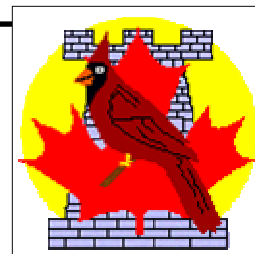


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## MapúaWorld 2000 Big Blast!

August 5, 2000. Over 200 alumni and guests gathered at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel in Toronto to celebrate the MapúaWorld 2000 Millennium Grand Reunion. They came from all over the world, from Alaska (**Abner Advincula EE'68**) to Australia (**Leonardo Kalinisan EM'76**), from California to New Jersey. They came from all ages, from the young ones (**Sherwin DeLeon IE'95**) to the young once (**Benjamin Garcia ME'49**). They came to see old friends and classmates. They came to party. And it was a Grand Party!

The three-day event conceived, organized and hosted by the International Association of Mapúa Alumni-Ontario (IAMA) achieved its main goal and theme of "bringing professional fellowship to greater heights". And more. The event strengthened the ties among Mapúa Alumni organizations in North America and led to the formation of the MapúaWorld Commission and the Mapuans of Manitoba Alumni Association.

The Millennium Grand Reunion attracted attention from high places. Philippine **President Joseph Estrada** sent his congratulations with the message that "MapúaWorld demonstrates the exuberance of Mapúa alumni to expand their horizons...". And Ontario **Premier Mike Harris** commended the organization for "promoting and improving the quality of life for Mapua graduates" in the community.

Other congratulatory messages received include Mississauga **Mayor Hazel McCallion**, Consul **General Susan O. Castrence**, Mapúa Institute of technology **President Reynaldo Vea** and **NAMA President Wellington K.C. Tan**.

It was an ambitious and bold venture by IAMA led by President **Josie Jimenez-Cuisia**, full of risks and pitfalls. And it set a standard for vision, courage, commitment, determination and hard work for achieving goals. §

By Edgar Frondoza



Alumni and guests whoop it up at the Millennium Grand Reunion.

### They came from far and wide!

**Abner "Abette" Advincula EE'68** lives in Alaska yet he never misses a chance to hook-up with his fraternity brods anywhere in the world. So when brod Cesar Liwanag sent out email invitations, it took him only a short time to decide to come to Toronto.

**Ely Sanchez EE'66** and **Manny Mendoza EE'66** have lived in the Chicago area for over 20 years. They have not been to Toronto and had no immediate plans to go. But when Edgar Frondoza called, they found an excellent reason to come, to see old fraternity brods and to attend the MapúaWorld Millennium Grand Reunion. Ely came with his wife Ola. Manny's wife was also coming but had to cancel at the last minute due to health reasons.

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### MapúaWorld Commission

By Gerry Rulloda

Under a resolution by delegates during the Mapúaworld 2000 Convention in Toronto, Ontario, the MapúaWorld Commission was formed. The MapúaWorld Commission will serve as a governing body to help select sites and support future MapúaWorld Events.

The next venue was awarded to Southern California which will be held at the Queen Mary, Los Angeles in February 2002. Manila was also considered in the selection process. The commission will also help in other resources such as website requirements. The MapúaWorld website will be turned over to Southern California Mapúa Alumni Association for their use. Money was not discussed at this time due to tax complexities of different countries. The Commission will be

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## MapúaWorld 2000

By Ernie Lara

On August 5, 2000, more than 200 Mapúans attended the first IMAAO grand reunion held at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel in Toronto. The affair is dubbed MapúaWorld 2000 (MW2k) with the theme "bringing professional fellowship to greater heights". It was a gathering of old acquaintances and past classmates from Southern California, San Francisco, Alaska, Chicago, New Jersey, Ohio, Edmonton, and Winnipeg, as far way as Australia and of course, Ontario. The International Association of Mapúa Alumni-Ontario (IAMAO) hosted the three-day festivities, a bold undertaking led by President Josie Jimenez-Cuisia, of bringing

Francisco were also present. During the "self-introduction" session, it seemed that every Mapúan have brought his own "personal nurse". It was a night full of fun, laughter and banter where everyone became a comedian. Red Revilla of SCMAA invited everyone for the next celebration, MapúaWorld 2002 that will coincide with SCMAA's 25th anniversary celebration.

