



Governor's Monthly Letter

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The Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

WOW, February was a very hectic month and it showed the resiliency of our fellow Rotarians and Spouses. Amid the ongoing club projects, the participants of the Governor's Ball and Talent Night presentation have to practice at least once a week for each of them. Salamat sa inyong suporta.

The Palarotary was again a very successful affair. Thanks to Chairman AG Teddy Boy Zamora and RC Kalookan North for conceptualizing a different set of games which made all the games very exciting. To the winners, congratulations!



RC Marikina Hilltop together with all the clubs in Zone 4 hosted a first ever symposium on Peace appropriately titled "Forging Peace Towards Economic Development" wherein Leaders of the Government Peace Panel and the NDF-CPP- NPA presented their respective positions. This is the first time after a long while that they met in one forum. I congratulate them for making this symposium possible and I hope we would have helped in finding peace within our country.

The first-ever National PETS was also held this month at the Waterfront Hotel in Cebu City and I hope that our PEs did have a good start for their year ahead.

As we move on for the rest of our term, let me just remind everybody that we have set our own goals and let us try to achieve all of them. As I have repeatedly emphasized, each club should not be competing with other clubs but should compete against your respective targets. There is still plenty of time before the deadlines for our District Awards.

Let us continue to make our term a significant one.

Mabuhay ang District 3800!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Peace Builder Governor Lirio Sandoval



Secretary General's Reminders

By SG Augusto "Augie" Soliman

Let me remind all the Peace Builder Presidents that they should all aim for the RI Presidential Citation. And now is the time to review your respective club projects so that if you still have not satisfied some of the requirements for the said award, you may now work on them. You have until March 31, 2013 to submit the nomination of your club. The Mid-year review that should be conducted with you by the Assistant Governors will be able to help you in identifying which areas you still need to accomplish. Likewise, should you aim for the District Awards, please be reminded of the obligations to settle all your club listings for the major District Activities. As previously announced, these are part of the requirements for you to qualify for the District Awards.

By this time, we hope that you have already registered to the Rotary International all your new members so that your membership growth will be properly recognized by the Awards Committee. TRF contributors may still be encouraged so that it will help our District attain our target for this year.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 1-2	DISTRICT CONFERENCE (Discon 2013), hosted by RC Marikina South Venue : SMX Convention Center, Manila
March 10 and 17	3 rd Leg Ten pin Bowling Tournament, hosted by RC Lakeshore Rizal Time : 8:00am Venue : Sta Lucia East Bowling Center, Cainta, Rizal
March 15	5 th Leg District Golf Tournament, hosted by RC Greenhills Venue : Forest Hills, Antipolo City
April 21	6 th Leg District Golf Tournament, hosted by RC San Juan West Venue : Sunvalley Golf Club, Antipolo City
April 27-28	DISTAS 2013, hosted by RC Marikina Venue : Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City
May 12 and 19	4 th Leg Ten Pin Bowling Tournament, hosted by RC Rivercity Marikina Time : 8:00am Venue : Sta Lucia East Bowling Center, Cainta Rizal
June 14	DISTRICT AWARDS NIGHT, hosted by RC Mandaluyong Central Venue : Wack-wack Golf and Country Club, Mandaluyong City

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RI District 3800 and the host club, the Rotary Club of Marikina, are inviting all Rotarians and their families to attend **DISTAS 2013** to be held on **April 27-28, 2013** at **Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City**. All district officers, club presidents, club officers and directors and their spouses are enjoined to participate in this once a year District Assembly, where the district plans and programs for the coming year will be presented. The RI and the district's thrusts and programs will be discussed during the plenary sessions. All the incoming club officers and directors will also benefit from the breakout sessions which will cover their particular roles and responsibilities and what is expected of them during the year.

We are promising all delegates an informative, exciting and enjoyable weekend of learning, fellowship and camaraderie through the varied activities we are offering during DISTAS 2013. We have invited as guests of honor and speakers during the plenary sessions, DENR Sec. Ramon Paje and Dale Carnegie Phils. Pres. Bienvenido S. Policarpio. Our theme during the Fellowship Night on the first day, Saturday, will be western. We are planning to hold this fellowship outdoors at the hotel view deck with a band for live entertainment, games, singing and dancing. We will have lots of food and drinks to make this an event not to be missed. We will definitely have a whole roasted calf to complement our western theme. We will put up several bamboo torches to add to the evening's ambiance if the hotel will not allow us to have a big bonfire. So we encourage everyone to come in cowboy/ cowgirl attire during the fellowship. We will give a prize to the couple with the best costume. We will also give a special prize to the one wearing the most authentic Cowboy Hat.

