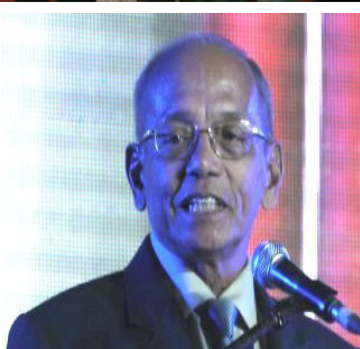


ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3800

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LETTER





ROTARY DISTRICT 3800, RY 2011-2012 STATE OF DISTRICT 3800, MARCH 2012

Our basic thrust for this Rotary year has been to lower the cost of being a Rotarian. One of the main reasons given to us whenever we recruit a new Rotarian is that Rotary is expensive. If we can remove the things that are not necessary, Rotary can be affordable.

As the first step in making Rotary affordable, we encouraged all clubs to DOUBLE their membership. With twice as many Rotarians, the costs involved in running a club and implementing its projects are shared by twice as many people, bringing the individual cost down to half.

In this regard, we discouraged the doubling of a club's membership by inducting spouses because this had the net effect of doubling the cost of Rotary for an individual family. Nonetheless, some clubs still insisted on inducting their spouses.

Many clubs have indeed doubled their membership, without inducting their spouses. San Juan GEMS grew from 25 to 40, pruned down to 35 and then doubled to 70. Mandaluyong East and Cosmopolitan San Juan also doubled their memberships. And then sleepy Binangonan showed up everybody when it went from 17 to 34 and is now shooting for 50! Pasig has added 20 new members but because they were starting from 78 members are finding it hard to double to 156.

We are still waiting for the clubs to report all their new recruits. In order to minimize problems with new recruits, we have instructed clubs not to report new recruits until they had been properly Rotarized, and until the club was sure of the recruit's capacity to pay the dues of a Rotarian and to perform his duties as a Rotarian. We are confident, however, that we will have around 2,500 Rotarians in D3800 by the end of RY2011-2012, an increase of around 25 percent.

A second step we took to reduce the cost of Rotary is to remove unnecessary district fellowship activities. First to go was Halloween. Followed by Valentine's, and the District Christmas Party. Instead, we encouraged the clubs to hold their club Christmas celebration with the poor or the elderly similar to the Children's New Year Party that PRIP MAT Caparas encouraged all clubs to have every July 1 as a way of celebrating the new Rotary year.

A third step to reduce the cost of Rotary is to reduce the cost of DISCON registration to P1,000 from the usual P3,500-4,000, by removing the cost of food from the registration fee. Like in RI conventions, participants eat at their own time and cost. This way, there is no wastage. We've also reduced the registration for non-Rotarian family members to just P500, and free for children below 12. Interactors and Rotaractors will also be allowed to join the DISCON for just P250. With these moves, we expect record crowds at the DISCON exceeding 2,000 for the plenaries with total registrants approaching 3,000 including, Rotaractors and Interactors. We have arranged to

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Majestic Governor's Message

DG RAFAEL M. GARCIA iii



DISCON 2012

Your Majesties:

I hope you enjoyed our Discon last Friday and last night! I just thought I'd share some of the comments that I got from various people:

From RIPR Lady Doreen Cheah: I have attended seven DISCONs around the world as RIPR Lady, and DISCON 2012 of D3800 is the best I have attended!

From PDG Josie Ang: How did you imagine this kind of a setup? This is the most ideal DISCON setup! Cheap registration, Cheap but very good food, Lots of room, relaxed environment!

From a PDG from Quezon City: Your program is so well balanced with high caliber speakers (de Lima, Escudero, Ona) mixed in with Rotary speakers. Some DISCONs don't even have any non-Rotary speakers!

From another Rotarian from Quezon City D3820: Our DISCON is being held in Tagaytay and registration is already P4,000. Wala pang hotel accommodations! PUWEDE ka bang mag Governor sa Amin?

