



# The President's Journal

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*"WE ARE LABORATORIANS. IN THE SERVICE OF THE PROFESSION AND OUR PATIENTS."*

## PAMET San Diego Chapter Updates

### PAMET Nevada Chapter Induction

PAMET Nevada held their induction of officers last March 10, 2018 at The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Congratulations to the New Incoming Officers led by President Mr Angel Mercado. The event was attended by PAMET NorCal, PAMET SoCal, PAMET San Diego and colleagues and friends from Las Vegas. Good Luck to PAMET Nevada from your PAMET Family.



Oath Taking of New Officers of PAMET Nevada



From L-R: PAMET NV Pres. Angel Mercado, PAMET USA President Dr Shirley Cruzada and PAMET San Diego Pres. Roger Lariosa



**“Helping Our Homeless”  
PAMET San Diego Chapter’s Charity Project  
Benefitting Father Joe’s Villages of San Diego**



PAMET San Diego officers packed toiletry items at BOD Lavenia Correa’s residence last January as a charity project to be donated to Father Joe’s Village to benefit our homeless brothers and sisters in San Diego. We know it will not be enough, but a simple act of kindness will create a big ripple effect. Thank you to all PAMET SD Officers and BOD’s.



Philippine Association of Medical Technologists – USA, Inc.

16<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention • 30<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary

*“Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future”*

August 2 to 5, 2018 | Hotel Elegante Conference & Event Center | Colorado Springs, CO

Hosted by: PAMET-USA Nebraska Chapter

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**



PAMET USA Inc. 16<sup>th</sup> National Convention and 30<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary will be held on August 2 to 5, 2018 at the Hotel Elegante Event Center Colorado Springs, CO. It will be hosted by PAMET USA and Nebraska Chapter. We invite all PAMET SD Members to experience this bi annual event to meet our PAMET Family Chapters from across USA. 2 day CE lectures will be available and the national executive meeting will discuss important issues, legislation updates and matters affecting our beloved profession. For details, please visit [www.pametusainc.org](http://www.pametusainc.org) or [www.pametsandiego.com](http://www.pametsandiego.com). For inquiries please email us at [pametsandiego@yahoo.com](mailto:pametsandiego@yahoo.com).



# A New Chapter Is Born



*From L-R: Carlo Ledesma (Founding President, PAMET Oklahoma) with PAMET San Diego Officers: Maple Cruz (Secretary), Miles Perez (VP) and Roger Lariosa (President) during the November 2017 PAMET SD*

## Welcome to the PAMET Family PAMET Oklahoma

PAMET San Diego Chapter would like to Congratulate PAMET Oklahoma and all of its founding officers lead by Mr. Carlo Ledesma. Mr Ledesma has been our symposium speaker for the last 2 years at our Annual CE Symposiums. He has been one of our best reviewed lecturers (by attendees) and widely respected by his colleagues and professional peers at Rose State College Oklahoma and in the community.

The official installation and induction of PAMET Oklahoma will be held on May 5, 2018 at the Atkinson Heritage Center in Midwest City, Ok. It will be attended by current PAMET USA President Dr Shirley Cruzada and other PAMET National Officers. PAMET San Diego would like to extend our warmest congratulations and greetings to Mr. Carlo Ledesma and his fellow officers. PAMET San Diego is proud of you and the whole PAMET Family is behind you.





## *Message from the President*

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all PAMET San Diego Chapter Members, Officers, Friends and Colleagues. It's been a fruitful 2017 for our chapter where we continued to fulfill our mission statement objectives to cater to the cause of our profession as CLS's and laboratorians. We have donated last year to nonprofit organizations in San Diego (American Heart Association, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, and American Diabetes Society). We had a very successful 7<sup>th</sup> CE Symposium last November 2017. It was very heartwarming to see all of you and our colleagues at LabCorp as we enjoyed learning, eating and having fun at the same time. As we enter the New Year, your PAMET San Diego Executive Board would like to continue our objectives. And we will discuss to have more meaningful projects for our members and for our community such as the following:

- *Donation of Toiletry items to Father Joe's Village for the homeless*
- *Reviving Membership ID's for PAMET SD active members*
- *Fundraising & Membership Drive with PAMET Members and Families*
- *Continue donation to nonprofit health organizations in the county*
- *Updating membership on state policies and legislations affecting our professions through the Clinical Laboratory Technology Advisory Committee (CLTAC), CA Dep't of Public Health*
- *8<sup>th</sup> Annual CE Symposium in Fall of 2018*

I would also like to inform and invite to PAMET USA's 16<sup>th</sup> National Convention on August 2-5 in Colorado Springs, CO. It will also offer 3 days of CE seminar and update the local state chapters of legislation proposals and changes, to discuss the position of PAMET USA on these issues. PAMET USA is actively partnering with ASCP to oppose and or support bills and legislation that may affect our profession. If you would like to attend and participate in the National Convention, visit [www.pametusainc.org](http://www.pametusainc.org) for registration details. It is good to be involved and updated.

Finally, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week is coming April 22 – 28, 2018. Let's all make this week special by showcasing our profession. Be Proud. Be Loud. No more behind the scenes. We are in the frontlines of healthcare. It's our time. We save lives one test at a time. We are Laboratorians.

Sincerely,

*Roger Mark M. Lariosa, RMT, CLS*

President

PAMET San Diego Chapter (2014 – 2019)