

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Wish you were there at various 82nd anniversary celebrations
- Betans win annual acoustic band competition
- Long-lost Betans found
- New “Haluhalo” regular feature

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Worldwide Celebration of 82nd Anniversary

From Diliman to the District of Columbia, Wallabee Country to Wilton Township. Manila Bay to San Francisco Bay, Wherever two or more Betans converged was a celebration.

Betans in many parts of the globe commemorated Beta Epsilon Fraternity's 82nd anniversary of its foundation in several ways. Afternoon barbeque, evening cocktails, dimsum lunch, restaurant dining—you name it. Old brods, new brods, newly-found brods, and prospective brods.

What happened back in 1929? In the Ermita campus of the University of the Philippines, Professor Alejandro Melchor tossed the idea of having an exclusive engineering fraternity to a group of scholars, student

leaders and athletes. After basketball practice, these students went for merienda at Pargas Store along Florida Street. On June 15, 1929, it was there in that one-door refreshment parlor that the



Elmer Rodriguez '75 (2nd from L) and his comrades send greetings from Afghanistan.

nine founders pledged themselves to be bound by fraternal ties and to invite others to the fold.

The drafting of the constitution and the application for recogni-

tion by the University administration followed in time. On August 23, 1929, the Beta Epsilon fraternity was officially established and this has been adopted as the foundation date of BETA EPSILON, the Brotherhood of Engineers. Valeriano L. Pantoja was elected the first Most Exalted Brother and Professor Melchor as the first faculty adviser. There were twenty-one brothers among the charter members. Mary Morales, a popular coed, cousin of co-founder Horacio Morales, and friend to many members was selected as the first fraternity sweetheart.

After 82 years, the spirit of Be beyond engineering lives on globally. Experience the various anniversary gatherings starting on Page 7 of this issue.

Message from the President

Greetings and Happy Anniversary! I am glad that many readers expressed their enjoyment of the BE News revival issue. Despite primarily for North American readership, this e-newsletter circled the globe and ended up in the hands of Betans all over the world.

In this issue, we compile the various celebrations of the fraternity's 82nd anniversary, get to

know the Treasurer-for-Life, review a recent financial report, understand the various BE-FAAA funds, read about a brod's project, report on several Be groups' activities and projects, and see what the 2013 reunion workgroup has in store for us.

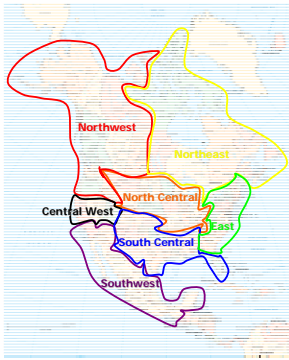
BE News was meant to be a quarterly publication, but may be released on irregular inter-

vals to broadcast timely announcements and not have the news go stale. Although email may get the word across expeditiously, BE News serves as a more formal digest of important association matters and noteworthy reports that could otherwise drown in the daily deluge of emails. Enjoy. — GLA '79



Bogie Jaranilla '82 Joins BEFAAA Board

BEFAAA Regional Map



The Board consists of five officers and seven regional directors. The Board has a term of two years, 2011-13.

The Officers are:

- Greg Africa '79, President;
- TBA, Vice-President;
- Benjie Lopez '67, Sec-

retary;

- Marty Martinez '53, Treasurer-for-life; and
- Didin Manahan '84, Assistant Treasurer.

The Regional Directors are:

- TBA, Pacific Northwest;
- Ernie Santos '73, Pacific Central West;

- Angie Alvarez 75, Pacific Southwest;
- Ricky Manahan 86, Mid-Continent North Central;
- Bogie Jaranilla '82, Mid-Continent South Central;
- TBA, Atlantic Northeast; and
- Didin Manahan 84, Atlantic East.

Know Your Treasurer-for-Life

Marty Martinez joined Beta Epsilon in 1953. In the late '80s, he was instrumental in organizing the then-BENA Southern California group and the first reunion in San Francisco. In 2000, Marty was appointed BEFAAA Treasurer-for-Life and accepted this appointment as his service to the fraternity.

Marty completed his BSCE degree in 1955. After passing the Board Examination in 1956, his first employment was with DPWH. Marty started as an Office Engineer, then was promoted to Assistant CE-in-charge of construction of irrigation structures, and finally to CE-in-charge of Office & Contract Operations. Marty considers meeting his wife Frida as the highlight of his DPWH career.