Saang hotel ka naman makakakain ng ginataang ulang na P150 Lang? Kung meron man, siguro P1,500!

Ganito Ang setup! Okay na okay Ang House of Friendship! Daming libheng drinks! Limang lechon kaya lang, ubos Agad!

From RIPR John Cheah: I love how you dared make changes and went back to basics and in the process cut down the costs of your DISCON. I love the involvement of the Family of Rotary in your DISCON! This is so much like a well run RI Convention!

KAYO.? DID YOU ENJOY YOUR DISCON? WE HAD MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE AT THE TALENT NIGHT! DID YOU ENJOY THE TALENT DISPLAYED BY OUR ROTARIANS? WEREN'T THEY SIMPLY AMAZING? EVEN THE GOVERNOR'S BALL WAS FANTASTIC AND THE GOVERNOR DID NOT EVEN DANCE!

SEND ME YOUR COMMENTS. TELL ME WHAT YOU LIKED, WHAT WE NEED TO IMPROVE ON, WHAT YOU DIDN'T LIKE, WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE CONTINUED. I WILL PASS ALL YOUR COMMENTS TO DGE LIRIO SANDOVAL SO HE CAN CONSIDER YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WHENHE PLANS HIS OWN DISCON 2013!

I AM BOARDING MY FLIGHT TO SAN FRANCISCO NOW SO I WILL CUT THIS SHORT.

YHSL

DG RAFFY GARCIA

use two halls of the World Trade Center to accommodate the mammoth crowds.

Aside from the cost of DISCON registration, we eliminated the extraneous costs associated with the Governor's Ball and the Talent Night Presentations. Spouses participating in the Governor's Ball will not be required to buy new gowns. In the past, this has cost spouses anything from P10,000 to P30,000 each, which quickly translates to P3 million for the entire entourage. We have also reduced the practice time from twelve Sundays to just four Sundays.

For Talent Night, we also reduced the practice time involved, and limited the cost of renting costumes to P5,000 per zone. This used to cost the clubs as much as P400,000 per zone or P3.6 million for the district!

Even with the District Awards Night. We have reduced the cost of registration from the usual P1,000 to just P700. Attire will just be the district issued barong or the club's formal uniform. Despite the reduced cost, it will still be a grand affair.

We resurrected the Rotary Academy and brought back PP Bobby Paterno, the father of the original Rotary Academy, to sit with the subsequent Executive Directors to rework an updated Rotary 101 for new Rotarians, Rotary 102 for club level training and Rotary 103 for leadership beyond club level. With then CP/SDG and now DGND Marilou Co, we properly Rotarized Rotarians at all levels. We are very proud of our achievements in this area.

And with TRF, we expect to surpass \$400,000 in contributions in time for the DISCON. We are still working on achieving our goal of \$500,000 before the end of our Rotary year. To-date, per capita contribution amounts to \$159.14, with 20 100% Sustaining Member Clubs.

We have opened up our excess points to D3870 and D3780 for their own version of the Raffy Garcia Challenge to help them achieve higher TRF contributions.

The biggest contributor to TRF is the Rotary Club of Pasig with total contributions amounting to \$181,500 and a per capita of \$2,587.14, including contributions that resulted in the first Arch Klumph Society member from D3800, a Major Donor Level 3, and a Major Donor Level 2.

In addition to the Major Donors from RC Pasig, there were six other Major Donors in D3800 including another Major Donor Level 3, two more

Major Donor Level 2, and three Major Donor Level 1.

For service projects, our young clubs have taken the helm in initiating unique but truly effective projects. The custom wheelchair project of RC Cosmopolitan San Juan in partnership with the Latter Day Saints has helped so many invalid persons regain their mobility. The Dyario Bag project of RC Greater Mandaluyong has not only given avenues of creativity to budding artists, but has also provided livelihood for so many poor housewives. And it's \$1 contribution to PolioPlus for every bag sold is a unique way of contributing to Rotary's primary goal and project.

