

An Interview with Arturo M. Lucio, AIA

By Jun Suela, ArchD.



Art Lucio at John A Burns School of Medicine, Kakaako

Born and raised in Navotas, Metro Manila, in the Philippines, Art had watched two of his cousins, who were attending architecture school, work on their design projects and got interested in architecture. He received his formal education at the University of Santo Thomas in Manila. He moved to Hawaii from Guam in 1977 with Lyn and two young kids to be close to his wife's family.

The recipient of FALEA's Most Outstanding Architect award in 1994 and former President of FALEA from 1998 to 1999, Art has specialized in the planning and design of healthcare for over 24 years. He worked on projects at Queen's Medical Center, Kuakini Medical Center, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, St. Francis Medical Center, Castle Medical Center, Hilo Medical Center, Wilcox Hospital, and The UH John A. Burns School of Medicine. Art is a member of the American Institute of Architects, the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health, the American Society of Healthcare Engineers, the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and FALEA. He is licensed in Hawaii and in the Philippines. (Continued on Page 5)

Helping Future Engineers

The Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) review class previously called Engineer-In-Training (EIT) has again entered an important and final phase of its distinguished history in helping FALEA's members and member-sponsored participants obtain their professional engineer's license in the State of Hawaii. This program, currently chaired by Jun Suela, is part of FALEA's Personal Development Committee whose goal is to plan and coordinate continuing education programs, technical seminars and field trips.

The class is currently held at Norman Wright Mechanical office, 94-449 Koaki Street, Waipahu, HI 96797 as part of the company's community service.

The review course, conducted every Saturday, started in January 29, 2005 and end in April 2, 2005 in time for the FE exam on the third week of April every year.

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EIT Review 2005 Attendees From left Allen Thomas, William Rapisura & Leandro Manding

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President's Message

After the Hale Koa Banquet last October 2004, the newly elected officers and directors pursued diligently the items in our calendar of events. The Christmas caroling, led by Suzie Agraan, was launched with the practice session at the Cruzata Residence at Waikele. Members' and friends' homes were visited by the carolers to bring the season's greetings and the celebration finally culminated with a Christmas Party in early December 2004 at St. Philomena's Church in Salt Lake. Food, fun, friendship and laughter were all served during the party.

The huli-huli fundraising event coupled with the Neal Blaisdell Park picnic held in late January 2005 was another fun event. The fundraising built funds for the scholarship and the picnic gave another opportunity for members and friends to interact. Once again, food, fun, friendship and laughter were served.

Our golf organizer, Dodi Velasco, has been busy too. Golf tournament at Ewa International was held in early December 2004, followed by a second tournament at Waikele Golf Course in early February 2005. The third tournament was held in early April 2005 at the Pearl Country Club. The next tournament will be held at Royal Kunia on June 5th.

The OSHA Construction Industry Outreach Safety and Health Course, jointly sponsored by Filcom Center and FALEA, was held early January 2005 at the Filcom Center in Waipahu conducted by our own Past President, Roger Urbi. This is a mandatory training requirement for all site safety officers in any federal and state contract. Attendees had to pass a written exam at the end of the course and certificates were awarded to the successful candidates.

The Engineer-In-Training (EIT) review started in late January 2005 and ended in early April 2005. This project is led by Jun Suela. Norman-Wright Mechanical Engineers in Waipahu has generously allowed us to use their facilities for the lectures and the FALEA lecturers were once again donating their precious time to help the reviewers.

On May 21, 2005, we will have our Festive May Get-Together at St. Philomena's Church, Parish Hall in Salt Lake. The main course for this event is FUN plus food, dance and friendship. This will be another event to bring FALEA members and friends together. Tickets for this event is sold at \$15 per person. For reservations, please contact any FALEA officer.

The Officers and Directors are truly committed to provide our members a well balanced organization, providing professional events as well as social. These events however, will never be successful without the help of our members and friends. Once again, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for your continued support

Mahalo,

Greg Garcia

FALEA President 2004-2005

I read somewhere that “Laughter is the Best Medicine.” I know that for a fact. For me, just an hour of watching a funny show on TV in the evening helps relieve my stress and always makes me feel better at the end of the day. I call it my “laughter therapy.”

