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SANE

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United Board Meeting July 2016

**2017
Next
Meeting**

**April 22
Medford
Noon –
4pm**

[see details
to the
right]

Meeting Details

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or

**781 219-3607 as to what you can
bring to our pot-luck lunch.**

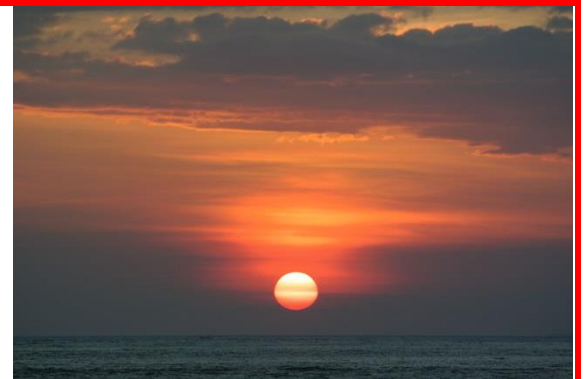
**Agenda includes reports, the
scholarship project, happenings on
campus, next TIPON, and food**



**Rene and Ilona Tuballa, Rick and Ester
Elphick, Ed and Ruby Agnir, Joy Miller,
Pris and Bart Kelso.**

**TIPON 2015
from
Pris Lasmarias
Kelso
President of SANE
Greetings! The
June 2015 Tipon in
San Antonio, Texas,
was attended by
the largest SANE
delegation ever.**

[Link to SAUCONA](#)



Sunrise Dumaguete 22 March 2016

SANE, founded in 2002, is one of the newer chapters of SUACONA (Silliman University Alumni of Canada and North America).

- **We meet annually in April and October.**
- **We discuss Silliman-related matters and present proposals for fund-raising, international exchanges, and ways of “giving back to Silliman” through various forms of Christian stewardship.**
- **We have been represented at every Tipon gathering.**
- **We are proud to have three Outstanding Sillimanian Awardees (six if one includes former and honorary members).**

We welcome new members! If you are one of them—or if you know of other Silliman alumni in New England—please contact any of the officers above. We’d love to hear from you! The Silliman spirit lives on!

Some history on the founding of SANE and its impact on SUACONA and SU by founder Ed Agnir:

SUACONA started with 17 alumni associations drawn from the existing ones at the time. Among those 17 was the organization’s newest member, the Silliman Association of New England. That association was less than a month old, having been founded on the third weekend of April at a gathering of Sillimianians from the New England states that we held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Known by its acronym of SANE, it became the butt of friendly jokes when honorary member Nan Hawkins announced that she and other members were “inSANE.

(from Ed’s book, *When God Calls*. Ed also notes that Ester Timbancaya Elphick assisted Ed in the founding of SANE.)

Ed also writes: “Incidentally, here's another historical SUACONA tidbit that you and others might find interesting. At the Sunday morning gathering of attendees during Tipon Silliman last June in San Antonio, Zeny Duran Bennett, former SUACONA chair and member of the large Southern California Association, I bragged about having 100% attendance at Tipon Silliman. She then asked for others in the audience who similarly had 100% attendance to stand and be recognized. Four others stood up. They were: Sylvester Almiron, first SUACONA chair and member of the large New York/New Jersey Alumni Association, Rick Elphick, Esther Elphick and me, all members of SANE. Ruby had missed the inaugural SUACONA convention. Imagine that. Of all the associations of SUACONA, SANE holds the distinction of having three out of five who have perfect attendance at Tipon Silliman. In fact, Rick values his record of having 100% attendance so much that he puts very high priority in his schedule to attendance at Tipon Silliman conventions. He holds the distinction of being an "outstanding non-Sillimanian Sillimanian" a title that was coined by no less than President. Malayang in reference to active non-alumni Sillimianians. You, too, Fred, belong to that category. In fact that is a unique strength of SANE - drawing its strength from the adopted Sillimianians in its fold, consisting of spouses and other family members like you, Rick and Bart to mention just a few.

Call for entries to a proposed new webpage for SANE, namely a **Bibliography for SANE** authors, listing books written by them, and perhaps a few especially noteworthy articles. I suggested this project as Ed mentioned that several of we members have published books, so this is a project of Ed and myself. Send you entries to me at frederick.d.abraham@gmail.com.

