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This compilation was conceptualized to provide our researchers lesser time and easier access of information.

Any comments or suggestions are welcome for the improvement of this compilation.

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ABAD SANTOS, CYNTHIA V.

- Educator. Born on July 19, 1930. B.S.E., Physical Education, 1947, and M.A., 1956, University of the Philippines. Fulbright travel grantee, 1954-1957. Ph.D. Physical Education, University of Oregon, 1957.

- Member, Philippine Physical Education Association. At present instructor, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

ABIERTAS , JOSEFA

- Known as the champion of unfortunate women
- First President of the women's Christian temperance union in Manila
- On November 21, 1930, she established the Abiertas House of Friendship, a welfare institution and orphanage named after her its objectives includes promoting the development of unwed mothers and providing care and protection not only for children born of unwed mothers but also the destitute born of orphaned infants. The orphanage is located in Santolan, Quezon City.

ACOSTA, PERSIDIA V. RUEDA

Awardee Gawad Quezon during the Quezon City 65th founding Anniversary 2004 (One of the 10 oustanding Quezon City residents), for Humanitarian and Community services; for enabling the legal profession by providing free legal services for the benefit of poor and indigent litigants; serving with dedication the public attorney's office, Quezon City; for educating the people on law and justice through the holding of seminars and workshops and conducting enlightening radio television programs on legal issues; for bringing honor and prestige to Quezon City by establishing herself as an intellectual scholarly, and highly-respected authority on law for which she has been invited to speak before prestigious forums and to participate in conference abroad; and in recognition of the high regard and respect she enjoys in the academe and in the legal profession.

Source: Quezon City 65th Founding Anniversary, p. 23

ALABADO, CERES S.C. (ARTS AND CULTURE)

Has an M.A. in English (1956) from PWU. She writes about stories and novels in both Filipino and English. Her best known novel is Kangkong 1896 (1983); it renders in historical fiction the first days of the Katipunan in Pugad Lawin. Her interest has lately shifted to the writing of Children's books, most of which have been published in the Philippines and few abroad by UNESCO.

- Founder of Filipino Library, a publisher of Children's picture books
- Co-founder of Pamana, Inc., a non-stock, non profit organization dedicated to the teaching and promotion of children's literature.
- Co founder with CLAPI (Children's Literature of the Phil. And became the first elected President)
- Recipient of CAPA Award (Contributing, achieving, participating Alumni Award) from the Philippine Women's University
- Received an award from the Catholic Mass Media Book Category for her book Batang R.P.

ALABASTRO, ESTRELLA F.

- Gawad Quezon awardee for her achievements and contributions to science and technology developments.
- For her contribution in the advancement of food science and technology professor, researcher and administratior of academic programs in the University of the Phils.
- For her many significant research works and publications in the fields of food science, nutrition and food engineering.
- For performing coordinative work and focal person responsibilities in various local and international activities concerning the role of science and technology development.
- For her able representation of the Philippines in various conferences and missions involving science and technology.

ALMIRANTE, CORAZON YABES (HEALTH & NUTRITION)

- She established the Quezon City Prenatal Council in 1986 with the objective of reducing prenatal and maternal morbidity and mortality.
- The first Filipino and first woman President of the Organizational Gestosin Aspiration of Filipino Women Awardees.

ALZONA, ENCARNACION A.

Received the Rizal Pro-Patria Award, Republic of the Philippines in 1971 the All National Women's Group Award in 1972 and the Librada Avelino Award from the Centro Escolar University. In 1979, she was given recognition by the Himlayang Pilipino in cooperation with the Cultural Affairs Office Quezon City was conferred the Tandang Sora Award for her outstanding Achievements in the area of History. In 1979 she was elected to the Academy of Science and Technology of the Republic of the Philippines, a distinct honor.

AMOR, ESTER DE JESUS

- Lawyer and Social Worker. Born on June 24, 1962; Ll. B., summa cum laude, Arellano University, 1950; Fulbright Smith-Mundt grantee, 1951-53; M.S. Social Work, New York School of Social Work, 1953.

- Former executive, YWCA of Manila; secretary, College of Law, Arellano University; technical assistant, Office of Senator Camilo Osias; faculty member, University of the Philippines, Philippine Women's University, and Centro Escolar University.

- Awards: Prize winner, Jose Abad Santos National Biography Contest; Presidential Award to the De Jesus Family of the Year, 1956.

Residence: 678 Aurora Blvd., Quezon City.

ANCHETA, HERMINIA

Wrote stories and poems especially suitable for children. Her book Rizal as an Artist was published in 1948.

She studied in PNS (New PNC) and after graduation taught in the public schools. Later she was assigned at the BPS general office from there moved on to PNC.

After her retirement she joined the administrative staff of the Children's Museum and Library, Inc. in Quezon City, where she was later elected secretary of the Board of Directors.

ANGCO, CONSUELO

- Started her involvement with the labor movement in November, 1954 as PTUC Secretary.
- Became Chairperson of the (DAWN-TUCP) Development Action for Women in TUCP.
- She was the lone women official during the founding convention of the Philippine Federation of Labor (September, 1966).
- Organizer of the Associated Labor Unions ALU-TUCP first assembly of ALU Women Committee (April, 1992).

AQUINO, CORAZON COJUANGCO (1933)

- First Woman President of the Philippines and widow of Benigno S. Aquino.
- In the 1986 Snap Election, she ran against the incumbent President Ferdinand Marcos. In the controversial elections, Marcos won in the commission on elections' count and was proclaimed president by the Batasang Pambansa; Aquino led in the national Citizens Movement for free Elections (NAMFREL) tally and called for a nationwide protest movement against widespread cheating in the elections. A faction of the military establishment mutinied against the Marcos Administration on

February 22, 1986. Five days later, she was installed President of the Republic after what has come to be called the People Power Revolution.

- She was immediately recognized by the majority of the Filipino people as well as other foreign leaders as the seventh President of the Philippines.

1998 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for International Understanding and 2002 GAWAD QUEZON AWARDEE.

Residence: times Street, Quezon City

AQUINO, JOY ANNE

A Student from E. Rodriguez Jr. High School in Quezon City who won the American Veterinary Medical Association Award in 2004 for her project entitled "Biologically guided isolation of the anti-microbial component of the sea snake laticauda colubrine Schneider venom. She earned $1000 for bagging first place. The project also won the 4th grand award (with $500) in the medicine and health category. She was given a certificate of appreciation by Quezon City Mayor Feliciano R. Belmonte on June 2004.

Source The Philippine Star, June 22, 2004.

AQUINO, MELCHORA (1812 – 1919) (FREEDOM AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN)

- Mother of Katipunan
- Mother of Balintawak
- The Grand Old Woman of the Revolution.

As narrated by Filipino historian, Teodoro Agoncillo, on august 23, 1896, at the yard of Juan A. Ramos, the son of Melchora Aquino, Andres Bonifacio and the Katipuneros tore up their cedulas to symbolize their determination to take up arms against the Spaniards, shouting "Long live the Philippines." This event marked the so-called Cry of Balintawak.

At the time of the revolution, Tandang Sora was 84 years old. Despite her advanced age, this brave woman volunteered to help the Katipuneros by providing them with temporary shelter at the storehouse of her son, Juan. She also contributed food and other basic provisions.

On August 29, 1896, barely a week after the Cry of Pugadlawin, she was captured by the Spaniards and subjected to interrogation at the Novaliches convent, after which she was taken to the Cuartel de Espana. She was confined in the Bilibid Prison for a month thereafter.

"Several interrogations failed to break the spirit of the patriotic old Melchora. No information useful to the Spaniards escaped her lips. Her Spanish inquisitions resorted to bribing her with offers of clemency and material rewards in exchange for information about the Katipunan, but she gave them none."

Source: Compilation of Centennial Women Awardees; National Centennial Commission-Women Sector

ARELLANO, AGNES (SCULPTURE)

- Her first two solo exhibits "Myths of creation and Destruction", "Homage to the Temple of the Sun-God", held at the Mitsubishi Jisho Atrium, Fukouka, Japan in 1991. This B.A. Psychology degree holder (UP,'71) took up sculpture at the U.P. College of Fine Arts, finally gaining in 1996 a Freeman Fellowship.

- Residency at the Vermont Studio Center, one of the CCP's prestigious Thirteen Artists Awardees for 1998, she is also founder of Pinaglabanan Galleries.

Residence: 3 Starline Road, Blueridge B. 1109, Quezon City

BALBOA, FERNANDA SALCEDO

- Lawyer, civic leader, married to Natalio M. Balboa, lawyer. Born on October 8, 1902. Ll.B., Philippine Law School, 1928; Fulbright

travel grantee, 1949-50; Social welfare, New York School of Social Work, Columbia University. Founder and former president, CMLI.

- Memberships: League of Women Voters, PPSEA, NAMFREL; board of director, National Children's Museum. Publications: Pangasinan Women's Problems (Evening News Magazine, November, 1945): Our Youth and a Re-Assessment of Home Values (Manila Times, October, 1941).

  Residence: C-66 M. Hemady, Quezon City.

BALEROS, MA. LOURDES M. (Quezon City Traffic enforcer)

- Chosen as one of the two outstanding Traffic Enforces for year 2004 by proponents of the "Tulong Daan 2004", which is a 3-year comprehensive traffic and environment assistance project along Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City.

Source: The Philippine Star, May 2, 2004.

BANAL, CHARMINIA B.

- Wife of former QC Councilor Jorge L. Banal Jr.
- Graduate of Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Accounting Major, FEU, 1960
- Incumbent Punong Barangay, St. Ignatius Village, QC
- Immediate Past First Kagawad, St. Ignatius Village, QC
- President, QC Associated Ladies Foundation, Inc. Lady Bgy. Chairmen Level
- President, Akbayan sa Kaunlaran Foundation, Inc.
- Special Ministry, Couples for Christ, North 40 Chapter
- President – Friends of the Quezon City Public Library
- 1st Vice President, Catholic Women's League, Christ the King Parish
- Vice-President, Buiklod ng Panginoon
- Secretary, National Council of Women of the Phil., QC Chapter

- Board Member – Tanglaw Foundation, Inc.
- Past Regent, Daughters of Mary Immaculate, Medalla Milagrosa Circle
- Past President, QC Jayceerettes Foundation, Inc
- Past Vice-President, QC Associated Ladies Foundation, Inc. (wives of elected city officials)
- Charter President, QC Jayceerettes Foundation, Inc.
- Team Leader, Christian Life Program, 1993
- Couple Coordinator, PREX 20, Project 4, Quezon City
- Lead Couple, PREX 54, Project 4, QC Feb. 21-23, 1997
- Member, CRIBS INC
- Member, Cursillos in Christianity
- Member Apostleship of Prayer
- 1998 Family of the Year, Knights of Columbus, Luzon Jurisdiction
- 1992 Gintong Ina Awardee, Golden Ina Awards Foundation, Inc.
- Natatanging Pamilyang Pilipino of 1990, World Family Institute
- Outstanding Jayceerette, QC Jayceerettes, Inc.
- Outstanding Officer, QC Associated Ladies Foundation, Inc.
- Other Awards from various socio-civic-religious organizations

BANTEGUI, CELIA

- Atomic scientist, chemical engineer, educator, statistician. Holds a B.S. in chemical engineering, and an M.S. in statistics, both from the University of the Philippines: scholar, nuclear health physics, Harvard University, under grant of UN Int'l Atomic Energy agency. Married to Bernardino S. Bantegui, Filipino UN Official; five children.
- Began as meteorologist, Weather Bureau, 1948-56; professor, math and statistics, U.P., University of the east, and Statistical center, UP Graduate School, 1958-62; member, board of Examiners for chemical Engineers, 1966-72; consultant, industrial program office, Presidential Economic Staff, 1967-72; supervising scientist and assistant chief, Plans, Program and Training Department, Philippine Atomic Energy commission, 1967-72; math professor, head of Mathematics Department Kenyatta University College, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa; returned to New York City after Kenyatta teaching contract.

