



Governor's Monthly Letter

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The Governor's Message



The Message of District Governor Luiz "Louie" Ticman during the MidYear Review.

Greetings!

Before the start of our Year of Service, we had our Strategic Planning right here at Valle Verde Country Club on February 2013. Our references, and which necessarily were the bases for our assumptions at that time, were the following:

1) The District (five-year) Strategic Plan initiated by then DGE Lirio Sandoval.
2) RI's Future Vision Plan which was in full roll out in July 1, 2013. Under the Future Vision Plan are the following innovations/ changes to make Rotary more vibrant, dynamic and relevant among other imperatives:

a) Grant model: global grant, district grant, and packaged grants

b) Six (6) areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention and resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic literacy and education, and economic & community development

3) RI Presidential Citation which spelled out the mandated activities and the parameters and criteria for club/s to deserve the citation.

With the foregoing background, situation, and assumptions, we set our goals for the district, the zones (which we grouped into more manageable clusters/areas), down to the different clubs.

For membership, we said that we must grow by at least 10%. But we were confronted with the situation that two clubs would transfer to another district to which I, as the then DGE, concurred with then incumbent district governor Lirio Sandoval to allow them to leave for mutually beneficial reasons. Furthermore, another club would probably be terminated, while a few other clubs are struggling to survive having membership difficulties and/or challenges on "making both ends meet".

With the foregoing dim scenario, as a team we aimed higher with the end in view of still achieving our goals. The membership committee chaired by PDG Jun Farcon came up with our membership campaign slogan which we collectively approved. Said slogan is dubbed as: "5 5 5" or simply put; give me five, or become twenty five so our district will be two thousand five hundred.

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On TRF contributions, the RI Presidential Citation requires that all Rotarians must contribute to the foundation, regardless of amount, with a total contribution of at least one hundred dollars per capita. On this, our Annual Funds Chair CP Manny Reyes, set our aim higher as well, concurred by the DRFC PDG Fabie Enriquez, to a total contribution of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00). As district governor, I approved this goal.

On service projects, on top of the recurring or continuing pet projects of our clubs, we were certain about what we wanted to achieve. We wanted to make, at the very least, a dent on environmental protection, helping save mother earth and contribute to efforts to address global warming and climate change.

Clearly, we prepared for this year, and by the grace of God, our district was spared from the wrath of super typhoons.

We came up with our flagship project on environmental protection, with CASPI (Committee on Advocacies, Special Projects, and Initiatives) headed by Lt Gov Bobby Rosadia as catalyst. The menu of projects listed under this flagship project complements the other projects of the clubs and to be implemented or monitored by the District Service Projects Committee headed by Chairman PDG Efren de Guzman. We put in place and implemented the following during the first half of the Rotary year:

1) Partnerships with agencies and organizations such as:

a) DENR - for the seedlings and plants that our clubs used for tree planting and greening activities facilitated by the District Tree Planting Committee under PP Gener Dizon.

b) LLDA - bamboo planting along riverbanks to prevent erosion and help improve the carbon-capture capacity of the environment.

c) DTI - shared service facilities in the government's efforts to include everyone, particularly the marginalized, in economic growth.

2) Organized and trained the beneficiaries, particularly the so-called enemies of the environment in Upper and Lower Kilingan of the Marikina Watershed facilitated by the Rizal cluster under DDG John Barredo and the CASPI.

3) The District Disaster Preparedness Committee under Chair Butch Regencia came to work to save families and individuals during floodings brought about by typhoons or Habagats. This committee also distributed relief goods to flooded areas.

4) The District Environment Committee chaired by PP Cristy Baroga conducted the well attended district-wide "Environmental Forum for Teachers" with the view of educating the educators on the basics of environmental protection. Our district, thru the efforts of PP Cristy Baroga, "exported" this forum in Tacloban to share with the teachers in the area the ideas of the renowned speakers. This was done in cooperation with DG Ed Chiongbian of District 3860.

DISTRICT 3800's SOUL TRAIN CHRISTMAS - The Biggest and Best Ever!
AFP Commissioned Officers Club, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City

The Rotary Club of Pasig Sunrise delivered on its promise to host the biggest and best ever district Christmas party with “A Soul Train Christmas – The Sound of District 3800” last December 11 at the AFP Commissioned Officers Club in Camp Aguinaldo. Over 600 Rotarians and spouses got tickets to the event, which was highlighted by the highly entertaining inter-zone Soul Train dance exhibition.

High-powered energy and excitement was brought to the party by the livewire host (and director) IPP Oliver “OD” Darvin of RC Pasig Sunrise together with the gorgeous and dynamic Rotarian Em Em Rosales of RC Mutya ng Pasig. The program was sparked by a different kind of community singing as the audience rose and lustily sang old variety show ditties from the 70’s such as “*Oras Ng Ligaya*” and “*The Sensations*”.

