Highlights of SUAASC Activities from 2013-2015

Chapter Activities Past, Present and future

The annual picnic and election of officers is on August 8, 2015 From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This event will be in the Amphitheater of Schabarum Regional Park, 17250 Colima Rd, Rowland Heights, CA 91748. Come join us, have fun, and participate in choosing the next set of officers.

The Dinner Ball and Induction of Officers is on October 31, 2015 at The Double Tree by Hilton in Norwalk. Please plan on attending. You may bring your children as this is the night of trick or treating. Details of the event will be posted on the following: SUAASC.org, Silliman University Alumni Association of Southern California FB page, www.SUACONA.com.

The 5K Run/Walk conducted on July 12, 2014 was a success. Right after the 5K Run/Walk event was one of the most well attended picnic at Whittier Narrows Regional Park. As a result of the 5K fun run, SUAASC raised enough money to donate $7,000.00 to Silliman University for the Continuing Calamity Response Program. This program was created in the aftermath of super typhoon Haiyan to provide financial assistance to students whose families are affected by any form of calamity, natural or man-made.

Christmas caroling: For two successive years, officers and members visited the homes of willing alumni and friends, bringing the spirit of Christmas as well as raised funds to help Silliman University in its mission of providing excellent education to students, and helping the communities it serves.

Feeding the homeless: February marks the month wherein our association officers and members volunteer their time and finances to help feed the homeless of San Gabriel Valley. This is a joint effort with the San Gabriel Valley Coalition. For two successive years, we have participated in this community service to help alleviate the hardships of the homeless in Los Angeles County.

Tipon Silliman: A main highlight of this year was the biennial gathering of the Silliman Alumni Association of North America (SUACONA) in San Antonio, Texas. The event was hosted by the Association of Central Texas Sillimanians (ACTS). It was well attended and was truly a great success. Alumni from our own chapter and other chapters enjoyed the activities tremendously. SUAASC members namely Zenaida Duran Bennett, past SUACONA chairperson and Faith Manigsaca Duran, Tipon Silliman Co-Chair were two of the major key players in the planning and implementation of Tipon 2015. During this event SUACONA elected a new set of officers.

SUAASC also spearheaded the SUACONA Tipon 2015 5K Run Walk which will benefit the SU Marina Mission Clinic in Dauin, Negros Oriental. Members of the committee were Malcolm “Macky” Hiponia, Jessie Mario Duran, Christine Baron Patulin, Lynneth Labuntog Quiambao, Eva Dime and Marphoe Acocoro.

The president of SUAASC, Faith Manigsaca Duran thanks all officers, members, fellow alumni, friends and family for all achievements of the last two years.

“When we leave the halls of Silliman, roam the world o’er near and far. Still the faith and truth she gave us will remain our guiding star. O’er in high place or in lowly, fortune sends us joy or pain. Still our love for dear old Silliman, loyal shall we e’er remain”.

For those who are interested in attending the next gathering of Sillimanians in North America, Tipon 2017 is going to be in Hawaii!