BELMONTE, BETTY GO (1933-28 JANUARY 1994)

BETTY GO BELMONTE (BILLIE MARY) WAS THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF JIMMY GO AND FELISA VELASCO, BOTH CHINESE HER MOTHER BELONG TO A CHINESE FAMILY WHO HAD BECOME FILIPINO CITIZENS DURING THE SPANISH REGIME AND A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN SINCE CHILDHOOD.

SHE STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR HER HIGH SCHOOL EDUCTION AND HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ENGLISH. SHE PURSUED HER MASTERAL DEGREE IN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE IN CLAREMONT GRADUATE SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA.
IN 1985, SHE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SIGMA DELTA PHI SORORITY.

FORMER PRESIDENT CORY AQUINO DESCRIBED BETTY AS HER FRIEND WHO STOOD BY HER SIDE DURING AND AFTER HER PRESIDENCY.

BETTY GO WAS THE EDITOR OF THE FOOKIEN TIMES PHILIPPINE YEARBOOK, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE STAR, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE BUSINESS STAR, PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY STAR PUBLISHING COMPANY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE PILIPINO STAR PRINTING COMPANY, AND THE PEBBLE PICKER IN "PEBBLES," A WELL-RECEIVED COLUMN IN THE PHILIPPINE STAR.

SHE WAS A CO-FOUNDER OF THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER. ATTY. JOSE SISON, CITES BETTY GO AS ONE OF THOSE BEHIND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEWSPAPER WHEN IT WAS QUITE DANGEROUS TO PUT OUT A PUBLICATION OPPOSED TO THE MARCOS REGIME. HE CONSIDERS HER AS "ONE OF THE FOREMOST EXPONENTS AND SUPPORTERS OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA, ESPECIALLY THE PRINT MEDIA."

DR. JUAN FLAVIER, AND HER FRIEND SINCE HIGH SCHOOL DAYS, BELIEVES BETTY GO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE MAJOR ADVANCES IN THE FIELD OF JOURNALISM.

SHE IS THE WIFE OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN AND NOW QUEZON CITY MAYOR, FELICIANO R. BELMONTE JR., FORMER PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM AND A FORMER PRESIDENT OF PHILIPPINES AIRLINES AND MANILA HOTEL. HE WAS THE 1976 WORLD PRESIDENT OF JAYCEES INTERNATIONAL. THEY HAVE

FOUR CHILDREN,FELICIANO ISAAC, JUAN KEVIN, JAIME MIGUEL AND MA. JOSEFINA TANYA, THE YOUNGEST AND THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THE COUPLE.

- Editor of the Fookien Times Philippines Yearbook
- President of the Philippine Star
- Chairperson of the Editorial Board of the Business Star
- Publisher of the Daily Star Publishing Corporation
- Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine Star Printing Corporation
- Co-Founder of Philippine Daily Inquirer
- Co-Founder of the Philippine Star in July, 1986
- Pebble Picher in "Pebbles" a well received column in the Philippine Star
- Founding Chairman, "Operation Damayan" for the victims of storm "Elsing"
- Wife of Mayor of Quezon City, Feliciano R. Belmonte

During her lifetime, Mrs. Belmonte received numerous awards and recognition, more so after her death in 1994, among them the Ang Filipino Award from the Chino Roces Foundation and the Service Award from the UP Alumni Association, the Outstanding Manilan Award from the City of Manila, and an Award from the Pamantasan ng Lungsod Maynila. The UP College of Arts and Letters established the Betty Go-Belmonte Professorial Chair, while the citizens Against Violence foundation gave her recognition for being the forefront of the campaign against criminality. Quezon City also honored her by naming the Barangay Imelda Elementary School after her.

BLANCO, CONSUELO S.

- Educator. President, Mariano Marcos State University; formerly of Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (1972-78). Born in Paoay, Ilocos orte, on August 8, 1922. E.T.C., Philippine Normal College, 1941, B.S.E., 1948; M.S., 1949; and Ed.D., 1952, all from University of California, Los Angeles, USA. Teacher education grantee, 1963-64; elementary teacher education, San Diego State College.

- Positions held: President, MMSU; vice chairman, Board of Regents, MMSU; vice president and director, United Way, Inc.; president, Philippine Association of State Universities and College; vice president and director, Goodwill Industries of the Philippines, Inc.; vice president, Fulbright Scholars Association; and secretary, division on education, National Research Council; member, World Council for Curriculum and Instruction, Columbia University, USA.

- Formerly president and vice chairman, Board of Regents, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila; ex-professor, College of Education, UP; professorial lecturer, UP Extension, Manila and UP external student, Tuguegarao, Ilagan, Isabela, Tarlac, Davao City, San Carlos City and Dumaguete City. Onetime acting dean UP College of Education; coordinator, Asian Institute, Teachers Education, UNESCO-UP program and member faculty, same institute.

- Member: Student Services and Welfare Committee of UP; Round Table Panel of the Air; Social Science Committee on Graduate School, UP; and others. Awards and honors: First lady president of a state university, Most Outstanding Woman Educator, 1972, FIDA; Most Outstanding Alumni, PNC, 1974: first woman dean, UP College of Education, 1969; and recipient of awards and plaques.

  Office: Mariano Marcos State University, Paoay, Ilocos Norte.

  Residence: 46 Magsaysay, UP Village, Quezon City.

BENITEZ, BEATRIZ BANTUG

- The first vice president of the Cultural Center of the Philippines. Born in Victorias, Negros Occidental; studied up to the sixth grade, in Victorias; transferred to Saint Theresa's College, Manila, for high school (salutatorian) and BSC, major in accounting, magna cum laude. Assistant in the accounting firm of Carlos Valdez; went to Radcliffe, US, for graduate studies in business administration. Financial analyst for an American

Firm, later, vice president of Landart Resources, also in US. Passed CPA board examination with high ratings.

- Prior to CCP connection, treasurer of Landoil Resources Corporation, and vice president, Philippine-Singapore Ports Corporation, a Landoil subsidiary.

- Married to Miniter Jose C. Benitez, of the Ministry of Human Settlements and member Batasang Pambansa. Two children, Alice and Francis.

Residence: The Benitez compound at 28 Mariposa, Quezon City.

BENITEZ, HELENA Z.

- Recently awarded Gawad Quezon 2004 for Education (One of the 10 outstanding Quezon City residents); for her long, dedicated and continuing service to Philippine education, having devoted most of her life in strengthening the faculty, facilities and scholarship of the Philippine Women's University, the first university for women in Asia, where she now sits as Chairman of the Board of Trustees- for her sponsorship and authorship of several laws, which enhanced Philippine education while serving as a Senator and Assemblywoman for many years, and for bringing honor and prestige to her country and Quezon City with her distinguished participation in international conferences and membership in prestigious organizations. Source: Quezon City 65th Founding Anniversary, p. 17.
- Educator, civic leader, internationally known conference leader, former university president, one-time senator of the Philippines, and a Batasang Pambansa assemblywoman. Born in Manila on June 27, 1914; parents, Conrado Benitez, former education dean, University of the Philippines and Francisco Tirona-Benitez, first president, Philippine Women's University. Holds several university degrees; single.
- President, now president emeritus, of Philippine Women's University; vice-chairman, PWU board of trustees; national

president, Girl Scouts of the Philippines; lone woman member of the International Association of Universities; former ambassador of the Philippines; awardee, John Dewey International Medal of Honor; Chairman, Philippine delegation to HABITAT, United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, Canada; to Governing council meeting, UN Environmental Programme, Nairobi, Kenya; and to other world conferences.

- Elected Senator of the Philippines, 1968-73; elected Assemblywoman, Batasang Pambansa, & member of Committees on Education & Culture, Local Governments & Community Development, Natural Resources, Socio-Economic Planning & Development, and Ecology and Human Settlements.

BONNEVIE, DINA (GERALDINE SCHAER) QUEZON CITY, JANUARY 27, 1961

- Her parents are Honesto Bonnevie and Jeanette Schaer. Her grandmother is pre WWII actor Rosit Rivera. She has two children with actor Vic Sotto.
- Movie Actor, Best supporting Actress by FAMAS and FAP in 1985 (Tinik sa Dibdib)
- Best Actress by FAMAS, FAP and Catholic Mass Media Award 1986 (Magdusa Ka)

Source CCP of Phil. Art, v. 8 p. 212

BONICILLO, AMPARO QUINTO

- She received Mother of the Year Awards in 1997
- She received an award for Outstanding Achievement on Short Story Writing from PNC Alumni Association
- Mrs. Bonicillo and her husband were leaders in the resistance movement during World War II
- Awarded the Philippine Veterans Legion Gold Medal as an Outstanding Filipino Woman of World War II
- She conceptualized the established of the Mini Children's Museum and Toy Library at the Quezon City Public Library and Friends of the Library Incorporated.

CASPELLA, ALICIA O. (MEDICINE)

- A graduate of the UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, 1960.
- Formerly a Pediatrician at Children's Medical Center and the United Doctor's Medical Center, both in Quezon City.
- Former Medical Specialist of the National Nutrition Service of the Ministry of Health. She has served in this capacity as consultant on matters pertaining to clinical nutrition and clinical pediatrics since 1978.
- She rendered free services to patients at the Fairview Charity Clinic, Quezon City.

Source: Outstanding Women in Medicine by Neni Sta. Romana Cruz, p. 22-23.

CARAGUE, OFELIA M.

- Presently the Director of the Quezon City Polytechnic University.
- Former Executive Vice President of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines PUP) and Executive Officer of the Open University. She chaired the EDP Department and also became Dean of the College of Computer Management and Information Technology and vice-president of the Academic Affairs.
- Elected President of the Information Technology Foundation of the Philippines (ITFP)
- Received the ELITE Award which included her among the eight leading IT executives of the Philippines
- She was lauded as Outstanding Educator by The Government Organization for Information Technology.

CASTELO, LEA T.

- President of the Federation of Women Organization Incorporated
- Former City Prosecutor of Quezon City
- Former Editor of the Quezon City Gazette and the Quezon City Balikatan sa Kaunlaran
- President of the Quezon City Balikatan sa Kaunlaran from 1977 to 1988

- President of the Quezon City Confederation of Senior Citizens from 1994 to date. Through this organization, she brought together senior citizens who were skilled and knowledgeable who, though her leadership, have strategized action programs which are benefiting not only the elders but also the younger citizens. She brought to reality the establishment of a Senior Citizen Center in 1977.
- Editor of the NCC Newsletter published by the NGO and Cooperative Affairs Office of Quezon City Government.
- President of the federation of Women Organizations in Quezon City from 1982 to present.
- Member4, Board of Directors of the Civic Assembly of Women if the Philippines (CAWP)
- Member, Women Lawyers Association in 1970
- Director of the Federacion International de Abogadas in 1970
- Vice President at large of the National Council of Women of the Philippines (NCWP) 1997-1999

With her organizational skills, the Federation of Women Civic Organizations of Quezon City, which once had 153 club members, later gathered 8,000 individual members. With its "Save a Child" flagship project, the FWCO has helped many sick children in depressed areas by donating to them medicine and deep wells to provide them with clean, potable water..