There are many more: The Roll-Bol-Lag modified volleyball tournament project of RC Cainta for the visually impaired helps the blind and near blind. The Special Cup Football League of RC San Juan GEMS in cooperation with the Henry Moran Foundation is for special children who could be autistic, visually or hearing impaired, or may be victims of abuse. And the Kuyagot-On-Wheels project of Marikina East shows how recycling can earn money while helping to clean up the environment.

And in RC Pasig, they are building a three story structure that will house a Day Care Center, a Pre-School, a medical/dental clinic, a livelihood center, and the Pasig Rotary Center with offices for all 14 Pasig Rotary clubs.

Nothing will keep us from our destiny!
We will make Rotary History!



Above: DG Raffy Garcia III, conferred with the TRF Arch Klumph Society Pin and Certificate by Past RI President Fred Wilkinson with PDG Mac Hermoso and DGL Minda



DAY ONE FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

NOTHING WILL KEEP US FROM OUR DESTINY ! , WE WILL MAKE ROTARY HISTORY !

REGISTRATION and FELLOWSHIP

Registration of delegates and participants to DISCON 2012 started as early as 7:00 AM. The long wait and several months of hard work finally paid off with a record breaking attendance to the District Conference, breaching the 2,000 mark, a first in District 3800. This consisted approximately of 1,100 Rotarians, Incumbent District Governors, Past District Governors, including a Delegation from Japan, the Inbound GSE Team, 500 Spouses and guests and 400 Rotaractors and Interactors.

The on-line pre-registration of delegates initiated by the DISCON Registration Committee headed by SDG Luz Cotoco and Rotarian Ramy Garcia IV contributed largely to the big turnout, coupled with the lowering down of the Registration fee from Php 3,000 to Php 1,000 for Rotarians and Php 2,000 to Php 750 for Spouses. Interactors and Rotaractors were likewise given special registration rates so they could attend the biggest gathering of Rotarians, Spouses and our Partners in Service for the year.

This also facilitated registration and the distribution of Kits and ID's which went very efficiently and smoothly inspite of the large number of participants because the preparation of OR's and the printing of ID's were done way ahead of time. On site registration was practically avoided except for a few whom the host club had to accomodate. By noon time practically everyone were already in their proper places ready for the grand opening.

OPENING of DISPLAYS and CLUB EXHIBITS

The opening of the Displays and Club Exhibits ushered in the start of activities. After a brief welcome remarks by SDG Sunday Pineda, DG Raffy Garcia III delivered a short inspirational message followed by the ceremonial ribbon cutting led by RIPR PDG John Cheah Kam Loong and DG Raffy Garcia III assisted by PDGL Doreen and DGL Minda.

This year's club exhibits as in the past highlighted the major thrust of the the District and the Six Areas of Focus in the Future Vision of The Rotary Foundation. A considerable number of clubs joined to display their accomplishments for the year. It drew the admiration of the dignitaries and delegates not only because they showcased Rotary's humanitarian service but also for their artistry.



Above: DG Raffy Garcia with AG Akyat Sy, SDG Willie Caballa, PP Pope Solis, DGND Marilou Co, PDG Fabie Enriquez, DS Jun Zafrá, RC Pasig MP Rel Gomez, GML Editor Jun Abellar and DG Aide Rudy Retirado at the WTCMM main lobby and DISCON 2012 Registration Area



Above: Members of the Registratiion, Kits & ID and Souvenir Program Committee led by DGND Marilou Co ,PP Boyet Coronel, DGA Rudy Retirado, Liezle C and other officers at the DISCON Registration Area



Above: DG Raffy Garcia with some of the delegation from Marikina Zone 4 during the opening of the displays and exhibits of DISCON



