



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3800

Governor's Monthly Letter



My Dear Global Family of Rotary

This month of February we will celebrate World Understanding Month. It will coincide with the founding anniversary of Rotary International. For this month we have lined up several district activities which will start with the Third Mass Induction of New Members on February 5 at Club Filipino. On February 12 will be the District Valentines Party at Valle Verde Country Club at 6:00 pm. This will be followed by a very important District Service Project dubbed as "Operation We Care". We will again host the visiting surgeons and nurses and staff from Ohio, USA where they are scheduled to provide free surgical operations to about two hundred indigent patients from our district at Rizal Provincial Hospital at Morong, Rizal. This is a surgical mission supported by a Matching Grant. Our Project Chair is IPDG Rudy San Felipe while Project Coordinator is PP Tony Mateo and District Chair for Disease Prevention and Treatment is PP Alfred Lo. The week long surgical mission will start on February 13 and end on February 19. As part of the month long celebration, we will also have our Concern for the Elderly Project at Lualhati ng Maynila, Brgy. Parang, Marikina City on February 19, 2011 at 9:00 am. We will provide food and giveaways for the three hundred male and female senior citizen wards who are housed at the facility. Our host clubs are RC Ortigas Center and RC Marikina. District Chair for the event is PP Glo Cotoco of RC Ortigas Center. On February 19, 2011 at 11:00 am, we will also hold the District Chess Active Tournament at the Marikina Rotary Youth Center, Marikina City. This chess tournament is open to Rotarians and non-Rotarians as well. Awarding ceremonies will be on the same day at 5:00 pm.



The highlight of the celebration of the founding anniversary of Rotary will be the beaming activity at the Mall of Asia on February 23, 2011 at 6:00 pm. On this day and time, all of the ten Philippine districts will be represented at the Globe structure at the *rotonda* (circle) where Global Rotarians led by the Global District Governors from the ten districts will be there to light the globe structure with the End Polio Now campaign. Our own district committed to be there with One Hundred Global Rotarians. This is open to all our Global Rotarians who would like to witness this once in a lifetime event. For those who would like to join us, we will have a motorcade from San Juan City to Mall of Asia at around 3:30 pm. The Motorcade will be led by Zone 7 San Juan Zone headed by SAG Pilar Lee and GP Gina Sanchez of RC San Juan as lead club.

As we celebrate Rotary founding anniversary this month, we will also celebrate the highlights of our term this Rotary Year at DISCON 2011. This year's DISCON will take us back to EDSA Shangri-La Hotel on March 11 and 12, 2011. The Host Zone will be Marikina Zone and the lead club is my own home club, RC Marikina. Our DISCON Chairman LtG Fabi Cadiz and the various DISCON Committee Chairs and members are preparing hard for this grand event whose DISCON theme is taken from this year's battle cry, Bigger, Better and Bolder than ever. DISCON 2011 promises to be the best and grandest DISCON for this year. Let us all be there to celebrate all of our achievements. Allow me also to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for being a part of the almost a thousand pre-registered delegates and for all of your generous contributions and ad placements to DISCON 2011.

Lastly, we are overwhelmed by the outpouring of all forms of support that we are receiving from the clubs and the Rotarians when we went around to finish the mandatory Governor's Visits. For the first time in so many years, the Governor's visit to the clubs was done separately from the club inductions. It was a very rewarding experience and we are deeply honoured to have experienced the different brand of hospitality expressed by our clubs in the district. Our sincere appreciation to all our Global Presidents who led their clubs in welcoming our team.

Mabuhay ang RI District 3800. Mabuhay ang Global Family of Rotary.

Global Governor Virgilio "Jun" Farcon, Jr.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT



RC Malabon Highlands



RC Caloocan Silangan



RC Kalookan North



RC Marikina



RC Marikina Central



RC Marikina East



RC Cainta



RC Metro East Taytay



RC Rizal Centro



RC Ortigas Center



RC Pasig Sunrise



RC Greenhills



RC San Juan West



RC Wack Wack



GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT



RC Metro Valenzuela



RC Valenzuela East



RC Valenzuela West



RC Marikina West



RC Metro Marikina



RC San Mateo



RC Teresa



RC Tres Escalon Taytay



RC Mutya ng Pasig



RC San Juan



RC San Juan del Monte



RC San Juan Magilas



Valenzuela Zone InterCity Meeting



Babae, Ikaw ay Malaya!

RC ManPaSan launched its *Babae, Ikaw ay Malaya!* Project in 2 barangays in Cainta. RC ManPaSan is adopting 120 couples to empower them with accurate information and provide them with family planning supplies so they may have planned families. The project is from November 2010 to August 2011.