CASTELO, MARIQUITA S.

- Educator, top national Girl Scout executive, social worker. Voted outstanding woman in youth development by the Federacion Internacional de Abogadas-Philippines, 1975-76. Model teacher, Nueva Ecija High School, 1940; B.S.E. , University of the Philippines, 1932; attended graduate courses in social work, University of Southern California; M.A., Philippine School of Social Work; M.A., social welfare administration, Philippine Women's University.

- First girl scout troop leader in Nueva Ecija; first girl scout volunteer executive to first girl scout council in the Philippines;

first Filipino girl scout trainee at Camp Edith Macy, U.S., and at Gilwell Training Center, England.

- National executive of Girl Scouts of the Philippines. Awarded plaques and commendations for leadership in girl scouting and youth development. Founder, Homemakers Club, Quezon City; president, Soroptomist International of the Philippines; author of manual for organization of street clubs for young people.

  Residence: 135 Scout Rallos St. Quezon City.

CASTRENCE, PURA SANTILLANA

- Retired government official, born on March 24, 1905.

- M.S., Chemistry, University of the Philippines; Ph.D., Romance Languages, University of Michigan; leader grantee, 1955. Formerly French professor, University of the Philippines; chief, Division of Cultural Affairs, Department of Cultural Affairs; lecturer, newspaper columnist; Philippine ambassador to Germany, Assistant Secretary for Cultural Affairs. Retired.

  Residence: 85 Central Boulevard, Cubao, Quezon City

CLEMENTE, THELMA NAVARETTE (MEDICINE)

- President and Chairman of The Capitol Medical Center, Quezon City. It was expanded and opened the Capitol Medical Center College of Nursing and Liberal Arts.
- In 1966, she was awarded Most Outstanding Physician by the Manila Medical Society
- Was honored The Ten Outstanding Women in 1969 by the Federacion International de Abogadas (FIDA).
- In 1978, PMWA awarded her an Award of Distinction as one of the 12 achievers.

Source: Outstanding Women in Medicine. Cruz, Neni Sta. Romana. p. 32-33

CORTES, IRENE

- VP, Academic affairs, UP.

- She became first woman Dean of the University of the Philippines College of Law from 1970-1978.
- Frist Vice-Chairman and Commissioner of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women from 1975 to 1985.
- Law professor, author of law books, and former dean of UP College of Law. Born in Libon, Albay; valedictorian, grade and high school; Ll.B., cum laude, University of the Philippines, 1948; one of bar topnotchers, 1948; Ll.M. and S.J.D., University of Michigan; Ll.D., honoris causa, Centro Escolar University, 1975. Voted outstanding woman in legal profession by Federacion International de Abogadas – Philippines, 1975-76.
- Holder of Albino Z. Sycip professorial chair; chairman, Law Research Council; chairman, committee on legal education and bar admissions, Integrated Bar of the Philippines; member, international advisory committee on population and law, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy; member, technical committee on RP Administrative Code revision. Attended foreign conferences of women lawyers on law, status of women, and population.
- Vice-President, Philippine Society of International Law; speaker at seminars and symposia; regularly writes legal treatises and articles for publications.

COSETENG ANNA DOMINIQUE L.

- Chairperson WOMB (Giving Life to a New Order)
- Vice-Chairperson Kababaihan Para sa Inang Bayan (KAIBA)
- First Woman Member of Rotary Club of Diliman
- Former Congresswoman – 3rd District of Quezon City
- Senator

She showed deep concern for the indigenous peoples and a firm believer of "The Filipino Can"

CRISOLOGO, ERNESTINA LIM

- First Filipino to be granted a four year-scholarship post graduate studies at the famed Juilliand School of Music in New York from 1947 – 1951.

- First Filipino Pianist to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York
- Raised funds through her concerts for the construction of churches like Twin Hearts in Quezon City.
- Designated Cultural and Tourism Affairs Consultant by Mayor Mel Mathay.

CRUZ, HALILI CRUZ

- Gawad Quezon Awardee for her personal, professional and social commitment to the dance and art, ballet education in the Philippines;
- For using dance as the main medium of cultural exchange and international relations through award winning performances, festivals, competitions and workshops in many countries;
- For having performed free for communities and conducted workshops to train young children in ballet;
- For being recognized cultural ambassador, having ably represented the Philippines in many dance festivals, workshops, competitions, dance for a, and conferences abroad;
- For being active in socio-civic activities with her involvement as Rotarian and Jaycerette and membership in the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and various organizations.

CUYUGAN, CARMELITA BELMONTE (MEDICINE)

- She graduated valedictorian in 1938 at Colegio de Santa Rosa High School. She took up the business law course and when Second World War broke out in 1941, she was automatically graduated as Bachelor of Science in Commerce. She took up Medicine at UST and in the course of her Medical Studies she earned two other degrees- Bachelor of Sciences, magna cum laude in 1946, and Bachelor of Arts also magna cum laude in 1947. She earned her Doctor of Medicine degree in 1948 summa cum laude after obtaining a rating of "Meritissimus" for her revalida examinations. In May 1948 she placed 3rd in the Board of Medicine Examiners.

- She was the first woman president of the UST Medical Association in 1959 and organized the first General Alumni Homecoming in 1961. She was president of two important National Medical Associations: PMMA from196701970 and the Phil. Pediatrics Society, Inc. from 1969-1971. She was Chairman of the Qualifying Board of the PPS and has been elected member of the Specialty Board of Pediatrics from 1972-1979.

- She became President of the Zonta Club of Quezon City in 1975, Chairmanned the Charity Clinic and "Operation: Harelip and Cleft-Palate Project".
- Outstanding Pediatrician Award for 1978.
- Cited in the 1972 "Phil-Men of Science"

Source: Outstanding Women in Medicine. Cruz, Neni Sta. Romana. pp. 36-37

DANS, MANALO

- First Woman Chair of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) in Quezon City

DAVID, KARINA CONSTANTINO

- Educator, Folk Singer, Community Organizer, Feminist Trainor, Writer, Involvement with the Urban Poor, The Peasants, Women, Street Children, Gender Sensitivity sessions with men.
- Former Civil Service Commissioner

DAYRIT, LOUDETTE

- Cooking school directress and proponent of native cuisine. Daughter of the late Patrocinio Dayrit, famous culinary expert and teacher. B.S.B.A. graduate, St. Theresa's College; managed her late mother's pioneer cooking school, Le Petit Cordon Bleu, for a time.
- Went to Paris and studied at Le Cordon Bleu, also observed different culinary arts in various European cities. **Opened her Ecole de Cuisine Manila in Quezon City**, which offered courses on children's cooking and classes on culinary innovators and special cookery.

- Launched the Sining Pagkain Pilipino, a movement for the development of Filipino cuisine.

Office: Ecole de Cuisine manille, 88 Times Street, West Triangle Homes, Quezon City.

DAZA, JULIE YAP

- Awarded, Gawad Quezon for Journalism – Quezon City 65th Founding Anniversary 2004 (One of the 10 outstanding Quezon City Residents), for her singular achievements in both broadcast and print journalism, drawing healthy public interest on vital issues and sensitive concerns through her newspaper columns and television programs; for being among the most highly respected women journalists in the country today, serving as a model for future generations of writers and journalists; and in recognition of her high stature and scholarship in her profession.
- She began her journalistic career with the "Evening News" in 1960, working in the newspaper as reporter, deskperson, feature writer and editor, and editorial writer for four years.
- She became deskperson and columnist of the "Daily Mirror" in 1963-1972; deskperson, magazine editor, and columnist of the "times Journal" in 1972-1986; Philippines Tribune in 1986-1987; The Independent in 1987-1988; editor in chief of Lifestyle in Asia, columnist of Manila Standard, and producer-host of Tell the People.
- She received a Journalist Award from the National Rotary Club in 1986 and was Cited as Best Public Affairs Program Host, and Tell the People Best Public affairs Program, by the Philippine Move Press Club's Star Awards for Television in 1991, and Outstanding Alumna Awards from the Immaculate Concepcion Academy and the UST.

Source: Quezon City Founding anniversary, p. 21

DAZA, NANETTE CASTELO

- Received plaque of appreciation from Quezon City Mayor Feliciano Belmonte on September 2004 for her contribution to

QUEZON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

the growth and development of Quezon City through quality legislation.

- Congresswoman, 4th District Quezon City
- Councilor, 4th District of Quezon City

DEFENSOR, MIRRIAM SANTIAGO

- Presiding judge of the Regional Trial Court Branch 106 in Quezon City from 1983 – 1987
- Senator
- Designated Commissioner of Immigration and Deportation
- Secretary of Agrarian Reform under Pres. Aquino

To eradicate graft and corruption, she proposed a two-step strategy where the government must design productivity incentive schemes, especially for notoriously corrupt agencies, and must impose strict discipline and result-oriented management on the bureaucracy.

In the judicial system, she proposed that appointments to the judiciary and prosecution service should be made on the basis of written examinations

She is also supportive of the women's rights movement and its advocates of equal pay for equal work, non-discrimination on the basis of gender, and stronger penalties and punishment for violent crimes against women

DEL BARRIO, BLANQUITA L.

- Former City Librarian of Quezon City Public Library
- Founder and organizer of Friends of the Library, Quezon City Public Library
- Founder and organizer of the Quezon City Librarians Association
- Organizer of the Quezon City Public Library Multi Purpose Cooperative (QCPLMPC)

DE LEON, ALMA CORAZON G.

- First Filipina to became a member of the International Service Commission
- Became Chairman of the Civil Service Commission
- For 28 years she was with the department of Social Welfare and development.
- She headed the Philippine Association of Social Workers from 1970 to 1981 and was past vice president for Asia and the Pacific of the International Federation of Social Workers.
- She was chairman of the board of Social Work Examiners of the Professional Regulation Commission from 1988 to 1993.

DE LEON, NARCISA BUENCAMINO

- Grand Old Lady of the Philippine Movies
- In 1936, she was appointed by President Quezon as first woman Director of the Rice and Civic Corporation (NARIC), which she was one of the founders.
- Co-founder of the LVN Pictures in 1938 and became its first President
- She received Quezon City Red Cross Award (1957) for her service and support of their fund campaign.

DEL MUNDO CIELITO

- Popularly known as "Mahal"
- Quezon City Councilor – 3rd District
- Founder and President of the World Family Institute and Producer of CDM Production

DEL MUNDO, FE VILLANUEVA

- **AWARDEE GAWAD QUEZON - 2002**
- In 1976, she was a Tandang Sora Awardee for Medicine
- Founder and Director of the Children's Medical Center Director and Vice-Chairman of the Lungsod ng Kabataan
- Organized the Philippine Medical Women's Association
- Founding member of the Philippine Pediatric Society

- Elected President of the Medical Women's International Association form 1962-1966
- First Woman President of the Philippine Medical Association
- She was a Board Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Honorary member of the American Pediatric society
- Former Director of the Institute of community and Family Health and a panel member of the Expert Advisory Committee, maternal and child Health, World Health Organization, Geneva.

