



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3800

# Governor's Monthly Letter



## Secretary's Reminder

by DS Tom Rocamora, Jr.



### GLOBAL TEAM HOLD FELLOWSHIP

The Global Presidents' Fellowships started last May 7, 2011 after the last Global Presidents' Meeting that morning. It was held at Quezon City Sports Club from 7 pm till 12 mn. The aforementioned event was the brain idea of our Global Governor Jun Farcon and DGL Zeny. The main idea of Gov. Jun is to strengthen the fellowship of the global presidents to form a league and of course to visit the different zones through this kind of activity.

Zones 1 and 2 hosted the global team fellowship as worked by SAGs Jess Tan and Bobby Zamora who divided the labor to the AGs and Global Presidents. And of course the untiring support of the PDGs by giving financial support to the said zones and the presence of them during the fellowship was shown that night. We felt warm welcome through our district officers and generous PDGs.

First and foremost, despite of heavy rains of typhoon Bebang, 60 committed global Rotarians attended and participated that wonderful night through singing and dancing. After the laborious works made by the Global team Fellowship in 10 ½ months, then we have time to enjoy to the highest level. We started with Learn, Learn, Learn; Work, Work and Work but now FUN, FUN, FUN. We deserved it because of the numerous awards and recognitions received by our district. This only happened now in the history of the district to be No. 1 in TRF, Membership Growth and Retention, Presidential Citation with Distinction, almost 100 % club TRF giver and EREY. It was said by Gov. Jun when he conveyed his message that activity. Not only that, the global MTV theme song was played during the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. It means another triumphant victory of the Global Team. What can we ask for??? Indeed, we truly blessed by our Almighty Father.

A sumptuous dinner prepared by the host zones with fresh tuna, flowing of draft beers and liquors, raffle prizes were given by PDG Teddy Zamora and PDGL Mely and enjoyable game. That wonderful evening was full of surprises and discoveries such as Bon Jovi, Madonna,

Macho Dancers, Rock Stars group headed by Gov. Jun and Lady Zeny. Everybody performed to the max that night.

The global family is not only excellent in service projects but also in fellowship like showcasing talents of the district officers and global presidents. The master of ceremonies forcedly encouraged the zones to perform. As we emphasized that TEAMWORK MAKES DREAMS WORK and we are continuously building communities and bridging continents as we embrace and reach humanity. Watch out for the next series of fellowships. This is a never ending fellowship with joy and excitement. Go, Go, Global Family. It is only in the District 3800. **Global Pres. Rollz Maningas, RC Caloocan Silangan**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> GLOBAL TEAM FELLOWSHIP night, sponsored by Zones 4 and 3 was held last May 13 (Friday), at Las Veras Restaurant in Valenzuela City. Before the Rotary year began, the President's aim was to LEARN, LEARN, LEARN! However, during the Rotary Year itself, it was already WORK, WORK, WORK! After 10 months of continuous projects and busy schedule, this time it's definitely FUN, FUN, FUN! That's why most of them (Global Presidents) really enjoyed and swept the night away. There were a lot of food, live band, over flowing drinks, dancing, singing and a lot more. **Global Pres. Ronie Masangkay, RC Marikina**



The term of the Global Team is about to end and there is really a need for a more organized transition between the incumbent set of officers to the next one. The Global Presidents have the obligation to ensure that all the club documents are in order and that all accountabilities are settled before they leave their office. In the same way, they should also turn over unfinished businesses in order to guarantee continuity in the club leadership and services.

There has been a lot of commentaries in the yahoo groups regarding the "clean up" process of the membership roster being done within the club. Questions have been raised whether the "clean up" process should be done now or later. Lines have been drawn, so to speak, where one group is presumed to be trying to maintain the current membership list in order to ensure that team gets an award for membership growth; the other group, on the other hand, is said to be determined to reduce the number so that it will be easier to achieve its goals with having a smaller membership base to start with. The speculations sometimes are already "vicious" alluding to some personal motives by individuals.

I would like to repeat what DG Jun Farcon wrote to the Global Team last May 18, 2011 and I quote.... *"I wish to reiterate that clean up of membership is necessary to allow our records to be accurate. However, it has to be done properly and not haphazardly"*. He also said... *"Any decision to drop a member(s) from the members list other than voluntary resignation has to comply with the Manual of Procedures and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club. All efforts towards retention of club members should be exhausted following some recommended club procedures and practices"*.

