

Governor's Monthly Letter



ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

To my dear Best Class Team,

We've finally crossed the finish line, thus, ending our term of office. We have had an amazing, fantastic journey of service to "Light Up Rotary" with all our projects, programs and activities during the last twelve months. And I believe you were all with me in giving our year our very best shot.

Attesting to this are our accomplishments and the corresponding hundreds of awards and recognition we have given. And so once again, at the risk of being redundant, thank you all for your whole-hearted support and cooperation.

Let me remind you though, that this is definitely not the end. As the popular Carpenters song goes, "we've only just begun....." For one, as Immediate Past Presidents and Ex-officio members of your Board of Directors, you are expected to continue supporting the projects and activities of your club. Having had a 12 month, hands on experience in running the affairs of your club, you can provide valuable inputs, advice and counsel to your president and the board.

We also intend to see each other from time to time in the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie as well as to continue promoting the ideals of Rotary with the end in view of helping strengthen our organization in whatever means possible.

This being the last issue of our GML, allow me to me take this opportunity to thank the editorial team of our newsletter, headed by CP Jun Rivera of RC San Mateo Highlands and PP Dindo Santos of RC Marikina for a job very well done in producing our GML month after month.

In closing is this quote from Jackie Joyner-Kersey, a great American track and field star who won three Olympic gold medals, as well as one silver and two bronze who wrote:

All I ever wanted really, and continue to want out of life, is to give 100 percent to whatever I'm doing and to be committed to whatever I'm doing and then let the results speak for themselves. Also to never take myself or people for granted and always be thankful and grateful to the people who helped me.

Let us continue to Light Up Rotary in everything we think, say and do.

Best Class Governor Marilou O. Co



RCs, Rotarians, Spouses recognized in District Awards, Recognition Night

In grateful recognition of their hard work and valuable contributions to the district in RY 2014-2015, BCG Marilou Co recognized and awarded deserving Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and Spouses during the 2015 District Awards and Recognition Night held on June 27, 2015 at the Sunset Pavilion, Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel, Pasay City. Around 800 plaques, medals, trophies, and certificates were handed by BCG Marilou herself with citations she personally wrote reflecting her sincerest sentiments.

The program promptly started at 5 p.m. First bestowed were the District Governor's Special Awards. Midway, the awarding was suspended to give way to the sumptuous dinner and entertainment provided by a live band and an AVP showcasing the superb 2015 Talent Night production numbers. Soon after, the Golf and the 4th Quarter Service Projects Awards were given by the governor. Then came the much-applauded Inspirational and Valedictory Message of BCG Marilou where she expounded on the rationale of the awards and proudly highlighted a number of accomplishments of the district during her term. BCG Marilou conferred Leadership Awards to the hardworking BCPs. 95% of the Best Class Presidents received the RI Presidential Citation. Other Achievement Awards were also given in various categories under Public Image, Club Administration, The Rotary Foundation, Membership, and Service Projects.

Major Club and Individual Awards were likewise given to deserving RCs and individuals. Ms. Shirley Halili-Cruz was bestowed the Vocational Excellence Award. PDG Raffy Garcia was cited for his significant and continuing support to the Foundation. BCPs Julie Malaya, Cathay Tech, Jun Cabitac and Rose Caoc, of RCs Marikina Valley, Mutya ng Pasig, Taytay and San Juan, respectively, were hailed as the highest performing BCPs. Also cited were Sps. Angie Pineda as Most Outstanding Spouse, SAG Gina Sanchez as the Most Outstanding District Officer, CP Manny Reyes for his exemplary work as TRF Annual Giving Chair in the last five years. On the other hand, Rotary International, through BCG Marilou, conferred on Spouse Judy Rocamora the prestigious Rotarian Spouse Service Award while RC Metro Valenzuela bagged the much coveted RI Significant Achievement Award. Most importantly, BCG Marilou was awarded by RI President Gary Huang the much deserved Presidential Citation coupled with a Leadership Award in due recognition of her significant achievements as Best Class District Governor.