Just to remind everybody, starting March 16 and up to April 26, 2013, registration fee is PhP 2,800 for Rotarians and PhP 2,600 for spouses. On-site fee is PhP 3,000 for Rotarians and PhP 2,800 for spouses. Our promo of 10 + 1 registered and paid Rotarian delegates continues. Club listing fee is Ph 3,500.

Please deposit your payment to our account to any BDO branch, at Account Name: RI DISTRICT 3800 DISTAS 2013 and CA# 338027996. Please scan your deposit slip and the registration form and fax to 942-3720 or email to jeangaspar@yahoo.com. Please make your check payable to RI DISTRICT 3800 DISTAS 2013.

For those who wish to reserve a room at Taal Vista Hotel, we have made arrangements at Taal Vista Hotel at the following discounted rates:

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| LAKE WING (near ballroom) | Mountain Wing (near swimming pool) |
| Deluxe Room - Php 5,550.00 | Superior Room— Php 4,550.00 |
| Premiere Room – Php 6,200.00 | Deluxe Room— Php 5,550.00 |

Please book your room early as Taal Vista Hotel has limited rooms. A reservation fee of 50% is required to confirm booking.

We also welcome advertisements in our DISTAS 2013 Souvenir Program and other promotional/publicity options, including display booths, tarps or AVP.

We will advise you of further developments to DISTAS 2013 later. Please visit us at [facebook.com/RI District 3800 Distas 2013](https://www.facebook.com/RI-District-3800-Distas-2013) or at our Distas 2013 page in our website www.marikinarotary.org. You may also contact the Rotary Club of Marikina at telefax no. 942-3720 or the DISTAS 2013 Marketing and Promotions group c/o PE Hermie de la Paz by call/text at 0917.735.9207 or email at mhrdelapaz@hotmail.com for further information and assistance.

SEE YOU ALL IN TAGAYTAY! SEE YOU ALL IN RI DISTRICT 3800 DISTAS 2013!

By: PE Hermie dela Paz, RC Marikina

LABOR FORUM WITH LECH WALESZA

By Pres. Muffet Manahan, RC Greater Mandaluyong

Rotary Club of Greater Mandaluyong of RI District 3800 was assigned to host an Inter District City PEACE FORUM together with RI District 3780, 3810 and 3870 , in cooperation with the Ateneo de Manila University and Embassy of Poland entitled, " Globalization, Democracy, and Solidarity: a forum with HE LECH WALESZA of Poland.

Mr. Walesa, an electrician by trade and was a docker at the Gdansk shipyard, led the independent labor union party Solidarity. Under his leadership, Solidarity became instrumental in the collapse of communism and establishment of democracy in Eastern Europe through a peaceful revolution very much like the Philippines' People Power Revolution of 1986. He was later elected President of Poland and continues to be one of the world's most important senior statesman.

With the speaker's experience as labor and and pro democracy leader and a former President of a nation with over two million migrant workers, the forum was a success. The forum was held on November 29, 2012 at Irwin Theater, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City



ROTARY CLAIMS A STAKE IN THE GPH-NDFP PEACE TALKS

By: PE/Sec. Carlos S. Manansala, RC Marikina Hilltop

Rotary International District 3800 held a peace forum with the theme "Forging Peace for Economic Development" last 9 February 2013 at the auditorium of the Ateneo Professional Schools at Rockwell Center. The Rotary Club of Marikina Hilltop initiated the project and served as lead club. The Peace Builder Presidents of Zone 4 adopted the forum as a zone project. The Ateneo Law School co-sponsored the forum with RI District 3800.

The forum is a historic event for Rotary. It gathered in one venue the representatives of the peace negotiating panels of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP). It was also the first time, after a long while, that the GPH and NDFP panelists met face to face in one forum.

Representing the GPH was panel Chairperson Alex Padilla. He spoke from the heart and gave an honest, sometimes blunt, assessment of the issues involved and status of the peace talks. NDFP Chairperson Luis Jalandoni, together with panel member Coni Ledesma, delivered a video message congratulating the district and RC Marikina Hilltop and all Rotarians for deciding to hold the forum. Rafael Baylous spoke in behalf of the NDFP. He is a member of the Reciprocal Working Committee for Socio-Economic Reforms (RWC-SER) of the NDFP. He too spoke from the heart. He revealed plans for a "historic moment" with President Benigno Aquino meeting with Jose Ma. Sison, chief political consultant of the NDFP. He said that it has failed to materialize as yet.

