



# SANE

Silliman Association  
of  
New  
England



Betty Cernol-McCann & Dennis at their  
Dumaguete home 2016

### Officers

President: Jose Mari Jonathan Antonio  
Vice President: Stanley Macasieb  
Secretary; Nellie Viernes Nambu  
Treasurer: Nellie Viernes Nambu



SU President Betty visits SANE  
20 July 2019

**2019  
Fall  
Meeting**

**NOON  
19 OCT**

[see details to  
the right]

### Meeting Details

@ home of David and Joy Contado Miller  
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Please let Joy know ([jmiller3@shire.com](mailto:jmiller3@shire.com)) 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

### A playful moment



TIPON 2019  
at  
Washington, DC

[Link to SAUCONA](#)

[Link to SANE's bid  
to host TIPON  
2021](#)



A good President is worth listening to.

## SANE'S OUTSTANDING SILLIMAN ALUMNI

VICENTE V. BATIANCILA	Medicine	1992
PRISCILLA MAGDAMO ABRAHAM	Ethnomusicology	2002
PRISCILLA LASMARIAS KELSO	International Education	2004
FEDERICO I. AGNIR	Pastoral Ministry	2005
ESTER TIMBANCAYA ELPHICK	Education	2008
MYRISH CADAPAN ANTONIO	Global Leadership Development	2019

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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](http://www.su.edu.ph)

**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 six Outstanding Sillimanian Awardees.**

**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 Sillimanians 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 Sillimanians. You, too, Fred, belong to that category. In fact that is a unique strength of SANE - drawing its strength from the adopted Sillimanians 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](mailto:frederick.d.abraham@gmail.com). (dated 2016)

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