MidYear Review at Manila Polo Club hosted by RC Wack Wack

It's pleasing to note that this year's MidYear Review held at the Manila Polo Club last January 29, 2011 was well attended, with 155 registered participants from different Rotary clubs of District 3800. Clearly, RC Wack Wack (with all its officers, members, and spouses) has given its full support under the firm yet cheerful guidance of Pres. Jun Padre and PE Jo Vigden. And most especially, it is worthy to acknowledge our District Chairwoman PP Christy Barroga who impressed us with her composure despite the (understandably) extremely stressful job as she collected, computed and explained the midyear performance of the various clubs – definitely not easy tasks as revealed by DG Jun Farcon and admitted by PP Christy herself. Of course, it didn't hurt that she is backed by PP Nelson Aspe (who resolutely manned the Complain Desk).

But all these efforts are well-worth it since RCWW recognizes that hosting this year's MidYear Review is a *privilege*. As emphasized by DG Jun Farcon, the "Father of MidYear Review", this event is indeed one of the key events in the Rotary year. It marks the halfway point – encouraging everyone to pause for awhile to take stock of and give appreciation to our achievements thus far. We are greatly heartened by DG Jun Farcon's, District Chair PP Christy's, and PDG James Dee's commendations on the good efforts (especially the touching service projects) of the clubs in the first part of the Rotary year. Hopefully, in the process of looking back and assessing what we have accomplished so far, we may regain our strength and renew our resolve to proceed with our journey to stay true to building communities and bridging continents. Indeed, we do feel encouraged when DG Jun Farcon rallied everyone to continue doing better and even double our

efforts in the latter part of this Rotary year. This review benefits the clubs by preparing us for what is still ahead, and as discussed, what else still needs to be done - be it in our membership, club administration, service projects, public image, or in The Rotary Foundation. It reminds all clubs to conscientiously monitor our performances, making sure that it is holistic (tapping all the areas of Rotary) and aligned with the general theme of the Rotary year and the motto of Rotarians.

All the District Chairpersons: PP Jun Angeles, PDG Fabie Enriquez, PDG James Dee, PDG Mickey Ortigas, Jr. and PDG Mac Hermoso gave informative reports on the different committees they are handling. Everyone even had very interesting and inspiring messages to share, but one insight (which was stressed by PP Christy Barroga and echoed by PDG James Dee and PDG Mickey Ortigas, Jr.) truly worth noting was the idea of realigning our focus away from mere accumulation of points, but to offering real, heartfelt, and much-needed *service* to different people. After all, the Rotary motto is "Service Above Self." May we all continue with the rest of this year with true service. **Sec. Neslie Carol C. Tan, RC Wack Wack**



RI District 3800, headed by Ways and Means Chair PP Pope Solis, Finance Chair LtG Luz Cotoco and Family of Rotary Chair PP Jo Acebedo, held the movie premiere showing of *Yogi Bear* at SM Megamall Cinema 3 last January 22, 2011. More than 650 movie patrons watched the 3-D movie and also treated with free drinks, popcorn and donuts. This is a fundraising activity for DISCON 2011.



PalaRotary 2011 at Marikina Sports Park hosted by RC Tres Escalon Taytay

Higantes, kites, colorful banners and the eight different colors of the eight zones dotted the huge oval and skyline of the Marikina Sports Park last January 30, 2011 where the District 3800's PALAROTARY 2011 took place. The Rotary Club of Tres Escalon Taytay was the host of this year's event.

The day's festivities started with a holy mass, followed by the parade of the eight different zones with their own *higante* accompanied by the marching bands of Cainta and Marikina. The festive atmosphere was very contagious and the Rotarians and their families wholeheartedly joined in the revelry. The parade was followed by the welcome speech of PalaRotary 2011 Chairman IPP Steve Nieva and the message of the District Governor Jun Farcon. The PalaRotary torch was lighted by Tres Escalon's President Dong Callao and was passed over to LtG and Vice Mayor Fabi Cadiz. Then the torch was passed to all the SAGs of the different zones in a relay across the oval tracks and finally handed over to DG Jun for the final 100 meters run to the cauldron where he lighted the flame of PalaRotary 2011. It was the signal that started District 3800 PalaRotary 2011 and the governor formally announced the games open.

A bevy of beautiful Rotarians and spouses paraded in front of the judges for the Mrs. PalaRotary 2011 contest. The choice for a married Rotarian or spouse as the event's muse is a first for this annual event. The crown went to alluring Spouse Helen Buencamino of RC Mandaluyong Central. The cheerdance competition was a revelation as the different zones prepared exciting presentations. The competition was stiff but Zone 5 prevailed over the others.