Submitted by plk, edited by fda 10/20/09; updates: 6/8/2011; 2/22/2012, 5/10/2012, 3/1/ 2014, 5/24/ 2014, 9/25/2014, 3/16/2015, 4/26/2015, 8/10/2015, 1/25/2016

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Minutes of SANE October 29, 2016 meeting
Hosted by Joy and David Miller, Medford MA

Attendees: Jojo and Myrish Cadapan-Antonio, Fred and Precy Magdamo- Abraham, Rick and Ester Timbancaya-Elphick, Andy and Nellie Viernes-Nambu, Bart and Pris Lasmarias-Kelso, Joy Contado-Miller

1. Prayer and welcome after pot-luck lunch
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
3. Approval of Treasurer's report and collection of annual membership dues and contributions for the Silliman scholarship project
4. Discussion of scholarship project:
 - a. The Scholarship Committee reported on the selection of L.J. Juarez, Business Administration student as the recipient of SANE's 3-year full scholarship.
 - b. Discussion on granting the scholarship to 2 recipients to spread out resources. Moved and seconded that SANE grant it to one student for the following reasons: Silliman mostly grants tuition scholarships only, with no board and room provisions. A full scholarship enables a scholar, especially one with limited finances, to finish a degree. A full scholarship also models for SUACONA chapters to offer full support when planning their scholarship projects.
 - c. A question was asked on how we get feedback regarding our scholar's progress.
 - d. Discussion on scholarship funding for 2017: The amount of \$2,300 for 2016 was contributed by 8 units from the SANE membership. The expectation is that those who pledged an initial amount for 2016 will follow through with similar contributions for 2017 and 2018.
 - e. Checks should be sent to the SANE treasurer by December, 2016 in time for the total amount to be sent to the United Board for tax -exempt purposes. The treasurer will report on how much was collected.
5. Discussion on SANE's support of Silliman's academic goals:
 - a. In line with SUACONA's new Mission and Vision which states that SUACONA will support Silliman's academic programs and help provide access to a Silliman education for qualified students, SANE will continue to pursue projects congruent with this goal.
 - b. Instead of giving funds to SUACONA for building projects, such as the current renovation of Guy Hall, it was moved and seconded that SANE

will instead commit our financial resources to projects related to student scholarships and faculty/staff development.

6. Discussion on a future SANE project , such as funding for collecting and archiving the ethnomusicology program of Priscilla Magdamo-Abraham.

Moved and seconded to table SANE's move towards new initiatives for the April 2017 meeting. A committee will look into this, made up of Joy Miller, Myrish Antonio, and Wilnard Indonilla.

7. Discussion on the search for a new Silliman president for June 2018 after President Ben Malayang's term will be over. Criteria from the Board of Trustees include Christian Witness, Academic Excellence, Excellence in Governance, and Relevance and Reach. Five candidates are currently applying.
8. Discussion on the present government in the Philippines and its effects on Filipinos in reaction to human rights and martial law.
9. Tison 2017 in Hawaii --the challenges of timing, distance and expense
10. The meeting ended with prayer and the Silliman Song.

Recorded by Pris Lasmarias Kelso (in lieu of Ellen Paray Macasieb, SANE secretary-treasurer)

Fred's report of the passing of Pat Magdamo and our recent visit to Silliman, and other campus affairs.

Here is a report from Moses Atega's FaceBook posting on Pat Ling Magdamo, supplemented by my own comments. After that is a brief report on our activities at Silliman over the past two months.

The Magdamo family here in Dumaguete is deeply saddened to inform you that SILLIMAN UNIVERSITY patron and mission worker PATRICIA "Pat" LING MAGDAMO passed away last Tuesday at the age of 84. As many of you have known, this faith worker from Rangoon, Burma was Director of Religious Education at the Immanuel Baptist Church before joining Silliman on June 12, 1957. She took over the Theology teaching classes of Prof. Elena Maquiso who was studying in the United States. She married her new friend Benjamin "Ben" Magdamo whom she met at Silliman Church Council. Ben was working at the audio visual needs of the Church.

She was so generous to Silliman University in so many ways beyond her duties as Vice President for Southeast Asian programs of the United Board for Christian Higher Education.

The last time she visited Silliman was to bring the ashes of her beloved husband who died in 2005. I guided her and their sons to a point in Mt. Talinis where some ashes were buried under a tree and at the Twin Lakes where they scattered the rest of the ashes.... (from Moses on Facebook)

Pat's loss hits us all hard. She was a great friend, very moral, very Christian, had a great sense of humor, and contributed much to the Silliman and religious community. She was a VP of UBCHEA for many years, often appearing in missions in Asia and had to confront misogynist tendencies telling officials of institutions there that if they wanted UBCHEA grants, they had better speak to her. In short, she had spunk when it was needed. She also was coauthor of "Christ in Philippine Context" : a college textbook in theology and religious studies " by Douglas J. Elwood and Patricia Ling Magdamo. (Demetillo, 1971). Precy and I will be joining the family in Pennsylvania May 21 for a memorial service. Her children and their family are great monuments to her and Ben's greatness.

I can't report adequately on Silliman doings. There is a great deal of development both physically and academically going on; many of **Ben Malayang's** energy and educational philosophies are paying off handsomely. The most obvious physical change is the giant four story steel beam structure going up that will become **Portals East**. Many new restaurants in town, and the Boulevard continues to sport fantastic sunrises which we caught on our way to morning breakfast at Bethel Guest House.

