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September is **New
Generations**
Month

TRI-DISTRICT SEMINAR A SUCCESS!

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The cover shows DG George Hamoy of D3870, RI Dir. John Boag, PDG Sonny Coloma, DG Biboy Jocson of D3850 and DG Perok Rodriguez of D83860 during the Tri-District Seamless Seminar. Left inset: PP Megs, PP Miila and PP Pip enjoying in the City of Smiles. Right inset: DGE Teresita of D3860 and DGE Mark of D3850.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

New Generations

This issue gives focus to Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service—New Generations. It refers to the youngest generation in the family of Rotary. Many are participants in Rotary's youth programs like Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange.

District Secretary and DGN Jude Doctora writes more about this in his column, DS Notes, on page 18. Also on that page is the schedule of activities for the month of September.

Our District Rotaract Representative Ace has summarized (see page 3) how the Rotaract program has been very active in our district.

Our district's Rotex program is on high gear, as evidenced by the 11 inbound and 10 outbound students for this Rotary year.

And as usual, we have a lot of photos in this issue, including 3 pages of the recently-concluded and highly-successful Tri-District Seamless Seminar. Five more pages of photos are devoted to the Governor's club visits, club projects and club induction ceremonies.

We are thankful that several clubs sent many pictures of their projects, but we have a limited number of pages, and we can only accommodate so much.

We have updated the club monitoring sheet on page 19 that shows new members this year, July's attendance percentage, registration to DisCon 2013, and SAR/PRM payments. It also shows if your club has active Rotaract and Interact clubs. How does your club fare?



PP Chris



“Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

The first is always fun and exciting yet challenging! This is how I define the first few weeks of being a District Rotaract Representative.

It has been fun! Talking to presidents and leaders of each club, getting their ideas on how we put back the glory of District 3850 assures me that it’s not just my vision. These ideas continue to encourage me that we all can achieve the things that we all aim for our district. When Peter Parker learned of his abilities, he was having the time of his life jumping from one building to another.

This excites me: traveling for a year to meet each club and visit places in the Philippines! I love going to places, who does not? If you take a look at the geographical area of District 3850, it covers the western Visayas and Mindanao portion of the Philippines. I am from Bacolod. It’s easy to get to Iloilo; a little arduous to reach Mindanao. Thanks to technology, online meeting and “Facebook-ing” is readily available. I’ve met with the club presidents in Negros Occidental, a few club presidents in Iloilo and talked to club presidents of Zamboanga over the phone. I’m thinking of going to Zamboanga again and visit Dipolog with the District Team to meet with the club officers and Rotaractors. Just like the X-Men, it’s always a team. They do not just engage alone. They plan and strategize as a team.

Being a DRR is a challenge. You take up the challenge, and it’s up to you how you look at it, or how you embrace it. Most of the time, you have to answer questions, provide suggestions, and give approval. However, it’s not all the time that the answers to the questions are correct. Not all the time that the suggestions you give is right; neither the approval, appropriate. You get to listen to the amazing things that your team suggests. And you realize that you are not talking to common people, you are talking to brilliant Rotaract Presidents, past and present alike. You get feedback from the Past DRRs that are always willing to lend a hand. You tell yourself, “I may not be Bruce Wayne who tries to handle almost everything on his own.” You get to have your trusted District Team around you and your Rotaract Clubs at your back.

Speaking about first, here are some of the first activities of the different Rotaract clubs in our district.

- Rotaract Club of Silay had a symposium, “Be Oriented! Learning Basic Tips for Job Seekers” last June 17. They presented topics on how to present your resume, preparing for a job interview and proper attitude towards work.
- Rotaract Clubs of Zamboanga City West, STI Zamboanga, Ateneo de Zamboanga University had an outreach program at the School for Indigenous People last June 16.
- Rotaract Club of Jaro Centraline gave out books and school supplies last July 4 in Leon.
- Rotaract Club of Iloilo South celebrated their 3rd charter anniversary last July 9. With their Rotarians and Rotary Anns, they shared their time with the kids of Brgy. Quintin Salas Day care center.
- Rotaract Club of Bacolod North gave a smile to 230 students of RG Vasquez Elementary School last July 28. In partnership with JCI Metro Bacolod they gave school supplies to all the kids of the said school.
- Rotaract Club of Iloilo – University of San Agustin had their Medical and Dental Mission last July 19.
- Rotaract Club of Dipolog Inc. had a 2-week Operation Smile with the International Children’s Surgical Foundation from July 16 – 28.
- Rotaract Club of Marapara started the year by feeding 100 school aged children of Abada Escay last July 7; helping out an advocacy of Rotarian Bobby Coscoluela.
- Rotaract Club of Metro Bacolod – La Salle continues to support the children of Binhi in Banago through fulfilling their educational and Psychological needs.