Source; Outstanding Women in Medicine

DEL ROSARIO, NIEVES BAENS

- She initiated RA 772 amending the workmen's Compensation Law, wherein claimants for compensation could secure their rights expeditionaly with a minimum of red tape and legal technicalities.
- Founder organizer or leading member of many civic, professional and labor organization such as Panitik ng Kababaihan, Women's Civic Assembly, League of Women Voter, Women Lawyers Association, Isabelo Delos Ryes Centennial Committee, President of Philippine Government Employees Association (PGEA), and President of the Kababaihang Rizalista.

Among her achievements as President of the PGEA for six years and later as member of its National Legislative Council to wit:

1. First proclamation of Government Employees Week.
2. Issuance of the first commemorative stamp in honor of government employees.
3. The enactment of a law granting five working days a week to government workers.
4. The presentation of model employees in the National Government upon invitation of former Pres. Garcia.
5. The acquisition of a one-hectare lot in Quezon City for the PGEA during the time of Pres. Magsaysay and the subsequent initial construction of the PGEA building.
6. The reduction of interest from 8% to 6% on GSIS loans

7. The payment of lump sum of the retirement pay without any discount
8. The enactment of RA No. 772 which increased compensation and extended coverage to government manual worker.
9. The enactment of RA No. 4119 with further increased compensation benefits and extended coverage to all government officials and employees except elective one.

In 1965, she was among the twenty surviving suffragettes who received from Pres. Macapagal the Presidential Merit Award.

Sources : Women of Distinction p. 218 -222 (with picture)

ENRIQUEZ, TRINIDAD DIAZ

- Owner of D and E Restaurant at the Corner Quezon Avenue and A. Roces Avenue, which started in 1952
- Owner of Sulo Hotel
- Became first Woman President of the Hotel and Restaurant of the Philippines I 1978
- Former President of Inner Wheel Club of Quezon City and the Quezon City Chamberettes
- In 1981 awarded the Tandang Sora Award in the Field of Business

FAJARDO, BRENDA

- 1988 – One of the Philippines' One Hundred Cultural Heroes
- 1997 – Gawad Chancellor Best Visual Art Creation for 1996, University of the Philippines
- 1996 – Artist in Residence, March 9-23, Queensland, Australia
- 1995
    - Outstanding Women in the Arts Award, Quezon City Awards for Women's Month, March
    - CAPA Award, PWU, June 4
    - Gawad Chancellor, Outstanding Artist (Visual Arts), University of the Philippines, Quezon City
- 1994 Philippine Representative Solo Exhibition at Galerie der Rond – Pointe, Paris, April – May
- 1993 Philippines Representative, One of Nine Artist at the Asia – Pacific Triennial, Queensland Gallery, Brisbane, Australia

- 1992 – Thirteen Artists Awardee, CCP
- 1991 – Women of Distinction Award, Fine Arts Young Women's Christian Association (YMCA), Quezon City Chapter

FELICIANO, GLORIA D.

- Mass Communications dean, U.P. Born in 1929, in San Fernando, Pampanga. B.A. in English, University of the Philippines, 1950; M.S. in Agricultural Journalism, 1960, and Ph.D., Mass Communications, University of Wisconsin, 1962; East –West Center (non-degree) grantee in Communications, 1972.

- Formerly director and professor of communication and assistant professor of Agricultural Communication and Information, University of the Philippines, Los Banos, Laguna. Membership: National Development Research Council, Philippine Social Science Council, Philippine Mass Communication Research Society, Council for Advertising, Promotion and Public Relations, Department of Public Information.

- Publications: Mass Communication Research in Southeast Asia (Journal of Communication, 1974), Doing Research in Rural Asia: Problems of Methods (Media Asia, 1974). Dean and Professor, Institute of Mass Communication, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

FERNANDEZ, FE VILLANUEVA (MEDICINE)

- Valedictorian of the 1932 graduating class of San Miguel Elementary School.
- Graduated from the UP College of Medicine in 1943 and placed second in the Medical Board Examination in the same year.
- She earned her Master in Public Health from the UP Institute of Hygiene as second top student.
- She also has her graduate studies for her Master in Public Administration and Master of Hospital Administration.
- First director of the Q.C. General Hospital

- Former Health Center Physician at Quezon City Health Department and rose to become Chief of the department's Planning, Training and Coordination Staff, 1954
- It was recognition of her merit and leadership that the directorship was offered to her in 1968 by then Quezon City Mayor Norberto Amoranto and the City Council. Immediately prior to this, she had served as consultant on health matters in the office of the City Mayor, Quezon City.
- As the hospital's first director, she was afforded the opportunity to organize, develop and expand Quezon City's only city hospital. She takes pride in citing Republic Act6548 in 1972, which enabled the hospital not only to be a center for preventive, curative, ambulating and domiciary care but also a center for training and research.
- Another definite boost to the hospital's fast face growth and development are the amendments of the Quezon City Charter, which elevated the hospital status to the city health department.
- She has rendered invaluable assistance in deforming projects, the survey of malnourished children, the cancer detention program in Nepa Q-Mart and the training of Barangay Health Workers.
- Among the many awards she treasures are "Most Efficient Municipal Maternity and Charity Physician of Laguna for 1947", Certificate of Merit as Director of Quezon City General Hospital given by the hospital and the QC Medical Society in 1970; and the Dr. Trinidad Gomez Award for Most Outstanding Woman Physician in Government Service given by PMWA in April 1977.

Source: Outstanding Women in Medicine. Cruz, Neni Sta Romana. pp. 42-43

FERNANDEZ, PACITA GUEVARA

- Professor emeritus of Literature Department of English and Comparative Literature, U.P. Diliman.
- 1985 Award of Distinction as "Best Teacher in Humanities", U.P. Diliman.
- First Chair holder of the UP Foundation Professorial Chair in Humanities 1981-1982
- Distinguished Service Award UP College of Education and UP System, Diliman, Quezon city
- Author of Literary Works

Residence : 136 Matimtiman Street, Sikatuna Village, Quezon City

FLORESCA, SOSELYN ABAD

- Artistic Fields :
  - Poetry, Fiction, Translation
  - Translator and Author
  - Awards/Distinction
  - 1992 Workshop on Play Writing, PETA Writers Bloc
  - October 1991 Quarter by Winner, Timpalak Panitik (Poetry Division) Diyaryo Filipino
  - April 1990 Nineteenth UP National Writers Workshop
  - May-December 1987 Pio Alma Poetry Clinic

Residence: 138 Road 1 Barangay Pag-asa, Quezon City

GABA, ELIZABETH O.

- "Baby" to all her colleagues, is somewhat destined to serve the people all her life. She had been the tearing mother of Barangay Socorro in Murphy for three years.
- She had been the proponent of too many resolutions and ordinances beneficial to unfortunate and under privilege barangay citizens. She also showed extra attention to the plight of barangay peace officers when she pressed for the approval of an ordinance granting allowances to them.
- Former Barangay Chairman, Barangay Socorro
- Former Councilor, Quezon City, 3rd District

GAMILLA, ALICE DORIA

- Music composer, producer of zarzuelas and stage concerts. Composed 200 musical pieces. Popular airs played by radio deejays in Cleveland, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan, included Gamilla's "A million Thanks To You," "Sa ahat ng Oras," "Kundi Lang SA Iyo" and "My Wonderful World of You," during Philippine-dateline ABC-TV telecasts using those as background songs.

- Born in Nagcarlan, Laguna, finished high school and college at National University. Pianist, cheering squad leader, and choir conductor at varsity programs. Married to Justo R. Gamilla, Jr.; four children.

- Presented zarzuelas and stage concerts with support from Zarzuela Foundation of the Philippines and Asia Foundation. Presented classical and pop songs at Phil-Am Life auditorium and Cultural Center of the Philippines. Lone Filipina included in "Who's Who Among International Women Composers."

  Residence: Tandang Sora Avenue, Quezon City.

GERMAN, MILAGROS A.

- Justice, Court of Appeals and authority, Agrarian Reform and author of book on Agrarian Law,. Civic leader.

- Born in Binan, Laguna, on October 3, 1915. Thirty years in government service in various capacities.

- First Woman Bar Reviewer (Not from U.P.), Ll.B., Philippine Law School, 1940 (honor student for four years); passed bar examinations after graduation. Elected councilor of Binan, Laguna, in 1940; *first woman assistant fiscal* of *Manila in 1948*; judge, City Court of Manila, 1959; *first woman judge of the court of agrarian relations, 1965;* national coordinator, national information drive for agrarian reform, 1975; USAID grantee, land reform training in Taiwan, 1967; tem leader, short term seminar, Land Reform Training Institute, Taiwan, September, 1973; Development Academy of the Philippines for district judges, June-July, 1976; UP Law Center on agrarian laws, 1976 and Civil Law Revised, also 1976; first seminar on probation under Supreme Court, August, 1977; guest of Australian government, April-May, 1978. Appointed to the Court of Appeals by President Marcos. Received from President Marcos, award of recognition for helping implement the land reform program, October 1980. Authored the first up-dated book in Agrarian Law, published April, 1980. Author of several

significant papers and subject of several editorials and feature articles on her accomplishments. Award as CAR judge for 13 years; awards as trial fiscal, Manila for 11 years. Attended several important international conferences either as speaker or delegate. First Woman CAR Judge appointed – Court of Appeals.

- Awardee, GAWAD Quezon –2002.
  Office: Court of Appeals, Manila
  Residence: 74 St. Mary, Cubao, Quezon City

GOMEZ, ILUMINADA C.

- Educator, born on November 29, 1939, in Manila. B.S.E. in Home Economics, Philippine Women's University; Fulbright Smith-Mundt grantee, 1963-64; M.A. in Developmental Psychology, Teachers College, Columbia University, 1964; Montessori Teacher Training Course, Fairleigh Dickinson University.
- Formerly administrative officer, College of Education, Philippine Women's University; board member, Maria Montessori Cooperative School. Member of Association Montessori International, American Montessori Society. At present president, The Philippine Montessori Center, 27 Quensville Street, White Plains, Quezon City.

GONZALES, PACITA MADRIGAL

- Former Senator of the Philippines, former member of the Cabinet, social welfare worker, now in banking. Born in Manila, daughter of millionaire Vicente Madrigal and Dona Susana Paterno. Studied at Philippine Women's University, and Sorbonne University, Paris, France; graduate in business administration, magna cum laude, University of Santo Tomas. Attended finishing school, Le College Feminin de Bouffemont, Paris, and the Powers School of New York, she joined the American Red Cross and served at Walter Reed Hospital.
- Returned to Manila after the war, married Herman Warns, general manager of Manila Gas Corporation. Joined feminist movement, organized the Women for Magsaysay Movement that helped elect Ramon Magsaysay to presidency. In 1954, she

was appointed Social Welfare Administrator and founded the Samahang Manang Pacita for community Development. Elected Senator, topped the 8-men senatorial ticket.

- Widowed, she re-married on January 1, 1956. Gonzalo W. Gonzales, second husband.

