Rotary International District 3800

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The Governor's Message

The Inaugural Address of District Governor Luizo "Louie" Ticman

GREETINGS:

Tonight, we mark not just a simple event of gathering ourselves for fellowship, but to observe the passing of the torch of leadership of our district, from the Peace Builder Team to the First Class / Engage Rotary, Change Lives Team, symbolizing an end as well as a beginning------ signifying renewal as well as change.

Today, we are living in a rapidly changing world. Technology modernizing at blistering pace, with the industries and businesses progressing consistently as our economy continues to improve. But in the midst of these, poverty, hardship, misery, social injustice and even exploitation of our environmental resources is not expected to evaporate and disappear overnight. These will continue to exist, thus making Rotary as relevant today as it was 108 years ago.

Fellow Rotarians, in our mortal hands, we have the ability and capacity to mitigate if not completely abolish these common human afflictions of poverty, suffering, pain and misery on our own or by way of cooperation with other organizations and concerned government agencies. For after all, we are Rotarians. We carry more than a hundred years of legacy of not just good intentions but a legacy of TANGIBLE active, dedicated and unswerving service to our people. We are a people unwilling to witness pain, suffering and misery. We are a people carrying a brand of dedicated and faithful active service to the less privileged people in our society in thought, in word, and most importantly, in deed.

For the First Class Presidents and District Officers of the Rotary Year 2013-2014, tonight is the first step towards the endeavor to CHANGE LIVES. This is a calling too difficult to cast aside, the opportunity to serve man particularly the least of our brethren, and eventually, to do the will of God. To me personally, it is a distinct honor and a privilege to be ever given this rare chance of leading our District towards this noble and sublime duty of manifesting, in the real sense, our love for God and fellowmen, through active service. And I have a lot of people to thank for this sacred trust given to me.

I have to start with my family who are always there for me, in good times and in bad, and always are supportive physically, mentally and emotionally, in all my decisions and undertakings especially in Rotary.

Within the ranks of Rotary, of course, there are too many to recall. But, I would like to especially mention PDG Ting Tanco, my Governor when I became the Charter President of Rotary Club of Suburban East Rizal in the Rotary Year 1993-1994. He was my mentor, counselor, adviser, confidant and father rolled into one. He commissioned the Rotary Club of East Rizal under then Club President Tony Sagun to organize our club. May I acknowledge PP Tony and the members of RC East Rizal led by First Class President Roger Cerezo. May I, at this juncture, also acknowledge RC Metro Cainta, our daughter Club.

The CHAIRMEN and members of the Major Committees like CLUB ADMINISTRATION, and all other DISTRICT OFFICERS who for selfless dedication to Rotary, accepted the challenge and their respective roles and committed to do what it takes

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to enable District 3800 to function effectively and efficiently. Each one of you has positively and unselfishly responded to the clarion call to action in this year's Theme: "Engage Rotary, Change Lives".

Lest I forget, our ever supportive Spouses. I express my deepest appreciation to all our spouses.

My gratitude also goes to the Past District Governors, who had been very generous with their help and support, lead District Trainer PDG Rudy San Felipe and PDG Fabie Enriquez, and IPDG Lirio Sandoval for handing me over a district in good shape, lean and mean with 84 effective and functioning clubs, and for the peace initiatives and ongoing service projects of the Peace Builder Team, already in place which need to be continued and sustained, the First Class Team shall pursue with renewed zeal, and under the same spirit and vigor until their fruitful completion.

Each passing year however presents new challenges on different fronts such as on Membership, TRF Grants and Contributions, and Service Projects, among others which the First Class Team will meet head on:

On membership, we have unraveled twin focus on RECRUITMENT and RETENTION with the campaign SLOGAN "555" which translates to "GIVE ME FIVE, OR BECOME TWENTY FIVE, SO OUR DISTRICT WILL BECOME TWO THOUSAND FIVE". Our District goal is to have at least 2,500 members on or before March 31, 2014. Our District Membership Committee under the able leadership of PDG JUN FARCON will manage and oversee the execution of our action plan for membership growth.

