



Governor's Monthly Letter

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The Governor's Message



The Message of District Governor Luiz "Louie" Ticman during the District Conference 2014.

Greetings!!!

In the light of the changes Rotary International has recently instituted, our journey of service became more challenging, truly engaging and life changing, and most importantly, very fulfilling.

Foremost of the changes instituted by Rotary International was the full roll out on July 1, 2013 of the Future Vision Plan.

The Future Vision Plan is a new leaf in Rotary's already colorful history of "doing good in the communities". This time, Rotary decided to level up in what we are doing. We want to do greater things for the poor and the communities as we deliver service projects which must now be focused in six specific areas. Only focused high impact and sustainable projects shall be provided with funding support under the Global Grant of TRF's new grant model.

Another recent innovation is the Rotary Club Central, a new management tool for Rotary leaders: club presidents, district governors, and other key leaders, which was recently launched in September 2013. The Rotary Club Central provides leaders of clubs and districts real time information such as club goals, accomplishments and status on membership, TRF, service projects, and public image, among others. To my mind, the Rotary Club Central, in the not too distant future, could render the Mid-Year Review less relevant, if not totally irrelevant, save the qualitative analysis and the fellowship.

On the domestic front, a very significant change affecting our operations and service projects are the impact of global warming and climate change. The footprints of Typhoon Ondoy, and most recently super Typhoon Yolanda, forebode of more calamities and catastrophe to come where poor nations are most vulnerable. Worse, even mere prolonged monsoon rains cause flooding resulting in socio-economic paralysis for hours or the whole day or days. Against this backdrop, we came up with the District Flagship Project dubbed as "Environmental Protection Thru Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Ventures" which envisions to convert the squanderers of the environment into its allies and stewards, both in the watershed in the uplands, and the lowland cities and municipalities by providing alternative livelihood to wean them away from their activities harmful to the environment. Our resolve on this concern is embodied in our district theme song.

On membership, RI President Ron Burton is asking for a net gain of one (1) member per club, or net gain of eighty eight (88) members for district 3800.

Many months before the "First Class" year started, three (3) clubs had been having discomfort in our district, two of which were seeking "clearance" from then District Governor Lirio Sandoval to transfer to another district. The third club was due for certain termination and another club will also be terminated due to administrative reasons, bringing the total to four (4) clubs. This translates to one hundred fourteen (114) members that our district stands to lose, come our year. As the then DGE, I conveyed to then Governor

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Lirio Sandoval that I share the sentiment that said clubs, must be given freedom to find their rightful place in the Rotary world, where they would be happy, even if the loss on membership would fall during the First Class Year.

The First Class Team was undaunted and simply labeled the scenario as a “Membership Challenge”. We instead came up with our membership campaign strategy which includes:

1. Campaign slogan “5 5 5”. Simply translated, this is: give me five or become 25 so our district can become 2,500.
2. Mass induction of new members so we could monitor the clubs’ concerted efforts to attain the common clubs and district goals. This mass induction is on top of the inductions done at club levels.
3. Creation of zone special membership teams headed by PDGs who unselfishly accepted the challenge of assisting weak clubs in their zone.
4. Appointment of DGSRs for club extension. I appointed several district leaders as district governor’s special representatives. As a result of their hard-work, today, we have already chartered two clubs, namely: RC Marikina Valley with Julie Malaya as charter president and PP Tony Fidelino as DGSR; and San Juan Central with Rosarie Villasor as charter president and PP Maritess Rivera as DGSR. More clubs are in the pipeline: first, Silangan Angono with PP Boy Samson as DGSR and Weng De Leon would be charter president, co-sponsored by RC Angono and RC East Rizal; second, E-Club of Marikina with Bobby Rosadia as charter president and PP Dindo Santos as DGSR; third, E-Club of Wack Wack District 3800 with PP Gina Roxas as DGSR and RC Wack Wack as the sponsor club; and fourth, Greater San Juan with PP Pol Leoncio as DGSR. RC San Juan led by First Class President Therese Montecer is the sponsor club. A fifth club is currently being organized in Rizal by Asst. Governor Ricky Villareal who is the designated DGSR.

So... what is the current state of District 3800 in terms of membership?

After close to nine (9) months of the first class term, District 3800 is now back on its feet in terms of membership.

