

RI District 3800 Tree Planting Project



Secretary's Reminder

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3800

Governor's Monthly Letter



The District 3800 Preserve Planet Earth Committee worked really as a team to come up with the excellent preparations for the Tree Planting Project last December 18, 2010 at the Palayan Ng Bayan, Brgy. Cuyambao, Tanay, Rizal. This was co-chaired by IPDG Rudy San Felipe who originally initiated the adoption of the site and fully supported by DG Jun Farcon under the advocacy of synergy and continuity. Other team members are: PP Jun Abellar of RC Marikina East, PP Manny Chua of RC Tanay, Rtn. Manny Adriano of RC Marikina Central and our NGO partner Executive Director Ramon Flores of the Gro A Forest Foundation.

Together we explored having a tripartite MOA amongst the RI District 3800, Gro A Forest Foundation and the Rizal Provincial Government of the right to adopt initially 200 hectare area to plant trees of indigenous species, relived the bio-diversity of a tropical forest within a period of 25 years; further develop it into an Eco – Tourism Park. If we have animal zoo and ocean park for the fishes, why not a TREE ZOO! The same is now under the office of Rizal Department of Agriculture Head, Dr. Rey Bonita.

Highlights:

1. The identification of a **permanent area for Rotary's yearly tree planting** activities at the Palayan Ng Bayan, Brgy. Cuyambao, Tanay, Rizal.
2. The suggestion of making the **4th Saturday of July as the District 3800 Tree Planting day every year** as we call on all District Governors - Past and Future to support.
3. The launching of the **"Isang Daang Piso Para Sa Kalikasan"** per Rotarian fund solicitation to take care of the expenses for the procuring the tree seedlings and other underlying expenses.

4. The procurement of **2,000 indigenous tree seedlings**, 300 malunggay branches, the 1,000 mahogany and the 50 giant bamboo seedlings from PP Gener Dizon were proof of our commitment to the preservation of planet earth.
5. The participations of **Syngenco Philippines Corporation, Honda Philippines** which we can expand with the participation of others in fulfillment of their corporate social responsibility.
6. The tapping of the services of **Boy and Girl Scouts** in the tree planting instilling its importance with their young minds.
7. The participation of Ms. Earth Phils. 2010 Psyque O. Resus added luster and credibility.
8. There were about 350 Rotarians and guests who rode in 50 vehicles more or less for the caravan.
9. The media coverage particularly of TV 13 and UNTV created public awareness which enhanced the Public Image of Rotary.
10. As we look forward for all the clubs in the district to support this yearly project through actual tree planting and or their financial contributions.

The different species of trees we plant are like us Filipinos. We are indigenous to the Philippines and endemic to some provinces. We all are different, we have different practices and dialect, yet we complete one Philippines. We need to live and grow together for one purpose, to return life to the earth.

And Mother Earth will nurture us,... our children and their children. **PP Gener Dizon, District Preserve Planet Earth Chair**

HAPPY NEW ROTARY YEAR TO ALL! January is the Rotary Awareness Month. On this occasion, let me share with you the message of Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Foundation Trustee Chair.

"Awareness is an important part of The Rotary Foundation's work. It is important that members are aware of The Rotary Foundation Goals 2010-11; Polio Eradication; the Future Vision Plan; Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund. It is important to know that we are 1.2 millions Rotarians in approximately 200 countries or geographical regions. Also that we are divided in geographical zones, each of which has one or more regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinators and Rotary Foundation Alumni coordinators. Furthermore, that The Rotary Foundation finances are totally separate from those of Rotary International and that The Rotary Foundation has its own board of 15 trustees. Another part of The Rotary Foundation awareness is the sharing of information outside our organization. We are a group of leaders with superb network. It is time to let the world know about all the good things that we have accomplished over so many years. Rotarians have the opportunity to create - and must create - awareness regarding world problems and how they can be solved by Building Communities - Bridging Continents through Service Above Self."