These are just a few of the firsts in our district! There will be more! A salute to all the Rotaractors of District 3850 who continue to live the mantra, “Service Above Self”, just like Superman who keeps on helping without asking for anything in return.

Let’s continue to bring District 3850 to greater heights!

Ruvinier Ace Viñarta
District Rotaract Representative

Dear fellow Rotarians,

What is Rotary? When I ask Rotarians this question, they often give vague answers. And when I asked myself this question, I had to think about it. August is Membership and Extension Month in Rotary, and I want all Rotarians to be able to send a unified message about what Rotary is and why they joined.

The key to increasing membership is for every Rotarian to be convinced that it's good to be a Rotarian, and to convey that passion to others. In Rotary, we have a tendency to be humble and keep our achievements to ourselves. But we must share them with those around us and with the world.

Every Rotarian has a specific moment that stands out and has a special meaning. Some people refer to this as their "Rotary Moment." I believe it is very important to share this moment with others. Facts and numbers can only go so far, but

sharing a personal experience can open doors and build friendships.

That's why I decided to create some sample messages that I call "Rotary Moments." You can use these one-minute and three-minute messages to answer the question "What is Rotary?" in a way that is most personal to you. They will help you talk about the projects you've been involved in, how they've helped your community, and what's been most meaningful to you.

To strengthen Rotary, we need more members. But unless those members are convinced of the benefits of the organization and can share that passion with others, expanding Rotary won't be meaningful.

If every Rotarian is happy about being a Rotarian and spreads the word with a clear, unified message – if every Rotarian around the world can be his or her own PR department –



the combined, collective effect will be enormous. These sample messages will help us all clearly communicate our enthusiasm to others. This will lead to an increase in new membership and in member retention.

The messages are available for free download at www.rotary.org, and Rotarians can buy other membership materials at shop.rotary.org.

I believe that the purpose of every life is to help others and contribute to society. Once Rotarians begin using these samples, the world will become more aware of how Rotary is helping people live that way. I encourage you to share your Rotary Moment with other Rotarians as well as non-Rotarians.

Yours in Rotary,

S. Tanaka

Sakuji Tanaka
President, 2012-2013



The president helped a cleanup effort in his neighborhood that led 59 groups joining in a formal campaign across Yashio, Japan.

The Journey to Self-Discovery

I have always been amazed with the human anatomy and physiology. With my eyes closed, I can paint a clear picture in my mind the body structures and its interactive processes.

Armed with this background and training, I have always thought that I can second guess our fellow Rotarians in their every plan of action.

To my pleasant surprise, I was nowhere ready for such warm welcomes that clubs would quite ingeniously think of.

Who would have expected that I would start my official visit in Hawaiian dreamland, compliments of RC Dumangas? Imagine indulging the evening with four past Governors and a club so devoted to preserving its alcohol level. I never thought that welcoming the Ro-Ro narrow bench at two o'clock in the morning would be of such great comfort.

But most of all, I was caught off guard by the grand welcome arranged between the boundary of Dipolog and Dapitan, when out of the shadows came a full brass band with Rotarians waving a streamer of you know who. Dinner by the beach, *Bossa Nova*, and performances in full native regalia were the order of the day. Wow, that was really something!

Not to be outdone, the Rotary clubs of Oroquieta Centennial, Jimenez and Ozamiz had a Red Carpet Night with their

respective divas: Tata the Voice, Bing the Idol, and the Carpenters—Richard and Karen. It is not surprising then that, indeed, the “Sugar” in these areas is very much sweeter.

There is no other land of great devotion than Pagadian. People trust and pray that the Kawit Central bank will last forever and assure clubs of multiplying their TRF pledges. This fuels an atmosphere of friendly competition and mutual cooperation. An added plus is the unique presence of a vibrant Inner Wheel club that serves as the backbone of their outstanding projects.