At present, we have 2,386 members, only 114 members short of our 2,500 membership aim. Yes we aimed high and I am confident that this is realistically attainable as we have four more new clubs in the pipeline plus one more in the Province of Rizal. For internal growth on the other hand, the First Class Presidents, the whole First Class Team are now more than ever, more inspired. Moreover, the clubs are a lot more attractive to potential Rotarians considering their highly relevant environment-related and other high impact projects.

At this point, may I once again challenge and ask the team, in the same manner that I did during our Membership Seminar on June 1, 2013, kaya ba natin ito?

On TRF, our District has the rare privilege of contributing to the TRF Leadership Team two of its distinguished past district governors: PDG Raffy Garcia, Endowment & Major Gifts Adviser to the Rotary Foundation Chair PRIP DK Lee; and PDG Mac Hermoso, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

The RI Presidential Citation mandates a goal of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per capita. Our District goal as reflected in the Rotary Club Central is higher than what the Presidential Citation asks for. It is US\$330,000.00. But as in membership, we set our sight at a higher goal of at least US\$350,000.00.

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Today, our total TRF contribution is at (US\$282,000.00) and pledge/commitment from EMGA Raffy Garcia of US\$84,000.00 for a total giving of US\$366,000.00, which is sixteen thousand more than the US\$350,000 goal. And we are now leveling up, aiming at four hundred thousand dollars by the end of the Rotary year.

I am challenging the annual funds team led by CP Manny Reyes and the First Class Presidents to produce the difference of US\$34,000.

On grants, our total DDF for the Rotary year is US\$152,553.25 and we allocated US\$42,000.00 for District Grant and US\$110,553.25 for Global Grant. We submitted 12 applications for District Grant and 14 for Global Grants of which 12 District Grants were approved and currently being implemented, while 6 Global Grants were approved and 8 are considered submitted pending approval, or work-in-progress and close to approval. Significant to note is the fact that this year, we reciprocated to our usual donor districts by playing the role of their international partner.

District 3800's six (6) approved Global Grants, and counting, is one of the highest, if not the highest, in our zone notwithstanding the challenges brought about by the Global Grant requirements including the usual snags in the:

- 1) "breaking-in of the program",
- 2) the learning curve factor, and
- 3) the pre-requisite on sustainability whose "common definition" took a long while to completely simmer down to all players at all levels.

The District's compliance to the TRF stewardship quarterly grants reports requirement is one hundred percent (100%) for the past three (3) quarters, a testament to our District's commitment and adherence to transparency, accountability and diligent stewardship in the implementation of projects supported and funded with grants.

The VTT or Vocational Training Team, is the newest program of the Foundation which replaced the GSE (Group Study Exchange). Sustainability is likewise a requirement in the new VTT program. Our District successfully hosted a Vocational Training Team of educators from District 2680, Japan headed by PP Hiroto Ashioka, from November 17-30, 2013.

For WCS, we have numerous projects courtesy of our partners from Japan, Usa, Canada, Australia, Portugal...

On Service Projects, we hit the ground running on July 1, 2013 with kick-off joint tree planting activities as envisioned in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) we entered into with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). This was followed with another MOA with Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) for joint efforts on bamboo planting along riverbanks as District 3800's contribution in 1) increasing the environment's carbon-capture capacity, 2) protecting the riverbanks from erosion, and in 3) providing economic benefits to our partners from matured bamboos in 3-5 years.

On the six areas of focus, the RI Presidential Citation requires clubs to do project/s participate in at least one area of focus, yes, just one project in an area of focus, but we chose to do more in all areas of focus...

On Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, we committed to the Peace-BUILDER Team of IPDG Lirio Sandoval to keep the peace initiatives alive, hence we appointed a Peace-BUILDER President as lead the committee on peace efforts and initiatives, chairman Serge Mendoza.

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On Disease Prevention and Treatment, the CaMaNaVa cluster held a big medical mission with missionaries from the USA in Valenzuela treating more than a thousand patients, dubbed as Operation We Care. The Rotarians from Rizal Zone on the other hand treated thousands of patients and donated about a million US dollars worth of hospital equipment to the public hospitals, in cooperation with volunteers from Kansas, USA. In Leyte and Cebu, our District Team led by Calamity Resource Generation Chair Muffet Manahan and Resource Mobilization Chair Lina Sarmiento, distributed aqua tabs and medicines worth millions of pesos, among other projects..

On Water and Sanitation, among our projects concluded and ongoing are: drinking fountains for public schools in Marikina, Rizal... Water and Sanitation Chair Jun Daway and RC Pasig Central led by FCP Mike Molino are currently rehabilitating the water filtration plant for depressed community in Pasig, while Suburban East Rizal is working on a deep-well for far flung community in La Union..