A steering committee was formed to make plans for the establishment of an umbrella organization to serve as a link among Mapúa Alumni associations. The committee is composed of Roger Santos, Fred Gonzales, Nito Amiscaray, Aida Cuisia-Ocampo, Ely Sanchez, Tess Comia, Bobbit Gregorio, Josie Cuisia, Precy Ordinario and Edith Ramos. Leo Kalinisan of Australia was later added to the committee. With the help of IMAAO and SCMAA the

guests begin to arrive. The gala night opened with cheers: Viva! Mapúa Fight! led by Josie and Eula Rulloda. After singing the national anthems, Gerry Rulloda, IMAAO's immediate past president welcomed the guests while Lily Ong-Carlos led in praying for the success of the MW2K. Rho Lambda Kappa fraternity amused the guests with their Erap skit. Christine Brozo, Angie Basil and Elaine Marcos entertained the guests as well. The renowned FullHouse Band supplied the crowd with continuous live dance music.

Bobbit acknowledged the MW2K organizing committees for their hard work and dedication, and the guests whose continued support made the affair a resounding success. Philippine Consul General Susan Castrence, represented by Consul Olivia Palala presided over the induction of the newly elected IMAAO officers.

Josie Cuisia delivered her message of promoting unity and camaraderie among Mapúans around the world in 2000 and beyond and the spirit of MapúaWorld. Leo Kalinisan, Edith G. Ramos, Pipo Sarmiento, president of Mapúans of Manitoba, and Rey Tampilic of London, Ontario, also gave messages of fellowship. Precy Ordinario was acknowledged for being the first Mapúan to register through the web site and former Mapúa professor Benjamin Garcia (ME-'49) for being the oldest alumni. Effie Perez-Villanueva, CE-'50 is worth mentioning as well.

After the IMAAO executives and spouses wowed the full house with their patented line-dance medley, the festivities went deep into the night, with delegates finding old classmates, meeting new friends, dancing and taking pictures of each other to serve as a memento of the eventful evening.

The morning weather of August 6 was a bummer. It was cold, dark and cloudy, but it never dampened the spirits of the delegates as they prepare to leave for the Niagara tour. They were so enthusiastic, rambunctious and naughty at times that it made the trip a very pleasurable one. Art Viola, the Lord Mayor of Niagara-on-the-Lake welcomed the group, joined them in the picnic and arranged a tour of Joseph's Estate Wines winery. Joseph's (no relation to Erap) was the first to produce the world-renowned Ontario ice wine. The day ended with the tour of the world famous Niagara Falls. Even the heavy mists, occasional drizzle, dark cloud and the onset of fatigue could not discourage the group from enjoying the rest of the day.

Two years from now, Mapúans will again convene to celebrate MapúaWorld 2002 to be hosted by the Southern California Mapúa Alumni Association. §



The Millennium Tour Group at Joseph's Estate Wines. One of the stop-over.

together Mapúa alumni around the globe to assemble in a spirit of friendship and professionalism. As an offshoot of this occasion Mapúans of Manitoba was formed.

The millennium grand reunion kicked off with a barbecue reception for "out-of-towners" hosted by Bobbit & Lira Gregorio in Mississauga on August 4th. The "out-of-towners" who came were led by Edith Garcia-Ramos, President of the boisterous Southern California Mapúa Alumni Association (SCMAA), Tess Andres-Comia of Mapúans of Manitoba (M of M), Romy Ramos of Chicago and last but not the least Nito Amiscaray of Edmonton. Josie Cuisia led IMAAO executives in welcoming the guests to the joyous gathering.

That night, the delegates gathered again at Bristol Wyndham Place Hotel. The rest of the Chicago delegation came led by Aida Cuisia-Ocampo. Roger & Josie (Bimeda) Santos of New Jersey and Fred Gonzales & Floren Apelin of San

committee members were given the mandate of establishing an MIT alumni association in their respective area of residence or conveying the goals of MW2k to their local MIT alumni associations. This was the night when MapúaWorld became an entity.

On August 5th, the MapúaWorld golf tournament was held at the prestigious Richview Golf and Country Club in Oakville organized by Bobbit Gregorio and Tom Brozo. It was a morning of fun where Tiger Woods wannabes showed off their prowess in the game. And the winners were: Low net, Ross Bautista; Low Gross, Mike Reyes; Nearest to the pin, Pasky Oliveria; and Longest drive, Roger Santos (imagine him driving all the way from New Jersey).