The rest of the day was as exciting as the different zones battle it out valiantly for their team. The major games such as the track and field events were dominated by the team from Mandaluyong. In basketball, a new champion was born. Zone 4 garnered the crown this time. Second was Zone 6 and third

Zone 2. In mixed volleyball, Zone 5 defended their crown for the 3rd time.

Simultaneous with all these were kid's games and family games like tug-o-war, centipede race, sack race which were hotly contested by the different zones. There were other special contests like the best banner (Rizal) and best in uniform (Marikina). There were four entries in the kite flying contest but Zone 4 beat them all with their Rotary kite flying majestically in the air. The sight of those kites lends a whimsical quality to the event. Another first was the Jazz up the *Higantes* contest. The sight of those eight *higantes* decorated by the different zones added to the fiesta-like atmosphere of the event. Zone 6 outdid the others when they presented a demure and *dalagang Filipina higante* with a Rotary sash to boot.

The sun was merciless that day. It was scorching hot but the games are equally hotter and fiercer but in the end, Zone 5 prevailed. They were declared over-all champion with Zone 4 as second and Zone 8 third.

But that day wasn't only about winning the coveted plum. It was about Rotarians and their families, letting their hair down and fighting gallantly for their respective zones. It was about friends who were on different teams tugging on the rope with all their might, adversaries at first but patting each other's backs the next. It was a day where food was bountiful and sharing was the order of the day. It was all about team spirit, victorious yells and gracious acceptance of defeat. It was also having a beer under the moonlit night in the middle of the oval in very much cooler air with the Governor and other Rotarians from different zones reminiscing about the day's events. This time there was no competition, only camaraderie and some good laughs among fellow Rotarians. And THAT folks was PalaRotary 2011. **PP Doreen Concepcion, PalaRotary 2011 Co-Chair**



Rotary International
District 2680

DG Yoshihiro Shibata



Shoji YAMAMOTO
Team Leader

Member of Nishinomiya-Shukugawa RC
Married w/ no children, Birthday: 09.15.49
Profession: Language Education, Director of
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Norihiro OHMUKAI

Married w/ 1 son & 1 daughter, Birthday: 07.23.69
Profession: Supervisor (Counselor) in charge of
health and safety, and drug abuse prevention
education and teacher of mathematics, Hyogo
Prefecture Board of Education

Interest: Drug-abuse prevention education and rehabilitation; 1)
visit to schools and related facilities related to drug-abuse
prevention education, 2) research on educational system related
to drug-abuse problems.



Masato HIRANE

Married w/ 1 daughter, Birthday: 08.29.71
Profession: Firefighter engaged in rescue
operations for fire and traffic accident and enrolled
as a rescuer of the Japan Disaster Relief Team,
Amagasaki City Fire Department

Interest: 1) rescue operations in urban and natural disasters, 2)
urban disaster prevention, 3) international cooperation in rescue
operations, 4) National Disaster Coordinating Council and typical
urban fire station.



Satoshi HIJIKATA

Married w/ 2 daughters, Birthday: 01.03.78
Profession: Police Officer in charge of drugs and
guns, Hyogo Prefecture Police Department

Interest: drug abuse and gun control, urban crime;
1) PDEA, 2) Bureau of Customs, 3) NBI, 4) PNP Anti-illegal Drugs
Special Operations Task Force, 5) PNP Crime Laboratory, 6)
Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, 7) RTC, 8) New Bilibid
Prison, 9) Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, 10 Bureau of
Immigration Detention Center.



Kosuke YOSHIDA

Single, Birthday: 03.13.79
Profession: Police Officer in charge of urban crime
and Tagalog interpret for a Filipino, Hyogo
Prefecture Police Department

Interest: drug abuse, urban crime, CLE. The establishments
desired to visit: 1) those which are listed by Mr. Hijikata, 2) CLE
pilot schools.

Rotary International
District 3800

DG Virgilio G. Farcon, Jr.



Noel S. Flores
Entrepreneur
Team Leader



Noel is a Past President of the Rotary Club of
Marikina and a Rotarian since January 2002. He
is the Senior Assistant Governor for Marikina Zone and Chairman
of the District 3800 Handover and Induction Ceremonies for
Rotary year 2010-11. His passion for excellence and hard work
in Rotary and love for the game of golf reflects the same values
and enthusiasm he employs in his business interests.

Christine Joyce G. Ajoc
Anthropologist



Christine Joyce is formerly a faculty at
University of the Philippines. She has been
involved in various research and development
projects funded by national and international organizations. She
has a strong interest in globalization and indigenous people, and
has traveled extensively across the country to conduct
anthropological fieldwork.