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 January exchange rate for all transactions with Rotary International is Php 43.00 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. The deadline for members for them to be counted in the performance award is December 31, 2010.
7. Governor's visits are still ongoing. As initially advised, the presentation of the Rotary Clubs who are yet to be visited by the District Governor, should focus on achievement/performance of the club of its plans and programs for the last six months.
8. The survey sheet for the MidYear Review 2011 has just been released to all Global Presidents. The filled up forms should be submitted to the District Office at the Marikina Youth Center not later than **January 8, 2011**. The data will be used in the presentation by the respective Committee Chairperson during the review scheduled on **January 29, 2011**.
9. District Nominating Committee (DNC)
 - a. The guidelines for the District 3800 election for the DGN for the RY 2013-14 has already been released last September 15, 2010 by the Governor. The following are the key dates:
 - i. November 15, 2010 - Deadline for the submission of the club resolution or the eligibility of the club's nominee and nominee's acceptance.

- ii. **January 5, 2011 - Deadline for submission of official nomination**
- iii. January 8, 2011 - Notification of clubs of the composition of the DNC
- iv. January 17, 2011 - Convening of the DNC
- v. January 28, 2011 - Results of the DNC
- vi. **February 14, 2011 - Announcement of the unchallenged nominee**
- vii. June 30, 2011 - Submission of the name of the DGN to RI

II. DISTRICT EVENTS / ACTIVITIES - JANUARY to FEBRUARY 2011

- Event / Activity, Date / Time, Venue
1. **Movie Premier of 3D Animated Film Yogi Bear** - January 22, Saturday 3:00 PM, Cinema 3, SM Megamall.
 2. **MidYear Review** - January 29, 2011, Saturday, 1:00 PM, Manila Polo Club, hosted by RC Wack Wack.
 3. **PalaRotary** - January 30, 2011, Sunday, Marikina Sports Park, Marikina City, hosted by RC Tres Escalon Taytay.
 4. **Presidents Breakfast Meeting** - February 5, 2011, Saturday, 7:30 AM Club Filipino, San Juan.
 5. **Third Mass Induction** - February 5, 2011, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Club Filipino, San Juan, hosted by RC Pasig.
 6. **District Valentines Party** - February 12, 2011, Saturday, hosted by RC Marikina Heights.
 7. **Concern for the Elderly** - February 19, 2011, Saturday, 8:30 AM. Details to be announced later.
 8. **District Chess Tournament** - February 19, 2011, Saturday, 10:00 AM Marikina Youth Center, chaired by PP Dante Verano of RC Marikina.
 9. **2nd Leg Badminton Tournament** - February 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, Pasig City, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Details will be posted in the yahoo group."

My Dear Global Rotarians and Family of Rotary,

In our Rotary calendar, we celebrate this month of January the Rotary Awareness Month. This is a good opportunity to review and implement our public image projects and activities. This is also another opportunity to reach out to the deserving and qualified prospective members of our clubs. As we all know, the enhancement of the public image of Rotary is very much intertwined with our membership growth. Prospective members who are civic minded and patriotic citizens like us tend to look for an organization where they can grow and be happy. All we have to do now is show to them what Rotarians do best and are so passionate in doing, which is to build communities and bridge continents.

We have to capitalize on the good public image of Rotary as an international service organization of choice committed to uplift the lives of our fellow men, promote the worthiness of useful and recognized vocations and high ethical standards and united in the pursuit of world peace, goodwill and understanding through our network of committed and dedicated professionals and businessmen members.