The highlight of the three-day affair, the Black-tie Gala Night, was held at the Bristol Wyndham Place Hotel in Toronto. The night started with great anticipation as

## MapúaWorld Post Cards

*Greetings and messages from Mapúa alumni and friends after the MapúaWorld Millennium Reunion.*



Nito Amiscaray, 3rd from right at the Millennium Welcome Barbecue

*“Greetings from Edmonton! Just a short note to thank all of you for the wonderful time we had there in Ontario and to congratulate all of you who were involved in the reunion celebrations. It was indeed so well organized and smoothly done.*

*We sincerely hope that all your efforts will result in many good things specially for the support and hope that you offer to new professional engineers who are coming into the country. We all know the frustrations and the hardships we all went through as immigrants much more so as immigrants with a professional status not recognized and acknowledged in Canada.*

*Nevertheless, we have all persevered, thanks to many relatives and friends who have offered support much like what you are doing right now. So we say keep up the good work. We will not wait for thank you's, nor will we wait for any kind of reward. It is enough that they do good for themselves and that their children will do even better.*

*Maraming salamat po and more power to you.”*

Nito Amiscaray  
Edmonton, Alberta

*“Thank you for all the kindness, assistance and hospitality we received from you. Our short stay is a lifetime of memories. We enjoyed every second of it. The party and the tour were really great. Special thanks to Gerry, Eula, Felix, Cesar, Henry, Rosalie and*

*all those whose names we forgot but whose actions were always on our minds. It was wrong for us to say that when you come to Winnipeg you can get even with us. We apologize. Reciprocity should not be a factor. Friendship governs. Lastly, what you did for Nanay Effie made the gala night seem to be secondary. Lots of you wanted to be her children during her ordeal. People wants to help. For us that is the real Mapua 2000. We will continue exchanging communications with you and maybe all the alumni around the globe. VIVA MAPUA!”*

Pipo Sarmiento  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

*“We all had a good time and glad we came. How wonderful it was to see fellow Mapuans and old friends for a happy occasion. We will all cherish those moments of togetherness, friendship and camaraderie. So for the next times (future reunions), be assured that you'll see us there, God permitting.... You are really a great bunch of people.*

Tess Comia  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

*“What an excellent reunion!”*

Cora Matthews  
Toronto, Ontario

*“One thing we do that you don't is sing the Alma Mater song.”*

Red Revilla  
Southern California

*“Looks like we missed a great time. Look forward to your pictures!”*

Pete O. Lapid  
San Francisco

*“I miss you all brods out there especially the fun you had during the reunion. Kahit na sa pictures lang maybe we here in the Philippines can share the happiness you enjoyed during the occasion.*

Eric Yunzal  
Manila

### MapúaWorld Commission

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composed of representatives of strategically located member organizations around the world.

The provisional commission is composed of Josie Cuisia, Bobbit Gregorio and Gerry Rulloda of Toronto, Pipo Sarmiento and Tess Comia of Winnipeg, Precy Ordinario and Edith Ramos of Southern California, Nito Amiscaray of Edmonton, Roger Santos of New Jersey, Onie Kalinisan of Australia, Aida Ocampo and Sam Vallejera of Chicago and Willy Tan of NAMA, Manila. §

### MapúaWorld Golf Tournament Winners

August 5, 2000  
Richview Golf and Country Club  
Oakville, Ontario  
Par 72

Low Net	Ross Bautista
Low Gross	Mike Reyes
Nearest to the pin	Pasky Oliveria
Longest drive	Roger Santos

### IAMAO EXECUTIVE 2000-2001

President	Josie Cuisia
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PRO	Ernie Lara

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Tom Brozo	Chito Cabatic
Joe Garcia	Tony Hufana
Pasky Oliveria	

Directors:

Bobbit Gregorio	(Pres. 1994-1995)
Edgar Frondoza	(Pres. 1995-1997)
Gerry Rulloda	(Pres. 1998-1999)
Ed Solomon	
Tom Brozo	



Welcome, welcome!

House Party



Barbecue Party

Dance Party



IAMAO Executive Induction



Gala Night



Mapúa cheer!