Rosemary Victoria M. Atabug
Development Worker



Roma is a civil servant, development worker
and a child rights advocate. She enjoys traveling
to see new places, eating good food, watching
movies and learning about other cultures. She works at the
National Economic Development Authority as the Program
Manager for Country Program for Children.

Michael Joseph Diño
Informaticist/Researcher



Michael Joseph is one of the pioneers in
conducting virtual lab instruction in the Philippines.
As a multi-awarded researcher, he engages
himself in various quantitative and qualitative research projects
focusing on the integration of technology in health education
and transcultural studies. He enjoys watching movies and
reading books of different genres and even collects limited
editions. He plays online games during leisure times.

Ronel Jimenez
Mathematics Professor



Ronel engages himself in various physical
activities like biking and playing badminton. He is
also into singing pop and slow rock songs. These
things he does while he is not preoccupied with work as a
Mathematics instructor at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran in
Manila. He plans to investigate on collegiate students' anxiety
in Statistics as a research study to obtain his Masters Degree in
Applied Statistics.

Spouse Blog

by DGL Zeny Farcon



VISITS HERE AND THERE WITH THE GOVERNOR

I love to be with people, talk to them, listen to them, and learn from them. The past 6 months as District Governor's Lady gave me the opportunity to be with old and new acquaintances. Having been active in the district since 1993 and chaired the spouses committee for 4 times already, I have build up a bunch of fantastic friends in the different clubs. Some of these spouses are still very active in the district but some chose to be active in their club only. And so, I looked forward to seeing them again as we tour around the various clubs in northern and eastern part of Metro Manila and the entire province of Rizal.

I always go with DG Jun to his club visits whenever I can and when I am invited. As of this time, we had already gone to 79 clubs. The spouses of the clubs would always ask me where I would like to go and what I would like to do. I told them that we can simply chit-chat while the private conference and club assembly are going on. In many occasions, we just gathered around a table and shared many stories. Several presidents' spouses proudly told me that they are helping their president spouses. Many revealed that they have been very much involved in the preparation of the club bulletin since they are the ones taking and keeping the pictures. Others shared that they are now temporarily watching over the family business because they cannot be both absent in the management of their company. Another one told me that at times the family members especially the young children of the presidents have been complaining because Daddy is very busy with Rotary. They then explained to the kids that it is just temporary because Daddy is President for one year only.

For some clubs, they have prepared activities which required my presence. In RC Marikina Heights, I was requested to do storytelling for the children of a day care center. I borrowed a very big children's book from a friend who is a pre-school teacher. She advised me that the book has to be big so that the children would see the drawings as I tell them the story. Afterwards, we gave them school supplies such as pencils and papers. The kids entertained us with a very cute dance number.



In my home club, RC Marikina, the spouses brought me to a shoe factory which makes one of the best seller ladies shoes and is owned by PP Flor dela Paz. There I saw and learned how the shoes are assembled. The owners even gave me a pair of shoes.

At RC Marikina Hilltop, I joined the Rotarians and spouses when they donated bed sheets and pillow cases to Amang Rodriguez Medical Center. These linens bear the print of the Rotary seal and the theme logo, so, this in a way enhanced the public image of Rotary.

When we visited RC Caloocan, we watched the Christmas Flower Arrangement demo conducted by Spouse•Ludi Vistro who revealed her artistic talent in decorating. After the demo, they gave the spouses of the Governor's visiting team (me, Judy Rocamora and SAG Spouse Raquel Zamora) the finished products. I also learned that every spouse night, there is always a motif like Black & White, United Nations, Polka Dot, Checkered, Mooncake etc. I liked this because it creates excitement among the spouses and thus attendance is highest during spouse night.



At RC San Juan West, a new Rotaract Club was formed and the Rotaractors were present for their induction. As they waited for the club assembly to finish, I was asked to deliver an inspirational message to them because they are students of PUP of which I am an alumnus.

I also watched "Looney Tunes" cartoons with the kids of Brgy. San Antonio, Pasig together with the spouses of RC Wack Wack. I enjoyed it so much because I always loved watching cartoons up to now. After the film showing, I assisted the "Wackenian" spouses in feeding the children and in giving away loot bags.



It was truly a pleasure meeting the Rotarians and spouses up close and personal. We will forever treasure the wonderful memories of the Governor's visits. Gov Jun and I enjoyed the brand of hospitality shown by each club and thank them for the warm reception given to us.

Secretary's Reminder

by DS Tom Rocamora, Jr.