Well, I can tell you that there are lots of opportunities to get laughter therapy when you come to a FALEA event. These events are always full of fun and, you guessed it, full of laughter. FALEAns really know how to have a good time, they can even laugh at themselves. The Spring Picnic/Fundraiser in January was a very good example. The games that the picnic coordinators cooked up were just hilarious! Anybody who was there can attest to that. Everybody was laughing so hard at one point, tears were rolling down their cheeks. We have to credit Suzie Agraan and Elvie Pineda for their innovative game ideas. See photos somewhere in this Newsletter.

Another family get-together is in the works. The May Fest is happening on May 21st from 4:00 to 10:00 pm. at the St. Philomena’s Church Hall in Salt Lake. There will be the usual fun and games, karaoke singing and dancing, and I am sure, lots of laughter again. I know you will all have a great time. You won’t be sorry that you went. Call Nap and Susie Agraan at 674-1561 for more information.

To all golf aficionados, the next FALEA Golf Tournament is on Sunday, June 5, at the Royal Kunia Country Club. Here’s another opportunity for relaxation and camaraderie. First tee time is at 12:30 pm. Dodi Velasco is coordinating this event.

As you can see, there’s never a dull moment if you are a FALEAn. So, if you have not signed up for membership yet, now is your chance to do so. You may contact any of the officers or directors to ask for a form. If you are still not convinced, go to our website at www.falea.org for more information about FALEA. We have to thank Joey Resurreccion for doing a great job of maintaining the website and keeping us all informed.

And don’t forget to support our latest fundraiser. Tickets to KFC’s “finger-licking good” chicken are only \$5.00 each, and will go a long way towards helping our future architects or engineers by way of college scholarships. It is not too late to call Elvie Pineda at 780-2858 to buy some of those tickets.

It is almost the end of Spring and school is almost out. It is time once again for summer vacation, which means trips and tours for a lot of us. So, have a great and safe summer. We hope to see you all at the next FALEA gathering for a dose of “laughter therapy.” More power to FALEA!!

Lyna Burian

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Spring Picnic Pics



What a great looking crew at the picnic...Say whiskey!!



Lyna orchestrating the 3 legged race....Did the girls win?



The Jun and Joey Lechon cutting team.



The Huli-Huli Chicken pick-up station....Nice table.



President Greg Garcia awarding golf tournament trophy's

Art Lucio Interview (cont.)

FALEA: Can you describe your firm's practice? How did you start at your present firm?

AL: *Architects Hawaii is a firm with a diversified practice that offers Architectural and Interior design services for healthcare, senior living, hospitality, judicial, retail, multi-family residential, high-rise condominium, luxury residential, and time-share development projects in Hawaii and Asia-Pacific Rim area. With more than 90 staff members, it is one of the largest architectural firms in the State. I joined Architects Hawaii in response to their ad for a Designer back in 1978. I moved up to the ranks from Designer to Project Designer, to Associate, to Senior Associate and finally, to Principal of the firm.*

FALEA: Did you work for other firms before joining Architects Hawaii?

AL: *Prior to joining Architects Hawaii, I worked for several firms including Carlos Arguelles Associates in Manila, Thomas J. Davis, Inc. in Guam, and Matsunaga and Associates (formerly Team Pacific) in Hawaii.*

FALEA: Did you have to wear many hats during the early part of your practice?

AL: *Yes. I worked as an intern Architect right after graduation for a former college professor to learn the technical side of the practice. During the early years, my interest leaned towards design. My experience on project management working with engineering consultants as well as with owners and clients helped me developed into a well rounded architect.*

FALEA: What has been the most gratifying part of your practice?

AL: *The most gratifying part of my practice is to be able to create designs that respond to the needs of its users and are aesthetically pleasing.*

FALEA: What has been the biggest challenge you have made in your practice?

AL: *Realizing that our professional development is a continuous process of learning, we need to have the flexibility to stay current and adapt to the changes in the practice of architecture.*

FALEA: How was your office able to overcome those challenges or obstacles?

AL: *The office puts emphasis on addressing the professional development of its staff through continuing education and mentoring programs.*

FALEA: What advice can you offer to young architects and soon to be architect?

