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Please consider donating training equipment and school supplies to Nuestra Senora de la Salud Family Farm School.

Please send your inquiries and donations to:



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Rosie Tria and Gloria Navarrete with teachers and trainees from La Salud School

La Salud Update

by Roselli Tria

Last February, Gloria and Danny Navarrete, Honesto and Rosie Tria, and I visited with a handful of trainees from Nuestra Senora de la Salud Family Farm School. Participants from the first Cosmetology class and some from the Dressmaking class came.

Cosmetology class trainees got to work on students' make-up at special events at the elementary school, such as UN Day. A couple did their on the job training at the beauty parlor owned by Joy Cervas.

The second Cosmetology class started on April 5, 2014. The Dressmaking class is 80% complete. Upon successful completion, trainees are eligible to undergo TESDA certification. ■ □ ■



Tahanan News

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Save A Tahanan's mission is to mobilize resources to improve the lives of families through training and microfinancing and to empower them as responsible members of the community.

This Year's Golf Tournament Sponsors

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- Impact Production - donated the trophies

Save the Date

**12th Annual
STI Charity Golf Tournament**
Saturday, May 2, 2015
Sunol Valley Golf Club
6900 Mission Road
Sunol, California

For the Love of Golf

by Roselli Tria

Last year, we held our 10th Annual STI Charity Golf Tournament. We were all amazed that it has been 10 years! We are grateful for the golf lovers who continue to join us.

In 2002, Joe Broadhead and Craig Smith, both golf lovers and avid "barbecue grillers", suggested holding a charity golf tournament. They had been getting friends together for annual golf games so it was a decision that came naturally.

Honesto and Rosie Tria shared the idea with friends and this is how golfers from the Association of Former Meralco Employees got involved. Jun Quimson, Tom Tolentino and friends have actively participated in this annual tournament.

Marisol Tria offered her years of experience organizing golf tournaments. Marisol and Rosie Tria work hard at getting sponsors.

As for the food, Craig and Joe, our avid "barbecue grillers" love grilling ribs. These

ribs became the main course of the meal that follows the tournament. Hazel Tria rounds out the team as overall coordinator and chef.

This is our annual fundraiser and we are grateful to our supporters - both players and

sponsors. We welcome friends and family of our golfers to the celebratory lunch. This year's tournament is on Saturday, May 3. Next year's tournament will be on Saturday, May 2, 2015. We look forward to seeing you at next year's tournament. ■ □ ■



STM 2013 Golf Tournament Participants

Class of 2014

Congratulations to the twelve STM Calabanga scholars graduated from Central Bicol State University of Agriculture in Calabanga:

- **Reynaldo Castillo Arnaldo, Jr.** - Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in Mathematics. Graduated Cum Laude. Received awards in Best in Practice Teaching and Journalism
- **Arlene Encila Asuncion** - Bachelor of Arts in English
- **Casandra May Beldua Bolido** - Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English
- **Joey Enriquez Caranza** - Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English, Academic Distinction, Best in Practice Teaching
- **Maricel Capal** - Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English
- **Karen Bual delos Reyes** - Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- **Delmar Sta. Ana Gamora** - Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English
- **Ana Rose Acasio Labing** - Bachelor of Elementary Education
- **Jomar Motil Legaspi** - Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English, Best in Practice Teaching, Journalism
- **Salvacion Loreto** - Bachelor of Arts in English
- **Karen Lyn Pacardo Olleta** - Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English
- **Amy Torrefiel Valentin** - Bachelor of Secondary Education Major in English

Reynaldo, Joey, and Jomar will be teaching at Our Lady of La Porteria Academy.

Typhoon Yolanda Assistance

by Roselli Tria

South San Francisco, CA - Members of the STI board handed Tina Monzon Palma a check for \$4746.00, the total amount donated to STI for victims of Typhoon Yolanda. Tina, a well-known and well-respected journalist, is also the Program Director of Bantay Bata 163 and Sagip Kapamilya, two of the outreach

programs of ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. She was in town to promote these programs, especially Bantay Bata. The foundation has been actively involved in relief and rehabilitation programs for victims of Typhoon Yolanda are under the Sagip Kapamilya program. ■ □ ■



L-R: Carmen Hernandez, Gloria Navarrete, Jo Ann Kyle*, Tina Monzon Palma, Linda Galeon, Rosie Tria, Marisa Robles, Alma Magsombol* [*ABS CBN Foundation International staff], taken April 27, 2014.