OPENING PLENARY SESSION

The Assembly and Parade of DISCON 2012 participants started at 12:00 noon, supervised by Events Management Committee Chair SDG Maricris Lim-Pineda with members of RC Metro Manila GEMS acting as usherettes. As soon as the rest of the delegate Rotarians settled down at the session hall, the voice over emcees composed of PP Raymond Samson and President Dody Cheng started announcing, as they paraded in, the names of the Majestic Presidents by Zone, followed by the members of the District Executive Committee, the Past District Governors and their Spouses, RIPR Aide PDG Mac Hermoso and Spouse Cely, RIPR PDG John Cheah Kam Loong and Spouse Doreen and Majestic District Governor Raffy Garcia III and DGL Minda.



Above RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong and Spouse Doreen greeting members of RC Pasig during the DISCON 2012 Parade of Dignitaries.

After DG Raffy Garcia III and DGL Minda together with RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong and Spouse Doreen occupied their designated places, DG Raffy Garcia III then called the Opening Plenary Session to order.

The entrance of colors by the Rizal High School Cadets added pomp and pageantry to the affair. Both Rotarian Mark Anthony Chua and Rotarian Nick Guzman awed the audience and even RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong with their

rendition of the Doxology and the National anthems of Malaysia and the Philippines respectively. Dignitaries, Guests and Participants was introduced properly by District Secretary Jun Zafra. This was followed by a very concise, straight to the point welcome address by DISCON 2012 Chair PN Ducky Paredes.

RIPR Aide Mac Hermoso, delivered his first of several introductions of RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong who for his first major address conveyed Ri President Kalyan Banerjee's message "encouraging all Rotarians to renew their dedication to their clubs, their district and Rotary - to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" quoting futher that , " *In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves.*"

DS Jun Zafra then introduced DG Raffy Garcia III who in his State of the District Address stressed the need to make being a Rotarian affordable so we can attract more members by removing expenditures that are unnecessary. He went on to encourage all the clubs to double their membership as the first step to make Rotary affordable. The second step the district took to reduce the cost of Rotary was to remove unnecessary district fellowship activities such as the



Above: DS Jun Zafra delivering his introduction of DG Raffy Garcia III.

the Holoween, Valentines and the District Christmas Party, and the third step was to reduce the cost of the DISCON registration including the cost of the Governor's Ball and the Talent Night and the District Awards Night.

He made special mention of the the Rotary Academy headed by PP Bobby Paterno and Executive Director Marilou Co for their good work of properly rotarizing and educating Rotarians at all levels this year.

As for The Rotary Foundation, he announced that the District is expected to surpass \$400,000 and that he is working on to achieve \$500,000 before the end of the Rotary year, that to date per capita contribution amounts to \$159.14 with two 100% PHF clubs, eight 100% Sustaining Member clubs and 46 EREY Clubs. The biggest contributor to TRF is the Rotary Club of Pasig with total contributions amounting to \$181,500 and a per capita contribution of \$2, 587.14. including contributions that resulted in DG Raffy Garcia III becoming the first Arch Klumph Society member from District 3800, a Major level 3 and a Major level 2. Aside from RC Pasig there are six other Major donors in District 3800. The district at the moment has the highest TRF contribution in RI Zone 7A and the Philippines.

As for Service Projects, he announced that young clubs in the district have taken the helm in initiating unique but effective projects in the district. Enumerating some as : the Wheelchair Project of RC Cosmopolitan San Juan, the Dyario bag project of RC Greater Mandaluyong, the Special Cup Football League of RC Metro Manila Gems in cooperation with the Henry Moran Foundation for special children, the Kuyagot on Wheels of RC Marikina East which shows how recycling can earn money while helping to clean up the environment and many sustainable and effective projects of RC Pasig.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The session started with an AVP presentation of the District Environmental Council. This was followed by another presentation this time by SDG Sunday Pineda the District Service Projects Committee Chair on Community Service-Rotary at Work.



Above and below : Senator Chiz Escudero and Secretary Laila de Lima take time for a photo opportunity with DISCON participants.