AL: *Have a strong commitment and passion in the practice of your chosen profession. There will be hardships along the way but, think of them as challenges that will add excitement to the experience. Be persistent. We are not perfect and we are bound to make mistakes. The goal is to learn from them and not make the same mistakes again.*

FALEA: If you have to start all over again, would you do the same thing?

AL: *The fact that you earn a living for doing something you truly enjoy is a wonderful blessing. Yes... if given the chance, I will do the same thing all over again.*

FALEA: What factors influence your design?

AL: *There is beauty in simplicity. The form has to follow function.*

FALEA: Were there any particular architectural influences you have incorporated during the design of your projects?

AL: *It's Richard Meier's work. The simple lines and light airy look of his designs are pleasing to look at. The Getty's Museum and Crystal Cathedral in Los Angeles are good examples.*

Personal achievement, professional success and accomplished family life: this is the defining moment and true measure of Art's personal and professional career. If that description is a good indication of the fulfillment of his goals in life, don't be surprised if you will not get an exalted response from this talented and modest architect. Perhaps the truth lies in the photographs of Principals and Staff that are on display at the firm's lobby wall. The caption next to Art's photo reads: "The secret of joy in work is contained in one word – EXCELLENCE. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it." - Pearl S. Buck.

Sports Shorts



Golfers at Waikele golf tournament in February



FALEA Golfers with Clubhouse beyond.



Dodi Velasco with April Tournament Champ Charlie Ramos



NEXT!!! Golf Tournament

WHERE: Royal Kunia Country Club

WHEN: June 5th, 2005, 12:00 - 10:00PM

TEE TIME: 12:30PM

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FALEA Golfers at Pearl Country Club



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FALEA as an organization is fortunate and at the same time honored to have been able to tap talented volunteer lecturers from among its members and officers widely experienced in their own field since its inception in 1995. The likes of Greg Garcia, Emil Barroga, Nap Agraan, Manny Lanuevo, Joey Resurreccion, Frank Sapigao, Bernie Bernales, Edgar Salire, Tom & Nora See, Christopher Cachero, and Maritess Calad continue to volunteer their valuable time in teaching the required subjects for the FE exam. Hand in hand with our volunteer lecturers were numerous unnamed members working in the background in support of this program. The organization is greatly indebted to all these individuals for a job well done.



FALEA at the Filipino Parade

By Joey Resurreccion

FALEA once again joined the Filipino Fiesta Parade held on May 14, 2005. In their stark white shirts with FALEA's woven logo embedded on the upper right portion of the shirts, FALEAns walked through the streets of busy Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki from Fort DeRussy down to Kapiolani Park with heads high, marking the presence of a Filipino-American engineering and architectural organization in Hawaii. Different organizations and businesses have joined the annual event. As part of the celebration, the members, wearing their hard hats with different logos representing their respective companies, waved and smiled to the hundreds of fascinated tourists and friendly spectators, taking pride in the fact that Filipino-American engineers and architects also take part in strengthening the economy of Hawaii.

FALEA represented a group of individuals who help their fellow engineers and architects to achieve their goal of becoming licensed professionals in Hawaii with its free annual examination review and training classes. Additionally, the group also promotes unity and camaraderie among its members and friends through a lot of fun and learning activities, and encourages its members to broaden the FALEA network.

FALEA Birthday Celebrants for March & April:

Happy Birthday!

MARTIN, ANTONIO	03/05
RAPISURA, WILLIAM	03/08
AQUINO, ROLANDO S	03/09
AGRAAN, ZOSIMA	03/11
LORENZO, MELANIO	03/12
BELMES, HOLDEN J	03/13
BATACAN, ALBAN-CHARLES L	03/14
RAGMA, RAYMUNDO M.	03/15
ASUNCION, JONATHAN	03/15
RAZA, MARCELINO B.	03/16
SHOJI, MARITES	03/18
PARDILLO, JOSELITO C	03/19
DAR, JOE	03/19
ARQUINES, REYNATO O	03/21
LEGASPI, ANGELIE	03/24
SAOIT FELITO B.	03/31
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ANAGARAN, BENILDO T	04/04
TANGLAO, ROMMEL E	04/05
LABASAN, MARCELINO C	04/06
PAA, CARLOS L.	04/10
RAMOS, JOHN C	04/16
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Corazon Aquino - Political leader and president (1986-92) of the Philippines.



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