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The Governor's Message



The Message of District Governor Luizo "Louie" Ticman during The Rotary Foundation Banquet

Greetings!!!

Fellow Rotarians, spouses, guests, ladies and gentlemen,

The aftermath of super-typhoon Yolanda and its footprints in Tacloban and other areas of Central Visayas forebode the emergence of more powerful typhoons as well as other severe weather phenomenon resulting from climate change. The consequences of this is that mankind, particularly the inadequately prepared poor people in less developed countries, shall bear the brunt and shall suffer more from the rise in global temperatures... This makes Rotary relevant more than ever. "Mankind is Our Business", says one of our past RI Themes.

Against this backdrop, this evening will not only be a tribute and thanksgiving to all those who have contributed to The Rotary Foundation, but a night of recognition of the indomitable spirit of the Filipino people all over the world.

The recent disasters here in our country have made us more conscious of the need to be more prepared and above all be ready to help those who might be affected.

With this realization, we Rotarians must continue to clearly understand what our role/s should be, what our responses should be as a non-government player in disasters, tragedies, or crisis of this magnitude. We, Rotarians, must be part of the solution and should not fall in a bind that may only further complicate the situation in affected area/s.

We should necessarily understand the dynamics of complex emergencies such as the Yolanda aftermath as well as the social and political underpinnings of this tragedy. And it should also dawn on us that complex emergencies usually do not follow the relief-rehabilitate-develop continuum and occasionally experience zigzags along the way. A strong understanding of these contexts enables the use of strategies and approaches that can be mitigating and helpful rather than complicating.

Individually, we can only do so much, but collectively we can move mountains. This is what organizations like the Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation can do.

It is worthy to note that the response of District 3800 during the past two disasters that struck District 3860 in rapid succession, specifically the Bohol earthquake and the Yolanda super typhoon, have been heartwarming and praise worthy. Immediately after I received the appeal from Governor Ed Chiongbian of District 3860, our district silently raised funds and calamity resources: (food, water/ aqua-tabs, blankets, medicines for the hapless victims) generating more or less nine million pesos (P 9,000,000.00) in cash and in-kind donations. District Governor Ed Chiongbian was profuse in extending the gratitude of his district, in behalf of the victims, as he said that our district is their biggest contributor/supporter from all the districts in the Philippines. In keeping with Rotary's motto of Service Above Self, we still continue to do our silent way of generating resources, cash and in-kind donations, to

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help the victims thru the frontline unit/s of Rotary: Districts 3860, 3850 & 3830 in that order of damage sustained. Even our very own RI President Ron Burton made a clarion call for Rotarians to channel their help for the victims thru these Rotary districts.

Currently, the relief operations have more or less stabilized. The prevailing situation now therefore allows Rotary clubs and districts to start thinking of helping in rebuilding or rehabilitation efforts that must be aligned with the re-development plans of concerned government agencies. This is an opportunity for Rotarians, in general, and The Rotary Foundation in particular, to help big, and showcase what Rotary is willing and is capable of doing to help rebuild communities from developing countries, where it truly matters. The Rotary Foundation should not lose this kind of opportunities, much less by default. If I may suggest that the trustees revisit and reconsider allowing the use of grants for projects on fixed infrastructures in calamity stricken areas. This is currently not allowed, but we need to help build low-cost housing, and help rebuild schools and hospitals, hence the suggestion.

Having said that, allow me at this point to pay tribute to our crowd here tonight, our TRF contributors. You are here right now in this gathering because you have shown and proven to everybody your generosity and capacity for big contributions for the cause of Rotary. We cannot thank you enough for your openhanded liberality, but ahead of us is a really huge humanitarian undertaking.

Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation will mean a lot not only to the displaced, hopeless victims of earthquakes, super typhoons and other severe weather phenomenon but also to the many poor souls around the world who traditionally receive help from The Rotary Foundation. In a very big way, your contributions to TRF will continue to help change the lives of many people.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the new member of the chair's circle of the Arch Klump Society of The Rotary Foundation from District 3800 - PDG Raffy Garcia III. For this Rotary year, he has committed \$90,000.00 to The Rotary Foundation. But in the light of the gargantuan humanitarian tasks ahead of us, he will surely give more....

In addition, his son, Ramy Garcia IV will become a Major Donor, Level 3, by contributing an additional \$25,000.00. This father and son tandem, and Lady Minda deserve a round of applause.

I would like to thank the other donors as well: the major donors of various levels, the benefactors, Paul Harris Fellows, and twelve new Paul Harris Society members who will be properly recognized later for their commitment to the Rotary's Ideal of Service. We also have five new 100% Paul Harris Fellow clubs bringing the total to fourteen (14).

Let me also pay tribute to the host club for tonight, RC Marikina Hilltop chaired by PP Celso Montalla, and the team that makes things happen in the annual giving, our annual funds team headed by committee chair Charter President Manny Reyes ably supported by a team of committed and dedicated TRF Zone Coordinators. At the outset, we had set a target of \$350,000.00 for the district for this Rotary year. As of today, we have "paid and committed" contributions amounting to US\$280,000.00. We still have a long way to go, but based on our district's previous history, our target is realistically achievable.

At this juncture, in behalf of an appreciative district, I would like to thank our friend Dr. Monty Audenart, Past RI Vice President, current TRF trustee and aide to RI President Ron Burton, for accepting our invitation to be our guest of honor and speaker tonight. Your presence makes us even prouder of our achievements and inspires us to work even harder to attain and even exceed our goals.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my utmost gratitude to those who have contributed, and those who will still contribute to The Rotary Foundation, as well as those who participate in its programs. May you be blessed some more so that you may continue to be a blessing to others.