Being a working session, the DISCON 2012 Committee invited two speakers to deliver talks on relevant current issues affecting the lives of Rotarians and the communities that they serve alike. The first plenary speaker Senator Francis Escudero was introduced by RC Pasig President Rel Gomez. Senator Escudero spoke mostly on how we as a nation can improve our lives, the Philippine economy and the ongoing impeachment trial of the Supreme Court Justice. A lively open forum followed his talk.

Second plenary speaker was Justice Secretary Laila de Lima who was introduced by SDG Maricris Lim-Pineda. She spoke about the Philippine government, the Philippine justice system, corruption and also the ongoing trial of Supreme Court Justice.

After several general announcements by DS Jun Zafra, the session ended with the singing of the District Song led by Rotarians Nick Guzman of RC Pasig.



He ended his State of the District Address by rallying the participants with the call *"Nothing will keep us from our destiny! We will make Rotary history!"*. Indeed for the year we have already established several FIRSTS in District 3800 and we continue to make Rotary history.

The Opening plenary session ended with the presentation of New Members by SDG Maricris Lim-Pineda, who is the District Membership Committee Chair.



Members of the Spouse Working Committee from left: Spouse Judy Rocamora, Chairperson Lin Liboro, Spouse Daryl Bernardo, Spouse Annie Ang, Spouse Velma Valeriano and Spouse Colin Santos

SPOUSES WORKSHOP

While the Second Plenary session was going on at the Main Hall, the Spouses were conducting their own workshop at the WTCMM Tent. Their session started with the invocation, followed by the welcome remarks and the introduction of guest by Spouse Daryl Bernardo, Spouse Judy Rocamora and Spouse Liny Sy respectively. Spouse Judy Zafra introduced DGL Minda Garcia who delivered an inspirational speech while Spouse Tess Soliman introduced DGLE Gloria Sandoval for her message to the spouses. The guest speaker Ms Judy Qua spoke on Women Empowerment and she was introduced by PDGL Elena Dee. Closing remarks was delivered by Spouse Committee Chair Lin Liboro. Prizes were raffled out with Spouse Velma Valeriano and Spouse Sofie Lee taking charge. Workshop emcee was Spouse Mary Anne Colayco.



The District Governor's Ladies: PDG Pam de Guzman, DGL Minda Garcia, PDGL Mely Zamora, PDGL Thessy Peralta, DGLE Gloria Sandoval, PDGL Cely Hermoso, PDGL Nona Ricafort, PDGL Elena Dee and PDGL Myrna Enriquez.

FRIENDSHIP ROOM (FELLOWSHIP)

After a very hectic day of Plenary Sessions featuring Rotary Information inputs, speeches and messages, the delegates trekked to the WTCMM Tent for a treat of beer, red wine, whiskey and a lot of finger food plus several lechon. This was made more interesting and enjoyable with Video singing and on the spot dancing by the participants who took advantage of the occasion to re-connect with old acquaintances, re-new old friendships and to make new friends. The event also allowed old classmates to plan for their reunions and future activities. The fellowship could have gone up to midnight had it not been for the Governor's Banquet and Ball which was to start promptly at 7:30 PM. RC Pasig, the DISCON 2012 host club saw to it that everyone enjoyed that bit of respite to unwind.

GOVERNOR'S BALL

If there is one activity where the Spouse Executive Committee and the Spouse Working Committee take charge and make us feel their involvement in any District Conference, it is during the Governor's Ball and the Talent Night.

The evening of pomp and pageantry started with the introduction and entrance of DGND Marilou Co and PDG Tony Co, DGN Louie Ticman and DGNL Ruby, DGE Lirio Sandoval and DGEL Gloria followed by the Majestic couple of the night DG Raffy Garcia III and DGL Minda. After a solemn invocation led by Governor's Ball Co-Chair Spouse Ging Ging, DGL Minda Garcia delivered a heartwarming welcome remarks. The evening emcees PP Barbara Migallos and PP Raymond Samson went on to introduce the guests and dignitaries led by RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong and Spouse Doreen and other PDG's from the other Districts together with their Spouses.

