



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3800

Governor's Monthly Letter



My Dear Global Family of Rotary,

Everybody deserves congratulations. On our fifth month, we have accomplished so much already and if everything will proceed as planned, we will finish with most of our goals before the end of the year.

The month of November is designated as The Rotary Foundation Month. We will celebrate The Rotary Foundation Month with so many activities relating to The Rotary Foundation. I urge all of the clubs in our district to focus on The Rotary Foundation and devote special features in your respective club bulletins about our Foundation. I also urge all of the generous Rotarians to give to the Foundation and make all of the clubs in our district as EREY Clubs. Last year, there were only two clubs who made it in the list of EREY Clubs. This year, our goal is to ask all clubs (100%) to give to the Foundation and 80% of the clubs to become EREY Clubs. Even with TRF, we want our clubs to become **bigger, better and bolder**.

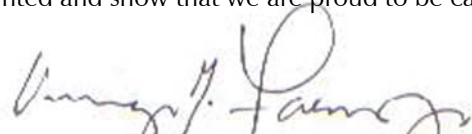


The highlight of the month long celebration is the Annual Giving Dinner (TRF Banquet) to be held on November 27, 2010 at Ruby Ballroom A and B of the Crown Plaza Galleria Hotel. This will be strictly formal. The Host Club is RC Mandaluyong and the Event Chair is PP Louie Diy. All Global Presidents and District Officers and their Spouses are required to attend. We will honour in this annual event all new Paul Harris Fellows (PHF), the new and continuing multiple PHF, the new Major Donors and the continuing Major Donors. If you have not given your contribution, there is still time to include your name in the growing list of generous Rotarians. All those who gave and will give \$1,000 dollars or more will be treated to a free dinner during the TRF Banquet.

Our early campaign for TRF contributions paid off. We were successful in this early campaign so much so that our goal to have \$50,000 for the month of July was achieved when generous Rotarians gave a total of \$53,000 as of July 31, 2010. At the October issue of the Rotary International Regional Newsletter which came out first week of October, District 3800 was featured as the Foundation Cup early leader when we emerged as the number one in the region beating to the draw our Australian, New Zealand and other neighbouring districts from the Philippines. Our district was **number one** in terms of total amount (\$63,000 as of August 31, 2010) and per capita (\$30.77). At the November issue of the RI Regional Newsletter which came out just recently, District 3800 was again honoured at the **first place** with a total of \$80,717 total contributions (as of September 30, 2010). We were again **number one** in the region. I would like to quote the exact words mentioned to describe our district. **"The Philippine districts are moving along steadily and D3800 has jumped into the lead with big dollars and big growth."**

On our fifth month, we are now approaching our goal of \$150,000 which we hope to achieve before our annual giving dinner. This is our dream and soon it will become a reality. Thanks to all the generous Rotarians who gave. Let me also say that we will not even reach this far without the teamwork and hard work of the District Officers, Global Presidents and the TRF Team led by DRFC Mac Hermoso and Annual Giving Chair PDG Efen de Guzman.

We will focus our campaign on the multitude of generous Rotarians who will give \$100 or more. As I go around for my mandatory governor's visit, I will honour our generous Rotarians who will pledge to give \$100 or more with a TRF Sustaining Member Pin. I urge all our generous Rotarians to make your clubs an EREY Club and the best way you can help is by giving \$100 or more. Show your love to Rotary and the best way to do this is by contributing to The Rotary Foundation, our own Foundation. This time it will be the work of ordinary generous Rotarians doing extra ordinary things in Rotary. Let us be counted and show that we are proud to be called "Global Rotarians".


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

SURPRISES FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR JUN FARCON

Governor Jun Farcon was caught unaware when he arrived at the Shell Gas Station along Marcos Hi-way last Wednesday morning, September 8 during the surprise birthday program initiated by the Presidents of the Rotary Clubs of Zone 4. The program was highlighted with the unveiling of a 12 x 14 feet billboard. You can see from his face and feel from your heart the happiness and excitement of DG Jun at that very moment. DG Lady Zeny (God's Gift to DG Jun), our expert accomplice, was also delighted with the outcome of this simple yet memorable birthday celebration of her husband. **Global Pres. Ronie Masangkay, RC Marikina**

Almost 100 Rotarians composed of Global Presidents and District Officers gave a very successful surprise lunch at RAL Room, Club Filipino. The Zone coordinators together with DGL Zeny Farcon planned the said party. DG Jun Farcon proceeded to Club Filipino upon request of DGL Zeny without any idea that a surprise lunch awaited him.