I believe that the message is very clear. **LET US DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND LET US DO IT THE RIGHT WAY**. Let our commitment to retain our members be commensurate to the time and efforts that we gave to recruit them.

#### 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. Rotary Clubs without any subscription to the PRM or The Rotarian maybe terminated.
3. The May exchange rate for all transactions with Rotary International is still at Php 44.00 to 1 US\$.

#### II. DISTRICT EVENTS / ACTIVITIES - MAY 2011 onwards

Event / Activity, Date / Time, Venue

1. **District Membership Seminar**  
May 14, 2011, Saturday; Makati Sports Club, Makati  
Hosted by RC Marikina
2. **2<sup>nd</sup> Leg Badminton Tournament**  
May 28, 2011, Saturday, 8 AM - 5 PM; Club 650, Libis, QC  
Chaired by SAG Bobby Zamora

#### 3. TRF / WCS Seminar

June 18, 2011, Saturday, 1:00 PM; Club Filipino  
Hosted by RCs Mandaluyong and Rizal Centro

#### 4. District Awards Night

June 25, 2011, Saturday; Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila  
Hosted by RC Metro Marikina

#### III. CONTACT INFORMATION

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My Dear Global Presidents and Family of Rotary,

In our Rotary calendar, we do not celebrate any particular issue or topic for the month of May. We decided to delay the release of the GML for this month so that we can include the report of the District Governor on the outcome of the recently concluded New Orleans International Convention.

We really have a lot to thank God for blessing our district this Rotary year. At the start, we asked the global presidents to join us in leaving a legacy to our district. This is the production of the first ever music video which will be played during club inductions, governor's visits and district affairs. It took us three (3) days to shoot, three (3) location shootings, one day to record the voices and change costumes four (4) times. This was participated in by no less than your DG, DGL, fifty seven (57) Global Presidents and very talented Rotarian composer and musical arranger and other non Rotarians production staff. When it was finished, we presented it as a gift to the district, the legacy of the global team.

When the global music video was first shown at the District Handover last July 1, 2010, many of our Rotarians and friends from other districts gave high praises for this work of art and music. The quality of the music video was a reflection of the quality of work that our Rotarians can expect from the global year. It was a showcase of the talents and creativity of our Rotarians. We are truly proud of this legacy which other teams in the past have not done. When we were asked how we did it, we said the key really is you have to put your heart and mind to make this happen.

About a month ago, we received a letter from no less than RI President Ray Klinginsmith asking our permission to play the global music video at the New Orleans International Convention. We were elated and to be honest, it was something that you normally don't expect to happen in your Rotary life. Imagine the RI President appreciating the quality of our music video and commending our district for the talents and creativity in producing a work of art and music. Many of our Rotarians said that such honor was a vindication against those who showed scepticism but more than that, it was a blessing from God to our district to reward the global team for its hard work and dedication as Rotarians.



"Global Music Video as shown in the giant screen of the New Orleans International Convention"

Now it can be told, we did it and we made it in the hallmark of Rotary history. For the first time ever, our district was recognized and given the thunderous applause in an international convention for its music video that captured the hearts and minds of the 18,000 delegates coming from all over the world. Truly all of the Philippine Rotarians who were there to join us felt that we have shared something to the Rotary world. Our own delegation stood very proud that we are global Rotarians of District 3800. We are indeed blessed by God. We would like to share this honor and blessing to all our Rotarians and spouses and family members.