The dance presentation of the Majestic Presidents and their Spouses that followed awed the audience for its elegance and gracefulness. Choreographed by Ms Budjing Danao, the participants performed their part to a tee considering the limited number of practice session days. The male Majestic Presidents and Spouses in their Tuxedos and the Female participants clad in elegant gowns depicting the colors of this RI Year's theme was indeed a wonderful thing to behold. It truly became a Majestic evening, one that they will treasure for years to come.

After the introduction of the Majestic Presidents, District Officers, Spouses and the Spouse Working Committee, Governor's Ball Committee Chair Spouse Tess Soliman delivered the closing remarks to make way for the ball room dancing that followed. which would have lasted up to the wee hours of the morning had it not for the Joint Breakfast meeting of Presidents the following morning.





DAY TWO SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012

JOINT PRESIDENTS BREAKFAST MEETING

Instead of having separate President Breakfast Meetings DG Raffy Garcia III and DGE Lirio Sandoval in a show of unity agreed to hold a by invitation only Joint Breakfast Meeting of Presidents to usher in the second day of DISCON 2012. Scheduled to take place between 6:30 AM and 8:30 AM, the Majestic and Peacebuilder Presidents started to arrive early that by around 7:00 AM the WCTMM Tent was already filled. A short program with DS Jun Zafra as emcee started after a sumptuous breakfast with both DG Raffy Garcia III and DGE Lirio Sandoval addressing their respective Presidents to continue supporting the programs of Rotary and to intensify humanitarian service to the community. For his informal remarks RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong expressed how pleased he was with the hospitality been bestowed upon him and his Spouse Doreen and made special mention of the Governor's Ball the night before. After the usual plesantries and photo opportunities, the Joint Breakfast meeting came to an end in time for the TRF Plenary Session at 9:00 AM.



Dignitaries at the Joint Breakfast Meeting of Presidents from left: DGLE Gloria Sandoval, DGL Minda Garcia, RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong, DG Raffy Garcia III, RIPR Spouse Doreen, DGE Lirio Sandoval. Foreground are Majestic Presidents and District Officers.



Above RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong delivers his message during the Joint Breakfast Meeting of Presidents with him is DS Jun Zafra.



Above: Incoming Presidents are given a glimpse of what things to come as they attend their first breakfast meeting in the district.

TRF PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session for the second day of DISCON 2012 started with another superb doxology by Rotarian Mark Chua of RC Pasig. This was followed by the introduction of new guests by DS Jun Zafra. The program proper ensued with the induction into the Arch C. Klumph Society of DG Raffy Garcia III by the RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong assisted by District TRF Chair PDG Mac Hermoso and District Annual Giving Chair SDG CP Manny Reyes who went on to recognize the New Paul Harris Fellows of District 3800. To date the District has the distinction of having the highest TRF Contribution in RI's Region 7 A , the South Asia and the Pacific Region.



Above: DG Raffy Garcia, inducted as the first Arch C Klumph Society member in District 3800 for contributing \$ 250,000 plus to TRF.



Above: SDG Manny Reyes District Annual Giving Chair recognizing New Paul Harris Fellows during the DISCON TRF Plenary Session.



Above: New Major Donor Level 3 DGND Marilou Co and PDG Tony Co honored by RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong and DG Raffy Garcia.

PP Oscar Bautista, District GSE In-Bound Chair then introduced the GSE In-bound Team from New Zealand District 9980 who presented a Video clip of their country and rendered a song number. This was in turn followed by a cultural dance number by the District 3800 GSE Out-bound Team headed by DGA Rudy Retirado after they were introduced by PP Ric Santos, District GSE Out-Bound Chair. The second major address of RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong centered on the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation, the Six Areas of Focus of Rotary's Humanitarian Service and the End Polio Program of RI. The TRF Plenary Session ended with the speech of Key-note Speaker DOH Secretary Enrique Ona.