The tone was set by the very down to earth presentation of the background of the talks. Former Justice Secretary Silvestre "Bebot" Bello III proved to be an excellent choice to provide the background for the peace talks. He went straight to the heart of the matter. He did not pull punches but he delivered it with levity. He showed the audience the nitty-gritty of the process and the very real emotions, frustrations, decisions and victories of the people involved: Pres. GMA, Jose Ma. Sison, Luis Jalandoni, and many more. He gave an insider's look of the "*urong-sulong*" turn of events that he personally experienced when he was a member and eventually Chair of the government peace panel negotiating with the CPP-NPA-NDF back in 2001-2004. If there is one thing to be learned from the forum, it is this: the quest for peace is urgent yet one needs infinite patience.

The forum allowed the audience a substantial glimpse on the issues involved through the panel of reactors comprising five sectoral representatives. Marie Lisa M. Dacanay, PhD, President of the Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia (ISEA) represented social entrepreneurs. Atty. Jose Sonny G. Matula, National President of the Federation of Free Workers-International Trade Union Confederation (FFW-ITUC) represented workers. Atty. Jobert I. Pahilga, Executive Trustee of Sentro Para sa Tunay na Repormang Agraryo (SENTRA) represented farmers. PP Elmer C. Espiritu, President and General Manager of Enerco Oil Corporation, represented business. And representing the youth was Carolyn Ann Cruz, former Managing Editor of CHI-RO, official school publication of Miriam College

Among the audience were Rotarians, Ateneo law students and even some officers of the PNP. Ateneo Law School Dean, Prof. Sedfrey Candelaria, required his students to attend so they may be exposed to the realities of the peace process and the nuances of international law. The PNP officers were required to attend by their superior, Police Chief Supt. Lina Sarmiento, head of the PNP's Community Relations Group and incumbent President of the Rotary Club of San Juan del Monte. She also wanted her officers to be exposed to the ground realities of the peace process and to know the issues involved straight from the source.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3800
District Governor **Lirio Sandoval**

FORGING PEACE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

THE ARMED STRUGGLE LED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES, NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY, AND THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT HAS BEEN RAGING FOR MORE THAN FOUR (4) DECADES. THOUSANDS OF REBELS, SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS HAVE DIED AND MORE HAVE BEEN MAIMED AND INJURED. THE GOVERNMENT'S COUNTER-INSURGENCY STRATEGY HAS DIMINISHED THEIR NUMBER BUT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DESTROY THE ORGANIZATION. SOME ANALYSIS BELIEVE NEITHER SIDE WILL WIN MILITARILY.

Some Highlights of the Peace Negotiations

- The organization was strong in the 1970s but declined as the executive government of Ferdinand Marcos.
- The first formal talks took place in January 1985 under President Corason Aquino, but NDFP walked out after farmers demonstrating in Mindanao were repelled in bloody clash.
- Formal talks started again in Brno in 1995, and in Manila in March 1998. The Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CAHRH/IL) was signed.
- After seven years of hiatus since 2004, the GDH-NDFP peace talk resumed in Oslo, Norway, in February 2011.
- In the informal meeting held last December 2012 in The Hague, an agreement has been reached to discuss the forging of a "Common Declaration of National Unity and Just Peace."

As members of a credible and venerable organization and being trustworthy leaders of their own communities, Rotarians have a powerful voice that can help in advancing the cause of Peace. We Rotarians have the formidable power to Act. And act with commitment in pursuit of a meaningful Cause. Not only because it is embodied in our Rotarian Theme "Peace through Service" but more so because it is what our country and our people need. To know and understand the issues is to be able to commit ourselves to purposive action.

Forum 9: 300+ Zone 4 Professional Schools, Business, Schools, Home Ch. Clubs, Zone 4 Rotary Clubs in cooperation with Ateneo Professional Schools Host Club: ROTARY CLUB OF MARIKINA HILLTOP

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR (ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3800)

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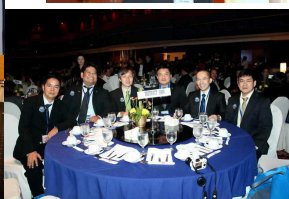
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CHAIRPERSON (GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES)

ATENEU

MULTI -DISTRICT PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR
February 15-16, 2013 @ Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City

Photos on pages 6 & 7 courtesy of IAG Ricky Villareal, RC Antipolo City



ROTARY CLAIMS...(continued from page 5)



Rtn. Rodolfo "Rudy" Garcia judged the forum as a "resounding success." Rtn. Rudy, a plebe of RC Marikina Hilltop, is a retired Lt. General of the Philippine Army, former AFP Vice Chief of Staff and former head of the GRP panel negotiating with the MILF. He did a good job in introducing Rafael Baylosis.