As we begin the second semester of our Rotary Year, we have already so much to talk about as our gains. As I always remind our team members, let us not rest on our laurels yet because there are still a lot of things to be done. The familiar phrase, strike the iron when it is still hot is very much appropriate. Let us continue to serve and continue to grow and be what is expected of us to live by the tenets of the Four Way Test and practice our Rotary's Motto of Service Above Self.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate the performers for the first half of the Rotary Year. More than half of our clubs in our district did very well in terms of membership growth and support to The Rotary Foundation. We have already surpassed all records on the number of Rotarian givers to the Foundation. More than three fourths of our clubs have already earned the points to entitle them to a regular Presidential Citation. It is just a matter of time before we achieve our goal of having 100% Presidential Citation for all of the clubs in our district. Yes this is going to be difficult but it can be done and we will do this through team work and hard work. Let us set aside and ignore the issues that will divide us but rather we should rekindle and strengthen the team spirit that made us reach to where we are now. As your District Governor, I am committed to pursue our policy of one district, one family and one goal. Let us all unite and have this as our legacy to our district.

Let us all be proud that we are global Rotarians of District 3800. Go, Go, Global!

Mabuhay ang RI District 3800 at Mabuhay tayong lahat! I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Global Governor Virgilio "Jun" Farcon, Jr.





LET'S ROCK AND SERVE: RI District Christmas Party 2010

ROTARY IN ACTION: Christmas Gift Giving Around District 3800

The Rotarians of RI District 3800 celebrate Christmas with their spouses, friends, past district governors, led by DG Jun Farcon and his lady, Zeny at the Quezon City Sports Club on December 13, 2010, organized by the Rotary Club of Metro Valenzuela, with PopRock motif that relieved the popular old rock-and-roll music immortalized by the legendary icons Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, Madonna and the sensational Lady Gaga.

communities, underscoring the Rotarians' support to the humanitarian and tangible programs of The Rotary Foundation in Building Communities, Bridging Continents.

IPDG Rudy San Felipe, took advantage of the occasion to recognize clubs in the district with *Top Three (3) Highest Per Capita Annual Giving, 100% TRF Sustaining Members Club and Every Rotarian Every Year Club Award* during his year in service. RCs San Juan, San Juan North and Pasig, respectively, topped the year's per capita contribution. RC San Juan also made it to the EREY award along with RC Rizal Centro, as the latter club achieved 100% TRF Sustaining Member Club status. Each club were awarded Annual Programs Banner from The Rotary Foundation.

The affair turned out to be a gathering of Hollywood celebrities as a good majority of the Rotarians, including DG Jun and Spouse Zeny came in their best evening Elvis and MJ outfit for men, while the ladies done their blonde hair Madonna looks and Lady Gaga's daring shorts matched with boots that made hard for the judges to name the winners in the best in costumes title until late in the evening. Brothers PP Bobby and Pres. Teddy Boy Zamora, were named best in Elvis costume, while PP Luz Cotoco gamely showed her moonwalk move to capture the best in Michael Jackson costume. Spouses Lyn Natarlez and Weng Angeles were named the evening's Madonna and Lady Gagas, respectively for their material girl outfit and blonde hairdos. PDG Teddy Zamora and Spouse Mely Zamora, were given special prize for both coming in their Christmas dress.

A record 306 Rotarians and guests attended the party that made the occasion a resounding success. Over P50,000.00 worth of raffle prizes and giveaways were given away by the organizer for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to the subsidy provided by the good governor and his lady. This being a ticketed affair, a detailed statement of receipts and expenses was forwarded to the district office for information and record purposes for future reference.

The host RC Metro Valenzuela headed by GP Emil Aco and Event Chair PP Dave Santos, is more than glad and grateful for the opportunity to host the affair that fosters fellowship and camaraderie in service as we greet each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. **PP Dave Santos, District Christmas Party Chair**

DG Jun and Spouse Zeny, who came in MJ & LG respectively were not allowed to participate for obvious reason. Otherwise, the selection process for the best in costume award would have been more excitingly tougher.

In his Christmas message to the district, District Governor Jun Farcon championed the many things Rotary has done to the



RC Caloocan Silangan



RC Mandaluyong East



RC Downtown San Juan



RC Pasig East



RC Marikina North



RC Mandaluyong North



RC Wack Wack



RC Metro Cainta



RC Angono



RC Mutya ng Pasig



RC San Juan West



RC Cainta



RC Marikina



RC Marikina West



RC Greater Mandaluyong