Above : The GSE In-bound Team from New Zealand District 9980 express their appreciation via a song rendition at the DISCON .

THE FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

The session which was devoted to Rotary's Partner in Service commenced at 1:00 PM with the presentation of new ROTARACT clubs by IPP Carla Dejerres, District Chair, Rotaract. This was followed by PP Manny Tamayo, District Chair, Interact, presenting new INTERACT clubs organized during the year, who in turn rendered an entertainment number featuring the winners of the INTERACT cheering competition held during the PALAROTARY. The recognition of New Rotary Community Corps came next with PP Ric Nicolas, District Chair, RCC doing the honors.



Above: New Interact and Rotaract Clubs organized during the year with their corresponding Majestic Presidents pose with DG Raffy.



Above: DG Raffy Garcia congratulating the new RCC's organized during the year flanked by PP Ric Nicolas and DDG Rene Pineda.

The main highlight of the fourth plenary session was the introduction of the incoming District 3800 Governor for RY 2012-2013, DGE Lirio Sandoval and his family. Incoming District Secretary Augie Soliman described DGE Lirio as a person who considers himself a student for life, who comes from a family of educators. He is married to DGLE Gloria Sandoval who is the Educational Supervisor at the Division of City Schools, Marikina. They have four son who are all professionals. As a person he has learned from his parents the value of honest hard work and education. He has also learned to be positive in his outlook, instead of being depressed about the inconveniences of having a modest status in life, he became even more determined to succeed. Out of work after Reader's Digest

closed it's office in the Philippines, he ventured together with some friends and colleagues to put up A-Z Direct Marketing, Inc. to distriute and sell international magazines. The company has since grown to where it is now. He has been a member of Rotary since 1989, became President of RC Marikina Central in RY 1995-1996 and has occupied several district positions since then. He became a Charter Member of Rc Marikina South in 2008.



Above Left : IDS Augie Soliman introducing DGE Lirio Sandoval who Above rigth : delivers his acceptance speech at the DISCON 2012.

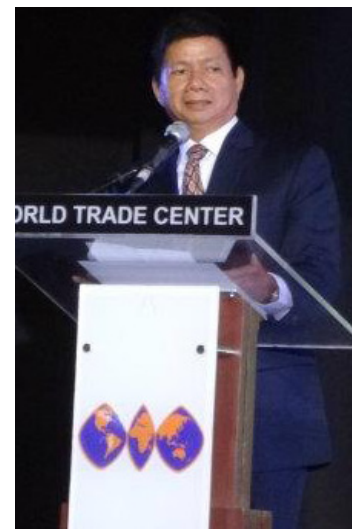


Above: District Governor Elect Lirio Sandoval with DGLE Gloria their children and grandchildren introduced at the DISCON 2012.

In his speech, DGE Lirio Sandoval expressed his willingness to accept the role, duties and responsibilities that come with being District Governor and the challenge to lead District 3800. With the theme of next year's RI President Sakuji Tanaka, Peace Through Service as blueprint , he stressed that next year's thrust will concentrate more on doing sustainable humanitarian service in the community, strengthen clubs by adding members who are younger and membership more diversified, enhance public image and strive to be an EREY club. He promised a well spaced schedule of district activities and simplified reporting submitted electronically. he then went on to express his gratitude to DG Raffy Garcia, his family, the PDGs, his club and called on all the Incoming Presidents to prepare to become effective presidents of their clubs.