On Maternal and Child Health:

(Slides: Buntis Congress, Medical Missions in Rizal and Valenzuela, and many more related projects)

On Basic Education and Literacy:

(Slides: Computer Donation/Literacy, ADAP, PP Len Isleta distributed books and magazines in different public schools within the District, and many more projects on basic education and literacy)

Economic and Community Development:

(Slides: flagship project on Environmental Protection Thru Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Ventures, Environmental Forum conducted by District 3800 in club filipino and another one in Tacloban; livelihood projects of clubs, relief operations conducted in Central Visayas, etc..)

Fellow Rotarians of District 3800, verily we were able to engage ourselves not only in our District but in the earthquake and typhoon ravaged areas of Central Philippines as well, and were able to change the lives of so many people, and even our own, particularly as all our efforts on environmental protection to save Mother Earth continue to take roots and ultimately bear fruits. But all of these feats will not amount to anything, if no love has been invested in it. The words of St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians should give us an indelible impression about giving service without love, he said: "If I give all that I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing".

Fellow Rotarians, before I close, may I invite everybody's attention to a brief presentation of our project to help the victims of Super Typhoon Yolanda. This is a sequel to our flagship project on environmental protection which is dubbed as, "Boat For Lives". This is part of our efforts to help families who lost all that they have to the wrath of Super Typhoon Yolanda regain their old lives and their dignity by providing them fishing boats. We will island-hop, initially in the islands of Panitugan, Bantayan, Cebu and Ajuy Island in Iloilo, then to a fishing village in Marabut, Eastern Samar. By the grace of God we can help these fishing communities, and more.. As we acquire additional funds from good Samaritans who give without waiting for anything in return,... Which abounds in District 3800!!!

Thank you and Mabuhay!!!

RI DISTRICT 3800 DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2014

Manila Hotel, Manila

RI District 3800 celebrated the District Conference 2014 at the historic Manila Hotel last March 21 to 22, 2014. It was a grandiose celebration for the First Class Presidents and District Team to showcase their achievements and the fulfilment of their dreams and visions during their Rotary year.

The day started with the registration of delegates. The Photo Exhibit was opened at the Millennium Hallway for viewing at around 10 am with no less than DG Louie Ticman and RIPR PDG Bob Greeney (RC Belconnen, RID-9710, Australia) doing the ribbon cutting. 47 clubs participated, mounting their activity pictures on a 20 x 30 inches illustration board.

Before the formal opening ceremonies, the First Class Team had a photo session with DG Louie and RIPR Bob at the Fiesta Pavilion.

The Opening Plenary Session convened at the Fiesta Pavilion. DG Louie called the DISCON 2014 to order at 1:30 pm. The opening plenary was highlighted by the keynote address of RIPR Bob Greeney and the State of the District Report of DG Louie.

In his keynote address, RIPR Bob praised Rotary's involvement in the relief operations in Central Visayas. He also stressed the need to reduce the costs of Rotary and for new members to engage in Rotary to change more lives. Before he ended, he called DG Louie up the stage to receive the donation of his district, RID 9710, for the typhoon Yolanda victims.

DG Louie mentioned the following achievements in his State of the District Report: 1) Membership - we have a total of 2386 Rotarians nearing our target of 2500; 2) TRF - the present total contribution is US\$366,000 including the pledge of PDG Raffy Garcia of US\$84,000; 3) Grants - total DDF of US\$152,553.25 with 100% submission of reports from implementing Rotary clubs; and 4) Service Projects - clubs implemented projects on the 6 Areas of Focus.

For the Second Plenary Session, Commissioner Naderev Saño of the Philippine Climate Change Commission was the guest of honor and speaker. He talked on the various government programs and projects to take care of Mother Earth and he encouraged Rotarians to do an active role.

After the formal program, Rotarians converged to the Centennial Hall for fellowship at the House of Friendship. Rotarians and spouses enjoyed the music of a live band as well as overflowing food and drinks.

RI District 3800 DISCON will not be complete without the Governor's Ball on Day 1. This year's Governor's Ball was chaired by Sp. Judy Rocamora. The ball was highlighted by a waltz number by the First Class Team led by DG Louie and Lady Ruby, while the First Class Presidents and their spouses presented tango, rumba and cha cha numbers.