The District Officers and Global Presidents prepared a very sumptuous lunch. Each zone brought food items such as *pancit malabon*, *lechon*, *siomai*, shrimps, cakes, *kakanin*, fruits and bottles of wine. DGL Zeny brought *kare-kare* and fried chicken. DG Jun Farcon became very emotional when he delivered his response speech. He expressed his gratitude to all Rotarians who attended and prepared the surprise party he will never forget. **Global Pres. Gina Sanchez, RC San Juan**



September 8, 2010 was the most memorable day for our DG Jun Farcon because a lot of surprises took place on his 51st and Blessed Mother's birthday. His day started with the launching of a public image project of Zone 4.



RC Caloocan Silangan Pres. Rollz Maningas talks about typhoon Juan and the proposed Bill no. 1815 on anti-illegal drugs at DWDD Station 1134 khz as the co-anchor of PP Bubot Sarmiento of RC San Juan del Monte.



RC Marikina West donates several lifevests as part of their Disaster Preparedness program.



Marikina Zone conducted a Buntis Summit at SM City Marikina last October 19, 2010. Mother and Child Protection is one of the six areas of focus established by the new Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES



NOT YOUR USUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY!

We hope everybody had lots of fun and went home happy. It was not a scary party at all and thought that everybody was just in the mood to be playful with their heads still spinning with flowing beer!

Thank you, DG Jun Farcon, for giving us this opportunity to host the District's Halloween Party, which was well attended, and thank you for trusting the chairmanship of this event to my equally good half, PP Vic Buencamino.

The party was highlighted by a fashion show courtesy of Rtn. Beneth Cabales of Fashion Forward and Sp. Grace Guingcango's ready-to-wear items. You may not be bitten by Bella Swan nor by Edward nor smacked by Jacob, but you may be smitten by the skillful and graceful gestures of the fashion models. Thank you all for your generous support, and see you in the coming District events! **Sp. Helen Buencamino, RC Mandaluyong Central**



CONCENTRATED LANGUAGE ENCOUNTER (CLE) 1st
CLE National Conference hosted by RI District 3800 held at Sulu Riviera Hotel, Quezon City. The CLE Project of RI District 3800 is in cooperation with RI District 2680, Japan.

TENPIN BOWLING TOURNAMENT 34 Teams joined the tournament held at the Coronado Lanes, Starmall, Mandaluyong City. RC Greenhills, RC Marikina Hilltop and RC Wack Wack won the 3 best in uniform. The tournament is hosted by RC Downtown San Juan.





OKTOBERFEST Last October 9, 2010, the biggest fellowship event was held at the Marikina Sports Park as around 900 Rotarians, spouses, and guests gathered for the Oktoberfest and Rotary Idol Singing Contest. The event was organized by District Chair PP Romy Francisco and hosted by RC Marikina Central headed by Pres. Boy Chanyungco and RCMC's Inner Wheel Club headed by Pres. Eden Cabeza. In cooperation with the City of Marikina through its mayor PE Del de Guzman and Vice Mayor Lt. Gov. Fabi Cadiz of RC Marikina, the event had a fiesta-like atmosphere with the whole Marikina City welcoming Rotarians and guests. With a thousand *kuwitis* exploding and a drum and bugle corps welcoming the event, RC Marikina Central left no stone unturned in making sure that everybody had a good time. In the words of Gov. Jun Farcon, "it was a perfect hosting". Beer was overflowing and the free *pulutan* was superb. These, together with the line dancing and the great fellowship Rotarians are known for, made the night very memorable. The Rotary Idol, featured as the main event of the Oktoberfest, revealed great singing talents with PP Rody Peñalosa of RC Mandaluyong North winning the closely fought contest. Congratulations to the organizers of Oktoberfest!!! **Global Pres. Joey Chanyungco, RC Marikina Central**



The Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) represented by Dr. Cynthia Llanes and RI District 3800 headed by DG Jun Farcon signed a MOA last September 29, 2010 at the Quezon City campus of TIP. The MOA provides mutual support for both parties' interest and requirement. In the photo were (L-R): PP Dan Supetran (Career Guidance Chair), PP Noli Cruz (District Interact Chair), DG Jun Farcon, Dr. Cynthia Llanes (TIP Vice President for Academic Affairs) and Engr. Severino Pader.