It was truly a remarkable week I spent in Zones 8 and 9. It was a week of self-discovery; a beginning of new-found friendships; and a strengthening of bonds within the district.

As of this writing, our district has just concluded the proud hosting of the 2nd Tri-District seminar in Bacolod City.

We presented a grand event befitting of a mother district (3850) welcoming daughter districts (3860 and 3870) to the fold.

RI Director John Boag humbly declined being labeled as the Keynote Speaker, and instead emphasized the value of each Rotarian's respective inputs. This made everyone realize that, individually, we actually hold the key to the success of our clubs.



Guest of Honor Sonny Coloma was so animated that he literally floated from table to table. His resounding call is for us to “Enjoy Rotary, find happiness in what we do, and embrace our neighbor as a source of great inspiration.”

It was a grand evening to remember, as well. With people gamely coming in masks and colorful attires, the Mass-KaRotary fellowship was so intense and powerful that many believed the New Orleans Mardi Gras post-convention party paled in comparison.

But whatever it was, our district had a great time hosting the event. Congratulations to everyone for your valuable presence and your unwavering support. By answering the call to service, we have brought great honor and pride to our district. As we bid farewell, First Lady Dianna unashamedly shed tears of joy and profoundly stated to Lady Emily, “I have found a long lost sister in you.” What a classic display of affection and appreciation, to consider one's hosts as family. That is what is in store for all of you during the upcoming District Conference (on March 7-9, 2013)—a Rotary Family Homecoming proudly “Made in Bacolod.”

Yours in Rotary Service,


Biboy





SPOUSES' CORNER

Lady Emily E. Jocson, Governor's Spouse

Lady Dianna Boag was really a class on her own. Speaking in soft tones, intently looking at new acquaintances, and overflowing with a disarming smile, she charmed to no end everyone she met.



Aside from the usual pleasantries upon her arrival, I was wonderfully surprised to receive a warm hug from her. It was delivered like a greeting of a long lost member of the family. The gesture was so exact and so personal, that you cannot help but be captivated by her actions.

Throughout her stay she never wavered in her role of supporting and taking care of her husband, the RI Director.

She left a lasting imprint on how a spouse should conduct herself in the presence of Rotarians. Although staying away from the limelight, she diligently attended to John's particular needs.

Aside from managing the scheduled activities, the minute details, including protocol and decorum, were part of her responsibilities.

But one thing that endeared her most to the Spouses was her positive outlook. She would chat endlessly, crack jokes and belt out a genuinely amused laugh.

She is, clearly, a transparent and an honest individual who just knows how to enjoy herself. Whether it was trying out the native delicacies, or shopping at the silkworm factory, or lounging at May's organic garden, she made sure that it was time well spent.

Her visit might have been brief, but she left a mark of elegance worthy for us to emulate. We are partners and stakeholders in this Rotary enterprise. We are important elements; essential to the success of a joint endeavor. But most of all, we should enjoy our fellowship, thrive in our own space, and provide an aura of happiness to complement our partners in service.





Chairman's Message

Pres. Miguel "Mike" Sarabia
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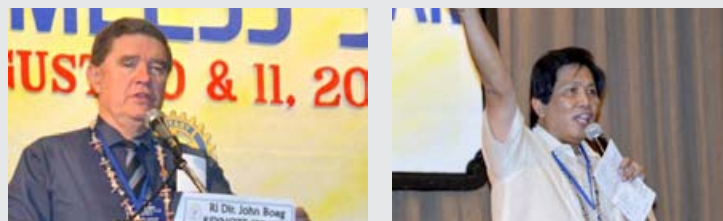