In 1961, U.S. Aid For International Development hired Marty as Materials Engineer

for their 10-year, \$15M Water Resource Project in Afghanistan. The project included the construction of hydroelectric dams, irrigation and drainage systems and agricultural extension. His first assignment was to set up from scratch a functional Materials Laboratory and later train Afghans the fundamentals of testing cement, concrete materials and concrete mixes, and the quality of construction soils. Marty was later promoted to Director of Soils & Materials Laboratory tasked with expanding the existing laboratory to include the testing and evaluation of agricultural soil. He considers the birth of his son Donald as the highlight of his stint in Afghanistan.

After a brief period in Calgary, Canada where Marty worked as a Research Engineer while pursuing his M. Engineering degree from the University of Calgary,

his family immigrated to the United States in 1971. Daughter Leila was born just before they emigrated.

Marty was hired by the City of Glendale DPW, starting as CE Assistant. He passed the Board Examination for Professional Engineers in 1972. Then, Marty was promoted to CE-in-charge of structural design. Finally, he was promoted to Principal CE-in-charge of budget planning and contract administration averaging \$8M annually (equivalent to Assistant City Engineer). Marty acted as City Engineer in his final year with the City and retired in 1996.

Among Marty's favorite pastimes are a vigorous game of tennis, a leisurely game of golf and driving his RV across the country. He finds vegetable gardening very relaxing and enjoyable and periodically taking care of the grandchildren very fulfilling.



Financial Report (as of July 31, 2011)

General Fund (Unrestricted)

Balance as of 12/31/10	\$13,811.11	
Receipts	200.00	
Disbursements	(288.00)	
Total as of July 31, 2011		\$13,723.11

Endowment Fund:

Principal (Restricted Fund)	\$9,050.00	
Interest (Unrestricted)	1,680.93	
Receipts	0.00	
Total as of July 31, 2011		\$10,730.93

Scholarship Fund (Restricted):

Balance as of 12/31/10	\$970.00	
Receipts	35.00	
Total as of July 31, 2011		\$1,005.00

Amenity Fund (Restricted):

Balance as of 12/31/10	\$830.00	
Receipts	35.00	
Disbursements	(400.00)	
Total as of July 31, 2011		\$465.00

Emergency Reserve Fund (Restricted):

Balance as of 12/31/10	\$800.00	
Receipts	0.00	
Total as of July 31, 2011		\$800.00

BEFAAA Account Balance as of July 31, 2011 **\$26,724.04**



“The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service.”
- Longfellow

Halu-halo Special



- Visited: BEAI's Dong Salazar '59 in Pasadena, CA July 26th;
- Visited: BEAI's Ed '69 and Kevin '98 Paynor in Washington, DC Aug 16th;
- Birthday: Leleng Ople '56 celebrated his 75th on Aug 20th;
- Birthday: Joe Albano '64 and Vic Pascual '65 will celebrate their 65th on Sept 20th and Sept 15th, respectively;
- Inducted: Sonny Gancayco's '75 Betanette, Vicky as president of UPAA Greater Los Angeles Aug. 27th;
- Anniversary: Greg '79 and Pinky Africa will celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniver-

- sary Oct 17th;
 - Anniversary: Butch '76 and Imelda Reyes celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary Aug 6th;
- (continued on Page 4)



Pol, Will, Hernan and Toti with Dong Salazar '59.

2011 UPAE Awards Nomination



**“BEFAAA
Objective No. 4:
“To enhance and
encourage the
professional
advancement of its
members.”**

Felicisimo S. Ople, Jr. '54 is BEFAAA's nominee for the 2011 UPAE Professional Degree Award for Civil Engineering. Fel (Boy) Ople was Be's Most Exalted Brother in 1957. He is a 1958 BSCE graduate, *magna cum laude*. After graduation, he taught at UP COE for one academic year. After which, he proceeded to graduate school at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, where he obtained MS and PhD degrees in civil (structural) engineering.

Fel is a registered professional engineer in the Philippines and California. His specialization is project and technical management, with expertise in: development, design, construction, and quality assurance of prestressed concrete pressure vessel and containment structures for nuclear plants; independent design and construction review of nuclear plants; structural

seismic design; in-depth knowledge of nuclear pressure codes; and US Nuclear Regulatory Commission safety/licensing regulations.

