



My dear Rotary Family,

I have the confidence to tell you that we had a very good start in terms of preparation and trainings for RY 2010-2011. All our mandated RI trainings for the DTTS, PETS, DISTAS, Membership Seminar exceeded our expectations in terms of attendance, training experience and even great fellowship. We had so many firsts and we take pride in saying that we maintain the best traditions we have and at the same time, we were able to introduce innovations and they came out very remarkable. Our heartfelt thanks to the Training Committee headed by District Trainer, PDG Lina Aurelio and her team, LtG Willy Caballa, LtG Tom Rocamora, Jr., LtG Eric Ignacio, PP Bobby Rosadia and DGE Raffy Garcia III, and all the Event Chairs and the hardworking Committees which supported all our trainings.



Let me also express our heartfelt and sincere appreciation for all those who made our District Handover and Induction Ceremonies a resounding success. For the first time after several decades, we broke the tradition by wearing our formal *barong* and *filipiniana* during the handover and induction ceremonies. Many expressed their views that it is not possible and it has not been done before or at least the last time it was done was after a very long period of time. As it turned out, everybody came in their elegant formal attire and it was indeed an enchanted and glamorous evening. It was indeed a night of so many firsts and all the Rotarians and their spouses went home happy and fulfilled carrying with them the feelings of yes it can be done. This is another feather in the cap of the Global Team and my profound thanks to the Host Club, my own home club, RC Marikina. Let me thank also our Event Chair SAG Noel Flores, Event Adviser LtG Eric Ignacio and Global President Ronie Masangkay for their superb handling of the event.

Today, we start our journey in making the future of our clubs in our district *Bigger, Better and Bolder* than before. We gave the marching orders for the clubs to increase their numbers to accommodate qualified younger members and also female members, embark on service projects that are truly sustainable and come up with new and bolder ideas to make their clubs flexible, innovative, action oriented and enhance the public image of Rotary in their respective communities. All of these goals will be measured at the end of our term. Let us examine our clubs now and see how far we can go to make it bigger, better, bolder and the best club it can be. Remember, in Rotary, we always say *"the best is yet to be"*. I urge all the Rotarians and spouses to work hard and cooperate in the next months to come as we *"Build More Communities and Bridge More Continents"* all for the love of a great organization we call Rotary.

Global Governor Virgilio "Jun" Farcon, Jr.

We welcome all Rotarians to this new Rotary Year. We are finally off the ground after months of preparation and everybody is brimming with enthusiasm to ensure that RY 2010-2011 will be a tremendous year of service and fellowship worthy of its theme *"Building Communities, Bridging Continents"*.

I enjoin everybody to check out this page every issue for important information and reminders that you may need for the next 12 months.

I. CLUB REMINDERS

1. Ensure timely submission of your duly accomplished SAR and remittance of payments for the first semester Semi Annual dues - US\$ 25.50 per member.
2. Remit payment for the first semester subscription to the Philippine Rotary Magazine - Php 270.00 / 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 the RC Sampaguita Grace Park.
4. The current exchange for all transactions with Rotary International is Php 45.00 to 1 US\$.
5. The District policy on the DSG and matching grants have already been released. Please submit your proposals not later than 30 July, 2010.
6. 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.
7. As planned, all club inductions should be held not later than 15 September 2010. Joint inductions are definitely encouraged.
8. Governor's visits will be scheduled after September 15. Coordinate with the undersigned for your dates. We will come out later with the guidelines for the governor's visit.
9. **Club Induction Guidelines:**
 - a. Coordinate with your respective Assistant Governor for the program .
 - b. Start the induction on time. All program participants should come early. The induction program time should not be more than 1:30 hours. Joint inductions should be around 2 hours.
 - c. In the interest of time, encourage congratulatory applause with standing ovation instead of the traditional handshakes. In the case of joint inductions, traditional handshakes are not allowed.
 - d. There will be no induction of new members as well as club awards during the program. Mass inductions for new members have already been scheduled by the district during the Rotary Year.

II. DISTRICT EVENTS / ACTIVITIES - JULY / AUGUST 2010

- Event / Activity, Date / Time, Venue**
1. **Global Team 1st Breakfast Meeting** - 10 July 2010, Saturday, 7:30 am, Club Filipino, handled by Zones 1 - 3.
 2. **TRF and WCS Seminar** - 24 July 2010, Saturday, 1:00 pm, Club Filipino, hosted by RC San Juan and RC Sampaguita Grace Park.
 3. **First Mass Induction of New Members** - 7 August 2010, 2:00 pm, Club Filipino, hosted by RC Marikina West.
 4. **Duckpin Bowling Tournament Opening** - 8 August 2010, 8:00 am, Market Place, Mandaluyong City, hosted by RC Taytay.

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PRE-DISTAS SPOUSES ORIENTATION Then DGEL Zeny deemed it important to have an orientation of the Spouses of the Global Presidents, Assistant Governors (AGs) and Senior Assistant Governors (SAGs). And so, she called these spouses at what she called the Pre-DISTAS Spouses Orientation last April 10, 2010 at the Marikina Rotary Youth Center. In the morning assembly, the Role of SAG and AG Spouses were discussed by PDGL Pam De Guzman, while the Role of the Presidents' Spouses were tackled by PDGL Mely Zamora in the afternoon session. Then in both sessions, Spouse Eyra Umali of RC Marikina Central, who is a professional Human Resource practitioner, held a leadership and team building exercises for the two groups of spouses.