With Mayor Art Viola  
Niagara by the Lake



Mayor Josie Cuisia



Hello!



Niagara Falls

One more shot!



Abette, Ely and Manny starred in the Rho Lambda Kappa Fraternity comedy skit performed at the gala night together with Edgar Frondoza, Cesar Liwanag, Chito Cabatic, Nick Bansil, Teng Marquez and Felix Merciales.

**Tess Comia** saw the MapúaWorld web site while surfing the internet. After contacting Josie Cuisia and **Precy Ordinario** ME'72, she initiated the formation of the Manitoba Chapter. She came with the Manitoba Group - **Pipo Sarmiento** CE'77, **Renaud Sarmiento** EE'80, **Felix Pao** EE'74, **Joel Dela Cruz**, **Adora Mendoza** ECE'91, **Efigenia Villanueva** CE'50, **Nerio Bautista** ME'70 and **Reynaldo Santos** CE'73. The attraction: Reunion with other Mapuans and to see Toronto.

**Benito Amiscaray** from Edmonton wanted to be part of the Millennium celebration, visit Toronto and see his sister Lilah Lara. Of course Ernie and Lilah invited them. They probably stayed with them. The attraction: Perhaps it was the reunion with his sibling and other Mapuans and to see Toronto.

The Southern California Mapua Alumni Association (SCMA) came with a big group comprised of **Edith Garcia-Ramos** CE'72, Mr. & Mrs. **Benjamin Garcia** ME'49/MGMT'52, Mr. & Mrs. **Pert Arca** CE'64, Mr. & Mrs. **Red Revilla** CE'60, Mr. & Mrs. **Precy Ordinario** EE'72. SCMA has close relationship with IMAAO ever since they found each other in the internet 4 years ago, followed by Precy's visit to Toronto a few months later. SCMA's delegation reaffirms the close ties between the two organizations.

**Borromeo "Jun-jun" Ramos** EE'73 from Chicago took the opportunity to refresh his friendship and brotherhood with Bobbit Gregorio. Jun-jun and Bobbit were co-founders of Zeta Phi Sigma Fraternity. Jun-jun and his wife Gigi were guests at Bobbit's house. Having not seen each for over 20 years, Jun-jun and Bobbit spent most of the time between events talking about good old days. Jun-jun's visit was made much more memorable when he met Precy Ordinario, his high school buddy; George Sabun, his ex-office mate. To top it all up, they discovered, to their amazement that Isa Veloso is their sorority sister.

Jun-jun and Gigi went home very happy and very glad that they had the opportunity to attend the celebration.

**Leonardo Kalinisan** EM'76 and **Helen Dela Vega Kalinisan** MET'77 from Australia were visiting Toronto in August and grabbed the opportunity to

<b>INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MAPUA ALUMNI – ONTARIO</b>	
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>	
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and bank	3,636.97
Inventory (Golf Shirts)	400.00
Accounts receivable	<u>246.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,282.97</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accrued Liability (Scholarship)	1,000.00
<b>NET WORTH</b>	
Net surplus	<u>3,282.97</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET WORTH</b>	<b>4,282.97</b>
<i>Note:</i>	<i>Net surplus from Y2K Reunion is \$985.50</i>
Prepared by:	Roger Marcos Treasurer

meet other alumni and friends. They were happy they did. They went back to Australia with fond memories of Toronto.

**Roger Santos** MIE'77 and **Josie Bimeda-Santos** MIE'77 from New Jersey are the founders of the RJS Systems, Inc., a construction e-business solution for document management and project collaboration with offices in New Jersey and Saudi Arabia. Roger and Josie wanted to meet other alumni and share their experiences. Their company was one of the patrons of the Gala Event.

Many more came from far and wide to join in the celebration of the first Mapúa Alumni Millennium Grand Reunion in North America:

**Floren Apelin**, ME'66 California  
**Enrique Cubarrubia**, ME'65 Ohio  
**Dionisio Cuisia**, CHE'59 Chicago  
**Aida Cuisia**, CHE'69 Chicago  
**Edison Fernandez** London, ON  
**Rey Tampilic** ME'70 London, ON  
**Mila Pido-Fernandez** CHM'64 Chicago  
**Samuel Vallejera** CHE'67 Illinois.

To our out of town guests a big THANK YOU for sharing with us your experiences, friendship and fond memories!