Fel retired in 1994 after 30 years of service in the nuclear power industry with General Atomics. He founded WESTechnology, LLC in 1997 along with Filipino-American professional engineers based in San Diego, CA. Its mission is to promote Renewable Energy wind power project development in emerging countries, with the initial focus in the Philippines.

In the ensuing 10 years after retirement, Fel was a technical and project management consultant on Renewable Energy technology. As Vice President for Operations with Philippine Hybrid Energy Systems, Inc., he directed and managed wind power projects in the Philippines, including

conducting wind site explorations, feasibility studies, wind resource assessments, wind-diesel hybrid studies, development, design, financing, and construction & installation of wind energy power systems on several island sites in the Philippines.

PHESI's most advanced wind farm project development is the 16 MW Wind Energy Power System project located on Mt. Paitan in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro, which is expected to be in commercial operation by 2012/13. Read more about his project on Page 5 of this issue.

We are proud of you, Fel!

(Special thanks to Marty Martinez for submitting the nomination forms to UPAE in an expedited fashion. Great job!)

Halu-halo Special (second serving)



Boy de Leon '59 and Dennis Quinto '58 visit Ben Dia '58.

- Topnotcher: BEAI's Alex Verzosa '06, No. 1 Mining Engg August 2011 Board Exam (PH);
- Passed away: Oscar Cruz '51 in Manila, Aug 28th;
- Moved: Ranty [Boy] Ella '56 from Milpitas, CA to Tenafly, NJ;
- Moved: Chris Santos '83 from Lorton, VA to Southern California;
- Visited: Boy de Leon '59 accompanied Dennis Quinto '58 to visit his ailing ka-batch Ben Dia '58 in Manila, August;
- Visited: Abet Go '78 in San Francisco from Vancouver, BC Aug 10th;
- Visited: Oca Cajipe '66 in San Francisco from Chandler, AZ Aug 25th;
- Visiting: BESA president Abe Amores '62 in Honolulu, Toronto, NJ, and NY August/September;
- Assigned: Rico Imperial '77, Jackson, MI but spends extended periods in Washington, DC on business; and
- Traveled: On separate occasions, Conrad Bautista '67, Dennis Quinto '58, Roly Reventar '58, Herbert Li '70, Ernie Amparo '68, Edong Punzalan '61 and Vic Vilagracia '69 to Manila, August.

Betan Propels Renewable Energy

Philippine Hybrid Energy Systems, Inc. (PHESI), under the management and direction of Fel Ople '54 is developing a 16 MW Wind Energy Power System (WEPS) project at Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro, that will supply electricity to Electric Cooperatives. Project construction is scheduled to commence in 4thQ2011; the WEPS is expected to be commercially operational in 4thQ2012. The project will supply ~50,000 Mwh per year of electricity to the Electric Cooperatives at a net price of PhP 5.60/kwh, which is lower than the subsidy-approved generation rate of PhP 6.40/kwh.

A Renewable (Wind) Energy Service/Operating Contract was signed with the DOE, granting PHESI the exclusive right to develop a wind power project at the Puerto Galera site. The BOI has approved and registered the Mindoro WEPS project as a priority pioneer project, entitling the project to financial and other incentives. An Environmental Certificate of Compliance for the Puerto Galera site was issued by DENR.

Wind resource assessment has established the availability of economically developable wind resource on the 600m peak at Mt. Paitan. Wind-Diesel hybrid studies have shown that hybrid operation of the WEPS with control diesel generators is feasible for the Mindoro island grid.

The project is designed to supply ~50,000 mwh of wind energy from 16 MW of WEPS, which is ~23% of the Mindoro gross demand. Small, efficient, medium speed, automatic control diesel generators (CDGs) will be provided to operate with the WEPS to maxi-

mize reliability and mitigate the potential impact of short term variations in WEPS output. CDGs will be used for control purposes only when winds are variable and of sufficient strength to have a material impact on the WEPS output and the grid. At least two 3 MW diesel generators are required so that one is always available when the other is out for maintenance.

The nominal rated capacity of the WEPS is 16 MW and consists of eight (8) Gamesa G87 2.0MW wind turbines. All units are pitch-controlled, variable speed and frequency generators that supply high quality 60 Hz AC at the desired grid voltage via transformers. Nominal rated capacity is achieved under conditions that exceed the nominal wind speed (13 m/s), but do not exceed the cut-out wind speed (25 m/s). The turbines will be erected on 75 m high tubular towers, individually mounted on reinforced concrete pads. The site can accommodate future expansion of up to ~ 40 MW capacity.

