



## **NONIE BRIONES**

### **President 1989-1991**

How can one summarize the countless number of endeavors that Nonie had attained in the time that she has devoted to PAMET? How can one possibly capture all the behind the scene efforts she has dedicated to this organization?

Nonie, together with Dan Dominguez, were one of the key instrumental people in resurrecting the Filipino Medical Technologists of America (FMTA). Nonie was the key person in convincing the majority in the FMTA into becoming a chapter of PAMET -USA. On April 1, 1989. FMTA members voted to become a chapter of PAMET - USA, thereby to be renamed as PAMET Northern California. The PAMET fiesta, an event focused on the commemoration of our Filipino roots, customs and talents, strengthened everyone's resolve to volunteer their precious time for the organization.

Nonie spearheaded numerous leadership training seminars because she was all about developing leadership. The countless continuing education seminars as well as the constant interaction with the educators of the medical technology field as such Bill Bigler and Bill Argonza developed the communication skills of everyone.

On June 17, 1989 the first formal review class was offered. The innumerable newly licensed CLSs offered their time to proctor the review classes in hopes that their experiences would serve as an example for others to succeed. Nonie was also instrumental in the formation of the PAMET Southern California chapter as she connected with Aurie Vidad, her counterpart in Southern California. Nonie knew that a certain amount of fun had to be interjected into the equation; thus, Christmas balls and Hawaiian parties were organized as well as participation and involvement in the 2nd National Convention in New Jersey where a contingent of officers and members attended and represented PAMET Northern California chapter.

When Nonie was elected as the president-elect of PAMET-USA, PAMET Northern California was put in center stage to be one of the leaders in the national organization. Her method of grassroots campaigning proved very advantageous in putting PAMET Northern California in the position it holds in the clinical laboratory science community today. So many of the officers that Nonie has cultivated have been recognized in the clinical laboratory science arena in the Bay area. We who are left behind will continue the legacy Nonie has given to us.

**As a tribute;**

**Nonie Briones will always be remembered as a great leader, organizer, mentor and a good friend to all of us !!!**