**See you all in L.A. for the Mapúa-World 2002 celebration!**

*By Edgar Frondoza*

## Veronica Hufana

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pieces compiled in a book entitled "Reflections 98", published by Peel Catholic Board of Education. Additionally, three more of her poems were published in the 'Life Today' - a Philippine-based catholic magazine.

Veronica is the daughter of Tony & Olivia Hufana of Brampton, and the big sister to Erick. §

## Crystal Peralta

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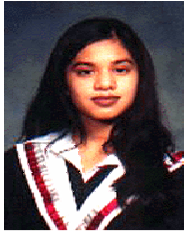
Crystal is also a published writer. She has won various awards including the Royal Canadian Legion Award for her Remembrance Day Essay. "Writing allows me to runaway with my dreams".

Crystal is determined to make an impression on the world she lives in. "We have to be tireless, determined, bold and committed to bring about positive change to humanity and the world we all call home... I am here to make a difference, to take up the challenge, to implement the change, and to push the human race forward."§

## Millennium Scholars

# Veronica Hufana and Crystal Peralta

Veronica Hufana and Crystal Peralta were named as the Millennium 2000 awardees for the IMAAO University Scholarship at the Millennium Reunion Gala Night. The award was based on academic record, extra-curricular activities, technical and business inclination, community involvement, essay and parent involvement in IMAAO.



Veronica started her first year Bachelors Degree in Graphic Design, at the York University/ Sheridan College Joint Program in September 2000.

The level of competition to this pilot program was fierce and the selection process intense, where only 5% of more than 2,000 applicants were admitted into the course. That's achievement for Veronica! To top that, York-Sheridan awarded (partial) entrance scholarship based on academic excellence during her OAC years.

Veronica's academic tendencies have always been in the field of arts: visual and language. In Grade 8, Brampton Arts Council presented her with a special dramatic award for set design in a school play; and at graduation, the St. Joachim Separate School Arts Award.

High school years at Notre Dame was no different where she consistently got highest recognition for her arts, design, and photography works. She won a competition to design the cover of Notre Dame Course Calendar for 1999-2000 school year; designed the Graduation invitations, the program and the Prom tickets/souvenir; and most recently, a "professional presentation of the Co-op program booklet was a testament to her artistic and organizational abilities", Notre Dame Principal Lu Bobyk generously says. "Throughout her years at Notre Dame, I have found Veronica to be excited about her art work, working diligently and always striving to reach her full potential," Mr. Bobyk adds.

Her poem 'What's the Point' was included in a collection of literary

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Crystal is currently studying Life Sciences at the University of Toronto at Mississauga. It is the first step in her pursuit of a career in the medical field as an Obstetrician. "...because I want to celebrate life.

*To welcome new and precious hands into the world, carrying new naïve and innocent souls right in the palm of my very own hands, knowing that they have the potential of being dynamic leaders in the future",* Crystal wrote in her essay "It's time to make a Change".

Crystal is the daughter of the late and former IMAAO Executive Sixto Peralta, Jr. and Leticia Peralta. Since her father's death in April last year due to cancer, she still feels her father's presence, encouraging and inspiring her to do more.

Crystal is actively involved in community organizations and done much to help those who are disadvantaged. She organizes and leads the Rotary Club food and clothing drives, helps with the Kids Help Phone, Peel children's Centre, Big Sisters of Peel, School Breakfast Program, Tyndal and Chelsea Park Nursing homes. "Helping the less fortunate was a passion of mine", she wrote in her essay.

She co-founded SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) to raise awareness and provide assistance to victims. She is also an executive member of the HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation), a national organization which provides the youth with the opportunities to discover their capabilities.

Crystal is an excellent singer, performing at various conferences, assemblies and nursing homes. In 1999, she won the Harvest Festival Talent Competition and in 1998 she performed at the Philippine Centennial Celebration.

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## Tech Bits

By Josie Cuisia

### STEPS TO PEO LICENSING

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#### Step 1: PEO Reviews Your Academic Background

##### Individual Exam

If PEO believes that your academic background is between that of a technology diploma and an engineering degree, you will be assigned an individualized exam program. This program requires you to write specific number of exams.