RMOPS RID3800 in celebration of Vocational Service Month has recognized last October 23, 2010 at Club Filipino the Rotary's Most Outstanding Public Servants (RMOPS) for RY 2010-2011. This recognition is aimed at elevating public servants in the community who have demonstrated outstanding work performance or service beyond public expectations and consistently demonstrated exemplary ethical behavior thus elevating them as role models for others to emulate.

Following are these year's most outstanding public servants: 1) Postal Employee: Mr. Jovito N. Palacio - Mandaluyong City Postal Office (Sponsor - RC Mandaluyong North); 2) Barangay Tanod: Mr. Eduardo G. Yim Sr. - Barangay San Roque, Antipolo City (Sponsor - RC Antipolo City); 3) Health Employee: Ms. Felicitas M. Manuel - Navotas City Health Office (Sponsor - RC Navotas); 4) Street Cleaner/Sweeper: Ms. Precy L. Sullera - Brgy. New Zañiga, Mandaluyong City (Sponsor - RC Wack Wack); 5) Public Elementary School Teacher: Ms. Jovita Consorcia F. Mani – Malanday Elementary School (Sponsors – RCs Marikina & Metro Marikina); 6) Public Elementary School Teacher: Mr. Emmanuel G. Bato - Cielito Zamora Memorial School (Sponsor - RC Grace Park; and 7) Public High School Teacher: Mr. Christopher S. Santos - Santolan High School (Sponsor - RCs Mutya ng Pasig & Pasig West).

Giving the award are Gov. Virgilio Farcon Jr., PDG Antonio Puyat (Vocational Service Chair), PP Jose Marcelo (RC Valenzuela West) MOPS Chair, and host club Pres. Ricardo Yu (RC Valenzuela West).

Visit <http://www.rotary3800.org> for the full text of the activities.



GOVERNOR'S CUP BADMINTON TOURNAMENT (1ST LEG) After several fellowship games, queuing and leveling sessions, the First Leg and Governor's Cup of the Rotary Badminton Federation D3800 tournament kicked off last October 2, 2010 at Don Antonio Sports Center, Quezon City. This event was hosted by the United Caloocan. DG Jun Farcon and Lady Zeny graced the event and did the ceremonial shuttle toss. He noted in his speech that "this sport seemed better than golf judging from the small waistslines of the players present".

69 players from 8 zones were grouped into the following teams; Yellow Team from Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela, Red Team from United Caloocan, White from Marikina, Blue for Rizal and Green from the zones of Mandaluyong, Pasig and San Juan.

Under the able leadership of SAG Bobby Zamora (District Badminton Chair), the tournament saw the Rotarians and spouses badminton aficionados battle it out and giving their best in their respective events. And the winning team?... The Yellow Team prevailed over the White Team in a very close contest to win the Team Champion and runner-up trophies respectively. But SAG Bobby and the rest of the organizers would like to recognize the solid presence and hospitality of Caloocan Zone, the fighting Blue shuttlers from Rizal and the smallest group from Man-Pa-San who's 5-man team gallantly battled against their opponents to win top honors in their levels.

At the end of the day, the shuttlers went home bone weary with aching knees and elbows but satisfied in the camaraderie and fellowship in competition they experienced with fellow Rotarians in the sport they love. There will be the 2nd and 3rd Legs early next year and summer, respectively. Likewise, there will also be several fellowship games, leveling, queuing and fun tournaments in the middle of these scheduled tournaments. **PP Doreen Concepcion, RC Tres Escalon Taytay, District Badminton Vice Chair**

DISCON 2011 IS BACK IN SHANGRI-LA

DG Virgilio “Jun” Farcon, Jr and the DISCON 2011 Committee chaired by Lt. Gov. Fabi Cadiz is bringing this year’s District Conference back to EDSA Shangri-La Manila located at Mandaluyong City, where most of the District’s DISCON were held in the past. Although Rotary International allows the holding of the DISCON outside their jurisdiction, Districts are encouraged to hold the conference at a location that encourages maximum participation and still keep the costs reasonable, thus to ensure high attendance DG Jun Farcon and the DISCON 2011 Committee has negotiated for a reasonably priced package for the venue, food and hotel rooms with EDSA Shangri-La Manila which is within District 3800’s area of jurisdiction.