We were there mostly for personal business, but **Priscilla** was immediately swept up by faculty and students into voice lessons, critiques of productions, suggestions for education on traditional music, and some personal plans for preserving and developing her collections and their use that involve not only Silliman, grants, but also projects with others in Cebu and Manila. Psychology students were not as present as the music students so I had no official duties in Psychology, by my former student and current chair of the Psychology Department, **Bing Valbuena**, kindly gave me office space and use of a computer where I was able to finish work on a book chapter, and then start notes for some international lectures I have coming up this summer. I nearly got myself locked in a couple of time by staying late. I actually had to go through a closet to find a way out one time.

Rudy & Helga Magdamo, now living in Talay, donated a carillon to SU and a beautiful garden in front of Katipunan Hall. This new landmark on campus is known as the "**Presbyterian Garden**". The garden is raised as in a mound and has 3 large boulders on it symbolizing the 3 main purposes for the founding of Silliman. Those are: To Preach the Gospel; To Teach Academics and Vocationals; To Heal the Body and Soul. Included in the dedication is the school slogan, Via Veritas Vita. President Malayang III wanted a durable structure on campus to remind all of the reasons for Silliman's being. There is also a carillon component to this landmark. The current construction of the carillon is comprised of a central control digital panel and four high end, state of the art, powerful all weather speaker systems strategically located around campus to ensure the carillon can be heard clearly all over the 63-hectare campus. The

carillon is multi-purpose in function, i.e. to announce, to entertain, and as an alarm system. (photo to follow soon)

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SANE officers include (L-R) Fred Abraham, webmaster; Ellen Paray Macasieb, secretary-treasurer; Joy Contado Miller, newly elected president for 2016; Priscilla Lasmarias Kelso, outgoing president; Jose Mari Jonathan Antonio, vice president.

The Silliman Association of New England (SANE) is sponsoring a scholarship program for qualified Silliman students for the next three academic school years. SANE is encouraging other alumni chapters to do the same. Though small in number, the New England group has consistently initiated academic-related programs, such as the SANE Initiative that facilitated the visit of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Development of Silliman University to various institutions of higher learning in the U.S. in 2014..

[\[from SU web site\]](#)

***New England
Alumni Sponsor
U.S. Academic
Trip for VP's***

An initiative of the Silliman Alumni of New England (SANE) enabled VPAA Betsy Joy Tan and VPD Jane Belarmino to spend a month in the United States (March 29—April 29, 2014) visiting several colleges, universities, and organizations involved in global education. With the approval of the board of trustees, the VP's explored institutional partnerships with various schools promoting study abroad programs for students, visiting professor exchanges for faculty, resource sharing for programs, such as environmental and marine

sciences and in-service training. A parallel goal was to learn how universities promote linkages with alumni and friends for institutional advancement. All in all, the vice-presidents traveled to various states for 20 appointments in the East Coast, Mid-Atlantic, and the Midwest. We look forward to dynamic developments in these four areas for Silliman.

VPAA Tan and VPD Belarmino were hosted by Silliman alumni and friends and also met with alumni from New York, New Jersey, Washington, DC and Michigan. Their trip also included tours of Ivy League schools such as Yale, Harvard, and MIT. Warmly received by administrators of Christian schools such as Gordon College (Massachusetts) Wheaton College (Illinois) Calvin College and Olivet College (Michigan), the vice-presidents will

follow-up their U.S. contacts after consultations with Silliman's units and departments that are positioned for international education. This initiative will also give Silliman University an advantage as ASEAN 2015 takes effect.

The SANE initiative was co-chaired by Prof. Richard Elphick of Wesleyan University in Connecticut and VP SANE, and Prof. Priscilla Lasmarias Kelso of Boston and President SANE. The project and the trip were initiated and sponsored by SANE, on an original suggestion of SANE member Alan Lyman. This is a summary of a report presented to and enthusiastically received at SANE's spring meeting, April 26, 2014 in Medford, MA. For a more detailed account of the VPs' US trip, log on to www.su.edu.ph

Ethnomusicologist Shares 'The Art of the Visayan Song'

Thursday, Dec 11 4:27 PM



Renowned ethnomusicologist Priscilla Magdamo-Abraham opened this semester's Albert Faurot Lecture Series for Culture and the Arts with her talk on "The Art of the Visayan Song" at the College of Performing and Visual Arts (COPVA) Music Sala on December 1. For the full story in the Silliman Weekly Newsletter go to <http://su.edu.ph/article/1479-Ethnomusicologist-Sh> and for an insightful well written account of the presentation, its significance, history, and cultural impact see Myrna Peña-Reyes' report at <http://dumaguemetropost.com/the-art-of-the-visayan-song-we-dont-hear-it-p5566-554.htm>

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Photo shows Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Betsy Joy B. Tan [second from left] and Vice President for Development Prof. Jane Annette L. Belarmino (seventh from left) together with the Provost of Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts Dr. Janel Curry, Provost (first from right) and Silliman Association of New England president Prof. Priscila Lasmarias-Kelso (third from left). Also in the photo are other officials of Gordon College: Mr. Ryan Hock, Senior Admissions Officer (first from left), Prof. Dorothy Boorse, Chair of the Biology Department (fourth from left) and Mr. Daniel Tyman, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff (eighth from left).

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