Residence: Madrigal Compound, Balete Drive, Quezon City.

GOROSPE, LAURA R.

- Organized the Pangkat Kawayan on September 1966. she was then principal of the Aurora Quezon elementary School in Quezon city, to revive and revitalize an almost dying musical institution, the "musikong", to arouse the Filipino people's love and pride for music which is truly their own.

Source: this is the Philippines: People and Place; Castelo, Lea t., p. 101.

GUANZON, MA. PAZ MENDOZA (MEDICINE) (May 10, 1884 – March 10, 1967)

- She belonged to the first graduating class of 1912 of the college of Medicine and Surgery, University of the Philippines and was its first woman graduate
- In 1917, she obtained the degree of Doctor of Tropical Medicine and Public Health, the first such woman degree holder. She was a faculty of the UP College of Medicine for 19 years, from 1914-1933, becoming a full professor in 1927
- she was the first woman to attain full professorship rank at the state university
- From 1916 to 1919 she was Dean of Women
- Elected member of Phi Kappa Phi, UP chapter, and given Number 26945, an honor given only to outstanding scholars
- Chosen Distinguished Alumna of the College of Medicine in 1950 and 10 years later Distinguished Alumna of the University.
- Cited for her faithful service to higher education and for having been the first woman member of the board of regents where she served in two occasions
- Former President of the Liga National De Damas Filipinas (National League of Filipino women)

- Appointed sole woman member of the educational mission to the United States of the National supreme Council of political group organized in the campaign of Phil. Independence.
- Unanimously elected in 1928 president of the Philippine Association of University Women which conferred itself with education, women's rights and relevant social problems
- Awarded a medal by President Ramon Magsaysay on June 19, 1955 at the Golden Jubilee of the Feminist Movement in the Philippines.
- Received a Presidential Merit Award on April 30, 1966 by Pres. F.E. Marcos in commemoration of the 29th Anniversary of the Plebiscite on woman suffrage

Source: Outstanding Women in Medicine; Cruz, Neni Sta. Romana, p.48-49

GUTIERREZ, BELEN ENRILE

- First Filipino Women CPA
- One of the first 10 Filipino women of distinction in the Philippines.
- First and Lone Woman named to the Monitory Board of the Central Bank of the Philippines.

ource : Women of Distinction; p. 155 – 158

HERNANDO, ROSALINDA ATIENZA

- Bank official and accountant, born on February 23, 1939, in Manila; married to Balbino K. Hernando, B.S.B.A., summa cum laude. University of the Philippines 1958; Fulbright Smith-Mundt grantee, 1960-62; M.A. Business Administration (Investment and Finance), University of Chicago, 1962. Formerly instructor, University of the Philippines; comptroller, National Investment and Development Corporation; certified public accountant; assistant vice-president, Philippine National Bank, Escolta, Manila.

  Residence: 13 Moonlight Loop, Blue Ridge Subd., Quezon City.

HERRERA, ALICIA A.

- Councilor, Quezon City, 3rd District
- Voted Most Outstanding Councilor by the Quezon City Press Association
- Regarded as Ms. "Graft Buster"
- Recognized leader of PDP Laban, Quezon City Chapter
- Former National Presidents of the 2000 Strong Lady Councilors League of the Philippines

HIDALGO, CRISTINA PANTOJA

- Director of the University of the Philippine Press
- Fictionist and Essayist
- Don Carlos Palanca Awardee for Literature

JUCO, ESTELITA G. – MAY 13, 1930 – JULY 12, 1989

Appointed Congresswomen in 1986, as a Sectoral Representative for woman and the disabled.

A victim in the crossfire between Japanese and American forces during the War for Liberation. Right arm amputated, right eye completely blinded and left knee chopped off.

Her house in Kamias, Quezon City since 1965 was mysteriously burned down in 1984 and all her writings went up in smoke.

A Paulian and once the editor-in-chief of the Paulian.

- Honored as the only Female Bedan honorary alumna by the San Beda College Board of Trusteen in 1971.
- Graduated from St. Paul in 1952 with a degree in Education, Summa Cum Laude, she was known intercampus figure from the College Editors Guild (CEG). The Student Catholic Action (SCA) the Conference Delegates Association (CONDA), the student council association.

- A member of Pres. Magsaysay's First Consultative Student Council. She takes not of her role not only as a youth leader, teacher and former outstanding student but as a woman leader.
- One of the founders of a political aggregation called Grand Alliance which established ties with the Christian Democrats parties of Europe together with Raul Manglapus and Manuel Manahan.
- Became the Executive Director of the National council for Disabled Persons.
- Sectoral Representative chosen by Pres. Aquino to look after the well being of two-sectus: the disabled and the women, through legislation, as a constitutionally mandated members of the House of Representatives.
- She initiated on declaring March as Women's Month Yearly which became a presidential directive.
- She also initiated the Accessibility Bill for the disabled people. The said Bill eventually became a law but not in her lifetime.

As a teacher she had chosen service over comfort. Her basic underlying motivation had been to serve, to make good use of her intelligence her compassion the sensitivity she had which she could share with others to help them. She did so far 36 years as a teacher and the last years as a representative in Congress, a leader of those who needed her most and whom she knew intimately through and in herself – women and the disabled. All those years of carrying and sacrificing all that time of preparation, pressure and perseverance, all that giving that Estelita's life was all about was what struck in people's mind, not merely the memory of one handicapped woman. (Excerpts form six modern heroes)

Residence : Kamias, Quezon City/Fairview, Quezon City

KALAW, PURA VILLANUEVA

- Advocate of women's active participation in public affairs; pioneer in the woman suffrage movement; lover of literature and versatile writer; exemplary wife and mother; successful businesswoman; sincere exponent in deed of Filifinism and a fitting inspiration to women.

KATIGBAK, MARIA KALAW

- Educator, writer, legislator, community leader, social worker and one time beauty queen. Author of "Few there Were (like my father)", "Aide-de-Camp to Freedom," and others.
- Born in Manila on February 14, 1912. Daughter of Teodoro M. Kalaw, lawyer, journalist, nationalist, statesman, scholar, historian and Pura Villanueva Kalaw, writer, civic leader and businesswoman.
- Barbour scholar, University of Michigan. Ph.B., UP; MA, MASW and PH.D.
- Married to Dr. Jose R. Katigbak . Children: Marinella K. Fabella, MA, industrial management, Columbia University; Josefina K. Limcaoco, MA, music, UP; Purisima K. Tan, MA, Masscom, Stanford University and Norberto, MA, business administration, Harvard Graduate School.
- Senator of the Philippines, 1961-67. National president, GSP, 1963-71; Vice chairman, JRK Development Corporation and of Siska Development: board member, Union Savings & Mortgage Bank. Agri-business in Lipa City. Awards: GSP, Catholic Charities, PWU, UNESCO, UN and Laity in Rome. Collector of antiques, artifacts, rare items. Award also from Batangas, "Dangal ng Batangas," 1978; International Award from Bharat Scouts and Guides, New Delhi, 1974 and several citations from different organizations.
  Residence: 11 Gilmore, New Manila, Quezon City.

LICAD, CECILE (PIANIST)

Her parents are Dr. & Mrs. Jesus Licad (nee Rosario Buencamino). The family resides in Quezon City. She was awarded by an American Philanthropist $2,000.00 cash award in Curtis. She was named "The Most Outstanding Talent" and "The Most Hardworking Student" at Curtis at 14.

LOPEZ, REGINA PAZ Z.

- Bantay Bata – United Nations Grand Awardee for Excellence beating 187 countries of the world.
- Managing Director of ABS- CBN Foundation exerted time and efforts for the welfare of the youth.

- Bantay-Kalikasan – 1997 International Public Relations Award for Excellence for the Environment. Bantay-Kalikasan got 1M signatures for the approval of the Clean Air Act.
- UNESCO KALINGA AWARD for her Sineskwela, THE FIRST Southeast Asian winner of such award.
- For pioneering in Educational Television shows (ETV) about Science, Math, Values, History and English for Elementary and Literature for High School.
- For Giving Away 5000 Televisions to schools in different regions.
- GAWAD QUEZON Awardee 2002

LOPEZ, VIOLETA G.

- Was conferred the Aurora Aragon Quezon Peace Award in 1992 by the Concerned Women of the Philippines
- First Filipino Awardee of the Southeast Asian Ministers Education Organization Award

LUAT, JULIET PENAFLOR ESCUETA

- Community leader, feminist, leading member and/or officer of over 30 organizations, proprietress of some 8 establishments. Born in San Fernando, Pampanga, on January 3, 1936, daughter of Lucio U. Escueta and Adelaida Penaflor, retired educators and business entrepreneurs. Married to Dr. Artemio Enrile Luat, business executive and general medical practitioner. Liberal Arts, UP; and BSC, UST. In both institutions, her name was a by-word because of active participation in college activities.
- Participates in the business, aside from her own. Took higher management for MBA degree. Four children: Aileen Grace, Jose Artemio, Anna Liza and Joy Hazel. Active in civic organizations; talented impromptu speaker as officer, Toastmaster Club (second lady member of the Club); elected for three terms president, Quezon City Chamberette-1972, 1973 and 1975; three terms president, Women's Auxiliary of Quezon City Medical Society; founder and past president, Metro Manila Business and Professional Ladies Circle; president emeritus, Carnegie Graduates Circle; member, Chamber of International Trade; member, Quezon City Chamber of Commerce; vice president, Aguman Capampangan. Served as PRO, Quezon City Medicare Council; co-chairman, QC board of censors; commissioned overall supervisor on Health and Sanitation Services for Q.C. Delegate

to several conventions, here and abroad; recipient of several medals, citations and plaques.

LUCIANO, LEONOR INES

- Proposed 'Night Courts" when she was JDRC judge of Quezon City
- Established Quezon City Youth Development Foundation Incorporated in October 13, 1973. Its primary project was the establishment and maintenance of the first detention home for youth offenders, the Molave Youth Detention Home
- Appointed Justice of the Court of Appeals in 1987 to 1989.
- She wrote the landmark decision in housing and land acquisition affecting the Payatas Area in Quezon City covering 355,000 hectares now known as the Payatas Estate, the Piedad Estate, the Fairview Park Subdivision, the National Government Center Site, Congress View Park, Parkship Subdivision, Solid Homes, Rina Nicasia Subdivision, Highland Realty Subdivision, Don Carlos Heights, etc.
- Appointed presided judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Court of Quezon City on July 18, 1967, a position she held for almost 17 years. She upgraded court procedures in the handling of juvenile delinquency cases emphasizing that youthful offenders be treated firmly but with compassion.

MACUJA, SUSAN P.

- Co-founder and became the corporate secretary and executive board of Southeast Asian Institute for the Deaf (SAID) in 1974. SAID is a regional center for the education of the deaf using the Total Communication Approach which encourages the use of all the child's faculties so that he/she can talk
- She is a principal artist of the Philippine Bullet Theater
- She is also the first Russian Member of the KIROV Dance Company in its 250 years of existence
- She is now Liza Macuja Elizalde.