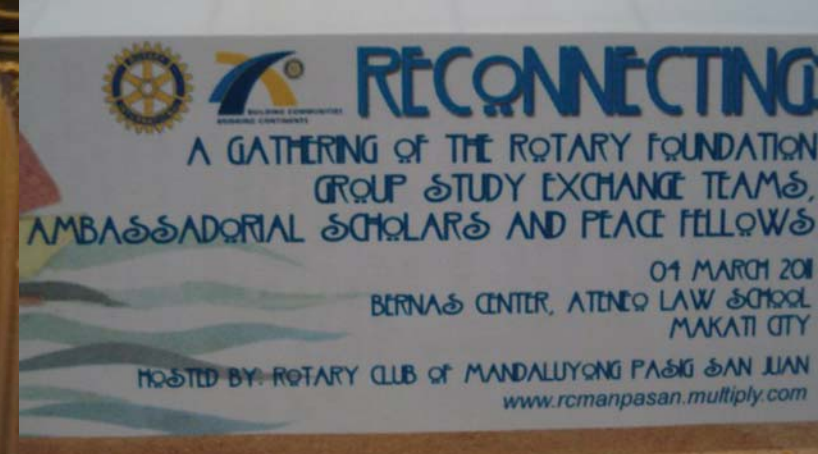
Finally, we would like to invite our district and club leaders in our last district activity for this global year, the Global Recognition and Awards Night to be hosted by RC Metro Marikina on June 25, 2011 at the Crown Plaza Galleria Hotel at 4:00 pm. This is a ticketed event and is open to all those who believed that it were truly a global year for all of us. This is a time to celebrate all our achievements.

Mabuhay ang RI District 3800 at Mabuhay tayong lahat.

Global Governor Virgilio "Jun" Farcon, Jr.

# Spouse Blog

by DGL Zeny Farcon



## LENTEN RECOLLECTION

Last April 19, a group of Rotarians, spouses and family members gathered at the Marikina Rotary Youth Center for a spiritual recollection sponsored by the Spouses Executive Committee. The program, emceed by Sp. Judy Rocamora, started at 7pm with an inspirational message from Gov. Jun Farcon. He emphasized that the activity was very timely as we all looked forward to celebrate a meaningful Holy Week. Sp. Tessie Tiu then introduced the Retreat Master, Fr. Clyde Cabuenas, a guest priest at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Makati, who guided us in our encounter with the Lord. Fr. Clyde opened his talk with a Gospel Reading. Divided into two parts his talk centered on the story of Zaccheus and the Tree, and the Samaritan Woman which reminded us of the importance of accepting Jesus into our lives and making use of our resources as we extend our generosity to help others.



Fr. Clyde Cabuenas

The recollection was blessed with the special appearance of Ms. Fatima Soriano, a Marian Devotee and a Healer, who shared with us her life story. Born blind, she embraced and accepted all trials and difficulties in her life graciously. Her faith in God is inspiring and as she rendered songs that really touched our hearts, we felt as if a little angel was with us that night. Fr. Clyde closed the Recollection with a prayer.



Ms. Fatima Soriano

DGL Zeny in her closing remarks thanked all the participants for answering the call of Jesus. She also thanked and recognized the spouses who assisted and prepared this recollection. Finally, while we were enjoying our delicious dinner and the different "kakanins", a documentary film about a Korean nun performing a miracle was shown on the video screen. This special encounter with the Lord was truly cherished by everyone. All 54 participants echoed that this encounter was relevant and timely for it inspired us all to do more and to do better as we serve others above and beyond ourselves. **Sp. Liny Sy & Sp. GingGing Santos**

## BREAKFAST MEETING

On May 7, 2011, the Global Team Spouses of District 3800 through the able leadership of DGL Zeny Farcon, gathered once again for the last Spouses' Breakfast Meeting. This was hosted by the Spouses of Zones 6, 7 and 8.

The first 8 spouses who registered as early as 6:30 am were given an "early bird" prize. Then, audio CDs of various artists were given as token for the first 50 spouses who arrived at the venue.

The Guest Speaker for the morning was Genelle Montemayor Gulmatico, a Police Chief Inspector (PCI) at Camp Crame, Quezon City. She is an expert in Women and Child Protection. PCI Gulmatico gave a comprehensive discussion of the topic assigned to her which was "Protecting Our Families and Our Properties". Her discussions included: Basic Guidance of Personal Security Measures, Security At Home/Residence, Vehicle Security, Travel Security, Security At Workplace, Children's Security, Telephone Threats And Text Threats. The spouses were very thankful to PCI Genelle for the many tips she gave to them because, now, they are even more conscious of their safety and security.



For the Meeting's "Energizer" activity, Sp. Eyra Umali called on Mr. David Montecillo, an advocate of Zhen Qigong System. He made the attendees experience Qigong by making everyone follow some movements. After 10-15 minutes of this exercise, everyone felt relieved of stress and had a happier disposition.

