

Secretary's Reminder

by DS Tom Rocamora, Jr.



Governor's Monthly Letter

June 25, 2011

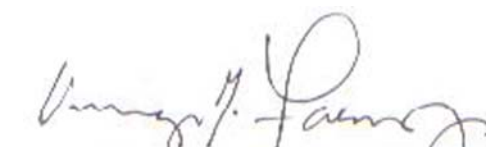


My Dear Global Presidents and Family of Rotary,

We are very pleased to announce that we are about to finish one of the most tiring, exhausting and exciting but definitely very productive, fulfilling and rewarding Rotary Year. The Journey of the Global Team is unprecedented in our history with so many firsts and record breaking achievements and awards not only for the clubs but also for the district as well. I need not say more since the records can speak for themselves. Let me just add that our district was recognized in so many ways at the Rotary International Web Site, The Rotarian Magazine and the Philippine Rotary Magazine. Our district was also featured in tri media, print, radio and television. We have increased our numbers for both membership and TRF contribution. We have set the trend and raise the bar of excellence and showed our Rotarians the way towards a bigger, better and bolder District 3800 without deviating from time honoured best practices and traditions.

In just a few days, we will turn over the district to the next team, the Majestic Team. As I always say, there is no success without succession. Let us all join hands in making sure that we will have a very smooth transition on July 2, 2011. I would like to thank IDG Rafael Garcia III for all his efforts and contributions during the Global Year. I wish him good luck and the best for his term and his team.

In behalf of Zeny and my family and the extended Global Team Family, we would like to thank all our Council of Governors, Global District Officers, Global Presidents, Global Rotarians and their respective spouses for giving us the opportunity to serve our district and Rotary. We will forever cherish the warm friendship and camaraderie and invaluable support of our team members and our Rotarians.


DG Virgilio "Jun" G. Farcon, Jr.
Global District Governor

PROGRAMME

PART I

- Call to Order
- Doxology
- National Anthem
- Introduction of Dignitaries and Roll Call of Participants
- Welcome Remarks
- Message
- Awarding Ceremonies
 - 1) Leadership Awards, Presidential Citations from Rotary International, Plaques for Host Clubs and Tokens for Global Presidents and Spouses
 - 2) Distinguished Service Awards for District Officers and Event Chairs
 - 3) Awards of Merit
 - a. New Generation Zone Coordinators
 - b. Voice of Our Youth Zone Coordinators
 - c. Most Outstanding Public Servants (MOPS) Zone Coordinators
 - d. Disaster Management Coordinators
 - e. District Marshalls
 - 4) The Rotary Foundation Awards
 - a. District Service Award
 - b. Highest in Per Capita
 - c. Highest in Gross Amount
 - d. Citation of Meritorious Service Award
- Induction of Honorary Member / Presentation of Major Donor (TRF)

DG Virgilio G. Farcon, Jr.
Marikina Zone 4 Choir
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DS Tomas B. Rocamora, Jr.
PP Raul C. Evangelista, *District Awards Night Chair*
DG Virgilio G. Farcon, Jr.

DINNER

PART II

- Singing of Global Theme Song
- Awarding
 - Spouses Executive and Working Committees
 - Presentation of District Governor's Lady Award
 - District and Rotary International Awards
- DGL Zenaida Y. Farcon
- DG Virgilio G. Farcon, Jr.
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- PP Roberto Antonio F. Rosadia
- DS Tomas B. Rocamora, Jr.
- LtG Jose Fabian I. Cadiz
- 1) Best Club Bulletins
- 2) Highest in Club Attendance Ratings
- 3) Most Outstanding Zone Projects
- 4) Most Outstanding Joint Projects
- 5) Best Cooperative Projects
- 6) Most Cooperative Rotary Clubs Giving Support to the District
- 7) Most Active in Sister Club Relationships – Local and Foreign
- 8) Most Outstanding Mother Clubs
- 9) Most Outstanding Assistant Governors
- 10) Most Outstanding Senior Assistant Governors
- 11) Most Outstanding District Officers
- 12) Distinguished Service Awards – Executive Committee
- 13) Servant Leader Awards
- 14) Paul Harris Award
- 15) Rotary Family of the Year Award
- 16) Presidential Citation with Distinction from Rotary International
- 17) Most Outstanding Rotary Clubs and Presidents
- 18) Significant Achievement Award
- 19) Presidential Citation for the District Governor from Rotary International

Closing Remarks
Adjournment
Song Number from the Global Presidents

Pres. Ma. Rita Carla R. Dejerer
DG Virgilio G. Farcon, Jr.