The WEPS control system will be automated and centralized. A Power System Oversight Control will monitor system performance from both the WEPS and the CDGs. The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (SCADA) will coordinate the WEPS interaction with the grid and the control of the CDGs.

The estimated energy production (annual average output), based on a net capacity factor of ~39% (for average wind speeds of 8-9 m/s) of the WEPS, is ~50,000 mwh. The individual monthly average output may vary by +/- 50% with WEPS output higher during high wind

periods and lower during low wind periods.

The Capital Cost of the project is ~US\$42 Million. Project financing will be a combination of debt and equity. Project debt will be ~ US\$29 Million. Financing will be a mixed facility of multi-national and local banks and Export Credit Agency. The balance of the project capital cost will be funded with equity by Investors. Project returns to the Investors are expected to be ~ 23%, including the sale of project Certified Emission Reductions.

The benefits of the project include: Energy cost that is substantially lower than the cost of energy from the existing or new diesel power plants and should always be lower than the subsidy-approved generation rate; Reduction in the NPC subsidy for the Electric Cooperatives for the first year is >PhP 18 Million and PhP 720 Million over the life of the WEPS; Reduction in expenditures for foreign fuel is ~PhP 320 Million the first year (based on the existing diesels), and ~PhP 13 Billion over the life of the WEPS; and Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is > 40,000 tons (CO₂) the first year, and 1.0 Million tons over the life of the WEPS.

Betan participation in the development phase included Boy de Leon '59, Vic Villagrancia '69, and Nicky Villasenor '75.

Way to go, Fel! More power to you.



A typical hilltop wind farm.

BEFAAA Financial Assets



**“Objective 5.1:
“The Treasurer
will fine tune the
financial reporting
(and) draft
descriptions of
various funds by
December 2011.”**



BEFAAA President Greg Africa asked Treasurer Marty Martinez to provide descriptions of the various BEFAAA funds. As one of this term’s goals, the Board will fine-tune the definitions of BEFAAA funds in the amended Articles of Association and By-Laws. The Treasurer’s fund descriptions will be the basis of this work.

The following fund descriptions by the Treasurer summarize the evolution of these funds. In addition,

the annual dues and disbursement procedures are explained. These will be subject to refinement and formalization in this term of office by the Board.

Annual Dues: The Association is purely supported by voluntary annual dues and other contributions. Through the years, only a minority of the membership consistently remit annual dues and donations. The current annual dues is \$35.00. The collection of dues was suspended for

years 2009 and 2010. In the 2011 Grand Reunion Business Meeting, it was decided to reinstate the annual dues of \$35.00 starting the year 2011.

President’s Authority on Fund Expenditures: At the 2004 Grand Reunion Business Meeting, a motion was approved to authorize the President to spend up to \$500.00 for Be projects/programs he deems worthy. Expenditures over this amount will need approval of the Board.

BEFAAA Fund Descriptions

General Fund: \$25.00 of the annual dues and excess collection from authorized Be projects and programs are deposited in this fund. Expenses authorized by the Board, deficits from reunion expenses and miscellaneous expenses, such as stationary, printing, postage, etc. are deducted from this fund.

Endowment Fund: This fund was established as the Fraternity House Fund when there was a plan to build a frat house in the UP campus. Since 2005, the contributors have been Etau Salcedo ‘60, Tom Choa ‘60, Al Daco ‘62, Greg Africa ‘79 and Wilford Lim ‘80. When the frat house did not materialize, the Board decided, with the consent of the contributors, to convert it to

an Endowment Fund. The contributions to the principal, past and future, will remain intact in this BEFAAA Account. Only the accrued interest may be spent on various Be projects/programs authorized by the President and/or the Board.

Scholarship Fund: The Scholarship Fund is intended to support Be scholarship requests that are considered worthy by the President and/or the Board. At the business meeting in the 2006 Grand Reunion Business Meeting, the annual dues was increased from \$25.00 to \$35.00. Five dollars of the annual dues would go to the Scholarship Fund.