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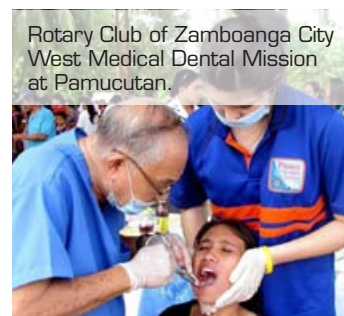
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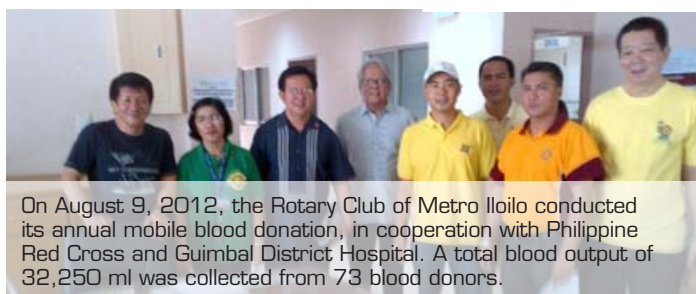
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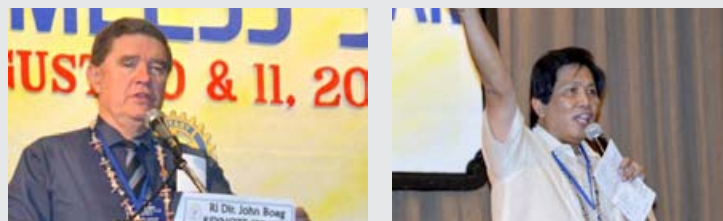


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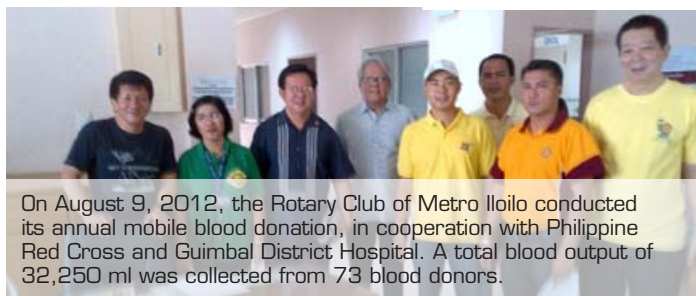
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Inbound Students

 <p>Nina Lola T Petre SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 1620, Belgium HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Antique</p>	 <p>Lucas Gusmao Farah SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 4580, Brazil HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Bacolod East</p>	 <p>Marina Gallard SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 1510, France HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Zamboanga City West</p>	 <p>Camille Smagghe SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 1520, France HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Zamboanga City West</p>	 <p>Alicia Schmittgens SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 1810, Germany HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Bacolod North</p>
 <p>George Roeper SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 1890, Germany HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Bacolod North</p>	 <p>Lea Muglii SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 1980, Switzerland HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Bacolod North</p>	 <p>Sabrina Ulmer SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 1990, Switzerland HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Midtown Iloilo</p>	 <p>Ethan Isaac Snyder SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 5450, Colorado USA HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Kalibo</p>	 <p>Makayla Ray Kroenke SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 5580, Minnesota USA HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Central Iloilo City</p>
 <p>Heloisa Balbinotti SPONSORED BY R.I. DISTRICT 4640, Brazil HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Zamboanga City West</p>	<p>Rotary Youth Exchange District Officers District Chairman PP Oliver Ong Panay Coordinator PDG Emma Nava Negros Coordinator PP Jojo Montinola Zamboanga Coordinator AG Emil Aquino</p>			

Outbound Students

 <p>Kristia De la Serna BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 1620, Belgium HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Antique</p>	 <p>Victoria Jesse Corinne Anacan BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 1510, France HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Zamboanga City West</p>	 <p>Eleazar Paolo San Mateo Caliolio BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 1520, France HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Zamboanga City West</p>	 <p>Michael Uhlmann BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 1810, Germany HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Bacolod North</p>	 <p>Sofia Laureen Abad Caram BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 1980, Switzerland HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Midtown Iloilo</p>
 <p>Anya Marie Louise Monfort Benedicto BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 1980, Switzerland HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Midtown Iloilo</p>	 <p>Danica Martine Fernandez Jacinto BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 1980, Switzerland HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Bacolod North</p>	 <p>Lennard Ashley Ituriaga Tayco BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 5450, Colorado USA HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Kalibo</p>	 <p>Sofia Teves Magalona BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 6110, Oklahoma USA HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Central Iloilo City</p>	 <p>Antonio Rafael Lacson Sarabia BOUND FOR R.I. DISTRICT 6400, Michigan USA HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF Bacolod East</p>

Rotaract Information Update



It is good to see that we are receiving more Rotaract Club Applications from districts in Australia and New Zealand. Rotaract

is a wonderful way of introducing young people from 18-30 to the ideals and service of Rotary.