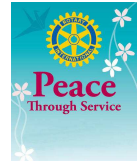
Let us all commend the people who made the forum happen. Three cheers for the team effort and individual contribution of the Presidents of Zone 4!

Hurray to the tireless effort and able leadership of RC Marikina Hilltop President Serge Mendoza. Special thanks to the panelists and reactors. And thank you Dean Sedfrey Candelaria for skillfully moderating the forum and offering the APS auditorium for free!

What's next? Both the GPH Chair Alex Padilla and NDFP Chair Luis Jalandoni challenged Rotary to be a vigilant stakeholder in the peace process.



PALAROTARY 2013



PALAROTARY 2013
Rizal High School, Pasig City

OVER ALL FINAL RESULTS

Place	Zone	Color	Points
1st	1	Grey	301.5
2nd	8	Lavander	283.5
3rd	5A	Orange	266.5
4th	4	White	245.5
5th	5B	Blue	215.5
6th	6	Green	207.5
7th	2	Red	182
8th	3	Yellow	178
9th	7		149

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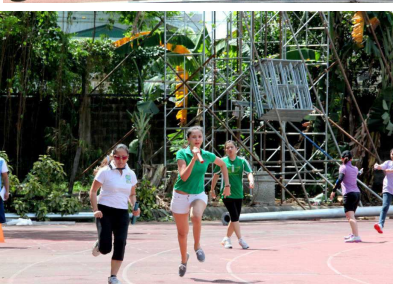




PALAROTARY 2013



February 24, 2013
 Rizal High School, Pasig City
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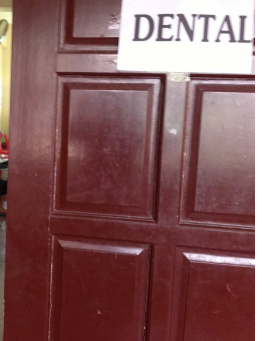
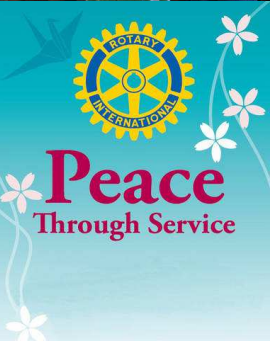
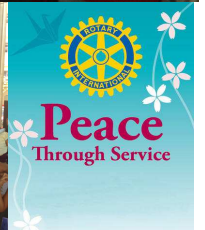
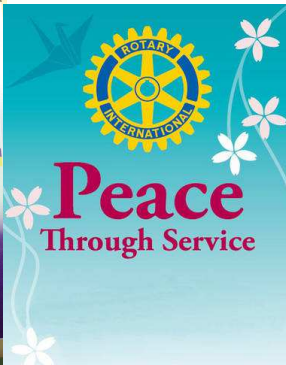


CELEBRATING ROTARY'S FOUNDATION WEEK

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ROTARY IN ACTION





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Photo above shows launching of Rotavirus Project – MG No. 77924 – A matching grant project sponsored by the Rotary Foundation; Rotary Club Monterey Pacific, U.S.A.; Rotary International Districts: 5230, USA; 2780, Japan; 3520, Taipei; 3450, Hongkong; 3800, Philippines and Rotary Club Sampaguita Grace Park, Philippines, headed by its President Len Isleta in coordination with the Caloocan City Health Department. Actual oral vaccines were done by the following Rotarians: PDG Lina Aurelio, PE Gianna Montenegro, PN Jemellie Gonzales, PP Lulu Sotto, PP Maritess Rivera, PP Yoly Dizon, PP Paola Acevedo, Rtms. Grace Acebedo, Christine Sierte and Isabela Wigal for 284 infants of 20 Barangay Health Centers in Caloocan City. “ ROTAVIRUS, prevents a serious cause of diarrhea which causes death from infancy till 5 yrs of age, for they are fragile and vulnerable. They easily succumb to infection , malnutrition and dehydration. With these vaccines we have saved hundreds of infants lives.

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TAGAYTAY CITY
APRIL 27-28, 2013

HOST CLUB: ROTARY CLUB OF MARIKINA



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3800
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SPORTS - PEACE 2013

MARCH 24, 2013 - SUNDAY, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FIN ASIA Clubhouse, Sumulong Hi-way, Cainta Rizal

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From the Editor:

We encourage all the clubs to submit articles and pictures of their club projects. Pictures should be in high resolution and should show Rotarians in action and/or the beneficiaries of the club projects. We have the option to select articles or pictures to be published subject to availability of space. Some of the articles and pictures may be submitted to the Philippine Rotary Magazine and will be subject to the PRM Editorial Board's selection process. You may submit your materials to the following:

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