IPP OD also called onstage, his Peace Builder classmate, IPP Reggie Regis to lead an “on-the-spot” fund-raising game for the Typhoon Yolanda victims. This came with a twist as everyone was encouraged to join – the smallest bill they had to give to participate was just P20! The game was “Last Man Standing”, a simple game of jack-n-poy where each winner gets the pot until just one person was left standing. A small portion was to be given to the eventual winner, Spouse Bebang Pinon of RC Mandaluyong Central who chose to donate her share. Over P8,000.00 was raised, which was received by DG Louie Ticman and IPP Muffet Manahan, Chair of the District Calamity Fund.

Zone 6 Pasig and the RC Pasig Sunrise members and spouses led the interzone Soul Train dance competition, which featured funky 70s music from Stevie Wonder, the Commodores, the Temptations, Earth, Wind and Fire and Marvin Gaye among others. Marikina Zone 4 grooved to “Boogie Night”, while San Juan Zone 7 funkyed with the immortal “Play that Funky Music”. The Rizal clubs made an impromptu of Commodores classics “I Feel Sanctified” and bumped their hips together with “Do The Bump”.

In his message, District Governor Luizo “Louie” Ticman emphasized that due to the recent calamities that has beset our nation, he expressed his wish to the host club to have a toned-down party in terms of expense and promotional noise level. In spite of this, he was delighted that RC Pasig Sunrise – as expected – overdid

itself by organizing the liveliest and most attended (almost double the average attendance of the previous ones) Christmas party ever. He congratulated First Class President Dennis M. Umaly, Overall Chairman PP Brando Barrantes and the other key organizers such as IPP OD, PP Boyette Coronel, AG Alex Sotto, PP Jopy Villanueva, PP Ike Sanchez, Rtn. Gen. Oscar Lactao, Rtn. Paulo Falcone and DS Dan Santos for a job excellently fulfilled.

While the night was not complete without the usual eating, drinking, merry-making and fellowship that characterizes Rotary events – the official program was ended with another bang as IPPs OD and Reggie led a rousing community singing of well-loved Philippine Christmas songs that led to a real Christmas Soul Train of dancing, happy Rotarians that snaked around the stage and the cavernous hall singing “*Ang Pasko Ay Sumapit!*”

The embers of an unforgettable night remained as everyone rose and joined RC Pasig Sunrise with its sister club RC Mandaluyong Central in singing the club’s theme song, “*Basta’t tayo’y magkasama, laging mayroon umagang kay ganda! Pag-sikat ng araw, may dalang liwanag sa ating pangarap – woooh! Haharapin natin!*”



District Reminders

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

January 11	4 th Breakfast Meeting Ballroom, Valle Verde Country Club, 7 AM
	Grant Seminar Kalayaan Hall, Club Filipino, 1 PM Hosted by RC San Juan West
January 18	3 rd Mass Induction Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1 PM Hosted by RC Antipolo City
January 19	Art For A Cause East Ridge Golf & Country Club, 6 PM Hosted by RC Angono
January 25	Mid Year Review Ballroom, Valle Verde Country Club, 1 PM Hosted by RC San Juan West
January 31	4 th Leg Golf Tournament Sun Valley Gold & Country Club, 7 AM Hosted by RC Antipolo City
February 1	Environmental Forum for Teachers Leyte National High School, Tacloban City, 8 AM Hosted by RC Wack Wack
February 2	PalaRotary Marikina Sports Center, 7 AM Hosted by RC Cainta

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5) In quick reaction to the Bohol-Cebu earthquake and Super Typhoon Yolanda, we created the (interim) District Committee on Calamity Resource Generation under Chair Muffet Manahan, and the Special Committee on Mobilization under PP Lina Sarmiento.

6) For the second phase of our efforts to help Super Typhoon Yolanda survivor families, we created our Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Committee that will soon implement our "Boat For Lives" Project chaired by Lt Gov Jun Angeles with PDG Tony Puyat as adviser.

From here, let us proceed to the programme prepared for us by our host club, RC San Juan West and Chairman Augie Soliman.



District Reminders

By District Secretary Danilo "Dan" Santos



REMINDERS FOR CLUBS

- 1) Please submit your duly accomplished SAR and remittance of payment accordingly. Second Semester Semi-Annual dues = \$ 26.50 per member. The current exchange rate the month of January is PHP 44.00 to a \$ 1.00.
- 2) Please remit payment for second 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) President's Monthly Report (PMR) is to be submitted on line using the district portal (<http://rotarians.district3800>). Deadline for the January PMR is on February 15.
- 5) Post your E-Bulletin in our Club Bulletin Hub (facebook.com/groups/cbhrotary3800) not later than the 15th of the following month.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Deadline for the submission of suggestions for District Governor Nominee will be on January 5, 2014.
- 8) Promote DISCON 2014 attendance and remit corresponding club listing payment.

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