The formal affair ended past midnight with the attendees having another one of a kind experience. Raffle draws were done at some points of the event which gave out some exciting prizes, including a 32-inch LED Samsung TV. The event was hosted by RC North Bay East led by CP Jess Tan, Chair, Awards and Recognition Night and PP Lito Bermundo, Chair, Awards Committee.



BCG Marilou proudly reveals major accomplishments

In her Inspirational and Valedictory Message delivered during the District Recognition and Awards Night held on June 27, 2015 at the Sunset Pavilion, Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel, Pasay City, the indefatigable BCG Marilou Co proudly reported RID 3800's major accomplishments for RY 2014-2015. BCG Marilou gratefully acknowledged the unparalleled hard work and utmost dedication of the Best Class Team who toiled to achieve the goals and targets of the district.

On club administration, BCG Marilou disclosed that, almost all, or 95% of all clubs received the much-sought after RI Presidential Citation from RIP Gary Huang. So far, this is records-breaking feat in the district's history on club administration!

Membership growth rose to the highest at 21.4% overshooting the 20% target with RID 3800 now considered as the biggest Rotary district based in the Philippines in terms of membership. In RY 2014-2015, RID 3800 was able to charter 7 new RCs.

In terms of TRF contribution, for the first time, the district passed the \$455,000 mark with BCG Marilou, being a leader by example, now elevated to a Major Donor Level

4. Special thanks to PDG Raffy Garcia for his unceasing support to the TRF and for being a member of the illustrious Arch Klump Society.

During the year, a number of worthwhile service projects were conducted revolving around the six areas of focus. These include donations of prosthetic legs to more than 100 PWDs under the district's flagship program; opening of livelihood centers, institutionalization of the ALS program; adopt a barangay project; mega medical mission, National Rotary Youth Day, donation of school buildings and simultaneous conduct of a National Rotary Day in the 9 zones of the district.

Public image was pushed to the forefront with all the 9 zones unveiling their Rotary Markers. A number of RCs erected their own Rotary Markers.

Truly, under the able leadership of BCG Marilou Co, RID 3800 registered tremendous successes and significant accomplishments, mostly unprecedented or records-breaking. It can be told with pride that indeed it was RID 3800's Best Class Year in terms of service and fellowship which Lighted Up Rotary in the truest sense of the world!



Adopt-A-Barangay



Medical Mission



Alternative Learning System



Livelihood Project

District Round Up



Rotary Club of Marikina East



Rotary Club of Metro Pasig



Zone 5A



Rotary E-Club of San Juan



Rotary Club of Tanay



Zone 4



Zone 3



Zone 8

District Round Up



Rotary Club of Cardona



Rotary Club of Rodriguez



Rotary Club of Kalookan North



Rotary Club of Marikina Valley



Zone 7



Zone 4



Rotary Club of Caloocan



Rotary Club of Taytay



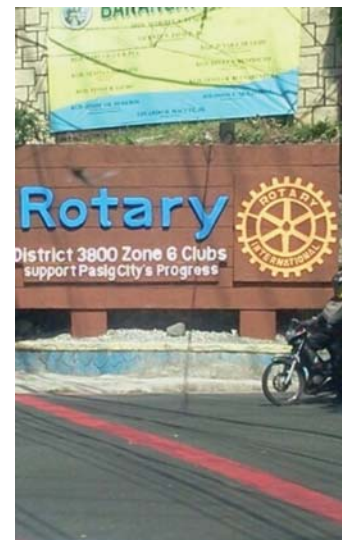
Rotary Club of Metro East Caloocan



Rotary Club of Metro Novaliches Caloocan



Rotary Club of Navotas & Rotary Club of North Bay East



Zone 6

BCG Marilou graces charter presentations, induction of 4 new clubs

BCG Marilou, still untiring and relentless, graced the Charter Presentations and Inductions of Officers and Members of four new clubs in RID 3800 during the last month of her term. Officially, therefore, a total of 7 new clubs were successfully chartered during the Light Up Rotary Year significantly contributing to the 21.4 % growth rate of the district which, to date, is considered as the highest in all of the Philippines-based RIDs in current Rotary Year.