The DISCON 2011 Committee in it’s desire to keep the conference participant’s expenses to a minimum has come up with the following promo registration rates: Payments made from November 15, 2010 to December 15, 2010 - Rotarians - Php 3,000 / Spouses - Php 2,700; December 16, 2010 to January 15, 2011 - Rotarians - Php 3,300 / Spouses - Php 3,000; January 16, 2011 to February 28, 2011 - Rotarians - Php 3,600 / Spouses - Php 3,300; March 1, 2011 - March 11, 2011 (on-site) - Rotarians - Php 3,800 / Spouses - Php 3,500. An incentive of one (1) free registrant for every eleven (11) registrants is also being given out to encourage Rotarians and spouses to attend. Club Listing is Php 3,500/Rotary Club.

It is note worthy to state that the cost to defray food expenses for DISCON 2011 alone is Php 3,800+ per participant. To be able to cover the difference in the cost, the DISCON 2011 Committee has come up with several fund raising activities. First, is the Lawmaker vs. the Lawbreaker (Pacquiao-Margarito Fight) at the ULTRA on November 14, 2010 chaired by Lt. Gov. and DISCON Chair Fabi Cadiz, a movie premier to be chaired by Lt. Gov. Luz Cotoco, a car raffle to be chaired by PP Raul Evangelista and of course Ad placements in the Souvenir Program. We are asking all the Global Presidents and Global District Officers to help solicit at least one page of advertisement worth Php 10,000.

Remember, DISCON 2011 is for you. The event will showcase not only successful Club and District activities, but will also highlight the Programs of Rotary. Let us all help advance the Object of Rotary through fellowship, inspirational addresses and the discussion of Rotary related matters. We hope to have President Noynoy Aquino and the United States Ambassador or the Japanese Ambassador as Plenary Speakers and together with the Rotary International President’s Representative, we promise you a very exciting and unforgettable conference. Look out also for the Talent Night and Governor’s Ball. Register early! **PP Jun Abellar, RC Marikina East, DISCON 2011 Vice Chair**



“THE LAWMAKER VS. THE LAWBREAKER”

Our Global Governor Jun Farcon has issued an appeal to all Global Presidents, District Officers and Global Rotarians to support **“The Lawmaker vs. The Lawbreaker”**, the biggest fellowship in the history of Rotary in the Philippines.

Let us all watch the pride of the Philippines, Rotarian Manny Pacquiao fight Margarito in Texas Live on Satellite Hook-up at the Philsports Arena (formerly ULTRA) on November 14, 2010, 8 am.

Let us all make this a Family of Rotary Affair by bringing along a family member or a close friend to the live showing and together celebrate the expected victory of Pacquiao together.

For the cost of the ticket of Php 500, you will enjoy the fight better in the company of like-minded fellow Rotarians in the true spirit of fellowship and camaraderie. At the same time you can raise funds for your Club from your 40% club share.

Spouse Blog

by DGL Zeny Farcon



RI DISTRICT 3800 EDUCATIONAL TOUR - GARDENIA PLANT

It was a Wednesday to remember. The sun showed its rays at about 6 am as the Global Spouses of RI District 3800 were getting ready to meet at Tiendesitas Pasig for a call time of 8 am. Yummy breakfast was served courtesy by our DGL Zeny Farcon. An all smile courtesy visit by DG Jun Farcon made the spouses' morning complete.

Gardenia here we come! Vice Chair and Sec. Judy Rocamora gave a short message of welcome and gratitude. DGL Zeny made friendly District reminders and updates.

Yes! Gardenia, the only company located at Mamplasan, Laguna that manufactures fluffy bread surprisingly without the touch of human hands. At about 10 a.m., a shout of hurra was expressed by all spouses as we saw the very light hearted smile of DS Tom Rocamora greeting us. A short talk by President and CEO Jun Umali showed and explained a presentation enlightening us about Gardenia's humble beginnings and process on how their bread is made.

The tour began by 20's around the baking process area, an overlooking thick glass separated us from the huge machines all over, non-stop mixing of dough, humongous fermentation containers, hundreds of bread pan trays a lined, thousands of tower loaf breads cooled down to be placed mechanically inside its package, sealed with 'best before date', and a metal detector to check if any metal has combined with the mixing process. Happiness was felt as a loot bag of classic, ube & cheese, and raisin loaves ended our tour however a 10% discount shopping galore made it more exciting. Candid pictures with Gardee the statue mascot, Gardenia staff and Global spouses made the educational tour complete.