The following day started early at 6:30 am with Joint Breakfast Meeting of the First Class and Best Class Teams at the Centennial Hall. This was followed by the Third Plenary Session at the Fiesta Pavilion. The new Interact Clubs, new Rotaract Clubs and new Rotary Community Corps were presented. Around 46 new Rotarians were inducted during the 4th Mass Induction hosted by the Rotary Club of Wack Wack followed by the presentation of the 2 new Rotary clubs (RC Marikina Valley and RC San Juan Central) and 3 provisional clubs (RC Silangan Angono, Rotary E-Club of Wack Wack and Rotary E-Club of Marikina).

The Fiesta Pavilion was later filled with more delegates to listen to the plenary speaker in the person of Sen. Paolo Benigno Aquino IV. His main talk dwelled on the Philippine Economy. Another much awaited part of the morning plenary is the presentation of the District Governor-Elect who will be leading the District next Rotary year. DGE Marilou Co was introduced by IDS Augie Soliman. She was accompanied by PDG Tony Co and their 3 children. She also delivered her acceptance speech.

Before the morning ended, PP Rey John Fantone, chair of the Photo Exhibit, announced the winners as follows - RC Grace Park (1st), RC Marikina Uptown (2nd) and RC Morong (3rd).

During the TRF Luncheon, new Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Paul Harris Society members, Major Donors and Arch Klumph Society member were recognized. RIPR Bob Greeney also delivered his second major address focusing on the importance of The Rotary Foundation.

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PP Luz Cotoco later presented the vocational service awardees of the district.

While Rotarians are at the TRF Luncheon, spouses had their own program at the Centennial Hall. The Spouses Workshop was attended by the 147 spouse delegates to hear the inspirational message of RIPR Lady Tory, the message of DGE Spouse PDG Tony Co and their guest speaker, Dr. Patricia Kho, a renowned obstetrician-gynecologist.

During the Closing Plenary Session, future Rotary events and future district governors were announced. IPDG Lirio Sandoval presented the district finances for RY 2012-13. RIPR Bob delivered his final message and DG Louie presented tokens to our RIPR guest.

The DISCON 2014 Committee was also recognized led by Madam Chair PP Ruby Reyes of RC Suburban East Rizal; Executive Committee: PDG Fabie Enriquez & PDG Rudy San Felipe (Advisers); LtG Jun Angeles (Vice Chair/ Production Committee); LtG Tom Rocamora (Operations Committee); LtG Nelson Aspe (Finance Committee); DS Dan Santos (Ex-Officio); Working Committees:

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DISCON 2014 formally ended with the adjournment by DG Louie. But as in Day 1, RI District 3800 DISCON will not be complete without a Talent Night in Day 2. This year's theme is about the environment and chaired by Sp. Tess Soliman. All nine zones presented and the following were adjudged winners: Rizal Zone 5A (1st), Mandaluyong Zone 8 (2nd) and Valenzuela Zone 3 (3rd).

DISCON 2014 was attended by 1,201 delegates. This includes the 110 Interactors, 56 Rotaractors, 35 RCC members, 46 inductees and 47 members of the new and provisional clubs.



DG Louie Ticman



RIPR Bob Greeney



House of Friendship



Commissioner Naderev Saño (Philippine Climate Change Commission)



Governor's Ball



First Class Team



Joint Breakfast Meeting



Hon. Senator Bam Aquino



DGE Marilou Co & Family



Presentation of Token



Talent Night

ROTARY HOSTS FIRST CLIMATE SUMMIT IN YOLANDA-HIT TACLOBAN

Leyte National High School, Tacloban, Leyte

Coinciding with the worldwide fasting for the climate of Commissioner Naderev Saño, lead climate negotiator of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change – Conference of Parties (UNFCCC-COP), Rotary International District 3800 (in coordination with District 3860) sponsored the first post-typhoon *Environment and Climate Change Tacloban City Teachers' Summit* on February 1, 2014.

Challenged by tropical storm Basyang a day before, Rotary and more than 600 educators loosely filled Leyte National High School's gymnasium to understand the science of climate crisis, actions to be taken and the challenges to face. Surprisingly, the sun started to shine welcoming the participants in the day-long discussions.

Artist Mae Paner, also known as 'Juana Change', opened the summit by conducting psychosocial interventions through entertainment and interactive story-telling. Laughter overshadowed the quite traumatized ambience preparing everyone for the whole day of information and experience sharing.

