel and Convention Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Green and Gold Fest in Titledown is actually the seventh gathering of this 8-year old organization.

The three day event started on Friday evening, June 13, with a welcome hors d'oeuvres and cocktail reception followed by a general membership meeting - officers reports, updates from the different committee chairs, and an election of officers. An after-meeting party was held at the Hospitality Suite.

Saturday, June 14 commenced with another general membership meeting, followed by a close-door meeting of the new Board of Directors. The highlight of the day was the Buffet Dinner and Dance from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. The newly elected officers were inducted at the dinner dance by Princess Emraida Kiram of Sulu, Philippines

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L – R: Danny Martinez, Princess Emraida Kiram, Rosemila Jaucian, Tina and Orson Battad at Green Bay Dinner-Dance.

## SPUD-NHC Educational Fellowship Tour, August 24-28, 2014

At the Green Bay SPUDAA-NA Conference 2014, we learned that the Calo Sustainable Organic Farm of SPUD is a living and functioning learning center, with limitless possibilities. One long range goal is to develop a Natural Healing Clinic that will use products from the farm for healthy nutrition for clinic users and their families and provide medicinal herbs to serve as natural pharmaceuticals.

To assist SPUD President Sr. Lucilla Baldado, SPC, and her staff with this effort, SPUDAA-NA is coordinating a full schedule of meetings and program tours in North Carolina with leading researchers, experts, and practitioners in development and use of medicinal herbs and natural healing products as a component of integrative medicine.

The tour includes a meeting with one of the top scientists in the world on natural products at the UNC School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill; a visit to the North Carolina Consortium of Natural Medicines, a partnership of UNC School of Medicine and NC State Specialty Crops Program Coordinator, Duke University Integrative Medicine Program, in Durham; and a visit to the medicinal herbal gardens in Asheville, NC, known nationally as a center for natural healing products

The SPUD Fellowship/Educational Tour will benefit SPUD's ongoing reorganization and consolidation of various projects into a comprehensive and sustainable farming/livelihood, entrepreneurship, and health service – an integrated learning model.

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## Newly Elected Officers

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“We’re looking for young blood to revamp our organization,” announced Rosalinda Acupanda McGloin before the floor was open for nominations. With that in mind the attendees thought hard to come-up with a mixture of the young and not-so-young, alumni who previously held office or not, or who have never attended conferences but agreed to be twisted and given responsibilities.

The following are our new set of officers:

**Vice -President:** Danny Martinez

**Secretary:** Cecile Flores Guttermuth

**Treasurer:** Rebecca Sison Reyes

**Board Members:**

Rosemila Jaucian

Nila Roxas

Bim Baldado

Cecilius Concepcion

Connie Barrera

Suzette Foroozan

These newly elected officers will join President Rosemarie Lagman: existing board members, Herminia Flores and Virginia Laspinas; and new ex officio: Orson Battad. Meeting adjourned and continued to the Hospitality Suite for late merienda cena, complements of the Jaucians, Virgie Las Pinas and the de Mira family.

*by: Edna Diputado Horn*

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## What’s Up, SPUDAA-NA?

Our very fun and productive weekend included officers’ and committee chair reports.

**Secretary’s Report:** Edna Diputado Horn reported 113 regular members of which are 18 lifetime members, and 95 paid-up from 2012 to present; five Associate members, and 8 Honorary members.

A few teleconferences were held by executive officers and board members during the past year

## Tapok-tapok sa Green Bay

A SPUDAA-NA conference is never without a holy mass. A pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help on Sunday, June 15, ended the three day event. The group attended Sunday mass at the shrine followed by a lechon lunch served at the school’s cafeteria. *by: Suzette de Mira Foroozan*

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to discuss ways of reaching out to other alumni, raise funds, plan for the 2014 Green Bay conference, etc.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rebecca Sison Reyes, our treasurer, reported that 2013 was not a revenue generating year, due to the fact that it was a no-conference year. In spite of that, we were able to raise funds for the victims of Typhoon Yolanda. Through Gloria Flores Millare, Chicago Silayan donated \$1,600.00. Louell de Mira Moscowitz was able to raise \$2200.00, and Manny Garcia sent contributions from Toronto, Canada. Disaster funds for the Philippines were channeled thru SPUDAA-NA, then sent to Nanen de Mira, who then gave the funds to Archbishop Du of Leyte.

Tapok-tapok sa Green Bay has generated \$9695.00. Expenditures for this weekend will be fully covered by this collection. After all expenses are paid, we will have some leftover to add to our funds.

**Publication:** Rosalinda Acupanda McGloin, expressed the need for new flyer, updated website, and a regular newsletter. She also requested somebody else to take over the website, souvenir program; “young blood” is needed to revamp our organization. She encourages alumni to contribute to the website and send interesting facts, stories, etc, to make the website more alive and interesting to more alumni. Political and religious, racial, and other controversial issues should not be included.

A not-so-young blood, Suzette de Mira Foroozan, volunteered to take over the website, and publication.

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## SPUD-NHC Educational Fellowship Tour

The academic exchange and field applications during the tour can open and build links and enrichment opportunities for SPUD's academic programs and extension services/projects, including its Natural Healing Center.