Relative to this, our District is fortunate to have unselfish Past District Governors who are still willing to "roll up their sleeves" to spearhead "house-fixing" chores in their zones and accepted the role of Chairmen of the Zone Special Membership Teams that will help all clubs in their respective zones attain charter strength before 2013 is over. The following are the PDGs-Chairmen of the Zone Special Membership Team:

Zone 1-PDG Eduardo Chua Co Kiong

Zone 2-PDG Teodorico E. Zamora

Zone 3 -PDG Santos Chua

Zone 4-PDG Arsenio N. Tanco
Zones 5A & 5B -PDG Rodolfo S. San Felipe
Zone 6-PDG Fabio J. Enriquez
Zone 7—PDG Jose F. Peralta
Zone 8—PDG Antonio G. Puyat

And to closely monitor our concerted recruitment efforts, we shall have MASS INDUCTION of new members where the First Class Presidents will show off their recruitment prowess.

I am proud to announce as well the dedicated Rotarians who unselfishly accepted the complementary task of pushing our efforts on CLUB EXTENSION. Our line up of District Governor's Special Representative is as follows:

- PDG Eduardo Chua Co Kiong
- PP Mario Catacutan
- PP Peter Quintana
- PP Antonio B. Fidelino
- PP Dindo Ferdinand Santos
- PP Roland Garcia
- PP Joseph Banzon
- PP Rizalino Timbol
- PP Ricardo Angeles
- PP Aurelio Samson
- PP Hipolito Leoncio
- PP Antonia Roxas

Our common experience in Rotary is that membership gains are negated and inhibited by poor membership retention. For us to really grow, we must "RETAIN to GAIN". Our theme for this Rotary year, "Engage Rotary, Change Lives", most articulately defines the thrust for membership retention. Each and every member must be ENGAGED and given meaningful roles to awaken their sense of involvement, so that they will be immersed into the Rotary ideals and make Rotary meaningful to them as well.

We can further make Rotary meaningful to the members as we integrate the family values into Rotary. We should involve not only our spouses, but also our children. The example of service our children observe, will be the same thing they will do when they grow up. In the same vein, the family values of closeness and care should reach the level of personal relationship, to the point that we share in the bereavement, problems, and happiness of our members. This way, each member will feel part of the BIG Rotary Family and will continuously remain and stay as committed Rotarian.

Let us likewise fill our ranks with young and energetic Rotarians and make them feel that they are TRULY needed, valued and appreciated, and part of our respective clubs, HINDI SALING PUSA LANG. The NEW GENERATION or the YOUTH is not only our bridge to the future, it is our bridge to survival.... Corollary to this, we should consolidate and improve our programs

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for the ROTARACT, INTERACT, Rotary Youth Exchange and RYLA to develop them as farm for future Rotarians.

One other rich source of potential Rotarians are the non-Rotarian institutions and individuals who give their support, cooperation, and/or donation to Rotary cause. The keen interest of these stakeholders in Rotary activities is generated by the image of Rotary in our society, thus we need to enhance and develop Rotary's image, not just through the traditional and customary billboards, signages and written literature but thru full use of other media as well.

Speaking of meaningful and relevant projects, I have lengthily discussed the matter of environment on many occasions. That will show how passionate we should be, in this most important challenge affecting all of us these days.

We will roll out and vigorously implement our Project on Environmental Protection Thru Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Ventures. In this umbrella project, we envision to convert the "enemies" of the environment into its allies and protectors. We will provide them with the OPPORTUNITIES they need, we will provide them with alternative livelihood and entrepreneurial ventures that can change their lives, not just for a day, a week or a month. We can change their lives forever. We will form them into RCCs and later into Cooperatives for them to optimize benefits/gains, and provide them with the necessary trainings and networking all the way to post harvest or post production. We have gone a long way on this. We created and activated CASPI to work on this. We have come up with a menu of projects, forged practical, workable, meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships with government agencies and NGOs alike. As we change the lives of the CULPRITS of environmental degradation, we change the lives of the VICTIMS as well,

including our own. We are grateful to PDG Efren de Guzman and his team for their support and commitment to push our projects.

Many of our projects, including some under the Flagship Projects are being supported or will be supported by Grants from the TRF.

Our records on Grants availment for several years now clearly indicate that we get eight to ten times of whatever we contribute to TRF. And this leads me to my next point…

Our contribution to the TRF should be maximized in order for Rotary to be able to fully support its programs worldwide, including our own. Our District has been among the leading contributors to the Foundation in our Region. For this year, PDG Fabie Enriquez, our DRFC, CP Manny Reyes, our Annual Giving Chair, and PP Celso Montalla of RC Marikina Hilltop, our TRF Banquet Chair, have all committed to meet, and surpass, our TRF Goal.