Delmar will be teaching at Dominican School of Calabanga. ■ □ ■

Class of 2013

Four scholars from the Class of 2013 are now teaching at schools in Calabanga:

- **Cary Sarcedo Cerdan** - Quipayo National High School
- **Virginia Peña Sales** - West Central School
- **Joy Austria Danabar** - Binaliw Elementary School
- **Vivian Arias Esperon** - Our Lady of La Porteria Academy.

These graduates also passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers. Cary, Joy, and Virginia passed the exam given on September 2013 and Cary placed 8th in the Region. Vivian passed the exam given on January 2014.

Congratulations to Cary, Joy, Vivian, and Virginia! We also thank you for your dedication to your community.

We are grateful to Mrs. Zenaida Bonete for her dedication to the STM Calabanga scholarship program. For more than ten years, she successfully molded the scholars to be dedicated, community-oriented members of society. ■ □ ■



Arnaldo, Jr.



Jomar Legaspi



Virginia Sales



Vivian Esperon



Cary Cerdan



Joy Danabar

Visit to STM Chapters

by Roselli Tria

DONSOL CHAPTER

On February 1, 2014, Marisa Robles, Honesto Tria, Rosie Tria, and I traveled to Donsol, Sorsogon to visit the STM Donsol Chapter. There we met with Estrella Bigayan, Pete Toca, and Jun Abordo.

They continue to focus on their educational program. Last year's scholars have completed their training. One is working full-time at a piggery and the other starting a machine shop business.

The next pair of scholars are Mark Anthony Nieva and Arnel Salvador. Both are studying at Don Bosco Agro-Mechanical Technology Center in Legazpi City, Albay.

Mark Anthony is in the Agro-Mechanics program and Arnel is in the General Electricity program. Both started their programs on June 2013 and are expected to complete their programs by October 2014. Arnel and Mark Anthony joined us at the meeting along with their mothers. They all expressed gratitude for the opportunity to obtain post-secondary training. Each mother was additionally grateful for the spiritual development they've seen in their sons.



Arnel & Mark Anthony

SAN JOSE CHAPTER

On February 8, 2014, Honesto, Rosie and I met with Evon Obias, Fe Pacao, and Barbe dela Fuente, the officers of the San Jose Chapter.

The chapter has 10 borrowers, each with PhP3000, three-month loans at 3% interest. Majority of the borrowers run small variety stores. Others are dressmakers and one sells prepared food.

This chapter has four scholars. Pagador Corba is taking Automotive Technology. Henry



with STM Tigaon Chapter

Berina is studying Criminology. Rina Pacao is majoring in Elementary Education. Paa is studying Financial Management. Former scholar Reggie Barron left school to work as a bus conductor when his financial support ended. He could not afford to pay for school.

Evon and Fe choose scholarship recipients and select students who are financially challenged. It is the mothers who are in tears upon hearing news of acceptance. Because of this financial hardship, it is difficult to gather the scholars because of the transportation costs involved. We resolved to increase the financial assistance to each student to cover these.

TIGAON CHAPTER

Later that day, we moved on to meet with about half of the Tigaon Chapter members. This chapter has 24 active members and

continues to thrive. The members committed to attending a monthly meeting. They also committed to pay PhP 50.00 at each meeting to maintain a reserve to support borrowers.

The loan interest is 3%. However, if money is needed to cover an emergency and if payment can be made in a week, no interest is charged.

This chapter has three scholars. Zangie Baal is majoring in Elementary Education at Siena College in Tigaon. Edison Norica is obtaining TESDA certification in welding. Kay Angela Geonzon is majoring in Business Administration at Partido State University.

They reported that although other scholarship awards available to students, their challenge is in meeting the financial cost of student's expenses. They are mainly farmers and they need to wait for harvest time before they can get revenue. ■ □ ■



Pete, Jun, Marisa, and Estrella