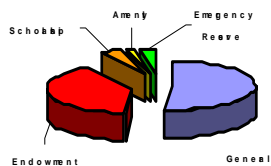
Amenity Fund: This fund is intended to financially assist

BEFAAA members who are in a hardship situation. A brod or brods familiar with the member’s situation will recommend this member as needing the assistance. This fund will also pay for a bouquet of flowers for a deceased member’s funeral. Five dollars of the annual dues would go to the Amenity Fund.

Emergency Reserve Fund: This fund is comprised of excess donations after the 2009 Typhoon Ondoy relief work was completed. The donors recommended that BEFAAA hold the fund until another emergency relief assistance is requested.

Financial Report: A recent financial report may be found on Page 3 of this issue.

BEFAAA Funds



BEFAAA Fund Distribution

Betans Say Goodbye to Carrie Bautista '70



On August 17th, fourteen Betans attended Carrie Bautista's '70 wake at the Claret Church in Qu-

Cris '75 and Conrad '67 Bautista with sisters and Betans.

ezon City, PH. Other Betans paid their respects earlier in the week.

Paps Cruz, Sonny Laigo and Ding Vilena rendered testimonials and read messages of condolences from Betans all over the world. Cris '75 and their sister responded in behalf of the Bautista family.

Conrad '67 arrived from San Francisco on August 19th in time for his brother's interment. More Betans attended the funeral service on August 20th. Carrie requested that his wake and funeral be a happy occasion and the Betans did their best to oblige. Carrie will be fondly remembered.

"I am home in Heaven dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light."

Betans Pay Last Respects to Respi '51

On August 10th, eighteen Betans and four Betanettes attended Respi Respicio's '51 Memorial Service and Fellowship at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pinole, CA.

Among those who delivered eulogies were Ed Lasola, Alex Inserto, Dennis Quinto and Vic Villagracia. The others who paid their respects in behalf of the β e fraternity were BEFAAA Regional Director Ernie Santos, Leleng &

Thesy Ople, Ed Punzalan, Danny dela Cruz, Bert Agustin, Joe & Fae Albano, Cenon Carolino, Vic Pascual, Frankie Guevara, Gil Ongchangco, Chito Calingo, Jinggoy Mempin and out-of-towners Marty & Frida Martinez and Abet & Nette Go.

Renee and family acknowledged, "We wish to thank all friends who have shared this pivotal time in our lives. May God always keep His

loving arms around every one of you. May the Spirit of God guide you and fill your lives with moments with grace and inspirations, and may Jesus live in your hearts forever."



BESA Blasts Winter Blues with Anniversary Party

Betans downunder celebrated the fraternity's anniversary at BESA President Abe '62 and Tessie Amores' home in Edensor Park, NSW last August 13th.

In attendance were Ricky Yang, Eboy Ortiz, Benben Sison, Dojje Manahan, Jay Araullo, Jun Almario, Bert Selorio, Josef Inciong, Ed Vallester, Alvin Balintec, Ochok Villanueva and their Betanettes and Betanaks. Chris '92 and Betanete Rorie

Cruz traveled from Canberra to attend the affair. Josef '84 and Jen Inciong beat the 70's BESAns by bringing their first grandson, who quickly became the center of attention.

The hosts served kare-kare, vegetable noodles and halayang ube while the rest brought their special recipes. Since there was no coordination, they ended up with many pork dishes...no one complained.



Aussie Betans' Anniversary Barbie.

Atlantic East Coast Anniversary Gatherings



Power Lunch
(file photo)

βe's 82nd anniversary was commemorated up and down the U.S. east coast throughout the month of August.

SOMERSET, NJ. On August 5th, the Power Lunch group celebrated with a lauriat at the group's favorite restaurant of choice, Mei Mei.

In attendance were Power Lunch regulars Assistant Treasurer & Regional Director Didin Manahan, E tao Salcedo, Tom Choa, Pete Dy, Butch Reyes,

Renan Pineda, Wilford Lim and Check Bautista.

There can be some serious discussions at the Power Lunch such as, the federal debt ceiling, the turmoil in the stock market, the national and local job markets, vegetarian diets and the power of prayer.

WASHINGTON, D.C. On August 16th, the National Capital Area Betans cele-

brated the fraternity's anniversary by having evening cocktails with heavy hors d'oeuvres at the Thunder Grill in Union Station.

The group welcomed BEAI's Ed '69 and Kevin '98 Paynor accompanied by Ed's Betannette Agnes. Long lost Betans residing in the area Alexis Ericta '64 and Leon Figueroa '66 attended their first area gathering.