In August, 2014, a three-nun contingent from SPUD will be attending a conference in San Diego, CA, before they proceed to Durham, North Carolina from August 24 – 28, 2014. The SPUD contingent is composed of Sr. Lucilla Baldado, SPUD President/Project Administrator, Sr. Mila Grace, Dean, SPUD Nursing Department, and Sr. Merceditas Ang, SPUD Faculty.

Our SPUDAA-NA representatives are Gloria Flores Millare, Fund Development/Fundraising; Tim McGloin, SPUD Projects Support Coordination; Rosalinda A. McGloin, SPUDAA-NA Scholarship/Fellowship. *By Tim McGloin*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION  
SPUDAA-NA CHICAGO CHAPTER  
OCTOBER 25, 2014

2016 SPUDAA-NA BIENNIAL  
CONFERENCE NORTH CAROLINA  
DATES TO BE ARRANGED



Princess Emraida Kiram inducted newly elected officers.

Awards Committee – Orson Battad, Rosemila Jaucian and Louell Moscowitz – presenting awards to outstanding members.



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“ ...Some are wondering why I am developing the farm. It is for our students – to help them appreciate the land, agriculture or farming, and to know where our food comes from, so that if they have lands, they will make use of them and not leave them idle. It is a place where we can set up an entrepreneurial or business center with a student laboratory, processing vegetables, fruits and meats. The farm can provide food security to SPUD and community, as well as supply the natural healing center or clinic with herbs, vegetables, and fruits with natural healing properties.”

– Sr. N Lucilla Baldado, SPC, SPUD President

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**Fish Ponds:** Calo Farm has three fish ponds with several varieties of fish that are locally marketed and sold live at fresh water pools at SPUD on campus. Future plans are to establish an on-site fish processing operation. Fish waste is used as a very effective fertilizer for plants.

**Natural Fish Control and Research:** Pests and herbicides are made from fermented organic plant and seaweed extractives, a process that takes 15 to 30 days. Molasses is often used as a mix. The staff is always experimenting, and learning what extracts they could use with what plants, and are constantly monitoring their effectiveness. They also hang recycled CDs. When asked how the CDs work, farm manager Joseph said, “Maybe they see their faces and are terrified.” It is a continual process of research and application, and is organic at every step.

By Tim McGloin

### What's Up SPUDAA-NA?

**Certificate Awards Committee:** Rosemila Jaucian announced that the Certificate Awards Committee decided to minimize the number of awards given to make it more meaningful.

This year, the **PRESIDENTIAL AWARD** was presented to Rosalinda Acupanda McGloin in recognition of her unwavering commitment and dedication to promoting the ideals of St. Paul University Dumaguete and of her tireless efforts to ensure the success of SPUDAA -NA.

**OUTSTANDING PAULINIAN AWARD** presented to Dr. Onesimo (Nanen) P. de Mira, Jr. in recognition of his invaluable contributions to help the less fortunate and for inspiring others to lead a life of service and giving.

**PAULINIAN SPIRIT AWARD** presented to David C. Martinez in recognition of his loyalty to St. Paul University Dumaguete and for his unique sense of history that allows us to remember what it means to be a Paulinian. *By: Suzette de Mira Foroosan*



## Vision and Future Plans for Calo Farm

Sr. Lucilla summarized her vision for the short and long term future of Calo Farm.

SHORT-TERM PLAN	LONG-TERM PLAN
<p><b>Energy Self-sufficiency:</b></p> <p>Animal wastes bio-converters will be used to produce methane gas for fuel and electricity to meet the energy needs of the farm. Human wastes will provide gas for cooking using septic tank converters.</p>	<p><b>Learning center:</b></p> <p>The Calo Farm is a living and functioning learning center with limitless possibilities. The farm operations, research, entrepreneurial activities, marketing strategies, use of highly nutritional foods, outreach and education to surrounding communities, seminars, and training sessions will all be integrated into the SPUD curriculums from elementary to university levels.</p>
<p><b>Entrepreneurial Centers:</b></p> <p>Processing operations are planned for fruits, vegetables, fish, and meat products providing SPUD sith a living and working learning center.</p>	<p><b>Natural Healing Clinic:</b></p> <p>The products from the farm will be used for healthy nutrition for clinic users and their families, the medicinal herbs will serve as natural pharmaceu-ticals, and nursing students will have expanded opportunities for service and learning.</p>
<p><b>Medicinal Herbal Gardens:</b></p> <p>Growing of medicinal plants or herbs will encourage and promote more research on the healing properties of natural products, and will provide pharmaceuticals for the Community Health Center.</p>	<p><b>Land Stewardship for healthy Communities:</b></p> <p>The Calo Farm is a teaching-learning project that serves the University students, faculty and staff and the surrounding communities. Starting with students in the elementary grades, the farm can be an invaluable tool to teach stewardship, healthy living, healthy organic farming, and pest control, better nutirion for preventive health, and appreciation of the land and all it can provide.</p>

**What has been done at Calo Farm on just 7 hectares is amazing and inspiring. Is there anything like this anywhere on earth? Future integration into the SPUD curriculums and the Natural Healing Health Clinic will provide unique opportunities for serving the campus and the surrounding community. It can truly be a model for the region and the country. There is more to come in the future, and SPUDAA-NA can be a vital partner. SPUDAA-NA members are encourages to visit and revisit the Calo Farm . It is an experiece you will not forget!**