Recent changes to RI policy in September 2011 have allowed Rotaract clubs to have more flexibility in the ways in which they hold their meetings. Rotaract clubs can now hold their meetings either in person, online, or a combination of both. For clubs and forming Rotaract clubs, this:

- Offers additional options for Rotaract club members to connect with their club
- Provides Rotaract clubs another way to hold their meetings
- Eliminates the need for special exceptions for Rotaract clubs that want to explore alternate meeting models

There is still only one category—Rotaract clubs—that can elect to meet in person or online, depending on local conditions. In this way, a club can hold most of its meetings face-to-face but has an option to hold online meetings as needed or hold most of its meetings online with the occasional face-to-face meeting, event, or service project.

Here are some additional information regarding Rotaract Clubs that may not be well known. The Rotary Code of Policies contains a great deal of information and guidance (http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/code_ri_current.pdf) in relation to the formation, support and ongoing activities of Rotaract Clubs in Article 41.020. The following are a few extracts that you may find useful:

4. A Rotaract club is organized, sponsored, and counseled by a Rotary club or clubs and is established following the endorsement of the governor and upon certification and recognition by Rotary International; it can be created and sustained in no other way, and its existence depends upon the active sponsorship of its sponsor Rotary club and continued recognition by Rotary International.

9. All Rotaract club activities, projects and programs shall be conducted in harmony with the policies of Rotary International; continued sponsorship of a Rotaract club by a Rotary club and recognition of it by RI are contingent thereon.

12. Rotaract clubs shall be sponsored only by Rotary clubs within the boundaries of the district in which they are located.

23. Governors should appoint one joint district Rotaract committee composed of equal numbers of Rotarians and Rotaractors. The district Rotaract committee chair (a Rotarian) and the district Rotaract representative (a Rotaractor) should serve as co-chairs of this committee.

Rotaract club presidents shall submit updated membership lists to RI each year no later than 30 September and 31 March through Member Access. These lists shall include the names, e-mail addresses, and gender of each Rotaractor in the club. Rotaract clubs that do not submit updated contact lists to RI in a two-year period will be terminated. If their details are not already in the RI database, this can be done by <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/Rotaract/Pages/Update-contactinfo.aspx>

If you have any questions about Rotaract Clubs in your district, including the formation of new ones, please do not hesitate to contact your local CDS Team of Joy, Barbara and Mary Jayne.

DisCon Update

PP Louie Gonzaga
DisCon Chairman



The recent successful hosting of the 2nd Tri-District Seminar held in Bacolod City marked a milestone for the Negros Council of Presidents, led by Pres. Mike Sarabia (RC Bacolod East). For most participants, the Fellowship Night was an evening of great entertainment and sumptuous feasting! For the host Clubs in Negros, this was a dry run; a prelude of what is to come on March 7-9, 2013: DISCON 2013....

At this point, we have plans to make the Fellowship Night a “Fun Night” to remember... More than this, we will also seek to make our sessions “more fun” and informative... get ready for an innovative DISCON in 2013!

As I have advised many fellow Rotarians, spend an extra night in Bacolod. Come in on March 6th and participate in the Sports Activities before the opening sessions on the afternoon of March 7th ...

Better yet, make it another extra night in town, leave on March 10th and enjoy Bacolod’s “Sabado Night!”

Book your trips this early; take advantage of airline and ferry “early-bird” promos! Even local hotels have such promos if you book early... if you need one assistance for hotel bookings, just get in touch with me at 09198503448 (or email me at lgg519@yahoo.com) or contact Elaine at 09328501688.

Pre-registration is only up to September 31, 2012.

Pre-Registration Rotarians: P2,200.00 (until September 31, 2012)

Onsite Registration Rotarians: P3,200.00

Rotary Information did it!



1976 Induction. RC Iloilo South President Ernie Rivera inducts the author with Rtn. Badong Salas as acting sponsor.

"Rotary Moments" turns the calendar back 36 years when President Ernesto "Erning" Rivera inducted me into the Rotary Club of Iloilo South. Rtn. Salvador "Badong" Salas stood witness for his brother, my sponsor, PP Ricardo "Carding" Salas who was in Manila.

The club, then five years young, had its Friday meeting at the River Queen Hotel.

I was, at my induction 29 years old, a relatively new reverse migrant from Quezon City, and therefore had still but a few friends outside the academic circle. Carding was closest as we were masteral classmates in Manila and collaborating on founding the graduate school of Western Institute of Technology.

