

April 24,2003

It was my first time in NAIA. I feel tense and had to hurry follow my fellow delegates through PAL airport. We checked in our luggage, and get our seats. I observe the stewardess give complete instructions safe. I prayed before we fly. I felt pain my ear because it is pressure high then. I feel my mind also fly because of long hours for travel. I feel different in my mind because of change time in USA and Philippines confuse morning and afternoon and night. Better, I sleep because of long time travel. After, hurry to leave ride arrive in airport of 3 places: San Francisco, Atlanta and Rochester. I feel I forget bring my value that is important to think what I have to change my life and become open-mind, learn new culture.

April 25,2003

My first time to see airport in SF, Atlanta and Rochester. Our deaf group was excited to take picture when I saw different foreigners taller than us. We ride again airplane for 1 hour. I feel wonder after we arrive in Rochester airport and we met Mary Lamb and Marybeth. I feel change life new environment and see beautiful place. We are excited to see places and take pictures. We ride shuttle bus and go to Radisson Hotel. We look for our partner in each room. After, we went to room and rest... we had lunch at the hotel with Mr. Sidney McQuay. We are happy to see him and talk with him. We remember him and ate a lot. It was delicious. After, I felt tired in mind because it is different time here. After I have rest I can have again energy and be strong, change my attitude and be confident, open-minded and learn new culture.

Then Joy & I oversleep but we don't know what time it is. It is 5:30 pm! We felt tired and slept. soundly But we continue to sleep until Joy heard a knock from Macky telling us it is 5:30pm. I was in deep sleep then she called me and I was surprised and panic, fast time but we must hurry to meet Mary Lamb. We feel ashamed. But Mary Lamb said it is ok but we ride in her car to NTID. We walked to EPB conference room. I was surprised that our group was already there. Joy and I saw different people from Asian Deaf Club and the PEN-International staff. I introduced myself to each person. I feel ashamed because I was late but we continued our dinner. I try to eat and taste delicious food. I felt confident and start to talk with Asian Deaf Club students and make new friends, even though they have different sign in ASL. After we went back to Radisson.

April 26,2003

I had time to think and reflect on what I am do and see many different places that are beautiful. How I look now and change my life to become more positive and good. It is easy to see nice place and see Eastman. I see many antiques that have been well preserved. And I admire good famous Eastman. I was always curious with how many popular heroes there are in Rochester. I have to learn many things about the history of Eastman. And we went around the place to different houses. We saw many museum and we saw many things about science and technology. I was amazed and excited to learn many different things about science. I watch many different planets and good visual but it is very dark because we watch the planets. We saw and walked around the place and went to the grocery. I saw many people who look friendly and smiled to each other. They were nice people so we took group picture and we agreed on what time to meet. They are responsible and respect us and are good friends with them. I realized that many popular have good collect preserve famous things antique. Now I understand what is the meaning of own symbol person tell share his biography. So that better I need to share with Deaf community to learn experience biography of important Deaf people who have special talents and attitudes of hard work to succeed.

April 27,2003

We waited for bus at 9:00 am but we just met Mary lamb and Marybeth and Minoru, and together went to Emmanuel Church of the Deaf. We visited the church which is Catholic and we saw the Deacon named Patrick . He is famous poet. We were happy to meet him and he welcomed us to sit and attend mass. I was amazed to see many old and young Deaf people attend mass. I observed that they look happy and peace, no disturbance from the hearing community. I felt relaxed and reflected on my mind to pray to God. After I realized my life must have change positive when I learn from Deaf community. But I saw one interpreter skilled who translated the Deacon's signs about God and many different things. When Deaf people use sign have message about good and bad news so that they pray and support them. We saw how they have peace and shook hands with old and young Deaf people, that is the American culture. We met lots of friends. We shared and talked about life. I think almost same Philippines have old & young Deaf people go to church. But we are mainstreamed with the hearing community church. They need to support and encourage Deaf people to become aware and easy to understand fellowship. After, we went to Niagara Falls. We were excited to see and ride boat and see rainbow and birds. I felt cool as the rain was falling and saw the birds happy and free. I love to watch rainbow and water falls. I know that it symbolize water as strong foundation. I felt less stressed when I feel satisfied and free to see the water. Why I noticed that most people know Niagara Falls because it is a nice place. I understand in my own way the meaning of Niagara Falls is good nature environment.

After we went to Hard Rock Cafe and we had dinner. And I have to share with Patrick about his life experiences. He studied and worked hard to support Deaf community church. I was amazed and felt good positive with his life. He is very pure Deaf and skilled with poetry and as Deacon. We felt happy to have met him and we easily became friends with us.

April 28,2003

I start to watch video about history of NTID. I became aware and watched their Multimedia presentation. They used map and many other things. After I saw it, wow! Dean Hurwitz look happy to see and meet the delegates and he gave us caps. I felt happy, it was a nice cap. I thanked all the staff of PEN-International. After we started walking and visited rooms and saw different tools. I learned many new technology in computer, and the professors talked about the use of technology. Deaf can do. I think that Deaf can do anything using hands to have skills. After we met Mr. Sidney for lunch in the canteen. We had a happy talk with Mr. Sidney. We shared and laughed and had fun, then we ordered our lunch. I felt full because we always had bread, fried potatoes, and fruits. I became heavier and I easily fall asleep. After we again visited another room OFT. I saw it and wow! Hard of hearing can make own eyeglasses. The professor showed us how step by step measure glass and process make eyeglasses and show technology many things. I was amazed to see how to use many things. After we went back to hotel. I felt tired because of walking everyday and doing trip in big place. I need to rest and sleep after we meet the group and have free time. I feel comfortable walking because it is cool weather and met Clarice to have dinner together in another canteen. We saw many foods in the canteen. I ate a lot and talked with Clarice about her own experience and shared about the American culture and way of study. She looks mature and serious with her study. She thought that I was a student. No, I told her. I am a faculty counselor. She was confused because I look young always with my group of students. I laughed and saw our group worried of heavy weight because we eat a lot after we become fat, checked our weights. I think it is impossible my weight increased! I laughed.