I am distinctly privileged to brag that we have loaned to the TRF leadership two of our District's generous sons namely, PDG Mac Hermoso as Regional TRF Coordinator and our renowned and distinguished member and pillar, the only Filipino member of the Arch Klump Society, our very own PDG Raffy Garcia. PDG Raffy is an Endowment and Major Gift Adviser. He has committed to help our District to level up on our contributions to the Foundation this Rotary year. Undoubtedly, the best is yet to come for our District. Take a bow EMGA Raffy and Lady Minda.

As students in Leadership or Management, we all learned that a leader must "Lead by Example", he must "walk his talk", so at this point, may I beg everybody's indulgence as I spend a few minutes in calling our ANNUAL FUNDS Chairman on stage to present to him my donation to the TRF..

First Class Presidents and District Officers, the time is upon us and I know the trainings we had undergone had prepared us adequately for the tasks at hand.

I am calling on you therefore to work hard, bearing in mind that the true test of character is found in the willingness to bear burdens, to take the hard place, to do the works that must be done, unmindful of any recognition or reward. I encourage you to labor hard, not only because it is the only chance we get, but most importantly because it is our duty. We should make sure that it is done, not just according to the expectations, but to the best that we can ever do.

At the end of the day, when it is our time to pass the torch, we can hold our heads up high knowing that we did our duty, faithfully and well.

Before I close, Fellow Rotarians truly committed to the ideals of camaraderie, unity, harmony, selflessness, and Rotary's Motto of Service Above Self, TOGETHER, let us hit the ground running as we commence our journey to ENGAGE ROTARY and CHANGE LIVES.

Finally, for us to be able to face ourselves in the mirror each day peacefully, let us fervently pray that each one of us, ALL OF US, be blessed with EYES that SEE the BEST in our fellow Rotarians and the people around us, a HEART that FORGIVES the WORST, a MIND that FORGETS the BAD and a SOUL that will truly promote and PURSUE the WILL of GOD !!!

Thank you very much to all !

DISTRICT HANDOVER 2013

Article by PP Rizalino "Riz" Timbol, RC Suburban East Rizal

The Grand Ballroom of Crowne Plaza Hotel, Mandaluyong City was filled with more than five hundred Rotarians and their lovely spouses; on the occasion of RI District 3800 Handover Ceremony last 30 June 2013. This once in a year most awaited celebration for Rotarians specially the outgoing and incoming District and Club officers started with a thanksgiving mass presided by Msgr Arnel F. Lagarrejos, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Light Parish, Cainta, Rizal.

IPDG Lirio G. Sandoval in his valedictory address reported the various achievements of our District for RY 2012- 2013. The dashing IPDG also thanked all Rotarians and friends (of course the Lovely IPD Lady Glo included), who have extended help that led to the success of RI District 3800 under his administration; before winding his report, IPDG Lirio expressed his support and best wishes to DG Louie C Ticman and the new set of District and Club Officers for RY 2013 - 2014

Immediately thereafter, PDG Arsenio "Ting" Tanco, who was in RY 1992-1993 the then District Governor when DG Louie was the Charter President of RC Suburban East Rizal inducted DGE Louie into office as RI International District 3800 District Governor for RY 2013-2014. PDG Ting Tanco was ably assisted by PP Tony Sagun, of RC East Rizal, the Club that Chartered RC Suburban East Rizal. Right after his induction IPDG Lirio handed to DG Louie the District Bell and Gavel, the District Banner and other documents (for the first time on a USB); to the delight of

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Photos courtesy of AG Ricky Villareal and PP Jonas Rivera

all in the grand ballroom. IPDG Lady Glo on the other hand presented to DGL Ruby " a crown". DG Louie then presented the Leadership Award to IPDG Lirio while DGL Ruby gave a token to IPDGL Glo.

The family of DG Louie was then presented by DS Dan Santos. In his Inaugural Address DG Louie enumerated one by one the thrust of Rotary International and our District for this Rotary Year; giving emphasis on projects that will alleviate the plight of the poor, preservation of environment, increase in membership among others. A short glimpse on the life of DG Louie as a family man, Rotarian and a businessman was shown through a slide presentation together with the District Advisory Council and the Office of the DG's support group. The First Class District Officers, First Class District Committee Chairmen and the First Class Presidents were also inducted into their respective offices one at a time by DG Louie. The Handover of Bell and Gavel from the Peace Builders Presidents to the First Class Presidents also took place. PB and RC Suburban East Rizal President Jingle Marie Magno gave the closing remarks, after which the District Theme song was perfectly rendered by the First Class Presidents, District Officers and Rotarians.