But my actual "Rotary Moments" was not my induction, but rather what led to it. "It" was the wealth of Rotary Information PP Carding doggedly shared and instilled in me for no less than six months. Without notes, he talked Rotary in school, River Queen, Rotary Park, my home and his, and everywhere we were.

From him I learned the history and aims of Rotary; Paul Harris and fellow Rotary founders; Rotary's decentralized organization and hierarchies; the districts; the district assembly and district conference; the Rotarians from Iloilo South, Mother club (Iloilo), RC Iloilo City, and the new RC Antique; what it takes to be a Rotarian and become one; the attendance and other rules... the works!

Finally, he asked if I wanted to adopt the Rotary Ideal of Service and become a Rotarian, subject to the rules. By that time I knew I was already a Rotarian... but only in theory. It was time to put theory to practice. So I gave my hearty "YES!"

And as the cliché goes, the rest is history.

PP Arturo "Art" Jimenez
Rotary Club of La Paz

Rotary opens new horizons



After living abroad for more than 36 years, my wife and I decided to go back home and retire in Janiway, Iloilo. The first few months were a major period of adjustment

especially for me, being originally from Luzon. I was like a stranger in a foreign land. After getting used to the Western standard of living and the daily grind of working in the corporate world abroad, doing nothing but idle work at home was a big change. I immediately realized this was not my idea of retirement.

I missed the people that I worked with, the friends I used to have and, most of all, the feeling of being a part of a big organization creating and doing something productive.

To pass my time, I joined the Iloilo Golf and Country Club. It was here where I was introduced to a new set of friends who, like me, enjoy the sport. The golf club is also where I met new friends that brought me to my first Rotary meeting.

That first meeting was nothing spectacular. I have had many business meetings like this before. But as I attended more meetings and joined service projects, I began to feel the warm friendship and belongingness that I have been missing all along.

Joining Rotary allowed me to meet new friends from many different walks of life, leaders and future leaders of our community. Rotary also made me achieve my dream of giving back some of my time, experience and a few treasures to my country and our less fortunate kababayan.

Helping the community is like the added icing on my cake. It gave me a purpose once again. Throughout my lifetime I have always lived just for "Me," and my family. Rotary showed me how it feels to give to people who really appreciate what you share with them. It can be as little as a bowl of soup or a major corrective surgery to make a child smile again. The feeling of giving through service is a fulfilling experience. I pity those people who have so much to give yet never experience the pleasure of giving without expecting anything in return.

Rotary opened a new horizon for me, a new challenge, and a new beginning.

PP Victor "Vic" Lagman
Rotary Club of Iloilo South

Rotary changes a life: Mine



My life with Rotary had its roots in 2011 when my company sent me to head our branch in Pagadian City. The assignment gave me mixed feelings of joy and sorrow. Joy, as I was brought closer to Midsalip, my birthplace that's just

about 46 kilometers north of Pagadian, the capital city of Zamboanga del Sur. And sorrow, because the province left me an orphan, broken-hearted and scarred by traumatic tragedies.

I saw my father shot and killed in Midsalip; I was still a boy then. Fearing for our lives, my mother

transferred the family to Tabina (63 km south of Pagadian) where she prayed and hoped for a safe refuge and a happier home.

But not long after, another tragedy struck. Heartless neighbors robbed us and worse, set our house on fire and with it, my mother and youngest sister.

They left me alive, sisterless, motherless, fatherless, helpless and homeless that brought so much pain in my heart. Yet God is so gracious, He protected me as I went through my elementary years in that hostile town.

Later was the start of good things. Someone brought me to Molave (38 km northeast of Pagadian), and took care of my high school education. And like thousands of orphan and poor Filipino youngsters forced to maturity, I worked my way through college and graduated as a working scholar in a university in Ozamiz City (in neighboring Misamis Occidental province).

I found a good job outside my province, worked extra hard, and received promotions until my Pagadian job. My life has gone full circle.

These memories bring me back to 2011 when I was first invited to be a Rotarian. Aside from the orientation I received, I borrowed and read about Rotary, club projects, and Rotarian accounts of how Rotary made their life more rewarding.

At first, I commented that reports on Rotary projects were exaggerated and intended only to boost the public image of clubs. I was also skeptical about how Rotary could change one's life for the better as I believed only God could do that.