Paner eventually talked about her advocacy on graft and corruption, people empowerment and transformation, human rights and environmental protection. The participants also learned from the lessons in the comedy film 'Juana C: The Movie'.

The whole gymnasium was silenced when Commissioner Naderev Saño began to speak. Wearing a simple black shirt and jeans, he effectively inspired both students and educators to become drivers of change and transformation for a sustainable future while combating the effects of climate crisis.

'I believe education is a powerful tool for driving change. Teachers and students will play a critical role in making this happen all over the country,' Saño said.

On the other hand, Mr. Mario Peñaranda, officer-in-charge of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), explained how super typhoon Yolanda was formed and

how it entered and devastated areas within the Philippine area of responsibility.

'Yolanda is the strongest storm recorded to make landfall which lead to storm surges in many areas with 5-6 meter waves,' explained Peñaranda.

Looking at the depth and relevance of issues concerning climate crisis, Gerry Arances of the Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) explained the notion of climate justice in which all people of developing countries, especially the Philippines, must learn to seek.

'We are suffering the effects of climate crisis and it is disturbing that we are the ones paying for the cost of carbon emission developed countries made – they must be made accountable, we must all seek for climate justice,' Arances said.

While making big carbon emitters accountable, Arances asserted that our country must also stop opening more coal fired power plants and invest more on clean and renewable sources of energy.

The last activity in the summit was a psychosocial intervention and emergency pedagogy methods conducted by Tesa Jalandoni and Joy R. Kawpeng of the Waldorf schools. They discussed different elements of trauma and stress such as 'freeze, fight, flight response' and the mirror tracing activity to determine stress stage development especially in children.

'This is a rare opportunity for our teachers in this time of adjustment. We need to know the real science behind this biggest catastrophe we faced and how to respond as educators. Yes, we accept the challenge towards a better future of our students,' a teacher said.

The summit was conducted in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) Tacloban City District through Superintendent Gorgonio Diaz who actively coordinated the attendance and the venue.

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DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

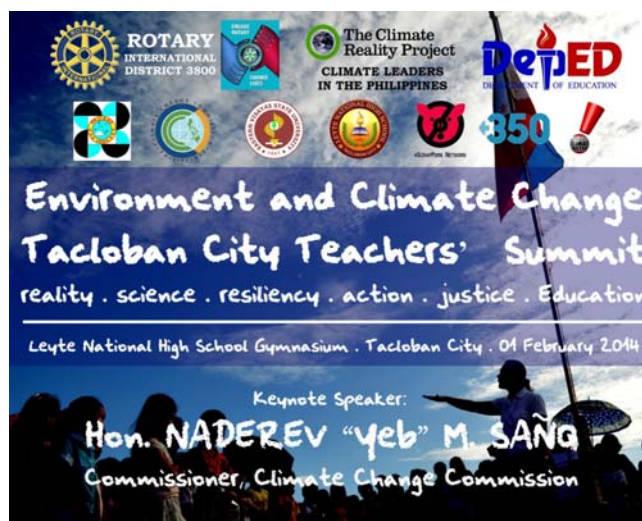
April 1, 2014	7 th Leg Golf Tournament Wack Wack Golf & Country Club Hosted by RC Wack Wack
April 23, 2014	District Resolution Meeting Kalayaan Hall, Club Filipino 4:30 PM Hosted by RC Marikina West
May 10, 2014	First Class Team Breakfast Meeting Valle Verde Country Club 7 AM

'I am thankful for this summit sponsored by Rotary District 3800 because this is the first time our academic community talked about climate crisis and what to do about it. Seriously, we learned a lot from this and we will continue sharing what we have learned and act on it,' said Joel Caminade, president of the Rotary Club of Tacloban.

The Rotary Club of Tacloban also received relief items and monetary assistance for its post-typhoon community service activities.

'We have gathered hundreds of educators in Metro Manila last December and now, we are gathering again our teachers in Tacloban City with Rotary's commitment to education and sustainable development - we shall continue to help our educators to become stewards of the present and future generations to come,' said Governor Luizo Ticman in a message read by Atty. Christina Barroga, chairperson of the Committee on Environment of the district.

The successful summit sponsored by our Rotary International District 3800 was made possible through the coordination of The Climate Reality Project. Partners include PAGASA, PMCJ, DepEd, Climate Change Commission, Eastern Visayas State University, Leyte National High School, #ScrapPork Network and 350.org.





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 March 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 March PMR is on April 15, 2014.
- 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.

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