The host Betans were comprised of BEFAAA President Greg Africa, Mulong Manlapig, Sonny Enriquez, Norby Perrin, Ernie Amparo, Bong David and Betanette Chelo. Former DC area resident Monty Dionisio '60 and Betanette Linda joined in while they were in town from Williamsburg, VA.

Aside from catching up with old friends and making new ones, the group was energized in discussing the 2013 Washington, DC

grand reunion.

WILTON, CT. On August 20th, John Reyes '77 and his Betanette, Gigi, created a splash by hosting a swimming, volleyball and badminton party at his sprawling home north of Stamford, CT.

Assistant Treasurer and Regional Director Didin Manahan led the pack of Betans that included E tao Salcedo, Pete Dy, Steve Andaya, Butch Reyes, Renan Pineda, Wilford Lim, Check Bautista, 8 Betanettes and 16 Betanaks.

Serious and oddball discussions included, the national debt, dollar versus euro, Pagibig Fund, corruption, mortgages, mosquito repellent options and the wonders of Zoysia grass.

Considering that there was an earlier forecast of 40% chance of rain, it turned out to be a great day for fellowship, eating and a laid back chill-out day.



MD-VA-DC Anniversary
Cocktails



NY-NJ-CT Anniversary
Splash



Northern California Anniversary
and Birthday Fiesta

Pacific Central West Anniversary Fiesta

Eighteen San Francisco area Betans from four decades held an anniversary celebration/birthday party on August 20th at Danny '61 and Lydia de la Cruz's residence in Walnut Creek, CA.

Regional Director Ernie Santos, Joe Albano, Cenon Carolino, Frankie Guevara,

Alex Inserto, Ming Quan, Ed Ng, Dom Ofrecio, Leleng Ople, Manny Nova, Bert Agustin, Jinggoy Mempin, Gil Ongchangco, Vic Pascual, Joe Socorro, Nott Ocampo, Chito Calingo and 10 Betanettes attended the fiesta-like affair.

The food highlights were

the fantastic lechon, native delicacies and the amazing tiramisu birthday cake with the βe seal created by April Mempin. Ten brods celebrated July, August and September birthdays. It was Joe Socorro's first time to attend in decades; certainly not his last.

Pacific Southwest Anniversary Picnic



Sonny '75 and Vicky Gancayco have always hosted the area's anniversary picnic at their home in Rancho

Host Sonny Gancayco (file photo) Palos Verdes, CA. This year's intimate gathering on August 13th was attended by Regional Director Angie Alvarez, Angel Salcedo, Arnel Platon, and Pio Advincula.

Sonny shared the news that Vicky will be inducted as the next UPAA Greater Los Angeles president at their upcoming affair on August 27th. The group discussed supporting Vicky by attending said affair and placing a

BEFAAA ad in their souvenir calendar. Prez Greg Africa supported this move to strengthen the ties with UPAA.

Building on Fel Ople's recent UPAA award nomination, Sonny is looking into getting a UPAA GLA endorsement for Fel and exploring a UPAA award nomination.

Afternoon beer and appetizers were followed by dinner joined by other members of the Gancayco extended family.

BEFAAA Objective No.1: "To foster the spirit of brotherhood among its members."

Mid-Continent North Central Anniversary Bash

Betans residing in the Chicago area got together for lunch at Little Quiapo on August 27th to celebrate the fraternity's 82nd anniversary. Regional Director Ricky Manahan and Arlene, Sonny and Emma Ramos, Tom and Connie Buenvenida, Sonny Alhambra, Kit Ramos, John Pineda, Rennie Mendoza and five Betanaks attended the gathering.

The group reminisced on their UP days, fraternity life, and creative

ways of passing an exam.

Connie talked about an Engineering professor (not a brod) who had "a strong wind beneath his wings" during his student days. Did you know that Sonny Ramos did not have a student number? In the 50's, the IKOT route was plied by JD bus and was free. Sonny Alhambra paid 5¢ in the 60's. The IKOT jeep charged 25¢ in the 80's. In Rennie's time, The fare went up to 75¢ and the reverse route TOKI was available.

Could it be the monorail in the future?

Kit brought his Leica camera and gave impromptu lessons on film photography.

Lots of food and fun. Happy Anniversary from the Chicago Brods and their families!