Source : Valiant Wome

MAESTRO, LANI- QUEZON CITY, 1957 (ARTIST)

- Installation Artist. She was the daughter of Rodolfo and Angelica Maestro.
- Among here major works are, Poem without a Country, 1986, suspended voices, 1987, the Dark Depths, 1987, the Heart is Stronger than the Hand, 1989.
- She was a thirteen Artists awardee of the Cultural Center of the Philippines in 1978 and a prize winner of 1987 Havana Biennale in Cuba.

MALAYA, JANET 'BABES'

- A Manuel L. Quezon Bantayug Awardee given by the Quezon City Press Club in recognition of her exemplary performance as City Legislator and impeccable record as public servant. This is second award in 2 ½ years of consistent exceptional legislative leadership and achievement.

- Conferred as one of the Outstanding Alderman in Metro Manila in an award rites dubbed "Salute of the Press to the Most Outstanding Legislators".
- Councilor, district 4, Quezon City

Source: Manila Bulletin, Dec. 2003.

MANALANG, PRISCILA S.

- Educator. Born on January 20, 1919, in Manila. B.S.E. in English, 1939, and M.A. in Education, 1950, UP, Ph.D. in International and Development Education, University of Pittsburgh, 1971; East-West Center (non-degree) grantee, Educational Administration, 1971.

- Formerly associate professor, University of the Philippines; technical assistant, Joint Local Governments Commission. Member of Society for Applied Anthropology, Council for Anthropology and Education, International Council on Education for Teaching, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu.

- Awards: AID grant in rural development, 1971; Agricultural Development Council fellowship, 1967-69; U.P. local fellowship, 1963; Pennsylvania State University scholarship, 1962; FOA

(AID) grant in teacher Education, 1953-54. At present professor of Educational Foundations, College of Education, University of the Philippines; and assistant for Curriculum development, Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, U.P.

Residence: 63 Gomburza St., U.P., Quezon City.

MANGAHAS, RUBY KELLY

- Music librarian. Widow of late writer-editor Federico Mangahas. Born on May 27, 1916 in Manila. A.B. in Psychology, University of the Philippines, 1952; Fulbright travel grantee, 1953; M.A. in Music, University of Chicago, 1953; M.A. in Library Science, University of Michigan, 1955; Ph.D. in Music, University of London, 1967; leader grantee, 1971.

- Formerly assistant professor of music history, College of Music, University of the Philippines; director, Institute of Library Science, U.P. Member of National Music Council of the Philippines, Society for Asian Music, Mu Phi Epsilon International music Sorority, University of London Convocation, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society, Philippine Fulbright Scholars Association.

- Publications: The development of Regalaksana with Reference to other modal Systems. Awards Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship; University of London Scholarship; UNESCO delegate, 5th Congress, International Association of Music Libraries, Cambridge, England, 1959. At present professor of music and dean of College of Music, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

Residence: Sunrise Cottage, P-5 Area 14, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City.

MARCELO, EDITH

- First President of the Federation of Women's Civic Organizations of Quezon City which was founded in 1935.

MARTEL, ALITA R.

- Lawyer, Central Bank official. Born on January 3, 1933, in Manila. Married. Holy Infant Academy, 1949; A.A., 1951; A.B., 1953; Ll.B., 1955, all from MLQU. Passed bar examinations in 1955.

- Steered her Central Bank career as confidential agent in May, 1954; promoted to special investigator, 1961-62; legal officer IV, 1962; senior legal officer, 1963-66; bank executive assistant, 1966-70; senior special counsel, 1970-73; assistant director, 1973-74; special assistant to the governor, Central Bank.

  Office: Central Bank of the Philippines, Manila.

  Residence: Bohol Avenue corner Scout Madrinan, Quezon City.

MAXIMO, ARCENI

- President – Novaliches Ladies Association
- She helped put up the Novaliches Health Center. She helps solicit funds from PCSO and from Representative Eulogio Rodriguez. The health center is now named after her.

MENDOZA, ELVEGIA RUIZ

- In 1935, the birth in Culasi, Antique. First women general of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

MEÑEZ, ANTONINETTE

- Dr. Meñez works at the Marine Science Institute of the University of the Philippines. In 2001, she was awarded as one of the TOWNS.

- She has taken an active role in undertaking public environmental education of coastal communities and protecting the living resource base of marine livelihoods through integrated coastal resources management.

- More than her scientific researchers on the coastal areas of the Philippines, she was partly responsible for incorporating marine science to the elementary and high school curriculum.

MERCADO, LYDIA DE VEGA

- Awardee, Gawad Quezon during the 65th Founding Anniversary for sports (One of the 10 outstanding Quezon City residents), for her legendary achievements as the country's foremost tract and field athlete bringing honor and prestige to our country by winning gold medals in her special events; for serving as model athlete in character and sportsmanship; and for her continuing involvement in sports development.

Source: Quezon City 65th Founding Anniversary, p. 22

MERCADO, PORTIA (SCULPTURE)

- As a high School Scholar of St. Paul College in Quezon City, she set an unsurpassed scholastic achievement record graduating with a full sweep of valedictory honors and academic excellence. She has since abandoned formal schooling to immerse in family business. She is into portrait sculpture and painting.

Residence: 111 Dr. Lascano St., Quezon City

MINOZA, AURORA

- Director of Graduate Studies, College of Education, University of the Philippines. Graduated with B.S.E., 1947, magna cum laude, and M.A., 1953, both from University of the Philippines; M.S. in 1956 and Ph.D. in Education, 1958, both from University of Michigan.

- Awardee, U.P. Professional Achievement Awards, 1980, for long and dedicated service to education as teacher, researcher and administrator; chosen one of outstanding alumni, 1979, by UP. Outstanding research contributing to National Development in 1975. Involved in extension and off-campus programs of the University.

Office: Director of Graduate Studies, College of Education, UP, Diliman, Quezon City.

ORENDAIN, LUISA

- Quezon City, Councilor – 1947 – 1967
- First QC Lady Councilor

PALMA, CECILIA MUNOZ

- One of the women student leaders in University of the Philippines who joined the well-known suffragettes campaigning for women's right to vote. Their efforts were rewarded with the signing of the Plebiscite Bill by President Manuel Quezon in October 1936.
- She was the first appointed woman prosecutor in 1947 and as 2nd Assistant City Attorney of Quezon City until 1954.
- She was conferred the Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifical Cross by the Holy Father, Pope Raul VI in recognition of her courageous efforts to uphold the cause of justice and truth and in championing liberties rights of people so as to achieve peace and freedom for her country.
- Conferred the Catholic Mass Media Award for her article "Do not lose your Heritage of Freedom" by His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Sin on 29 June 1979 during the World Social Communication Day.
- December 20, 1978, The National Union for Democracy and Freedom conferred on her the 'Saguisag ng Kagitingan" Award.
- President of the 1986 Constitutional Commission
- Congressman Feliciano R. Belmonte, Jr. of the 4th District of Quezon City and now Quezon City Mayor cites Justice Palma as " at the five front of achievement of the Filipino Women. She is a model, she excel infields, she is involved in and a voice for justice, nationalism and ethical conduct'.
- She was the first female member of the Supreme Court
- She received in 1975 the Tandang Sora Award in Quezon City for here achievements in the judicial field.
- First elected Vice Chairman of the Council of Advisers of the Moral Recovery Program during the time of Pres. Ramos

PANLILIO, HERMINIA BAJA

- First Woman Regent, Philippine College of Surgeons from 1959 to date.

- Served as the Chairman of the Department of Ob/Gyn of the St. Lukes Medical Center in Quezon City.

PARDO, DE TAVERA MITA

- In 1946, she became Chief of the Quezon Institutes/ Chest Pedriatic Service, taking care of poor children infected with pneumonia diseases. She devoted herself to research on Tuberculosis in Filipino Children. Former President, Phil. Cancer Society.
- In 1967, she became Executive Director of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society.
- Became Chairperson of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) on July 1, 1972.
- Former Secretary, Dept. of Social Welfare and Development.
- Papal Awardee

PAREJA, LENA STRAIT

- A professorial lecturer at the UP Film Institute, College of Mass Communication, UP, Diliman. She also teaches Cinematic Arts at UP Manila and other film courses at Ateneo De Manila University. She writes articles on Philippine Film History. Her works have been published in Pelikula, a journal of Philippine Cinema (1999-2001). The National Artists of the Philippines (1998), Kultura (1993), Malaya (1990) and the Phil. Daily Inquirer (1995-2003). She was managing editor of Volume VIII, Phil. Film, CCP Encyclopedia of Phil. Art (1994).
- Her papers on the Studio System in the Phil's. was read at the recent Sangandaan Conference 2003 commemorating a century of Phil. American Relations. She is married to Architect Victoriano C. Pareja and resides in Quezon City with six children and 12 grandchildren.

Source: National Artist of the Philippines 1999-2003 v. 2. p. 162

PEREZ, AURORA PADOLINA

- One of her distinct contribution to medicine in the Philippines is her pioneering work in the field of hemodialysis. She established the Kidney Unit of the Philippine Heart Center and

the Hemodialysis unit of the Cardinal Santos Memorial Hospital.

Source: Outstanding women in Medicine

PICACHE, URSULA DE GUZMAN

- Educator/Librarian. Born October 18, 1929, San Roque, Cavite City. E.T.C. Elementary School Teaching, Philippine Normal College, 1949. B.S.E. Library Science, University of the Philippines, 1958. Fulbright-Smith Mundt Grantee 1960-61. M.S. Library Science, University of Illinois, 1961. Formerly Assistant Librarian, Institute of Public Administration Library, University of the Philippines; Instructor and Secretary, U.P. Institute of Library Science; Assistant Professor, Director, of Officer-in-Charge, U.P. Institute of Library Science. Membership: American Library Association; Philippine Library Association; Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines; Philippine Association of Academic and Research Libraries;Bibliographical Society of the Philippines; Philippine Association of Teachers of Library Science; Philippine Library Scholarship Council. Award: Earned Ph.D. degree in Library Science at the University of Illinois on a U.P. Faculty Fellowship. Associate Professor and Dean, U.P. Institute of Library Science, Diliman, Quezon City.

  Residence: 47-A Matapat, Quezon City.

PINEDA, JULIANA C.

- Educator. Born February 16, 1987, Bustos, Bulacan. B.S.E. 1923 and M.A. 1940, University of the Philippines. Fulbright Travel Grantee 1949-51. Ed.D. Indiana University, 1951. Membership: UP Alumni Association; Philippine Association of Graduate Education. Publication: Kababaihang Rizalista (Jose Rizal Readers for Grade II, III, IV, V). Awards: U.P. Mother of the Year, 1952, Distnguised award from the Philippine Public School Teachers Association, 1962 and from Philippine Federation of Parent-Teachers Association, 1953. Professor, Institute of Graduate Studies, Far Eastern University, Manila.

  Residence: 36 Pitimini, San Francisco Del Monte, Quezon City.

PLANAS, CARMEN

Ms. Planas, the fiery woman oppositionist who challenged Pres. Manuel M. Quezon in court and public for a, holds the distinction of being the trailblazer for women entry in politics.

Together with fellow students, Wenceslao Vinzons and Arturo Tolentino, they formed the Young Philipppines Party and at 23, while a junior at the University of the Philippine College of Law became the youngest to be elected by an unprecedented number of votes.

During the war, she actively supported the guerillas and was commissioned as a Captain in the Woman Auxiliary sources of ROTC Hunters guerrilla. She was imprisoned by the Japanese in Fort Santiago.

