

# CPUFOAA Annual Report 2023



***"The health of an organization is a function of the clarity and simplicity of its purpose and values, the quality of its leadership, and the engagement of its workforce." Patrick Lencioni***

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# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## A Word from your President

Hope you all had a great Christmas holiday. Time sure has flown over the past year. When we were youngsters, we complain how time moves so slowly and wish that we can speed up time and grow up. But now that we are old, we want time to slow down, as the days go by way too fast! This report is a reflection of our activities and accomplishments in 2023 before we welcome and look forward to 2024.

## FOAA Activities & Highlights

Here are some of our CPUFOAA activities and actions for 2023:

- Approved the next global reunion to be held in Toronto, Canada on July 10-13, 2025.
- 501-C3 nonprofit status of CPUFOAA has been renewed going into 2024. Thank you to May Rogers for taking ownership of our organization's renewal.
- We had good discussion about our role in selecting our alma mater's President. We look forward to working with new President Ernest Dagohoy.
- The CBL Committee has been very active and to date, has completed the Nomination and Election guideline additions to our CPUFOAA CBL. Thank you to May Roger's leadership, Edwin Arroz expertise and our advisors Perla Londres and Maggie Calcetas for providing historical perspectives to get this completed. Just in time for the 2024 nomination and election.
- Finance Committee has completed forms for CPUFOAA charitable contributions as well as a receipt form for payments made to the CPUFOAA Treasury.
- Bank account for the Treasury has also been transferred from the Chicago branch of Chase Bank to a California Chase branch. Kudos to outgoing Treasurer Melba Debulgado and incoming Treasurer Kathy Kriewall for getting this completed.
- The Endowment Committee was recognized December 2023 during the Scholarship and Recognition Program at CPU. Endowments to support 10 outstanding students with annual scholarship as well as recognition of 10 students for outstanding performance, are a great tradition highlighting alumni engagement with our alma mater.
- We had our one and only face to face meeting in Las Vegas in September. Breaking the ice and building up camaraderie were small steps to enhance teamwork within the officer ranks. Sixteen officers attended and no less than President Robles and wife Angel also joined us.

## Chapter Activity Reports

### SoCal Chapter, Region 1 (Arlene Poblador)

- Planning for the 50-year anniversary of the LA/SoCal chapter in 2024.
- Chapter supported 10 scholarship grants and endowments in 2023.
- Chapter reach out visits to spur San Diego alumni to participate.

### NorCal Chapter, Region 1 (Edward Pormilos)

- Project: The Grant-in-aid Program, on its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, has gathered 14 sponsors for 21 scholars/recipients at Php5,000 each. This is an ongoing project that solicits commitment of individual sponsors. The number of sponsors grow each year
- God's Grace Ministry for work students: A total of Php13,889 was remitted to CPU for this purpose. The Chapter is consistent every year for its support.
- Service Award: 2 recipients were given sponsored plaques in recognition of their steadfast loyalty and invaluable service that contributed invaluable to the survival and growth of the Chapter. This is an ongoing program presented every Christmas Party.

### Midwest US, Region 3 (Yoly P Jain)

- Held 45<sup>th</sup> chapter anniversary celebration.
- Elected new officers for 2024-25

### Northeast US, Region 5 (Felix Colinco)

- Held first post-Covid meeting, reorganizing and reaching out to longtime members

### North TX, Region 6 (Lou Losanes)

- Focused on membership drive and reach out to the many Centralians in North TX cities and suburbs.
- 4 committed to register and attend Toronto Global Reunion

### Calgary, CAN Region 8 (Neneng Galanto)

- Work in progress to renew annual chapter membership renewal and re-form the chapter.

### Florida, Region 7

- Florida Chapter is more a loose, informal organization than a formal chapter. Geography is part of the reason, as alumni are widely dispersed throughout the state.
- They stay linked with CPUFOAA through their network of Centralians.

### Greater Toronto, Region 9 (Meriam Amy)

- Fundraiser through Bahandi Singers concert was held in September, in support of the Benevolent Fund Program in CPU.
- Project team working on Global Reunion 2025 preparations.

### Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Chris Tejada)

- Ongoing membership drive. Reached out to the Riyadh chapter. Lots of activities among the alumni group.