PART III – FELLOWSHIP AND RAFFLE AND VICTORY PARTY

PP Gregorio Y. Pacifico * PP Anthony N. Parungao * PP Ponciano T. Ubaldo, Jr.

Masters of Ceremonies

JUNE is Fellowship Month for Rotary. Fellowship and friendship are two of the cornerstones on which Rotary is built – two components of Rotarians' work that are indeed important. At any given meeting, one can only do a certain amount of work during the time allocated for the actual meeting. An equal amount of work is done during coffee breaks, luncheons, dinners, or over a drink in the bar. These opportunities make it possible to get to know the person – or see the face – behind all the e-mails and the phone calls.

As we celebrate the Fellowship Month and as we end our term as District Officers for the Rotary Year 2010 – 2011, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Rotarians and spouses I had the chance of interacting with and whose friendships I have truly enjoyed over the past months. I must admit that I was very hesitant to take over the responsibility of a District Secretary when it was offered to me by DG Jun knowing fully well that it will be very difficult balancing its demands and that of my regular job responsibility. But now, looking back, after more than a year of service to Rotary and to the district, I must say that the decision to be a part of the Global Team for this year was a very wise and personally satisfying move. My spouse Judy and myself immensely enjoyed the never ending service and fellowship activities with the Global Rotary Clubs members and spouses; a very good balance that is essentially the "Magic of Rotary". Our special thanks to all the Global Presidents and their spouses, whose cooperation and personal response to our call for action and support, lightened what was otherwise a backbreaking task. There were times when days seemed empty if there were no Rotary activities. Finally, it was really a pleasure and an honor for Judy and myself to be working with two committed and supportive couple - **DG Jun and DGL Zeny**. Their commitment to the ideals of Rotary, their passion for performance and their very creative and very personal interaction with the members of the Global Team, made this Rotary year.... truly, "A YEAR TO REMEMBER". Let us all continue to keep the spirit of the Global Team alive... **GO, GO, GLOBAL!!!!**

I. CLUB REMINDERS

1. The June exchange rate for all transactions with Rotary International is still at Php 44.00 to 1 US\$.

II. DISTRICT EVENTS / ACTIVITIES - JUNE 2011 onwards

Event / Activity, Date / Time, Venue

1. **TRF / WCS Seminar**
June 18, 2011, Saturday, 1:00 PM; Club Filipino
Hosted by RCs Mandaluyong and Rizal Centro
2. **District Awards Night**
June 25, 2011, Saturday, 4:00 PM; Crowne Plaza Hotel
Hosted by RC Metro Marikina
3. **District Handover**
July 2, 2011, Saturday; World Trade Center, Pasay City
Hosted by RC Pasig

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LAUNCHING OF THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT

April 28, 2011 dawned hot and sunny. It was a beautiful day for the formal launching of the MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROJECT entitled "Libreng Hepa B Screening Para Sa Mga Buntis" and "Libreng Bakuna ng Hepa B Injection Para Sa Mga Bata Edad 1 Buwan – 11 Buwan". This project was a collaboration among RC Yongin-Jookjeon of District 3600 Korea, RC Marikina and the Global Spouses, in cooperation with the City of Marikina. As evinced by the title, this project was two-fold: 1) pregnant women were to be given Hepa B screening and tetanus toxoid; and 2) infants ages 1 month to 11 months were to be given Hepa B vaccination.

8:00 AM at the Malanday Covered Court in Malanday, Marikina saw the arrival of pregnant mothers, and mothers with infants. Our intrepid Global Spouses, led by Judy Rocamora and Liny Sy, started off by hosting bingo games, a pastime which thrilled the mothers no end as they looked forward to winning the prize money donated by the Spouses. The Global Spouses, being mothers themselves, shared experiences of their own pregnancies, gave tips on how to take good care of their children, and gently advised on how to avoid pregnancies using natural methods.

They first paid a courtesy call to the Marikina City Mayor, PE Del de Guzman, to express their gratitude in allowing them to hold this project in Marikina. Accompanied by Mayor PE Del de Guzman and Vice Mayor PP Fabi Cadiz, they proceeded to the Amang Rodriguez Medical Center, where they visited the nursery and witnessed the vaccination of the newborns with Hepa B and BCG.



When the entourage arrived, they were warmly welcomed by the mothers, infants, Rotarians and Global Spouses. A short program ensued: Everyone was welcomed by RC Marikina ASec. Dr. Val Barcinal (Marikina Valley Medical Society President). Short messages were delivered by Mayor PE Del de Guzman, Pres. Ronie Masangkay, RC Yongin-Jookjeon Pres. Sung Kyu Jung, and Global Governor Jun Farcon. In her Closing Remarks, Sp. Raquel Zamora expressed the gratitude of the Global Spouses to the RC Yongin-Jookjeon, the RC Marikina and the City of Marikina for making this dream of DGL Zeny possible.