Mid-Continent South Central Anniversary Cocktails

On August 25th, the Houston area Betans gathered to celebrate the fraternity's 82nd founding anniversary at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Houston, TX.

The group was headed by newly selected Regional Director Bogie Jaranilla '82, Secretary Benjie

Lopez '67, and Ernest Garcia '74. Discussions on serious and frivolous topics were conducted over pizza, beer and mojitos.

The group decided not to end the gathering as a stag event, so they proceeded to the Guayaba Latin Grill & Bar for some live

salsa band and dancing. The trio swayed to the bolero, salsa, meringue, bachata and cumbia. Good thing they wore their dancing shoes!



Benjie '67, Bogie '82 and Ernest '74

Be Foundation Week on Campus



2011-12 Be residents, fraternity sweetheart and faculty advisers

The Be residents celebrated our 82nd Anniversary at the UP College of Engineering with weeklong activities. This observance marked our fraternity as an organization continuing in growth and excellence throughout the years.

Foundation Week commenced with the ribbon-cutting of the fraternity exhibit at the college in the

morning of August 23rd. The residents launched "Be Gives Back", which expressed gratitude to COE's thirty-five maintenance, administration and library staffs by distributing humble items like small appliances, groceries and gift cards. A seminar on Leadership and Career Management was conducted by Lenard Berba '81. Campus festivities culminated with a climactic

Annual Grand Pakain for the College of Engineering faculty, administration, staff and students on August 26th at the Engineering main lobby.

MEB Baste Julian '07 and 35 residents took turns as docents at the exhibit, ushers at the seminar and hosts at the luncheon. FS Gianella Reyes assisted in the activities.



The "Glorious Batch '58"
Seated: Dennis Quinto, Ben Vilorio, and Manny Agustines;
Standing: Lito Manahan, Roly Reventar and Rey Bautista.

BEAI Anniversary Fellowship Night

82nd Anniversary festivities in the home country continued with the BEAI's Fellowship Night on August 23th. Manny Agustines '58 hosted the affair at his Ramcar Center in Quezon City.

Over 140 alumni, residents, frat sweetheart and guests attended the Anniversary

Fellowship Night.

A sumptuous buffet comprised of catered and donated food and drinks was presented. Friends of FS Gianella Reyes from the UP Dance Troupe performed a cultural number. The JamENG'G winning Betan band rendered a selection of popular hits. And,

eleven members of Batch 2011 were presented to the alumni.

In addition, the BEAI Elections and Induction of Officers were held. Sonny Laigo '72 was inducted as the new BEAI president. It was an impressive collection of Betans from seven decades.



Winning Betan band performing at BEAI Fellowship Night.

Betan Band Wins JamENG'G Competition

On August 5, 2011 the U.P. Engineering Society held its annual competition to find the best acoustic band and fashion model that the college and university have to offer. In the Acoustic JamENG'G Band Competition, music enthusiasts were treated to a feast for the ears. Later in the program, music was matched with fashion. Amateur models from all over the university strutted their

way into becoming the winner of the night and taking home a huge cash prize. The festivities ended with dancing and partying for the rest of the evening.

The Betan band, under the IE Club banner, bested ten other acoustic bands to garner first place. The band members were Daryl Lopez (guitar/vocals), RC Resurrection (guitar/vocals), Rellan Castro

(bass/vocals), Lean Ochianang (percussion) and Boss Liwanag (guitar).

This win is not unusual for Betans have been known to win another musical competition, Engineering Week's Awitan. Also, Be sponsors the University Fair's Rockestra concert and a free campus concert co-sponsored with Mellow 94.7FM called Music Academy.

2011 Be Fireworks Show Slated for Dec 16th

This year, the Beta Epsilon Fraternity will once again bring joy and awe to the campus community and surrounding neighborhoods by sponsoring the



Be Fireworks at the University Centennial Celebration. Lantern Parade Fireworks Show at the University of the Philippines. This annual year-end event has been a much anticipated delight. The Fireworks Show will cap the university's yuletide celebration of music, dance and parade of homegrown lanterns and costumes on December 16th.

As you will recall, the charter contributors to this annual event were BEFAAA members.

If you are interested in participating in the funding of this year's fireworks show, please send your donations through the Manahan Express via Didin Manahan, Assistant Treasurer, 61 Elsie Drive, Plainsboro, NJ 08536 (Payee: "Adrien Manahan"; Note: Fireworks).

