

District Governor's Monthly Letter

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SERVICE Above Self

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Message from the District Governor

Dear fellow Rotarians

As we celebrate Vocational Service month, let us reflect on the second part of the Object of Rotary, which seeks to encourage and foster "high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of all worthy occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society." It is through this avenue of service that Rotary fosters and supports the application of the ideal of service.

These days, especially in our country, adhering to high ethical standards in businesses and professions, is becoming more and more difficult to do. To many people, under the present prevailing circumstances, where justice and fair play are shoved aside and the persistent driving force is to get ahead at any cost, ethics is simply non-existent. But for us who believe in the Object of Rotary, we cannot be oblivious to any thought or act that violates the rights of others. For us, adherence to high ethical standards is the rule rather than the exception because as Rotarians, we must conduct ourselves, our businesses and our professions, in accordance with the principles of Rotary. This simply means that every thought, everything that we say or do, must be the truth; it must be fair to all concerned; it must bring goodwill and better friendships; and it must be beneficial to all concerned.

Vocational Service is fundamental to every Rotary club and no other aspect of Rotary is more closely related to each member than this second avenue of

service, because it is a personal commitment to represent one's vocation or occupation to fellow Rotarians. As representatives of our chosen vocations in our clubs, we have a moral duty to advise and to provide guidance to the high school students in our communities, in the choice of their careers or vocations, especially to those who are about to graduate. We realize that this is a very great responsibility because we are in a

position to influence the direction in life that these youngsters will take. So, to ensure that this is done correctly and successfully, we must take the moral high ground by being shining examples of our respective professions or occupations, worthy of emulation to our youth.

Rotary is the only service club that has a classification principle. It is this principle that makes sure that each Rotary club is a cross section of the business and professional services of the community. It is in this way and in the observance of SERVICE ABOVE SELF that all worthy occupations are recognized and dignified.

DG RICARDO "ERIC" A. LAVIÑA, JR.



President's Message

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
2005-06 Rotary
International President



Dear fellow Rotarians,

People join Rotary clubs as proud representatives of their businesses or professions. Hence, all club members have an obligation to represent their vocations to fellow Rotarians and exemplify the spirit of Rotary in the workplace. These twin responsibilities form the foundation of Vocational Service.

Over the years, Rotarians have struggled to give a voice to Vocational Service – Rotary's second Avenue of Service – because it can be so hard to define. In order to focus more on this important aspect of service, the RI Board established Vocational Service Month during October.

As we begin our second century of service, this avenue is more important than ever to ensure high ethical standards. From the beginning, Rotarians have discouraged deceptive business practices and restored public trust. As leaders of their communities and businesses, Rotarians have earned the respect of the public and their colleagues. Despite the recent increase of business scandals, Rotarians still offer services that the public can trust.

Ethics is so important in everything we do, particularly in business. Just look at The Four-Way Test:

1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned? 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned? If we read these four questions carefully, we soon realize that every element we need for success is right there!

Vocational service is also a good way to assist young people in learning about future careers. Students can learn more about specific professions through interviews or job shadowing. Rotary clubs can contact their chambers of commerce and local companies to set up employee training, literacy training, employment counseling, résumé preparation, and other services to meet vocational needs.

In many countries, we are seeing increased youth unemployment. It is very demoralizing to wake up

without the prospect of a job. This may lead to poor self-image, despair, even criminal behavior. Rotarians have the means and the ability to provide young people with jobs and an easier start in life. We can inform, we can educate, we can offer training. As community leaders, we already have what is most important – the connections needed for initiatives with other groups and organizations.

Through our many youth programs, we can take a lead in vocational service. Young people are our future, and vocational service is the key to a better foundation that will benefit all of us.

Vocational Service can help others gain a better life, a better standard, a better world. What a wonderful way to fulfill our motto of Service Above Self.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International

RC BORACAY'S DOG EUTHANASIA PROGRAM



Oct. 22- Project Chair Rtn. Lee Rosaia and Past President Mike Labatiao appear on the local TV Program, "Itanong Mo Sa Buko" explaining the Dog Euthanasia Proceedings.

Oct 24-26, Rtn Lee Rosaia's Pet Project for the past 4 years has finally kicked off. Following a Dog walk Fund raiser last Oct. 2, the British Group, Animal Kingdom instituted for the first time, a Euthanasia Project for hopeless and sickly dogs.

