

**RAMON G. LOPEZ, MD'66**  
**Most Outstanding Golden Jubilarian of the Year**

**Obstetrics and Gynecology**  
**Gynecologic Oncology**  
**Joliet, Illinois**



Ramon G. Lopez was born on January 17, 1942 to the late Edmundo R. Lopez, scion to the Rizal family of Calamba and Los Banos, Laguna and to Rufina Guzman of Manila. He is the great grandson of General Paciano Rizal and of Dona Narcisa Rizal. He is the great grandnephew of Dr. Jose Rizal.

Our awardee is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Santo Tomas, class 1966, after spending a year of medical –surgical internship at the US Air Force Clark Field Medical Center in Pampanga, where he was given the honor and privilege of ministering to the casualties coming directly from the battlefields at the time of escalation of the Vietnam War. After a brief stay at the UST Hospital, he went on to the United States for post graduate training. This commenced in 1967 as an Obstetrical-Gynecologic interne at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He segued on to finish a three year OB-GYN Residency at Sir William Osler’s- “The Father of Modern Medicine “- venerable and storied Philadelphia General Hospital followed by a two year Clinical Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship in 1973 at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York under the tutelage of Joseph Barlow, M.D. (formerly of Harvard Medical School and the Steven Piver, M.D. (formerly of Anderson Cancer Center, Texas). As a Senior Fellow, he was involved in the formulation and the implementation of pioneering chemo-therapeutic and surgical protocols in the treatment and management of Gynecologic malignancies, including that of radical and exenterative pelvic surgical procedures. After his training, he was given a Fellowship “Silver Cup Award” for excellence. He was the first Fellowship-trained Filipino in the sub-specialty of Gynecologic-Oncology. He had been a full time instructor, faculty member and lecturer at the School of Medicine of the State University at Buffalo, NY as well as a Staff member at the Cancer Institute. Along the way he had invented a surgical instrument – the “Laparoscopic Fan Device”- which was marketed by the Accurate Surgical and Scientific Instruments of Westbury, New York. He is Board Certified, Recertified, and a Diplomate and Fellow of the American Congress in Obstetrics and Gynecology. In 1980, he was elected into membership to the New York Academy of Sciences. Aside from his many “Top Doctors” and “Consumers” awards, he had become a member of the prestigious Society of Reconstructive Pelvic Surgeons in 1997. He started his private practice in 1976 in Joliet, Illinois where he was known for his compassion, dedication, knowledge and surgical skills and retired after 30 years. In 2005, a request was made by Greenville in Southern Illinois to start an OB-GYN practice in their rural community of about 9,000 people, he accepted the challenge and retired again in 2010. The practice he started as solo had burgeoned into a 2 fulltime OB-GYNs and 2 full time Nurse Practitioners. At present Dr. Lopez is a part time Clinic Specialist in OB-GYN at the Aunt Martha Health Clinics of Chicago. He is currently the immediate past president of the Philippine Medical association in Chicago (PMAC) . He is in the Board of Governors of the Economic and Cultural Endowment, Inc. (PEACE) based in Southern Illinois and a member of the UST Medical Alumni Association of America. He is involved in many charitable and socio-civic initiatives including his participation in numerous medical-surgical missions, the first one of which was in Calapan, Mindoro in 1964 as a third year medical student. In 2015, he coordinated and headed a PMAC sponsored medical mission to Tacloban, Leyte, followed immediately by a 153 person medical surgical-dental mission to Calamba Bay and Los Banos, Laguna. His most recent medical mission in January 2016 were in Olongapo, Zambales and Bangued, Abra.

Our awardee, Ramon, Lopez, M.D. considers it to be a great privilege to have been inspired by his teachers, professors, and classmates as he considers it to be a great honor to be a “Tomasinong Mangagamot”.