## Project Updates

We identified and came up with an ambitious list of projects. While it is good to aspire and plan, reality is we are resource-constrained and therefore, can only do so much. The following are the project updates:

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<p><b>1. Balik CPU Roots Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed by Mauro Somodio</li> <li>• Precedent and has been done successfully by Australian tour groups</li> <li>• Discussed to merge this with other travel tours.</li> <li>• Need to revisit in 2024 if viable to copy by other regions and chapters</li> </ul>	<b>On-Hold</b>
<p><b>2. Global Reunion in Toronto 2025</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved by CPUFOAA and scheduled for Jul 10-13, 2025</li> <li>• Location and program already completed by the site team</li> <li>• Ongoing marketing to get early registrations</li> <li>• Project lead is Meriam Amy</li> </ul>	<b>In progress</b>
<p><b>3. Alumni Website</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved by CPUFOAA and CPUAAI as a project. Project lead is Lee Plagata</li> <li>• Lee met with CPU IT and received approval for hosting on the CPU website</li> <li>• CPU IT will need a backup webmaster to support.</li> <li>• Pending action for project lead Lee to submit proposal to CPU IT and administration.</li> <li>• It turns out there are many facets of the project that will need prep work, both on the administrative side as well as the website content side</li> <li>• Project meetings to resume in 2024</li> </ul>	<b>On-Hold</b>
<p><b>4. Demographic Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demographic study aims to identify where CPU alumni have gone to and established themselves around the world. This will help CPUFOAA identify areas of need that the organization can help with the overseas alumni and network with them</li> <li>• Project lead is Joefrey Geroche.</li> <li>• Survey questionnaires were reviewed and approved by CPUFOAA.</li> <li>• Dissemination of survey started December 2023.</li> </ul>	<b>In progress</b>

***“We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained.” Marie Curie***

## Looking Ahead

A glimpse at what we the CPUFOAA community can look forward to in 2024:

**Participation.** As a voluntary organization, our success hinges on member engagement with our organization. Current projects are the Demographic Study. Please answer the survey. Also, support your chapter alumni verification by providing the needed information. We have activities and projects coming up where involvement by our alumni officers would be a great help. So, I implore you all to step up!

**Projects and Activities.** We will need volunteers for the following:

- **Global Reunion 2024.** Project team is working on revisions to the program, the theme speaker, a presentation about the story of HOPEVALE. A musical written by Ilonggo composer commissioned by CPU. This is an added feature for alumni to learn about CPU roots and heritage through a musical instead of a movie. Last but not the least, is to campaign for early registration signups. So, to our fellow officers. Rally the troops to register.
- **Initiative for CPU BOT Representation.** This initiative was presented by Edward Pormilos of the NorCalAA Chapter. If we are to pursue this, we will need to work together to organize and come up with a plan to carry this to fruition.
- **Nominations and Election Committee** will need volunteers. 2024 is election year. This election will have a new “how-to” book that will guide the committee through the nomination and election process.
- **Endowment Committee** will need volunteers. An opportunity for those of you who want to advocate for students who have potential but could use assistance. Your role will be to evaluate candidates for scholarship and recognition annually. If interested, point of contact is Endowment Chairperson Perla Londres-Waters.

- **CPUFOAA Organizational Improvements**

1. **Online File Storage System.** We need a file storage system for CPUFOAA to provide a storage location for all our files. If interested to volunteer, your job will be to evaluate different available services based on cost, provides discounts to non-profit, ease of use and number of access users.
2. **Spiritual Health / Prayer Committee.** This was one of the initiatives presented at the Las Vegas meeting. This will be composed of a team of pastors and lay people that will get together to address people and chapter issues within the FOAA family.
3. **Non-profit Grants.** As a nonprofit, we are eligible to apply for grants. If interested to volunteer, your job will be to evaluate our resources and capabilities that allow us to apply for grants. I see the potential of grants to orient new arrivals, hold classes for young families or even fund our website. Just my examples of potential projects that a grant could fund.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Treasurer's Report

January 7, 2024

### CPUFOAA Treasurer Report

	Checking	Savings
<b>Balance as of the last report Nov. 30, 2023</b>	<b>16,727.07</b>	<b>5,063.15</b>
Deposits:		
12/11/23 AlumniChapter fee CPUGTA	100.00	
12/11/23 Zelle erroneous pmt-owed KK	60.00	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>160.00</b>	
Payments:		
NONE		
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
12/31/23 Savings interest earned, cumulative		.04
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2023</b>	<b>16.887.07</b>	<b>5,063.19</b>

Respectfully submitted:

Kathy L. Kriewall, Treasurer, CPUFOAA

December 15, 2023

CPUFOAA Treasurer Report

	Checking	Savings
<b>Balance as of the last report Aug. 31, 2023</b>	<b>17,660.07</b>	<b>5,063.03</b>
Deposits:		
9/19/23 CPUAA CAN(BC/AK-WA)-24/25	100.00	
11/03/23 Zelle test-Edward Pormilos	1.00	
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<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>101.00</b>	
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Payments:		
9/19/23 Ck# 1699 CPUAAi subsidy	1,000.00	
9/19/23 Ck# 1700 May Rogers (501c3) renewal	10.00	
9/30/23 Bank fees (checkbook)	24.00	
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>1,034.00</b>	
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11/30/23 Savings interest earned, cumulative		.12
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<b>Balance as of November 30, 2023</b>	<b>16,727.07</b>	<b>5,063.15</b>

Respectfully submitted:  
Kathy L. Kriewall, Treasurer, CPUFOAA