This year's District Handover Ceremony ended with the adjournment by DG Louie, which was immediately followed by raffles, dancing and almost endless joys and laughter...

District Reminders

By District Secretary Danilo "Dan" Santos

REMINDERS FOR CLUBS

1) All club semi-annual dues are due and payable on July 1, start of the Rotary Year. Please ensure submission of your duly accomplished Semi-Annual Report (SAR) and remittance of payment accordingly.

First Semester Semi-Annual dues = US $ 26.50 per member plus an additional US $1.00 to defray the costs of the Council of Legislation. The current exchange rate is PHP 42.00 to a $ 1.00.

2) Please remit payment for the first semester subscription to the Philippine Rotary Magazine (PRM) at P270.00 per member.

3) Kindly report any change in your club meeting day, venue and time.

4) In the preparation for the Governor's Visit, please submit the Planning Guide (July 1) and copy of the Plans and Programs in advance (two weeks before the Official Visit). Prepare payment for the District Fund (P500 per member).

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

July 13 - 1st First Class Team Breakfast Meeting at Valle Verde Country Club, 7AM
July 28 - ROTASEMBLY AND HANDOVER CEREMONY at the Bulwagang Katipunan, Caloocan City Hall, CaloocanCity, 1PM – 7PM
Aug. 11 - Opening of Duckpin Bowling Tournament at Market Place, Mandaluyong City
Hosted by RC Metro Pasig
Aug. 31 - First Mass Induction of New Members at Club Filipino, 1PM
Hosted by RC Kalookan North

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Spouses' Corner

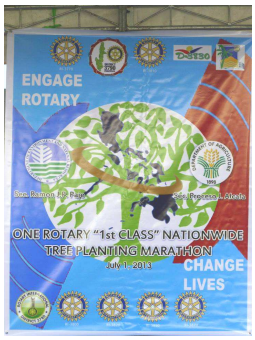
ANOTHER ROTARY YEAR HAS BEGUN, AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S LADY RUBY TICMAN, NOT ONE TO LET THE GRASS GROW UNDER HER FEET, HAS BEEN MEETING WITH HER SPOUSES' COMMITTEE TO PLAN THE YEAR'S PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE SPOUSES. AS HER PERSONAL ADVOCACY IS FOR THE AGED AND THE SPECIAL CHILDREN, HER PROJECTS WILL BE GEARED TOWARDS THESE SECTORS. AND, IN KEEPING WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR LOUIE'S THRUST OF CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT, SHE HAS PLANS TO HELP CLEAN UP THE PASIG RIVER, WHILE PROVIDING LIVELIHOOD FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.

IT PROMISES TO BE ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR FOR THE SPOUSES, WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S LADY RUBY AT THE HELM OF THE DISTRICT 3800 SPOUSES' COMMITTEE!

ONE ROTARY "FIRST CLASS" NATIONWIDE TREE PLANTING MARATHON

Manila Water East La Mesa Water Treatment Plant, Quezon City – July 1, 2013

Article and Photos courtesy of Lt. Governor Roberto Antonio "Bobby" Rosadia, RC Metro Marikina

Rotary International Districts 3770, 3780, 3800 and 3830 led by their respective First Class District Governors - Benigno "Pichoy" Ramirez, Francisco "Francis" Rivera, Luizo "Louie" Ticman and Robert "Robert" Kuan launched One Rotary's nationwide tree planting marathon on July 1, 2013 at Manila Water's East La Mesa Treatment Plant in Quezon City. This was part of a simultaneous nationwide launch in all the Philippine Rotary Districts. This One Rotary project is done in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture and is covered by a Memorandum of Agreement signed last June 12, 2013. It is a marathon because all ten Rotary Districts will each have their own tree planting activity within the next few months. Supporting DG Louie on this occasion were Rotarians from D3800 – led by DS Dan Santos, Lt. Gov. Bobby Rosadia, First Class Presidents Ferdie Hernandez, Lito Sese, and Reyden Cericos, and PPs Gener Dizon and Cristy Barroga.

On this particular occasion, District 3780 in partnership with ABS-CBN's Bantay Kalikasan planted 640 seedlings in the East Sector of La Mesa Dam. Some of District 3800's representatives participated in the tree planting activity that ensued right after a short program. District 3800's tree planting is scheduled for August 10, 2013 in Tanay, Rizal.