There are strict time limits for completing the assigned exam programs. PEO will send you information about exam topics, explain when you can begin writing exams, give you time limits for completing your exam program, and provide other guidelines. PEO offers exams annually in May and December at 14 centers in Ontario. All exams are given in English.

In the following cases, you may not be required to write exams:

- You have an engineering degree that was conferred outside Canada that is similar to a degree from an accredited engineering program at a Canadian university and you have also completed post-graduate studies in engineering at a Canadian university.
- You have a minimum 10 years of applied engineering experience. Note: In this case, your experience will be carefully reviewed by PEO's Experience Requirements Committee. If your experience is satisfactory, the Committee may recommend that you be exempt from exams. Normally, an interview is required.
- You have an accredited engineering degree from a country that has a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers. Currently, these countries are : Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, Hong Kong, the UK and the US. Note: For all countries except Hong Kong, your degree must have been granted in 1989 or later. For Hong Kong, your degree must have been granted in 1995 or later.

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## Eruption at the Millennium Grand Reunion

The Rho Lambda Kappa Fraternity, an all Electrical Engineering discipline fraternity in Mapua performed their comedy skit "Here comes Erap" at the Millennium Gala to the delight of the audience.

Ely Sanchez from Chicago, who looked like Erap with his bulky size and bushy mustache played the role of Erap to

perfection. Despite the problems with the microphones, the RLC frat members performed well.

Performing with Ely were Abette Advincula, Manny Mendoza, Cesar Liwanag, Chito Cabatic, Nick Bansil, Teng Marquez, Felix Merciales and Edgar Frondoza. The crowd was laughing hard when the group completed the act and exit with rap music playing.

It was a great night to remember. §



Ely Sanchez (middle) and other members of the Rho Lambda Kappa Fraternity performs at the Millennium Gala Night. "Hindi na 100% ang tuhod ko, pero above the knee 100% pa!" - Erap.

## EFFIE VILLANUEVA

### A Remarkable Lady

By Eula Rulloda

Everyone affectionately calls her Nanay Effie. To many Mapuans, who had the opportunity of knowing her, she is like a real mother to them. A very caring person, Mrs. Efigenia Perez Villanueva is the epitome of a successful woman graced by years of experience as an engineer, wife, mother, grandmother and caregiver. A graduate of Civil Engineering in 1950, she is one of the few women civil engineers of her time. She had an illustrious career as an engineer working with the Department of Public Highways for 21 years in Davao City. The construction of the city's highways and bridges passed through her approval. She was the city OIC when she opt for early retirement at 47 after which she started her own construction company. The highlight of her career was the building of the biggest spray pond in the world at that time. She was commissioned by

Davao Sugar Central to build the pond aerating the wastewater coming from the sugar central to the pond recycling the clean water back to the sugar central. She is very proud of this achievement.

Effie was married to Sinfory Villanueva, a fellow engineer and classmate from Mapua and were blessed with 4 children - Sinfory Jr. and Laurence who are now civil engineers; Eugene, now an architect and Annabelle who finished communication arts and advertising. Widowed when her youngest was only 5, Effie alone took care of her children and got them through university. She also helped a sister finish university.

Effie immigrated to Winnipeg, Canada with Annabelle in 1982 to join her son who came in 1977. A very energetic person, she continued to keep herself busy doing volunteer work and home care for 10 years. She is a licensed real estate agent in Winnipeg. On her spare time, she keeps herself busy doing the things she loves to do - gardening, reading, jogging and playing mahjong. She

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*"To serve the professional interest of its members and to promote professional consciousness and fellowship through collective interdisciplinary activities."*

IAMAO Mission

is proud of her 6 grandchildren, 2 in Vancouver, 2 in Winnipeg and 2 in the Philippines.

We had the opportunity to meet Nanay Effie when she came to Toronto to join us in our celebration of the Y2K millennium grand reunion. She is the adviser and one of the leaders of the Winnipeg alumni group. In her excitement of the festivities during the gala night, she suffered a stroke and was rushed to the hospital. On the way to the hospital she was still thinking about the Niagara trip and the fun she will miss the next day. She stayed in the hospital for a month and returned to Winnipeg soon after. She is still undergoing therapy sessions. Though not fully recovered, she is determined to walk again and attend the next MapuaWorld celebration in 2002. She celebrated her 74th birthday last October 14 with families and Mapua friends.

*Effie Villanueva, a remarkable lady. §*