The Program, which falls under the "Be Kind To Animals" campaign have targeted 25 stray dogs

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Life After the Club Presidency (part 2 of 2)

by PDG Manuel P. Tatel



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Rotary International has great purpose for each of us Rotarians. There is a constant call for service in your lives and mine. The question is: will we listen to find out what it is?

It comes as added pleasure for me, therefore, to inform you now that a random sampling was conducted on the 60 dubs in District 3850. The District has produced more or less 905 past presidents for the last 15 years. Although, the survey was not as accurate and professional as that of Pulse Asia or SWS nevertheless the result clearly show a variance of indicators. Out of this number 25% are still very active, healthy and fully alive. 5% left their dubs, 10% are already old and physically incapable; 7% are sick or recuperating; 3% have joined the life beyond and 50% are those who are inactive; indifferent and uncaring.

Indeed this is a topic replete with actual realities, a phenomenon which is generally happening to other districts. A topic so interesting but somehow will hurt the hearts and sensitivities of some of us.

Let us cite only a part of the fact sheet showing the 50% of those past presidents who are inactive; indifferent and uncaring for after all, the remaining 50% are either success stories or problems that we cannot help and solve.

While the life after the club presidency is likely to continue or even grow in absolute terms, Rotary policies and standard of membership discipline must be compatible of what is expected of a past president on his having joined the dub.

We claim that we must steadfastly work with one another, maintaining the strength towards our desire to grow in number with quality and certain degree of activism as before. And yet, we have not answered our own questions: Why are we not growing? Is it for the lack of quality and dedicated leadership? Is Rotary getting to be more expensive and less interesting? Are the past presidents senior citizens whose past time is only to eat during weekly meetings or, they are not being involved in projects or programs? Are there inner politics in the clubs creating divisiveness or simply jealousies arising from intrigues and prideful tantrums? Is there lack of fellowship, good program and food? Is there a change of primary business or

economically declining classification? Is there group prejudices involving religion or ethnic group?

Attitudes of past dub presidents like: "During my time is better than today" speaks of a phenomenon too common to be heard. "Tapos na ako dyan, bahala na sila" is another behavioral attitude that eats the very fiber from within. "I better join the Golf Club and the Couples for Christ movement or even the LIONS that do not need a weekly meeting" Some say *"I am too old to participate, give it to the young ones."* Or *"Why should I be active? For seventeen years now, and I am waiting, I have never been involved by the club leaders"* said a past president who was adjudged the most outstanding club president during his term. Said another *"I just pay my dues regularly and attend to dub meetings at interval is enough past time for me."*

There are those past presidents who are fugitives from justice, and they are nowhere to be found. But, I know of them — they are working as gasoline boys in a suburban city of US just to live. Some have their lives in jail. Why is this so? I was told, they were so extravagant during their terms — *"gustong magpasikat, hindi naman kaya ng balsa."* So what happened - they issued so many checks to spend lavishly during their presidency and the checks bounced and their warrants of arrest were haunting then until now.

There are also past presidents who are smart alecks, bid over the management and activities of the club making the incumbent club president just a figure head of the club. In other districts, was told, MAFIAS of past presidents are clearly interfering with the decision of clubs' leadership.

There is one club in our district, the active member of which refuse to accept the nomination for President simply to avoid the jinx that past presidents of said club die so easily. In fact five of them died in sequence to the surprise of all.

Some of them are uncaring due to some petty differences, frustration or disgust. One example for having failed to be awarded during the DISCON and or appointed as district officers, they were tempted to care less and less about Rotary. *"Mayrong iba, pag hindi kalabitin, hindi gagalaw. Kung kulang ang kalabit, matampuhin. paminsan - minsan na lang mag - attend ng club meeting!"*

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District Clubs *in Action*

around Boracay. Incidentally, the move was readily approved by the Municipal Government as it posted threats to the island's holiday image, environmental safety and even health of people especially susceptible children.

Likewise, the group, (Animal Kingdom) spearheaded by its President Charles Wartenberg, Trustee Alan Whittaker and Filipino Vet. Dr. Winston Samaniego have started this subtle "Mercy Killing" practice to get rid of these hazardous creatures and have shared some thoughts through lectures with RC Boracay

A number of activities during the week were a TV campaign over at the local network's "Itanong Mo Sa Buko" segment with Proj. Chair Lee and PP Mike on Oct 22. Radio announcements c/o Team



Oct 24—British Vets Allan Whittaker and Charles Wartenberg of UK based Animal Kingdom together with local dog catchers begin their Hopeless and Sick Dogs hunt along the main beach

member Prime on Oct 24-26

The club's commitment continues as Proj. Chair Lee tentatively slates December for the Neutering activity.