Thank you!!!

DISTRICT 3800 HOLDS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION BANQUET

Every November, The Rotary Foundation holds a banquet to honor individual Rotarians and clubs who contributed to the Annual Programs Fund. It is the time when the The Rotary Foundation and the District extends its appreciation, gratitude and recognition to the very generous individuals who have given selflessly to the Foundation. This year, the banquet was held on November 26, 2013 at Pavilion A, Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in the City of Mandaluyong. Designated host of the event was the Rotary Club of Marikina Hilltop.

In view of the large number of individuals and clubs to be recognized, the program started early with the introduction of guests and attendees by IPP Serge Mendoza followed by the welcome he remarks of event chair PP Celso Montalla. He was followed by an inspirational message from Frank Pezzimenti, manager of RI's South Pacific and Philippines Office.

Then District Governor Louie Ticman opened his keynote speech by recounting the effects of the twin tragedies that devastated the Visayas – the earthquake in Bohol and Cebu and the havoc wrought by super typhoon Yolanda. He said that the evening will not only be a tribute and thanksgiving to all those who contributed to The Rotary Foundation, but also a night of recognition to the indomitable spirit of the Filipino people. He related how District 3800 readily and immediately responded to the cries of aid from those severely affected by the twin tragedies. He added that “individually, we can only do so much, but collectively we can do more and even move mountains. This is what organizations like Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation can do.” In closing, Gov. Louie Ticman thanked all those who contributed to the Foundation, the host and organizer of the event and, to CP Manny Reyes, the able chair of The Annual Giving.

Next came the much awaited message of the guest of honor, PRIVP Monty J. Audenart from Canada and the TRF Trustee from 2013 to 2017. His speech was most applauded as he recalled how he became Rotarized when he volunteered to join a Rotary Foundation project very early upon joining Rotary. He has been fully supportive and contributing to the Foundation ever since. He exhorted the Rotarians to keep on supporting The

Rotary Foundation and its programs and “to give thanks for the opportunity to come together again to celebrate the Foundations’ achievements and to press forward and work together for humanity.”

The Rotary foundation club awardees were the first to be recognized: the EREY clubs of which there were 52 clubs, followed by the 100% Sustaining Member Clubs, the Top Three Clubs in per Capita Contributions, and the three 100% Paul Harris Clubs.

After a brief intermission, The Rotary Foundation acknowledged the contributions of Rotarians in the following categories:

- New Arch C. Klumph Society (L II, Chair's Circle)
- Continuing Major Donors (L III, and II)
- New Major Donor (L II)
- Continuing Major Donors (Level I)
- New Major Donors (Level I)
- New Benefactors
- New Paul Harris Society Members
- New 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs, RY 2013-2014
- New Paul Harris Fellows (+8, +7, +6, +5... +1)
- New Paul Harris Fellows

Despite the lateness of the hour, no one complained as everyone in the audience recognized the need for The Rotary Foundation and District 3800 to extend their gratitude and appreciation to each and every Rotarian who contributed to the Foundation this Rotary year and will continue to do so every Rotary year. ***PP Rene R. Reside, Associate GML Editor, RC Marikina Hilltop***



District Reminders

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- 8) Deadline for the submission of suggestions for District Governor Nominee will be on January 5, 2014.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Nov. 16	3 rd First Class Team Breakfast Meeting Valle Verde Country Club, 7 AM
	2 nd Mass Induction Club Filipino, 1 PM Hosted by RC San Juan
Nov. 23	Interact DISCON “Youth Summit 2013” Tañong High School, Marikina City, 8 AM - 5 PM
	Rotary Academy 101 Seminar for Cluster 3 TayTay Municipal Hall, Taytay, 1 PM Hosted by RC Metro East Taytay
Nov. 27	3 rd Leg Golf Tournament Valley Golf & Country Club Hosted by Zone 4 (Marikina)
Nov. 29-Dec. 1	RYLA/Rotary Youth Green Camp Pranjetto Hills, Tanay, Rizal, 10 AM Hosted by RC Mandaluyong, RC ManPaSan RC Pasig West & RC San Juan North
December 11	Christmas Party “Soul Train Christmas” Officers Club, Camp Aguinaldo, QC, 6 PM Hosted by RC Pasig Sunrise

The Rotary Foundation Banquet *Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, Mandaluyong City*



DG Louie Ticman



PP Cel Montalla
TRF Banquet Chair



Frank Pezzimenti
South Pacific & Phil. Office Manager



PRIVP Monty Audenart
TRF Trustee / Guest Speaker



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By District Secretary Danilo "Dan" Santos



REMINDERS FOR CLUBS

- 1) Please submit your duly accomplished SAR and remittance of payment accordingly. First Semester Semi-Annual dues = \$ 26.50 per member plus an additional US \$1.00 to defray the costs of the Council of Legislations. The current exchange rate the month of November is PHP 43.00 to a \$ 1.00.
- 2) Please remit payment for first semester subscription to the Philippine Rotary Magazine (PRM) at P270.00 per member.
- 3) Kindly report of any change in your club meeting day, venue and time.
- 4) In the preparation for the Governor's Visit, submit 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.
- 5) President's Monthly Report (PMR) is to be submitted on line using the district portal (<http://rotarians.district3800>). Deadline for the October PMR is on November 15.
- 6) Post your E-Bulletin in our Club Bulletin Hub (facebook.com/groups/cbhrotary3800) not later than the 15th of the following month.
- 7) Monthly club attendance report should be emailed to attendance_report@yahoo.com not later than 15 days from the last club meeting day for the month.

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