After the adjournment and the singing of the District Theme Song, the birthday celebrants for April, May and June were acknowledged and were given gifts by DGL Zeny. The Host Zones then gave away raffle prizes to all the spouses present as a way of appreciation for their attendance despite the very early call time. **Sp. Bing Vizcocho, RC Wack Wack**

## VOICE OF OUR YOUTH GRAND FINALS

The Grand Finals of the 11<sup>th</sup> National Impromptu Speaking Competition 2010 – 2011 was concluded last Feb. 11, 2011 at the PhilAm Life Auditorium, located at United Nations Avenue. A total of 20 outstanding high school students from public and private schools nationwide competed. They were chosen by the 10 Rotary Districts after undergoing intensive training and passing the eliminations and semi-final round given last October and November.

The Voice of Our Youth aims to improve the student's ability to construct a point of view on a chosen topic within a limited time. It enables the student to convey their messages to their audiences though the use of plain English language, moreover, this challenges the student's ability to think spontaneously about significant issues and to express himself simply and effectively with no dramatics.

All the finalists were given hotel accommodation a day before the competition at the Charter House located at Legaspi St., Makati City courtesy of Allied Bank. Only 1 companion was allowed to each contestant. All together they were briefed on the Rules and Procedures. The following day they were transported by an aircon bus to PhilAm Life Auditorium just before lunch to settle down and to get familiarized on the site of competition. The program was hosted by the Rotary Club of Bagong Bayan – Manila headed by Pres. Dr. Jose Paolo E. Campos and started at 2:30 pm. Right after the opening remarks of the guest speakers the rules of the contest was again announced. Then the contest proper started immediately.

The question was announced and it goes "Given the chance to have an audience with President Noynoy Aquino for 4 - 6 minutes, what 3 basic issues would you discuss with him?"

The majority focused on poverty, education, peace and order, corruption and drug addiction.

Candidate No. 14 equated her speech that poverty equals to the root of all problem which boils down due to lack of education causing all the degeneration of all systems which led to corruption, security problems and drug dependency.

This year's National Champion is no other than Candidate No. 14, Germaine Erika F. Kaw of St. Jude Catholic School sponsored by Rotary District 3810. She excellently performed very well.

The 1<sup>st</sup> runner up was Edbert S. Ragadio of St. Anthony School sponsored by Rotary District 3780.

And for 3<sup>rd</sup> place from our District 3800 Benro Francesco P. Balaoing from Marikina Science High School.

The Grand Prize Winner received Php 50,000 and trophy, the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up received Php 40,000 and trophy and all the rest of the finalist received Php 15,000 each and plaques of appreciation, all courtesy of Dr. Lucio C. Tan, Honorary Chairman Voice of Our Youth thru Allied Bank Pres. Anthony Q. Chua.

The board of judges were Dra. Ma. Lourdes G. Tayao, Training Committee, Foundation for Upgrading the Standard of Education (FUSE), Dr. Ma. Luz C. Vilches, Dean School of Humanities Ateneo De Manila, Mrs. Erlinda E. Panlilio, Treasures of Likhaan Creative Writing Foundation and English Speaking Union of the Phil. and Mark Philip C. Galutera, Director of DSM Manila LLC / White and Case LLP.

After the announcement of the winners, a dinner was hosted at the Century Park Hotel to all the participants and organizers to celebrate the success of the event. **IPP Noli P. Viñas, District Voice of our Youth Chair**

1<sup>st</sup> TRF Alumni Night hosted and organized by the Rotary Club of Mandaluyong-Pasig-San Juan and supported by D-3800. The activity was attended by GSE Team leaders, GSE members, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Fellow Scholars and GSE Inbound Team from Japan.



This is the new fight of the Rotary Club Sampaguita Grace Park, buying out 1 less cancer for women. The total of 3 shots are needed per person to get long term protection. It cost however remains prohibitive in the Philippines penetrating only 1% of our women. The past 2 years that its price was lowered, penetrance increased only to 10%. Determined to work on this challenge, the club was fortunate to get the participation and funding from the following: The Rotary Foundation, Hongkong Rotary Clubs (HK Financial, Bayview, Rotary International District 3450, Hongkong) and Rotary International District 3520, Taipei. Chosen beneficiaries, are the CLE Caloocan public school teachers.

Japanese GSE Inbound Team Farewell Dinner at the Mango Farm, Antipolo City hosted by the district.