DISTAS 2010 At the District Assembly held last April 24, 2010 at Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila, a Spouses Program was held featuring topics on Wellness and Personality Improvement. The first speaker was Ms. Cory Quirino who suggested that we avoid "negative programming" by feeding ourselves with healthy foods, positive thoughts and surrounding ourselves with lots of happy people. The program was also an opportunity to bond and familiarize with fellow global spouses. The other speaker was Ms. Clem Poblete who discussed ways to create an impressive image by observing propriety at all times, developing our own personal and signature style, aiming for a polished appearance and enhancing one's assets. An actual make-over was also demonstrated by international hair and make-up artist Mr. Geno Padilla. During the fellowship night, the spouses don their international costumes as they joined the "Parade of Costumes" and the "Unity Dance".

OFFICERS MEETING The GSExC and the Chairs of the various Working Committees have been meeting regularly (May 29 and June 22) to strategize on how to support Rotary in its activities and also to develop programs that will benefit the Spouses like inviting speakers to talk on interesting topics, educational field trip and team building.

DISTRICT HANDOVER & INDUCTION The District Handover and Induction Ceremonies 2010 saw for the first time the Rotarians and Spouses in their Filipiniana attire. It was truly an elegant evening making the event a very formal and solemn one. It was the induction of the 1st ever New Generation Governor Jun Farcon and the District Officers including the GSExC and Spouses Working Committees.

The Spouses participation in the District for RY 2010-2011 will be promoted by the group GSExC which stands for Global Spouses Executive Committee. Overall Chair is District Governor's Lady Zeny Farcon. Just like in the past, the Spouses attend Rotary activities as their way of showing support to their beloved Rotarians.

PRE-PETS Its very first fellowship was during the Pre-PETS last November 7, 2009 at the CVJ Clubhouse in Marikina. The Presidents Spouses were given a glimpse of their role by resource persons who discussed topics like Basics of Rotary, Getting Involved and Being Active and the personal experiences of three (3) past presidents spouses. During the fellowship portion, the spouses joined their respective zones in the hilarious game "Zone Genius" where they have to answer questions like the full name of Manny Paquiao, the name of the crashed plane of Pres. Magsaysay, the birthplace of DGL Zeny. There was also line dancing where both spouses and Rotarians hit the dance floor. In this first gathering, it was evident that this group of Global Presidents and Spouses were fond of dancing.



DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANNING Last February 7, 2010, the GSExC was invited by then DGE Jun Farcon to join the District Strategic Planning. It was here when the GSExC discussed the plans and activities to be undertaken for 2010-2011. They also joined the Rotarians in a team building activity where they put up a building using spaghetti sticks and marshmallows.

DISCON BREAKFAST MEETING At the DISCON last March 12, 2010, the Global Spouses came with the Rotarians to the Joint Visionary and Global Team Breakfast Meeting at the Centennial Hall of the Manila Hotel. This was hosted by Global Governor Jun Farcon and Visionary Governor Rudy San Felipe.



District Handover and Induction Ceremonies



Global Presidents with Global Governor Jun Farcon, Lady Zeny and District Trainer PDG Lina Aurelio during the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar at Kimberly Hotel, Tagaytay City.



TRAINING SESSIONS

Pre-PETS - held at the CVJ Clubhouse, Marikina City on November 7, 2009 hosted by Global Governor Virgilio "Jun" Farcon, Jr. (1)

Strategic Planning - held at the Marikina Rotary Youth Center, Marikina City on February 6, 2010 hosted by Global Governor Virgilio "Jun" Farcon, Jr. (2)

District Team Training Seminar - held at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila, Quezon City on February 27, 2010 hosted by Global Governor Virgilio "Jun" Farcon, Jr. (3)

Presidents-Elect Training Seminar 2010 - held at Hotel Kimberly, Tagaytay City on March 21-22, 2010. This seminar was hosted by the Rotary Club of San Juan North chaired by PP Pablito "Lito" Bermudo. A Hawaiian inspired fellowship followed after the first day session. (4 & 5)

District Assembly 2010 - held at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila, Quezon City on April 24, 2010 with 830 delegates. This assembly was hosted by the Rotary Club of Marikina North chaired by PP Deogracias "Deo" Salumbides. An International Fellowship Night followed the whole day training. (6 & 7)

Membership Seminar Plus - held at the Valle Verde Country Club on May 22, 2010. This was hosted by the Rotary Club of Marikina East chaired by PP Alfredo "Jun" Abellar, Jr. (8)

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International Assembly 2010 - January 18-24, 2010 at San Diego, California, USA (A, B & C); **Rotary Institute Manila 2009** - November 27-29, 2009 at the Dusit Thani Manila, Makati City (D); and **RI President Ray Klinginsmith's Visit to the Philippines** - February 10-14, 2009 (E)

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