Later, I realized that God uses Rotary and us Rotarians as His partners to dignify and serve the less fortunate and their communities. In so doing, God changes our lives for the better.

But more than that for me, Rotary service, fellowship, and camaraderie had helped erase those bad memories of the past and replaced them with memorable moments that created in me, in fact all of us, a warm feeling of belongingness and mutual respect.

By doing Service above Self, Rotary always gives us enough room to develop ourselves socially, spiritually and as leaders each time we share our time, ideas, and resources with those who have less in life.

What more can we ask in return?

Pres. Romaldo "Dodoy" Torres
Rotary Club of Pagadian

Do you have an interesting story to tell? Please send us your "Rotary Moments." It might be published in the GML or included in the planned District 3850 Rotary Moments book. You can email your stories to the committee chair, PP Fred Chua (francsc2004@yahoo.com) or to RotaryMoments3850@gmail.com.



DS Notes

DGN Jude T. Doctora
District Secretary

Dear Beloved Club Secretaries,

In the world of Rotary, September is designated as the “New Generations Month.” This became Rotary’s Fifth Avenue of Service in 2010 and is defined in Article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution:

“New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.”

As Rotary clubs, we are expected to undertake activities that will promote the youngest generation of the family of Rotary in our vocational, community, leadership and international projects. We have four R.I. programs where you can channel your clubs’ efforts towards the youth. We have the Interact and Rotaract Clubs that can be an avenue for community and vocational projects. There is the RYLA, where we can provide them leadership training; and there is also the Rotary Youth exchange, where we can help build the culture of peace and international understanding among the younger generation.

What is a little sad, however, is that out of 51 Rotary clubs in our district, only 21 clubs have Rotaract clubs and only 25 clubs have Interact clubs. We would like to think that this is just an oversight on the part of the other clubs—probably forgetting that the youth programs of R.I. are very powerful tools in our desire to reach out to the younger people in our communities...a catalyst for a lifetime of service to Rotary. By investing in the youth and young adults, we are sealing our commitment to the future of our Rotary clubs because by reaching out to them, our clubs are cultivating future members...we get invigorated by their enthusiasm and, maybe, learn fresh ideas and look at things from a different perspective—all of these, in the spirit of Service.

Our challenge to you, as club secretary, is to continuously search for ways and lend your hand to your President in developing R.I.’s Fifth Avenue of Service. Inspire your club not to forego the opportunities that the new generation can offer. What will make our Governor even happier is for your club to share your best practices on this Fifth Avenue of Service through our Yahoo email group. We have instructed Elaine, our secretary, to add your email addresses to our District Yahoo Group. It will be refreshing to find emails from your club, sharing your best practices for other clubs to emulate. Once we start the sharing, maybe, we can motivate clubs that do not have Rotaract and Interact, to finally see the light and take action.

And lastly, as your District secretary, I also encourage you to share your experiences as club secretary. Please email me anytime. Again, this could be another wonderful way to share and learn.

And as always...Let us be Happy People...Helping People.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DS Jude Doctora

P.S. Please don't forget to send you August MAR by September 15, 2012.

SEPT	Club Visits & Activities	TIME
1 SAT	RC ANTIQUE & GOV ADDRESS	4:00PM
5 WED	RC BACOLOD-MARAPARA	6:30PM
6 THU	RC KABANKALAN	6:30 PM
7 FRI	RC BACOLOD EAST	11:00 AM
	RC VICTORIAS	6:30 PM
8 SAT	RC ESCALANTE	4:00 PM
10 MON	RC MIDTOWN ILOILO	11:00 AM
	RC GUIMARAS	6:30 PM
11 TUE	RC METRO ILOILO	11:00 AM
	RC LA PAZ	6:30 PM
12 WED	RC JARO CENTRALINE	11:30 AM
	RC ILOILO WEST	6:00 PM
13 THU	RC ILOILO CITY	11:30 AM
	RC CENTRAL ILOILO CITY	6:00 PM
14 FRI	RC METRO PASSI	11:00 AM
	RC MOLO	6:30 PM
15 SAT	District GSE Team Leader & Members Screening O'Hotel Bacolod City	9:30 PM
	RC ILOILO	11:00 AM
	RC BORACAY & GOV ADDRESS	6:30 PM
17 MON	RC METRO BACOLOD	6:30 PM
18 TUE	RC BACOLOD WEST	6:30 PM
19 WED	RC SILAY	6:30 PM
21 FRI	Rotaract District Assembly Sta. Fe Resort Bacolod City Sept 21 -22, 2012	
	RC JARO ILOILO CITY	11:00 AM
	RC JARO SOUTH	6:30 PM
22 SAT	RC MIAG-AO	11:00 AM
	RC ILOILO SOUTH	4:00 PM
	JOINT GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS Iloilo Clubs	7:00 PM
23 SUN	District Interact/Rotaract Peace Congress "Kongreso Para sa Kapayapaan" Kundutel, Bacolod City	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
24 TUE	RC BACOLOD SOUTH	12:00 PM
26 WED	RC BACOLOD NORTH	12:00 PM
27 THU	RC BACOLOD	6:30 PM
28 FRI	JOINT GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS Negros Clubs	7:00 PM