On June 7, 2015, the Charter Presentation and Induction of Officers and Members of RC San Juan United was held at the historic Club Filipino. BCG Marilou was joined by PDG Pepe Peralta and some district and zone officers. The new club was sponsored by RC San Juan led by BCP Rose Caoc with SAG Gina Sanchez as DGSR.



Rotary Club of Malabon Central

Subsequently, on June 22, 2015, BCG Marilou graced the Charter Presentation and Induction of Officers and Members of RC San Mateo Midtown at Max's Restaurant, Ampid, San Mateo, Rizal. Joining the event were PDG Jun Farcon, SAG Gina Sanchez and some officers and members of RC Marikina North, the sponsoring club. PP Jose Escaner served as DGSR.

Finally, on June 28, 2015, the joint Charter Presentation and Induction of Officers and Members of RC Marikina Summit and Rotary E-Club of Marikina Valley was held at the Great Hall of King Arthur, Camelot Hotel, Mother Ignacia St., Quezon City. These two clubs were sponsored by RC Marikina Valley led by BCP Julie Malaya who also served as DGSR.



Rotary Club of San Mateo Midtown



Rotary Club of San Juan United



Rotary E-Club of Marikina Valley & Rotary Club of Marikina Summit

Zone 5A inaugurates livelihood project in Brgy. San Juan, Cainta

The Zone 5A RCs inaugurated their Livelihood Program on Basic Sewing on June 5, 2015 in Barangay San Juan, Cainta, Rizal. The inauguration was graced by BCG Marilou Co who expressed admiration for the hard work and dedication of the Rotarians from Zone 5A who put up such a good project aimed at honing livelihood skills through free basic sewing trainings.

Barangay Hall of Brgy. San Juan where around 15 high speed sewing machines were installed. The project is funded by a District Grant sponsored by RCs Antipolo City, Cainta, East Rizal, Rizal Centro, Rizal Mideast, and Suburban East Rizal with participation of RCs Antipolo Centro, Metro Antipolo and Metro Cainta, and in cooperation with the Rizal Provincial TESDA Office, Punong Barangay Willy Felix and the Sangguniang Barangay of San Juan.

The training center is located at the 3rd floor of the



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1st BCPs Fellowship successfully held in Baras, Rizal

BCG Marilou led the 1st BCPs Fellowship held on June 13-14, 2015 at the scenic Punta de Fabian Resort in Baras, Rizal. It was a well-attended and very successful affair where BCG Marilou and the BCPs engaged in some light, friendly, enjoyable and funny moments/adventures. The objective was to promote camaraderie and cohesiveness between and among the BCPs and celebrate the many successes gained during their term.

Together, the team had videoke singing, swimming, dining, playing, drinking, dancing, chatting and other fun activities. Laughter filled the whole resort. BCG Marilou was joined by PDG Tony and their daughter Rtn. Sherrylou. The activity was made more complete with the presence of valued guests like DS Augie Soliman, Lt. Gov. Jun Angeles, Lt. Gov. Raul Evangelista, SAG Roland Garcia, AG Dante Verano, CP Manny Reyes, among others.



BCG Marilou unveils 2 more Rotary markers in Valenzuela, Mandaluyong

During the penultimate month and unto the last month of her term, BCG Marilou Co unveiled two more Rotary markers in different strategic locations in the cities of Valenzuela and Mandaluyong. These add to more than ten Rotary markers unveiled by the lady governor during her term – a remarkable and rare achievement in the history of RID 3800 in the area of public image.

Rotary Marker along a busy business district in Valenzuela City. Some BCPs and district officers from Zone 3 assisted in the unveiling.

Another Rotary marker was unveiled by BCG Marilou on June 1, 2015 in Shaw Boulevard, beside Dumlao Gym, Mandaluyong City. SAG Hermie Carino and some BCPs and district officers from Zone 8 assisted in the event.

Last May 29, 2015, BCG Marilou unveiled a huge