DISTRICT BUSINESS PLENARY SESSION

The session started at 2:00 PM with DGN Louie Ticman enticing everyone to register and join the On to Bangkok RI Convention. Ashort video presentation was held. This was followed by the announcement of Future District Activites such as the District Assembly at the Tagaytay Vista Lodge, hosted by the Rotary Club of Marikina West and the District Awards Nght to be hosted by the Rotary Club of Ortigas Center at The Elements Tent at Centris. DNC 2010-2011 Chair PDG Rudy San Felipe then announced the District Governor Nominee for RY 2013-2014, CP Louie Ticman of the Rotary Club of Suburban East Rizal, followed by the announcement of the District Governor Nominee Designate for RY 2014-2015, CP Marilou Co of the Rotary Club of San Juan del Monte by DNC 2011-2012 Chair IPDG Jun Farcon. After which IPDG Jun Farcon presented the Annual Statement of District Finances from the previous rotary year. The session ended with the presentation and discussion of Conference Resolutions presided over by District Legal Affairs Committee members PP Celso Ylagan, PP Vic Gregorio and PP Lorna Kapunan.



Above: DGND Marilou Co, PDG Tony Co, DGLN Ruby and DGN Louie Ticman with PDG's from District 3800 and other Districts.



Above: IPDG Jun Farcon, PP Lorna Kapunan and PP Vic Gregorio.

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

After a brief break, RIPR Aide PDG Mac Hermoso introduced RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong for his last official act at the DISCON 2012, the Closing Remarks. ***"I love how you dared make changes and went back to basics and in the process cut down the costs of your DISCON. I love the involvement of the Family of Rotary in your DISCON! This is so much like a well run RI Convention!"*** were his final words. He acknowledged the hospitality of DG Raffy Garcia III and DGL Minda, the entire District 3800 leadership, RIPR Aide PDG Mac Hermoso and PDGL Cely. DG Raffy Garcia and DGL Minda then presented RIPR John Cheah Kam Loong and Spouse Doreen with their token of appreciation before DG Raffy Garcia made his own Closing Remarks, acknowledging and expressing his gratitude to the host club RC Pasig led by Majestic President Rel Gomez and DISCON 2012 Chairperson PN Ducky Paredes, the members of DISCON 2012 Executive Committee, Rotarians, Spouses and Partners in Service who attended the most successful DISCON in District 3800. After the retirement of colors, DG Raffy Garcia III adjourned District 3800 DISCON 2012.



Above: DGND Marilou Co, PDG Tony Co, DGLN Ruby and DGN Louie Ticman with Dignitaries from other Districts led by PRID Paing Hechanova, PDG Chit Lijauco and Incumbent District Governors.

THE TALENT NIGHT

Easily the most anticipated event of any District Conference, this year's Talent Night was just as exciting. The theme, musicals and plays created by the famous Andrew Lloyd Webber. For several weeks all the clubs in the Zone prepared to perform such musicals as The Phantom of the Opera, CATs, The Wizard of Oz, Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita and even the Sound of Music. The Main Hall of the World Trade Center was SRO family members came to support the Rotarian participants.

Thus the event with AG Joy Valenton and PP Luz Fajardo acting as Master of Ceremonies started with the Parade of Participants followed by the Invocation led by Spouse Mila Aspe, Talent Night Committee Co-Chair and an inspiring Message by DGL Minda Garcia. To break the ice Interactors from the Maria Clara High School performed a cheerdance presentation. After the reading of the contest guidelines by Spouse Angie Pineda, Talent Night Committee Chair, the performance commenced. Spouse Executive Committee Chair Lin Liboro delivered the Closing Remarks after the announcement of the winners. It was a fine ending to one of the most memorable and record breaking DISCON District 3800 ever had. Truly we have set District 3800's destiny and created history!



Above: Members of the Spouse Executive and Working Committee led by DGL Minda Garcia. They were mostly responsible for the successful Governor's Ball and the Talent Night of DISCON 2012.



Above: A view of the big crowd that came to witness the performance of the 9 zones during the Talent Night of DISCON 2012.



Above: PDG Lina Aurelio & members of RC Sampaguita Grace Park

