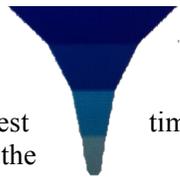


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Book III *Memories of UP Alumni and Friends United* took the longest to complete and publish among the three, but every one agrees that it fits the description of “Saved the Best for Last”. With increased interest, reaching out beyond alumni, learning from experience, all these helped to meet challenges beyond our control...natural disasters, distance communications, office turnovers, and together we still managed to reach our goal. Published and released February, 2019, coincidentally copyright certificate of registration was also dated and received in February! Shipping in the US was handled by the printer, US contributors received the books in Feb-March. Copies of the book arrived in the Philippines in June in Balikbayan boxes, one to UPManila, distribution handled by Joy Deanon, and another to UPFI in Diliman, distribution handled by Fely Velasquez . Thank you Joy and Fely! Each office of the Chancellor received their courtesy office copies. Please send us your comments, immediate reaction upon perusing the book will suffice. **Indeed Happy Thanksgiving!**

THE CUP: *“My (our) cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me (us) all the days of my (our) life: and I (we) will dwell in the house of the Lord forever” Psalm 23: 5, 6.* The symbol “cup” has been used as a figure of speech in good times and in bad. But the UPAA-NY CUP is a “GLORIOUS CUP” imparting everlasting life holding together, in support of UP Beloved and the Scholarship fund raised through individual alumni donations, NOT an organization. Each memoir, story, article in the book was contributed by the writer. The CUP is now the symbol of the Scholarship Fund originating from the first Deed of Donation in 2000 with Pres Nemenzo, with Pres Roman and Pres Pascual in succeeding DODs, all these are with UPFI. As of Sept 2018 the reported amount is \$192,005, and its earned interest can now sustain 8 scholarship slots; each unit can possibly have one awardee. While success becomes an inspiration one may expect, but then envy may sprout. Current **UPAAA Inc** asked UPFI to extricate original funds from 2000 and 2006, this March 2019. The claim was the 2012 DOD consolidation “had no permission from them”. Understandably, it was the UPAAA which started the 3-day Grand Reunion and Convention in 1995 that raised and made the donation in 2000, Dr. Fulgado whose brainchild it was, became its two-year **UPAAA President** 1995-1999. **UPAAA Inc. was yet to come** into play with its rev Bylaws 2018. Should extrication of past donation be granted it definitely will be a reflection on UPAAA Inc and UPFI. Dr. Fulgado never left the organization following her UPAAA Outstanding Alumna Award in 1989. She currently serves as Director of UPAAA Inc. Liaison South, and Director for 2019-2021.

TUITION FREE: The University started this 2018-2019 AY i.e. **for the Bachelor’s Degree**. This Scholarship Fund with UPFI is for academically eligible juniors and seniors with financial need to complete his/her degree has been reported to be underutilized. While tuition is not the only cost in pursuing college education, still UPAA-NY has requested OSSS and UPFI with UPAA-NY for a meeting to discuss the management, administration and awarding of the grant that leads to the underutilization. Beyond scholarship, in what way can the proceeds of Book III which is still to be donated (although there has already been a \$10,000 pre-publication donation in 2016) to be of direct help to students. Donors, Sponsors, Benefactors have been asked to weigh-in on this. Dr. Fulgado has requested Chan Carmencita D.Padilla MD of UP Manila, having the largest UP System participation (33 writers, 70 pages of the 301 p. coffee table book) to coordinate and invite Book III participants for a Meet and Greet Workshop during Dr. Fulgado’s visit in Jan 2020, at which time may present projects that directly assist students for possible support by UPAA-NY. The invitation will be sent to each Unit of the system to have their representative if a Chancellor will not be able to attend With Dr. Fulgado’s nearly filed up itinerary, she has reserved Jan 27 for UPFI / OSSS meet; Jan 28 or 29 for UP Manila. She would welcome those interested in meeting her in those occasions, but first confirm with named offices. upm-oc@up.edu.ph, upfi@up.edu.ph

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT: Keep U.P. great, even greater, with UP alumni abroad and at home. Together we stand...and divided, we know what happens. The **CUP** is full with grateful alumni contributing towards a specific goal that they can relate to, meaningful not just to a select few, to their own college and beyond. We encourage each Unit of the UP System to submit a proposal to UPAA-NY to be considered for a grant. We are expanding our MISSION beyond scholarship as we move on!

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