April 29,2003

I saw a big place called Clark Gymnasium, wow! I see almost the same place in the Philippines that have sports. Many foreigners walk pass me going different ways around RIT schools. I was curious with the library that have many research books. I like to know any books on Deaf culture and community, video, journal, etc. I admire that Joan have good example with picture from Deaf artists painters. I know clear what is the meaning of picture. Wow! I believe that deaf can have great skills with own hands,

can express own life. I observed that professor look smart and show computer press for books, wow! Technology is a good tool.

Our group met Dr. Jim and his wife and Bill and Mary Lamb. Together, we watched baseball. I was curious with baseball. Wow! Big place for baseball. I felt cold and hard to control. I noticed that time is 6:35 pm it is still light, not dark. I feel weird and still cold. I watched who the champion will be but we went home soon and rest.

April 30,2003

I observed that professors arrive on exact time and are responsible to talk with us and share experience in their work on many different topics. I learned from professors in Cultural Creative Studies, Employment Career and C-Print Demo. I feel really awed and curious about their own technology and how they use it to teach Deaf people together with their skills in sign language. Also, I became aware on how they support Deaf community needs. I always ask the professors to share and feedback how to solve with cultural creative studies and employment and C-Print. It is important to support Deaf people and learn more. I was really enthusiastic to learn things new. I realized it is important to be responsible and support faculty good idea to use learner-centered exposure and experience with internal and external community. After, we watched multimedia presentation of the pictures of the group through trip different places and our group delegates look funny and laugh and happy. We ask if they can share how their teaching strategies are. I feel it is the same in the Philippines, and we have teaching strategies own innovation for learner-centered. After we were excited to meet Asian Deaf club at Jillians. Wow! I never experience playing billiards and games before. It is my first try with billiards and Alice taught me how. I was really interested to play any game. I felt happy and enjoyed playing games. It was easy to forget stress of the whole day after I met many Asian Deaf Club members who look mature and have been good friends with us

May 1,2003

I felt panic and get clothes for Filipino costume that our group brought from the Philippines to be used in our presentation in NTID. I have to see Deaf group presentation and support the lecture process. I helped Deaf group presentation using FSL sign. I observed that Deaf group presentation feel nervous and panic after we arrive and check room and change clothes. We must hurry. Deaf group wear beautiful Filipino costumes. We started and met Dean Hurwitz and staff of PEN- International for lunch. I tried a different tasting salad. They saw our beautiful different Filipino costumes for our group presentation. I talked with Jim about many things and also Dean Hurwitz asked me if I am a student. I told him no and that I am a faculty because he thought I look young. I felt ashamed because I used formal dress that is why I looked nice. I said thank you to all the staff. After, we started our presentation and I felt nervous because I did not have enough practice introducing the dances so I tried to show confidence and explain the history about the dances on rice harvesting, romance, and the story of the

eagle. Wow! Our group looked brave and confident, and wide smile to show people. But I feel ashamed because I asked Tony where is fan? Karen felt confused so I looked and see in Theresa's bag and it was there. I gave her the fan for her dance. It was funny because they looked at me and laughed. I was happy and proud of our group who was good and confident and always smiled and gave out souvenirs to the NTID faculty, PEN-International staff and Asian Deaf Club members.

After I felt sweaty in my dress so I changed to feel cooler and met up with the Asian Deaf Club. I saw different people: African, American, Chinese, Korean, and other Asians. I talked with the Asian Deaf Club who led us to where we will get dishes cooked by different countries. Wow! They were delicious foods. We talked to Asians and we enjoy it, it was fun and made easy friends, laugh together, has cooperation. I felt happy to have new friends from Asia who are people, friendly and confident.

May 2,2003

I saw many old houses are preserved where rich people lived long ago. I saw different unique house designs. I was curious and saw different places inside and outside. Houses look like where rich people lived long time ago, we walked and traveled long to see different houses. Later I felt tired always see museum. After we tried to sit and saw many people wearing old fashion dress, have own skills with their hands and using tools. After we think what we do how good things have collect papers history. We read many bulletin. I watch and reflection how I have good observe with old and modern life better most of people visit tradition old life because they want to know good things preserve. I like to see visual arts how I have to spartial things. Sometime I try to join with group students and hearing faculty talk about it. We enjoy and see curious many different houses.

May 3,2003

I woke up early at 6:30 am. I had to arrange clothes in bag. Joy hurry to leave early. I told her to take care. She went to Washington. I felt it was almost time to go home now and prepared all things inside the box. After we went to airport and checked-in our bags. We ate at McDonald's then we waited for Jim and Mary Lamb and the PEN-International staff to give us the evaluation for the activities the past week. We answered all evaluation for the cultural exchange project. We will miss them and shared memories in life. We thanked them for supporting us. After, I observed that our group was crying because we will miss them. They touched us deeply and appreciate mostly with PEN-International. I thank all who supported us for this travel to many different places.

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