As the mothers and infants were undergoing the screenings and vaccinations, the Koreans went around the covered court, taking pictures to bring back and show their club. They were impressed and touched as they took note of how their contributions were being put to use in caring for the mothers and infants. As a parting gift, they distributed 3 boxes of colored pencils to the children.

In spite of the heat, it was heartwarming to note the broad smiles on the faces of everyone present, and to feel that warm glow, knowing that once again, the Rotarians and their spouses had made a difference in other people's lives. **Sps. Judy Rocamora, Liny Sy and Lin Liboro**

"LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL..... IN NEW ORLEANS"

This is not the first time that we attended a Rotary International Convention. We have been to other conventions like the one held in Glasgow, Scotland in 1997, Los Angeles in 2008 and Birmingham in 2009. I have to admit that among the conventions we attended, it was the New Orleans International Convention which had been the most exciting and we felt this even before we left for the trip. This was because we will witness what will be the first in the history of Philippine Rotary (not only our district). Yes indeed, for the first time, our district will be featured in an International Convention because of the Global Music Video requested by no less than RI Pres Ray Klinginsmith to be played at the third plenary session. At first, I can't really imagine how it will be done but when I saw the New Orleans Convention Program about two weeks before the actual convention, it really gave me the chill and "kilig" simply because the name of our district, my name and the name of my home club RC Marikina were printed in the program.

We left for New Orleans on May 20 and arrived on the same day in the evening after a gruelling and tiring 24-hour trip. The weather was humid and hot and it would seem that it was even hotter than Manila. The delegates started to arrive and we converged at the Friendship Hall where we even had the chance to be included in the promo video for the House of Friendship. If you want to see this amazing video, just go to the RI website and search the House of Friendship under New Orleans. The opening ceremony on May 22 was just done in one seating. The convention hall was so big that at that time there were two other big simultaneous conventions at the venue, Ernest H. Morial Convention Center.

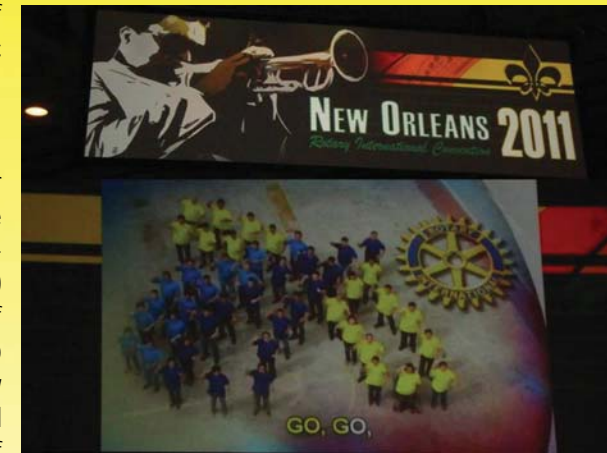
There were a total of 30 registered delegates listed from our district. We saw most of them in New Orleans but because the convention center was so huge, we did not see some of the delegates but we know that they attended because they were reported to us as present in the convention. We were hoping that we can meet all of our delegates at the dinner I will be hosting at the Harrah's Casino on May 24. This was the day that the music video will be played so it will be a sort of thanksgiving dinner.

Joining us in attending the Asia Breakfast on May 23, 2011 at the Hilton Riverside were PDG Edi Chua C. K. and Lady Betty, PDG Ruf Luna and Lady Baby, PDG Tony Co and Lady CP Marilou, PDG James Dee and Lady Elena, DGE Lirio Sandoval and Lady Glo, Global Presidents Chito Barraza and daughter Rotarian Melissa, Chay Pagdilao and Ricky Villareal and Spouse Baby, PP Nelson Aspe and Spouse Mila, PP Rene Pineda and Spouse Angie, PP Alex Sotto and Spouse Janet among others. My special thanks to those who agreed to serve as ushers and usherettes during the Asia Breakfast namely: Global Presidents Chito Barraza, Chay Pagdilao and Ricky Villareal and Spouse Baby, PP Nelson Aspe and Spouse Mila, PP Rene Pineda ad Spouse Angie. It was a display of servant leadership at its best. By the way, for the first time also in the history of Asia Breakfast Fellowships, six (6) DGs and their ladies presented a dance medley called the Global Governor's Dance Medley. Borrowing the words of PDG James Dee, the performance was one of



the most applauded and we were "ganado" because we have RIPE Kalyan Banergee, RIPN Sakuji Tanaka, PRIP Mat Caparas, PRIP Bill Boyd, PRIP Bitchai Rattakul, incumbent RI Directors and TRF Trustees and other senior Rotary leaders in attendance. Zeny and I have been dancing always at the Asia Breakfast like in LA and Birmingham but it was the first time that we did it with all incumbent DGs and their ladies. You can imagine how hard it was to practice when you have DGs coming from different parts of the country like Zamboanga, Cebu and Batangas and Metro Manila.