Zone	Rotary Club	Goal ¹	Members ²	New ³	July ⁴	SAR ⁵	PRM ⁶	Rotaract ⁷	Interact ⁸	Discon ⁹
I	Iloilo	43	40		85.08%	1	1	3	1	2
	Iloilo South	25	23	4	90.47%	1		1		5
	Antique	28	25	3	94.00%					2
	Iloilo West	23	16		60.00%					1
	Miagao	14	13			1			1	2
II	Iloilo City	28	26	4	87.00%	1				3
	Jaro-Iloilo City	22	20							1
	Central Iloilo City	23	22		95.83%			1	2	
	Jaro-Centraline	20	17					1		
	Jaro South	25	10							
III	Metro Iloilo	61	60		62.74%	1		1	1	1
	Midtown Iloilo	32	29		95.80%	1		1	1	
	Guimaras	23	21							8
	Molo	15	10							
	La Paz	20	15	4	80.00%	1	1	1		1
	Dumangas	28	28		83.60%					1
	Metro Passi	20	16	2	80.00%		1			
IV	Roxas	25	19		90.00%				1	5
	Kalibo	52	49		89.10%	1	1		5	1
	Metro Roxas	42	37	1	82.00%			1	3	
	Boracay	22	20		75.24%					
	Metro Kalibo	18	12		88.00%				1	
	Metro Roxas Central	30	29		95.00%			1		
V	Bacolod North	52	52		90.59%			1		7
	Silay	20	18		76.00%	1	1	1		2
	Escalante	15	13			1				
	Victorias	18	18							
VI	Bacolod	30	29	5	85.00%			1	1	1
	Bacolod East	31	29	1	89.25%			1	1	1
	Bacolod-Marapara	25	20	6	85.15%			1		
	Bacolod Central	25	25	1	60.00%					1
VII	Bacolod South	27	26	2	89.00%					1
	Kabankalan	27	25	8	83.00%			1	1	
	Metro Bacolod	25	22	8	66.66%			1	4	2
	Bacolod West	24	22	4	92.00%	1	1		1	
VIII	Dipolog	26	24	2	50.00%	1		2	1	4
	Jimenez	20	17		98.00%				1	
	Dapitan City	18	13			1	1			1
	Oroquieta Centennial	25	15	1						
IX	Ozamiz North	26	26	6	89.00%					1
	Pagadian	27	25	3		1			1	
	Pagadian West	38	32	1	76.00%	1	1		1	
X	Zamboanga City	46	44	4	80.75%	1	1	1	5	2
	Basilan	32	34	1		1	1		3	
	Zamboanga City East	25	20	7	76.00%	1		1		
	Zamboanga City North	25	19	3	73.68%	1			2	1
	Zamboanga City Central	25	24		71.00%	1	1	2	2	
XI	Zamboanga City West	53	51	3		1		2	3	2
	Metro Zamboanga	25	18						1	
	Ipil-Sibugay	23	21							
	Bongao	20	17	2	90.00%					
TOTAL		1369	1256	86	82.08%	21	10	26	44	59

Notes¹ Membership goal for club² Actual number of members as of 1 July 2012.³ New members as of 10 August 2012⁴ July 2012 Attendance Percentage⁵ Paid Semi-Annual Report (SAR)⁶ Paid Philippine Rotary Magazine (PRM) Subscription⁷ Number of Rotaract clubs⁸ Number of Interact clubs⁹ Number of members registered for Discon 2013

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE INBOUND ACTIVITIES



DISCON 2013

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