On March 21, 1999, Carmen Planas Young Women Public Leadership Training Program was launched at the Peace Bell Area, Quezon Memorial Circle in commemoration of her 85th birth anniversary.

Source : Manila Bulletin; March 19, 1999

PLANAS, CHARITO LIM

- First Lady Vice Mayor in Quezon City, 1972 – 1993.
- She received the 2003 Outstanding Citizen of Quezon City for Humanitarian and community Service; for devoting her entire life to humanitarian, libertarian, and community causes; serving in various civic organizations, managing several community projects of governments and foundations; for her indefatigable and dedicated service to the citizens of Quezon City having served as Vice Mayor and presently as president of the Quezon City Chapter of the Girl Scouts fo the Philippines, and President and Vice Chairman of the Quezon City Parks Development Foundation; for her outstanding accomplishment as a lawyer, political leader, business woman, and civic spirited citizen; and for her deep and abiding committee to democratic and

egalitarian principle manifested in her long and spirited opposition to the martial Law regime of Ferdinand Marcos.

QUESADA, MINDA LUZ MELENDEZ

- She organized and led the group of nurses and undertook a massive campaign it oppose the plan to phase out the Quezon Institute. The nucleus of the group who fought for the Quezon City issue decided to form the alliance of Health Workers, a very bold and risky action during the Martial Law regime.

- In 1974, she joined the Quezon City Social Action Group which was an association of retired nurses, doctors and professionals who were interested in community development. The group's community project in Tatalon, Quezon City served as their practicum in community health.

Source: Valiant Women

RAMIREZ, ROSITA RIVERA (MEDICINE)

- She was among the top ten students of the `930 UP medicine class and the medical board examination.
- Established free clinics serving thousands of patients as social work project of the Sta. Teresita Hospital.
- Member of the Philippine Women's association
- Member of the Quezon City Medical Association
- Member, Zonta Club
- Member, Catholic Women's League
- Founded a maternity Charity branch in Bago Bantay, Quezon City
- President of the PMWA 1959-1961
- Awarded a plaque by the Philippine Medical Association as the Most Outstanding physician in Quezon City, `965
- Received a trophy from the FIDA in 1975 as one of the "Ten Outstanding Women of the Philippines"
- Served on the boards of PMA, the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological society, the Philippine Hospital Association and the Philippine Federation of Private Medical Practitioners

Source: Outstanding Women in Medicine

RECINA, AURORA P. NAVARRETE

- Former Chairperson of the Commission of human Rights
- In 1974, she was designated hearing commissioner of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Quezon City for two years. She was lecturer on the New Family code for the Armed Forces of the Philippines and for her parish in Quezon City
- Married to Ret. Brig. Gen. Romeo Recina. They were gifted with two sons, both doctors.

RODRIGUEZ, ADELINA S.

- Lady Mayor of Quezon City. Distinguished figure in community development and public service. B.S.E., University of Santo Tomas; outstanding UST alumna in social work, 1973; voted outstanding woman in public service by the Federacion Internacional de Abogadas-Philippines, 1975-76. Wife of Rizal Provincial Governor Isidro S. Rodriguez, and mother of 10 children.
- Served as governor and board secretary, Philippine National Red Cross; president, Council of Welfare Agencies of the Philippines, Friends of National Mental Hospital, Rizal Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc.; chairman, Alay-Lakad provincial committee, 1973-1975; chairman, committee on rural women for International Women's Year. Honorary chairman, QC Foundation for Youth.
- Recipient of Silver Humanitarian Cross from Philippine National red Cross, 1971; director, Kilusan sa Wastong Pagkain; chairman, National Bamboo Organ Restoration Committee; and chairman, Rizal Tourism Council.

Office: Quezon City Hall, Q.C.

ROMAN, EMERLINA R.

- First Woman President , University of the Philippines, 2002-2005
- AWARDEE GAWAD QUEZON for her contribution in promoting the role of women in education, national development and public service;
- For her contribution in the improvement of the public governance education aw well as in business administration;

- For her contribution in the development of small enterprises;
- For research on business and finance;
- For her consultancy services to government, business and non-government organizations;
- For being an outstanding professor in business administration;
- For aligning UP's vision in science and technology development with that of Quezon City as a science and technology capital.

RONQUILLO, BEATRIZ P.

- Civic Leader and Teacher
- Former Vice-President of the QC Ladies Association and Director of Child Guidance Center
- She is the founder of the Women's International League and became its 1st president 1939 – 1941
- Board Member of the Citizens Council for Mass Media, 1965-1967
- President of the National Guidance Association of the Philippines, 1957-1967
- Appointed member of the Board Institute of National Language in 1948 – 1952 by late Pres. Quirino.
- Received the Presidential Medal of Merit from President Ferdinand E. Marcos in April 30, 1966.

ROSAL, ROSA

- TOFIL awardee for Humanitarian Service 1989.
- The name Rosa Rosal became synonymous to Red Cross and humanitarian service. As Red Cross volunteer and Blood Program Advocate for more than 50 years, host of the public service show "Damayan" on its 29th year, Rosal is a formidable presence in Philippine Philanthropy and humanitrian work.
- As PNRC Governor, she is also its most visible volunteer and top fund raiser for the blood program. Her efforts enabled the organization to modernize and expand its services and chapters nationwide.
- She became Red Cross volunteer in 1950 when she was just 19 years old and at the height of her popularity as an acclaimed actress.

- She set up the blood chemistry department of the PNRC to enable the poor to avail of blood chemistry at a low price.
- Her drive resulted in numerous donations like the PNRC's first Refrigerated Centrifuge which could make one pack of blood into four components thus having four beneficiaries for one pack; as well as PNRC's first apheresis machine needed to process platelets and plasma to improve response during the dengue epidemic.
- She is known to personally accompany PNRC personnel to missions during disasters, emergencies and even during the 1989 quo d'tat.
- In cases of legal adoption of abandoned babies, she personally follows up each case and makes sure babies are put in the care of suitable and loving parents.
- She worked for tax exemptions for PNRC purchases and trust funds and health insurance for all550 Red Cross employees.
- She also responded to sectoral concerns; making possible the compulsory immunization of polio vaccine for infants and children below eight years old.
- She conceived operation Blood Brothers, a project which lasted for 14 years and involved getting blood donors from American Servicemen then stationed in Clark, Pampanga.
- She initiated the Welfare Program for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) (which is now a part of the Red Cross Social Services.
- She also put up the Red Cross Program for the Disadvantaged Women in 1995. Victims of incest, rape, spousal battering and unwanted pregnancies get free lodging and delivery at the St. Luke's Medical Center.

- She won the Ramon Magsaysay Awaqrd for Public Service in 1999, and she placed her $50,000 prize in full trust fund. The interest earned from the fund is being sued for schooling of 50 poor college students. This assistance will continue even after Rosal's lifetime.

- Rosal's integrity has earned the cooperation and support of donors; and she has steered the Blood Program to new heights through changes in political leadership because she remained apolitical.

- Her humanitarian work has been recognized with over 9 hundred awards from prestigious organizations.

Source: Great Leader in our Midst; Phil. Star, June 14, 2004

ROSALES, JENNIFER R. (SPORTS)

- For being the most prominent and successful lady golfer in the country. The only Filipino playing in the prestigious Professional Lady Golfers Association Tournament in the U.S. She served as a model for the people who are striving to excel and be highly successful in their professional interests and other endeavors. She brought honors to her country and to Quezon City when she won in most of the prestigious tournament during her amateur days both in our country and abroad, particularly the Junior World golf Championship in the U.S. including golf medals in golf during the Southeast Asian Games in 1997; and bronze medal in the ASIAD Olympics in 1998;
- She was the first lady golfer from the Philippines to have gained international recognition and acclaimed as a golf professional now ranked 25th in the world.

SAN DIEGO, LOURDES PAREDES (JUDGE)

She is the daughter of Don Quintin Paredes. A distinguished lawyer and statement, who before his retirement served the government in various capacities such as solicitor General, Secretary of Justice, Congressman and Senator.

She wrote and published a couple of books the Law on Partnership and the Philippine Law on Corporation. She did extensive research work on Comparative Study of Inheritance Law as they Affect Women and the status of Women under the Philippine Family Law. Being a recognized leader in the particular discipline. She has chosen for her profession, she was selected by the U.P. Law Center Chairman of the Committee on the of Treatment of Offenders in the Philippines.

She was deeply involved in the Fraternity of Judges, the Women's Law Circle, and the Women's Lawyers Association of the Philippines, The Philippine Constitutional Association, the Philippine

Association of University Women, the League of Women Voters, and the Catholic Women's League.

In recognition to her outstanding work, she has received many awards:

1. Award of Merit from the U.P. Women Lawyers Circle, 1963
2. Award of Merit from the Quezon City Bay Association 1964
3. Award of Distinction from Quezon City Silver Jubilee Committee, 1964
4. Most Outstanding Judge for 1965 from the Philippine Government Employees Association.
5. Award for the Best Suburban Judge of 1965 from the Justice and Court Reporters Association
6. Award of merit from the Capitol Press Club.
7.

SANIEL, JOSEFA M.

- Educator. Born on March 23, 1925 in Manila. B.S.E., History, magna cum laude, U.P., 1949; Fulbright Smith-Mundt grantee, 1951-53; M.A., History, University of Chicago, 1953; Ph.D., Far Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, 1961.
- Former history instructor, assistant and associate professor in East Asian Studies, U.P., later program coordinator, Institute of Asian Studies. Same university.
- Member of International Association of Historians of Asia, National Research Council of the Philippines, Association for Asian Studies, Philippine Historical Association, Philippine Association of University Women, American Academy of Political Sciences, International House of Japan, U.P. Rizal Center Honor Society, Philippine Social Science Council.
- First Asian visiting Leverhulme fellow of School of Political Science, University of New South Wales, Kensington, N.S.W., Australia, 1967; consultant on Japan affairs, Office of the Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, 1969; professor of East Asian studies and secretary, Philippine Center for Advanced Studie, U.P.

Residence: 4 Scout Fuentebella Street, Quezon City.

SANTOS, PAZ ABAD (SCULPTURE)

- She earned a certificate in Interior Design and dabbled in Chinese painting and Calligraphy before taking up fine arts as a Scholar at the University of the Philippines where she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1981. She competed and won prizes in several art tilts among them, the gold medal for painting at the 33rd AAP competition. She has represented the country in various exhibits and competitions both local and abroad including the ASEAB traveling exhibits. She is a thirteen Artists Awardee of the CCP. She is also into art therapy and consultancy.
- 1995 – Best Quezon City Woman Painter
- 1994 – UP Alumni Association Professional Awardee. Visual Arts (Painting) UP
- 1992 – thirteen artist Award CCP
- 1990 Project Grant Awardee- CCP
- 1982 – Mobil Art Awardee
- 1981 – 1st place On the Spot Contest folk Arts
- Residence: 119 Scout Limbaga, Morato Ave., quezon City

Source: Philippine Sculptures, 1998

SANVICTORIES, LOURDES L.