Then came the most awaited day of the convention when the global music video will be played on May 24 at around 2:55 PM. It was also the plenary session where Bill Gates was the main speaker. We arrived just in time to join other members of our district and we were seated in two adjoining rows. It was a jam-packed crowd with around 18,000 delegates. There was a mixed feeling of happiness and nervousness because to be honest about it, we have no idea how and when it will be played. When I heard the very beautiful and exciting opening of the global music video and saw at the giant screens, strategically positioned all over the plenary hall, the faces of the global presidents from District 3800 and of course, my face and that of DGL Zeny, we practically jumped and screamed with joy. Once the video started to roll, we immediately recognized the beautiful lyrics and the famous song arranged for us by Rtn. Raffy Amaranto. All the foreign delegates who were seated with us also stood up to sing the district theme song. It was rhapsody, ecstasy and harmony all in one at that time. I said to myself, this is our gift to Rotary International and RI is now recognizing us by sharing it to the rest of the world.



After the end of the plenary session, we went at the front of the stage to see RI Pres. Ray Klinginsmith and his wife Judie. When he saw me and Zeny, he was so happy and he even thanked me for the Global Music Video. At the back of my mind, I should be thanking him for giving our district the opportunity to shine and be placed at the map of Rotary International as one of those listed among the achievers for this year. Thereafter, we went to Harrah's Casino for the traditional blowout by the DG for those attending the convention. We were 19 all in all and it was a fellowship of a different kind because we were all in New Orleans celebrating the wonderful experience of being very proud Global Pinoy Rotarians.

The closing ceremonies reminded us that we will soon pack up and leave New Orleans but one thing we can't forget was the bonding and fellowship that we had in attending the convention including of course those fellowships outside the convention like the famous Bourbon St. at the French Quarter. There were so many stories to tell and experiences and memories to cherish but the best of them all was the feeling that we were there when it all happened. We praise and thank God for he has really been good to all of us. **DG Jun Farcon and Lady Zeny**

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP

When Zone 5 hosts a fellowship, it's sure to be a good time! The Global Team Fellowship, held last June 4, 2011 at Filinvest Executive Village in Cainta, Rizal, was the third of the series of the Global fellowships after almost a month after the hosting of Zones 3 and 4. It also became a welcome party for New Orleans RI Convention attendees from our District. Everyone was eager to see again friends, fellow Global Rotarians and our dear Governor Jun and Lady Zeny Farcon, which was reflected in the number of guests of more than 100.

I was honored to host the event with Global Pres. Dong Callao of RC Tres Escalon Taytay, whose comedic talent shone brighter than my fantastic red dress! While waiting for the program to start a slideshow of pictures of past fellowship and activities of the Global Team was presented. A live band also kept people entertained with lively music familiar to everyone and that made us all dance. Our audience, occasionally captive, was clearly distracted by the buffet of delicious Filipino dishes prepared by JMK Caterers owned by Global Pres. Jojo Pascua. Oh and if you missed the event, you also missed several raffle prizes given away that night provided by our generous donors. Thanks also to our kind sponsors for food and drinks, without your contribution we would have not had more than enough.



We had slideshows, speeches, film clips and the occasional song and dance numbers at the latter part of our fellowship and one of the highlights of the evening was the showing of the Global Team music video, proudly conceptualized and produced by Gov. Jun and Lady Zeny. This same video was featured in the recent Rotary International Convention and as a Global president, I am proud to be a part of this fantastic team.

Thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful evening: from the event venue staff to the organizing committee and to all the Global District Officers! Until the next fellowship! Go, Go Global! **Global Pres. Wit Bello, RC Cainta**



While the Global Spouses were entertaining the mothers and serving them Yakult and "goto", Global Governor Jun Farcon and DGL Zeny, along with RC Marikina Pres. Ronie Masangkay and a handful of other Rotarians, had gone to fetch the RC Yongin-Jookjeon Rotarians to attend the launching of this project. Two of the 6 Koreans had brought their spouses and 2 Rotakids to witness this launching.