FEBRUARY is World Understanding Month. We also celebrate this month the 106th anniversary of Rotary. Let me share with you a news report about how this occasion will be celebrated by Rotary International.

Rotary International will join Sanofi Pasteur, a leading provider of polio vaccine, in ringing the opening bell in four financial markets in Europe on 23 February, in honor of Rotary's 106th anniversary and in support of the a polio-free world. Representatives of the two organizations will take part in the openings in Lisbon, Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and New York. The stock exchange ceremonies represent the first time the bell will be rung for a single cause in all five markets.

Sanofi has contributed millions of doses of the oral polio vaccine to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, of which Rotary is the spearheading partner, along with the World Health Organization, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF. Since 1988, the company has donated 120 million doses of oral polio vaccine for the immunization of children in war-ravaged Angola, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Southern Sudan.

Throughout the week of 23 February, Rotary clubs and districts will also be illuminating iconic landmarks around the world with the End Polio Now message to raise awareness of Rotary's pledge to rid the world of the crippling disease. The landmarks included the Trevi Fountain in Rome; the parliament building in the Hague; the soccer stadium in Cape Town, South Africa; a gate at the Lantern Festival in Taiwan; Kanazawa Castle in Japan; the government building in Karachi; the planetarium in Seoul, Korea; **the Globe of the Mall of Asia in the Philippines** and the Charminar in Hyderabad, India.

You can also log on to the website of Rotary International and check out the list of the **106 ways to celebrate a Rotary Day**.

I. CLUB REMINDERS

1. Ensure timely submission of your duly accomplished SAR and remittance of payments for the second semester Semi Annual dues - US\$ 25.50 per member.
2. Remit payment for the second semester subscription to the Philippine Rotary Magazine - Php 270.00 per member.
3. Monthly club attendance report should be submitted to the District not later than 15 days from the last club meeting day for the month. The District Attendance Chair is IPP Paola Acebedo of RC Sampaguita Grace Park.
4. The February exchange rate for all transactions with Rotary International is Php 44.00 to 1 US\$.
5. President's Monthly Report (PMR) is to be submitted not later than the 15th of the following month. Also, submit two copies/ issues of your weekly bulletin together with your PMR.
6. All Global Presidents should ensure that all the new members inducted during the past months should be reported to RI using the member access so that they can be included in the roster of club membership.
7. All payments to The Rotary Foundation, either online or direct payment to the Philippine Consulting Office, should be reported to PDG Efren de Guzman to ensure updated information.
8. Registration to the DISCON 2011 is ongoing. We are requesting that Rotarians register before the DISCON to avail of the discounted rates being offered by the committee.

II. DISTRICT EVENTS / ACTIVITIES - FEBRUARY to MARCH 2011

Event / Activity, Date / Time, Venue

1. **Presidents Breakfast Meeting** - Feb. 5, 2011, Saturday, 7:30 AM
Club Filipino, San Juan.
2. **Third Mass Induction** - Feb. 5, 2011, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Club Filipino, San Juan, hosted by Pasig Zone Rotary Clubs.
3. **District Valentines Party** - Feb. 12, 2011, Saturday, 6:00 PM, Valle Verde Country Club hosted by RC Marikina Heights. Chair: PP Jo Bernabe.
4. **Operation We Care Surgical Mission** - Rizal Provincial Hospital, Morong, Rizal hosted by RC Lakeshore Rizal & 7 other Rizal Rotary clubs. Chair: IPDG Rudy San Felipe.
5. **Concern for the Elderly** - Feb. 19, 2011, Saturday, 8:30 AM, Home for the Aged, Marikina hosted by RC Ortigas Center. Chair: PP Glo Cotoco.
6. **District Chess Tournament** - Feb. 19, 2011, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Marikina Youth Center, hosted by RC Marikina. Chair: PP Dante Verano.
7. **Rotary Beaming Activity** - Feb. 23, 2011, Wednesday, Mall of Asia Globe. Chair: PDG Mickey Ortigas, Jr..
8. **District Conference** - Mar. 11 & 12, 2011, EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, hosted by Marikina Zone Rotary Clubs. Chair: LtG Fabi Cadiz.
9. **2nd Leg Badminton Tournament** - Mar. 26, 2011, Saturday, 1:00 PM, chaired by SAG Bobby Zamora. Details to be announced later.

SPECIAL REMINDER TO ALL PARTICIPANTS TO THE GOVERNOR'S BALL: "Please reserve all Sundays from Jan. 15 except Jan. 30 until the DISCON as the practice dates for the Governor's Ball. Venue is Rizal High School Gym, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Details will be posted in the yahoogroup.