With outburst happiness from Gardenia, off we went to 'The Whimsical Sanctuary' of our DG Jun and DGL Zeny Farcon in Tagaytay City. DGL Zeny gave us a quick tour of their humble home. Immediately after our short tour of the house, DG Jun led a short prayer before meals. Everyone had good praises regarding the palatable taste and over flowing of food.

GSExC Asst. Sec. Vising dela Paz and Head of the Administration Group Lydia Ignacio initiated a Bingo spree.

Further, Tai Chi advocate Sp. Doris Alikpala of IWC Marikina taught us basic forms of Wu Shu, posture health tips, and breathing exercises on how to grow old gracefully.

Before the good times had to end DGL Zeny gave Rotary theme pins to everyone as a sign of unity, camaraderie, peace, fun and everlasting friendship. Together with our very own DGL Zeny, wacky and demure pictures were taken as a whole and per zone to document the event.



On our way back to Manila, a short trip to PDGL Nita Honorio's rest house gave the Global spouses an added bonus. The breath taking over view of Taal Volcano filled the blank 'megabyte' of our digital cameras.

With a heavy heart we had to abide with the saying, 'Some good times have to end'. Regardless of time, everybody disembark safe and sound back to Tiendesitas with all pleased thoughts to relay to our Rotarian spouses. Thank you very much everyone for a Wednesday to remember, till next time... **AG Sp. Daryl Bernardo, RC Metro Valenzuela**

Visit <http://www.rotary3800.org> for the full text of this activity.

Secretary's Reminder

by DS Tom Rocamora, Jr.



November is The Rotary Foundation Month. It all began in 1917 when then RI President Arch Klumph announced the acceptance of endowments for doing good in the world. The Rotary Foundation was born. Contributions took off in 1947 in memory of our founder Paul Harris. Although The Rotary Foundation originally sponsored only educational programs, it added humanitarian programs in the late 1960's and has continued to evolve with the addition of our famous Polio Plus Program to our Permanent Fund.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. It is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Donors may direct their gifts to three main funds of The Rotary Foundation:

1. **Annual Programs Funds.** Contributions to the Annual Programs Funds through the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary sources of funding for the Foundations programs, which cover more than 160 countries and geographical areas on seven continents. At the end of every Rotary year, 50% of each district's donations to the Annual programs Fund are credited to the District Designated Fund (DDF) which they can use for programs three years after they are received.
2. **Polio Plus Fund.** Since the program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine. Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is The Rotary Foundation's response to the two grants totaling US\$355 Million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio.
3. **Permanent Fund.** This fund enables individuals to combine their gifts into a significant force to address the world's greatest needs for generations to come.

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 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 the RC Sampaguita Grace Park.
4. The November 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 to your respective Assistant Governors. They should review the report and affix their signatures. Also, submit two copies/issues of your weekly bulletin together with your PMR.
6. Governor's visits are already ongoing. Coordinate with the undersigned regarding the details of the visits (venue, time and program). The guidelines for the governor's visit have already been released and Rotary clubs are enjoined to coordinate with their respective Assistant Governors for the proper conduct of the Governor's visits.
7. 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 05, 2011 - Deadline for submission of official nomination
- iii. January 08, 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 - NOVEMBER to DECEMBER 2010

Event / Activity, Date / Time, Venue

1. **District Conference Launching** - 6 November 2010, 8:00 am, Valle Verde Country Club, Pasig.
2. **Second Mass Induction** - 6 November 2010, 2:00 pm, Valle Verde Country Club, Pasig, hosted by RC San Juan del Monte.
3. **District Interact Convention** - 13 November 2010, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Technological Institute of the Philippines, Manila Campus.
4. **Founder's Cup / 2nd Leg Golf Tournament** - 25 November 2010, 7:30 am, Shotgun tee off, South Course, Valley Golf and Country Club, hosted by RC Caloocan.
5. **Annual Giving Dinner / The Rotary Foundation** - 27 November 2010, Crowne Plaza Galleria Hotel, hosted by RC Mandaluyong.
6. **District Christmas Party** - 13 December 2010, Quezon City Sports Club, hosted by RC Metro Valenzuela.