UP Lagoon and Be Theatrum Renovation

In the August issue of the BE News, the Be Theatrum Renovation Project was introduced. The project may be more aptly called the UP Lagoon and Be Theatrum Improvement Project. The project aspires to enhance storm runoff drainage, environmental water quality, recreational opportunities and natural bio-diversity in the UP Diliman Lagoon area.

The core project team is comprised of Chairman Boy de Leon '59, Alex Santos '59, Egbert Abiad '62, and Jon Kasilag '91. Leony developed the hydrology/hydraulics concept and wetlands design. Boy drafted the project estimate. Egbert and Jon, through AMH Philippines, generate the construction drawings. Arch. Bu-boy Espina of the UP Office of Design and Planning Initiatives provides the urban wildlife habitat plan. Alex acts as the important liaison with UP Diliman Chancellor Caesar Saloma. Chancellor Saloma indicated great interest and participation in the project that he wants a performance to be held at the Be Theatrum by Lan-

tern Parade Day.

Previously, BE News reported the initial estimated project cost to be about USD 27,200. However, when the project was presented to the BEAI Council of Elders last August 3rd, it was suggested to increase the project estimate to USD 117,000. This revised estimate would include the theatrum's permanent steel roof in lieu of a disposable fabric roof and full landscaping. When the project planning is finalized and the MOU with UP executed, this project will be a major Be alumni undertaking for 2011-12.

The UP Lagoon and Be Theatrum Improvement Project aims to improve the environmental and built-up conditions of the lagoon area and its tributary waters by the following principal activities:

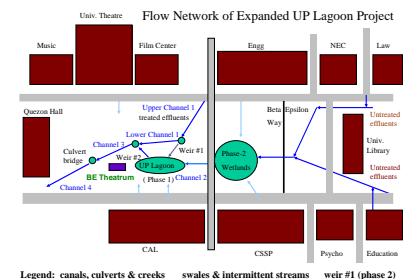
- Phase I
- Channel-design improvement for efficient drainage of storm runoff and channel bank stability;
 - Reclamation of lower marshy areas to provide bank-side park

venues for a water-enhanced experience and recreational & cultural activities and;

- Scientific and environmental management research and demonstration programs and campus-advocacy actions in the affected areas and water bodies.

Phase 2

- Stream habitat-improvement structures for channel stability and biodiversity;
- Conversion of upper ponded areas into re-engineered wetlands for phytoremediation to improve the water quality of effluents; and
- Scientific and environmental management research and demonstration programs and campus-advocacy actions in the affected areas and water bodies.



Flow Network of UP Diliman Lagoon area.

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True to its aim of promoting the interests of the country, university and college while enhancing closer relationships among its members, the fraternity has engaged in activities that reflect its own credo of scholarship, excellence and service even beyond engineering. These tenets continue to motivate the actions of Betans, individually or collectively, through the years.

The Beta Epsilon Fraternity Alumni Association of America is a social and non-profit organization composed of members of the Beta Epsilon Fraternity currently residing in Canada, Mexico, the United States of America and its territories.



2013 Grand Reunion Workgroup Formed

During the Mid-Atlantic Betans' celebration of the fraternity's foundation day last August 16th, the attendees discussed the 2013 BEFAAAA Grand Reunion in Washington, DC. The core workgroup agreed to meet periodically to develop the details of the grand reunion, such as the venues, schedule of activities, logistics, and outreach. Most likely, the core workgroup will involve other BEFAAAs in the planning process to help ensure a successful and largest-attended grand reunion to date. This goal is ambitious because, did you know that, BEFAAAA will turn twenty-five in 2012!! We need to celebrate this!

The BE News will be the main vehicle used to disseminate information and updates on the grand reunion. In future issues of BE News, an article will feature a particular aspect of the reunion, such as "Recommended Travel Resources for Washington, DC", "Traveling

with Seniors", "Washington for Teens", "Visiting with Kids", "Getting Around Washington", "Outside DC: Central Maryland and Northern Virginia" and culminating with the grand reunion's schedule of activities.

Although a lot of information may be found in the internet, the workgroup intends to streamline your travel research by recommending reliable resources and zooming in on the essentials and hot tips. Off the bat, we suggest that you plan on coming a day or two earlier to better experience what Washington, DC has to offer.

We look forward to your visit in 2013. BEFAAAA after 25 years!



**Aerial view of "The National
Mall" in Washington, D.C.**