- Educator, economist,; active in business and civic circles. Dean, College of Commerce and Business Administration, Adamson University; professorial lecturer, Graduate School (Ph.D. classes), UST. President, Small Enterprises Research & Development Foundation of the Philippines. Chairman, Permanent Committee on Trade Facilitation & Other Support Services, Phil. Export Council (1976-80). Chairman, PHILPRO (Philippine Committee on Trade Facilitation, Office of the President), 1980 to present. Head, Department of Economic Affairs, Academic Board Member, Economic Consultant, National Defense College, 1978-79. Professorial lecturer, Graduate School, National Defense College, 1971to present. United Nations consultant on trade facilitation, ITC-UNCTAD, New Delhi, 1979 and a long list of others.
- Born in Manila on March 30, 1931, son of Jose Luchengco and Tomasa Salvador Eugenio; father, a journalist pioneer I field of public relations and member, Spanish Royal Academy. Mother,

granddaughter of Princess Fatima Alimudin, daughter of Sulu sultan. Children: Mercedes Cristina Fatima, A.B. Economics, cum laude and M.B.A.; Ernesto Francisco Jr., B.B.A., management; Jose Eduardo, B.B.A.; Ma. Isabel Socorro, college student and Daniel Tomas, college student.

- B.B.A., major in accounting; M.A., economics and Ph.D., Economics, "Meritissimus". UP ROTC corps sponsor, married corps commander, 1931-32; commander, Rangerette Co., Rainbow division.
- Outstanding economist and educator award, 1970; Most Outstanding Educator and Moral Crusader award, 1972; International Women's Year award, UN association of the Philippines, 1975; Distinguished Professor Award, UE, 1976; International Who's Who of Intellectuals, England, 1978; elected, board of directors, Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, first time in chamber's 70 years history where a woman was elected; VP for development, 1974 interim board of directors; first VP, 1975, same chamber; first woman elected officer in history of Chamber; first woman elected Board of Governors, Philconsa and first woman elected officer, Philconsa; first woman board of governor, International Chamber of Commerce, Philippine Council; first woman to head national trade facilitation body, United Nations trade facilitation. Organizer and chairman, Filipino Vigilantes (for vigilant involvement of citizens in Constitutional Convention) 1970-72. Trustee, Small Business Development Foundation, 1975-77; deputy head, Philippine delegation, Summit meeting, Asian Businessman, 1975; seminar director, First Business Education Faculty development Society; member, Council for Economic Development. Included, World's Who's Who of Women. 1976; world edition, International Register of Profiles, 1979, among others.

  Office: College of Commerce, Adamson University, San Marcelino, Manila.
  Residence: 93 Scout Castor, Quezon City.

SARINO, WILMA A.

- Quezon City Councilor, 1st District, Quezon City

- Daughter of for Quezon City Mayor Norberto Amoranto, the longest serving mayor.
- Wife of former Quezon City Vice Mayor Stephen Sarino
- Headed the price regulation and consumer protection committee which is apt to her background as a champion of the rights of consumers especially to housewives who had found difficulty in budgeting the family income.
- She was the vice-chairperson of the committees on youth and sports development and the environmental sanitation, beautification, parks and playground.

Source: 1st Pres. MLQ Bantayug Awards, p. 7.

SOHO, JESSICA

First Filipino to receive the prestigious George Foster Peabody Award for Investigative Journalism.

She co-founded I-Witness, the first documentary services in Philippine TV and Brigada Siete an investigative news magazine program. TOWNS AWARDS HONORS extraordinary women;

Source : Manila Bulletin, October 4, 2001 (Women

SORIANO, LICERIA B.

- Educator. Born on August 27, 1906, in Tayum, Abra; married to dr. Domingo Soriano, educator, E.T.C., Philippine Normal College, 1926; B.S.E., English, University of the Philippines and St. Mary's College, 1947; Fulbright Smith-Mundt grantee, 1950-51; Special certificate, Secondary Education, Indiana University, 1951; M.A., Administration, Columbia University, 1951; Ed.D., Science Education, Columbia University; ICA-NEC grantee.
- Former superintendent of city schools, Zamboanga City; superintendent of Science, assistant director, later director, Bureau of Public Schools. Retired. Member: Pi Lambda Theta, Philippine Association of School Superintendents, Philippine Association of University Women, Philippine Association of Secondary Schools, Philippine Public School Teachers Association, Columbia University Alumni Association, Philippine Association of Science Teachers. Publications:

Science Teaching in Philippine Schools, 1961; Learning Science Through Experiments and Observations, 1959. Recipient of presidential Merit Award in Education.

Residence: 132 Panay Avenue, Quezon City.

SOTEJO, JULITA V.

Dean of the College of Nursing of the University of the Philippines and is one of the most dedicated leaders in the Nursing profession. It was through her efforts that the U.P. College of Nursing was created in 1948. She was appointed dean in 1948.

She took the board examination for nurses in 1929 and also the civil service examination for nurses in 1936. She topped both examinations. She excelled not only in Nursing profession but also in the field of law; getting sixth place in the bar examination in 1937.

She is the recipient of no less than 16 medals, prizes and awards in recognition to her achievements in nursing both in the Philippines and abroad.

She was the first Filipino Nurse to attend a meeting of nursing experts which was sponsored by (ILO) International Labor Organization and held in Geneva from October 6 – 11, 1958.

- Former Chairman, academy of Nursing of the Philippines.
- Former President – Filipino Nurses Association
- Received the highest award in Nursing, the Florence Nightingale Medal and Diploma by the International Committee of the red Cross on May 12, 1961.

STO. TOMAS, PATRICIA ARAGON

- Former Chairman of the Civil Service Commission
- She has initiated several programs in support of working mothers in the bureaucracy
- One of the organizers of the Women in Government in 1990

Source: Valiant Women p. 307-313

SULIT, LORETO PARA

- In 1976 she was conferred the Tandang Sora Award for humanitarian services by the Cultural Office of Quezon City and the Himlayang Filipino.

Source: Valiant Woman. p. 469

SUMABAT, LOURDES M.

- Nutritionist, professor, scientist. Born on February 11, 1921; in La Carlota, Negros Occidental; married to Amador F. Sumabat. B.S.E., Home Economics, St Theresa's College, 1941; B.S.H.E., Foods and Nutrition, University of the Philippines, 1949; Fulbright travel grantee, 1949-50; dietetic internship, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, 1950; M.S., Foods and Nutrition, 1953; and Ph.D., Biochemistry and Human Nutrition, University of Wisconsin, 1955.

- Former assistant professor, University of the Philippines; senior scientist, National Science Development Board. Member: Philippine Association of Nutrition, Dietetic Association of the Philippines, National federation of Women's Clubs, Philippine Federation of Nutrition Councils and Related Agencies. At present research and development coordinator, National Nutrition Program, Department of Health, Manila.

Residence: 13 Neptune, Congressional Avenue Subdivision, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

TAGLE, EDITHA PEREZ

- First President of the Federation of Women Civic Organization of Quezon City. 1947-1951

TAÑADA, KAREN NAKPIL

The great grand daughter of revolutionary leaders Julia Nakpil and Gregoria De Jesus of the Katipunan, and granddaughter of Senator Lorenzo Tañada. Her parents are Renato Tañada and Anita Nakpil.

She was actively involved in the protest movement against Marcos regime. All throughout those Martial Law years, Karen combined her social development work with her political involvement.

In August 1974, she was arrested with a group of young people and urban poor community leader together with Fr. Jose C. Blanco, S.J. while attending a conscientization seminar at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Novaliches.

The event prompted Manila Archibishop Jaime Cardinal Sin to issue a pastoral utter dead in all churches of Metro Manila, denouncing the Military operation.

In 1980, Karen ran with the mayoralty Candidate Gerardo Esguerra for Vice-mayor of Quezon City. In November 1980, an arrest order was issued. Karen her father and her eldest brother Renato Jr. were accused of membership in the April 6, 1980 Liberation Movement.

When Cory Aquino became President, she appointed Karen as deputy director general of the National Manpower and Youth Council in April 1986.

It was also in 1986 when Karen became active member of PILIPINA, the first avowedly feminist organization in the country. In August 1990, she became full time coordinator of the Women's Action Network for Development (WAND) a coalition of about 100 NGOs and People's Organization Advocating Women's Issues; she was also co-coordinator of the Development Initiatives for Women's Alternatives and Transformative Action (DIWATA).

TORRIJOS, SANDRA (SCULPTURE)

- An acclaimed painter and installation artist, she has garnered one of the prestigious "13 Artists Awards" of the CCP in 1992. She also designs and does illustrations for books, is an art teacher and has lectured on feminist perspectives in the visual arts. She was a fellow at the Vermont Studio School in Vermont, U.S.A. in 1988 and has represented the country in a plethora of art exhibitions and cultural forums abroad, including the 1990 Osalea Triennale Competition in Painting in 1990.

  Residence: 12 Malakas St. , Diliman, Q.C.

Source: Phil. Sculptures. p. 31

YLAGAN, FLORA A.

Co-founder of the National Teachers College, where she held various positions, first as high school principal (1929-1932) and later as executive secretary from 1932 to the outbreak of the war in 1941.

When the College re-opened in 1945, Mrs. Ilagan was Dean of Instruction, a position she held until 1963 when she was elected president of the College.

Through the key positions she has held and especially as president, Dr. Ylagan has guided and especially as president, Dr. Ylagan has guided the National Teachers College in contributing to the development of Philippine Education. She enunciated an enlightened policy summed up in these worlds: "We educate the student first as a man and a woman, and second as a teacher. We have always put emphasis on Philippine Culture".

She has extensive travels, studies contacts with interesting people and active participation in various organizations, religious, educational, civic and social welfare.

She has received a number of awards and citations:

1. Presidential Gold Medal of Merit for services in the Teacher Training field in 1957.
2. Citation from the Philippine Normal College Alumni Association for her "Significant Contributions to teacher education in the Philippine for providing civic leadership of a high order".
3. The Gold Triangle Vision –YMCA, 1964
4. Doctor of Pedagogy, Philippine Women's university 1964.

One of QC Public Schools was named after Dr. Ylagan, The Flora A. Ylagan High School in QC, Pinyahan and District, Quezon City.

YORAC, HAYDEE

- Awardee, Gawad Quezon 2004, as one of the 10 outstanding residents of Quezon City for Government Service, for serving the government with singular honor and distinction,

distinguished by her remarkable success and achievements in every public office she served; for her uncompromising stand against official abuse and corruption at one time, suffering imprisonment, yet never giving up her beliefs and conviction; and for elevating the standards of morality in public service with her unsullied integrity and reputation.

- Received citation from Quezon City Council, through resolution for having chosen as the 2004 Ramon Magsaysay awardee for government Service at Quezon City Albert Session Hall on November 2004 by Hon. Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista.

Source: Quezon City 65th Anniversary p. 16.

ZIGA, TECLA SAN ANDRES

- Lawyer, politician, former Congresswoman and Senator of the Philippines. Active in civic affairs. Born in Naga City on August 23, 1906; married to ex-Congressman Venancio P. Ziga; one son. A.A. and Ll.B., University of the Philippines; Bar examinations topnotcher.
- -Practiced law in Albay and Manila; former social welfare commissioner; elected Congresswoman for Albay first district, Third and Fourth Congresses, 1956 to 1961. Elected Senator of the Philippines.Office: Women's Rights Movement, 90 Hemady, Quezon City.

Residence: 369 Espana Extn., Quezon City.

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