

Mrs. GLORIA GARCHITORENA GOLOY 1946

Our next awardee is a grand lady of journalism whose name is synonymous with SERVICE. Born in 1927, she will be turning 79 this November 13. She was one of the two siblings of a father who was a lawyer and a mother who was a registered nurse.

She graduated from Paco Catholic School in 1946 after which she enrolled at, University of Santo Tomas - Philosophy and Letters where she finished Litt. B. in Journalism (Cum Laude) in 1950. During her student days, she served as UST's Varsitarian staff as assistant literary editor, literary editor and later associate editor.

Upon graduation from college, she worked in different publications in different capacities which included being editorial consultant to Francisco Arcellana (Philcross Magazine -1951-52), associate editor to F. Sionil Jose (Manila Times Annual Yearbook-1959-62), copy editor (Weekly Women's Magazine -1958-59), associate editor (Sunday Times Magazine -1963-1972, supplement editor (Manila Times -1972) and feature writer (Express Sports Magazine -1972).

Her professional growth as a journalist was hampered by a childhood hearing ailment which has now been aggravated by old age. In spite of this impediment, however, she was able to branch out into the sports scene during the martial law years when she started writing apolitical topics on sports personalities and events for the Express Sports Weekly. In addition to this, she co-founded the Greater Manila Duckpin Bowling Association, Inc., subsequently the National Philippine duckpin Bowling Association, Inc. where she served as Press Relation Officer and member of the Board of Directors.

Just to prove her writing prowess, these are some of the awards she has received:

- The UST Certificate of Recognition in Journalism (1982)
- The San Lorenzo Ruiz Award from San Fernando de Dilao Parish from Bishop Bacani for her journalism charism through the newsletter and fiesta issues (1982)
- The Gawad Kalinangan Award from the Rotary Club of Manila for her article on the Virgin of Antipolo (2001)
- Lifetime Achievement Award from the Philippine Sports Writers Association (2003)
- Golden Owl Award for excellence in literature (poetry) from UST's PHILETS Foundation (2005)
- Parangal Hagbong from the UST Gawad Ustetika of the Varsitarian (Dec. 2006)

Travel abroad also came in handily as a consequence of her journalistic capability. She was part of a 5-journalist group tapped by KLM Airlines for its 747 Inaugural Flight for an all-expenses paid trip which brought her to Amsterdam and Notterdam in Netherlands with side trip to London and Leicester in Great Britain, to the Vatican and the Colloseum in Rome, Italy and the Parthenon and Acropolis in Athens. All of these experiences were included in her STM article "From Amsterdam to Athens - the Women of the World."

It is because of her journalistic abilities that she became involved in parish work in the Parish of San Fernando de Dilao in Paco where the family lived before they transferred to Taytay, Rizal. The parish was the primary beneficiary of her unselfish and untiring service. Bishop Bacani asked her to edit the fledgling Paco Parish newsletter (The Paco Parish Sentinel) as a means of reaching out to his parish flock. Subsequently, she also began to produce and edit annual fiesta souvenir issues. Her parish journalism work covered the entire parish watch of Bishop Bacani from 1995-1996. She continued doing this during the early years of Msgr. Cirilos' term even after her family transferred to Taytay.

In the words of a friend and co-parish worker, Mrs. Pia Cinco, our awardee "is an epitome of Christian or servant leadership. She has the gift of availability. She sees where she is needed and harnesses the charisms that she can share. Even when she is no longer with the parish, the spirit of Mrs. Goloy is still very much felt by the parishioners. She has the capacity to enable persons in a community to work cooperatively with one another so

that the unique skills and qualities of one individual supplement, support and enhance the skills of the other in the group." And most of all, she did all this without counting the cost.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure and pride to present our Noblesse Oblige Service Awardee -Mrs. Gloria Garchitorena Goloy.

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