COPS NATIONAL SEARCH, LAUNCHED WITH RC BORACAY

The 4th Annual Nationwide Search for the Country's Outstanding Policemen in Service (COPS) was launched last Oct 22 at the Casa Pilar.

The Rotary Club of New Manila East, and sister club RC Boracay, organized the affair wherein it was attended by some members of the two clubs, the PNP Boracay Bureau, headed by its new chief



RC Members, PE Chito Borromeo (RCNME), PP Mike Labatiao, Dir. Odie CUna (RCBoracay) and Boracay Chief PNP PS Remigio Gregorio and other PNP Officials attend the COPS (Country's Outstanding Police in Service) National Search, Boracay Launching at Casa Pilar Resort, Oct. 22

PS Remigio Gregorio, some local press and citizens.

PE Chito Borromeo of RC NME requested the assistance of RC Boracay in promoting the event to the rotary clubs in Aklan and Antique by distributing Nomination Forms and posters.

The nationwide search is being sponsored by the RC New Manila Esat, the Metrobank Foundation and the Office of the President.

Incidentally, one of last year's awardees was from Aklan



Officers and members of RC Boracay and New Manila East exchange club bannerettes during COPS Launch.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S CORNER

With the first quarter over, I wish to give due recognition to the clubs, which consistently have had high monthly attendance ratings. The top ten clubs with the highest average ratings for the first quarter are the following:

RANK	NAME OF CLUB	AVERAGE RATING
1	Midtown Iloilo	99.58%
2	Zamboanga City West	97.66%
3	Zamboanga City North	96.47%
4	Metro Iloilo	91.70%
5	Zamboanga City East	89.50%
6	Iloilo South	88.22%
7	Metro Roxas	87.07%
8	Kalibo	85.93%
9	Bacolod West	85.67%
10	Bacolod	85.00%

Among the top ten clubs, only four clubs have ratings in the 90% bracket while the rest are in the 80% bracket. And among the top ten clubs only the following clubs were consistently in the top ten from July to September:

- Midtown Iloilo
- Zamboanga City West
- Zamboanga City North
- Metro Iloilo
- Iloilo South

The average attendance ratings of the clubs can still improve a lot. It would be better that the top ten clubs of the district in terms of attendance will all have an average rating of 90% and above. Maybe we should find out what is the secret formula of Midtown Iloilo, which had a 100% attendance rating for the first two months. The Club Secretaries should also encourage the members to make-up in case of absence.

Here are the following 2004 enactments of the Council on Legislation pertaining to attendance:

- To allow attendance credit for a 30-minute interactive club website activity (ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-18)
- To allow attendance credit for a meeting of a Rotary fellowship (ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-19)

- attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship, or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club or Rotary Community Corps or Rotary Fellowship.
- To amend the attendance rule concerning outposted assignments (ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-25)
 - A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:
 - Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment. If a member will be working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace attendance at the meetings of the member's club, provided there is a mutual agreement between the two clubs.
- To exclude from attendance records any member whose absence is excused (ADOPTED ENACTMENT 04-27)
 - A member's absence shall be excused if:
 - the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient.
 - the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.
 - A member's absence shall be excused if the member is a current officer of RI.

Please take note that attendance to a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned are also considered make-up. Also, anyone interested to make-up through an interactive club website can do that by registering at the Member Access of the RI website (www.rotary.org). However, you should know your club number and ID number before first, which are found in your SAR.

May I remind all the Club Presidents and Club Secretaries that for you to be able to update club records faster, you are encouraged to register in the Rotary website.

METRO KALIBO	54828	2001	25	11	-14	3	85.20%	11	12
METRO ROXAS	22518	1982	51	51	0	5	84.00%	7	14
METRO SAN CARLOS	51747	1999	12	10	-2	4	72.00%	9	29
METRO ZAMBOANGA	22275	1984	17	20	3	4	76.25%	26	24
MIDTOWN ILOILO	24383	1987	21	24	3	4	98.75%	1	1
MIAG-AO	58693	2002	17					25	
MOLO	27939	1991	12	12	0	3	75.00%	12	27
OROQUIETA	69314	2005	23	21	-2	4	89.00%	10	7
OZAMIS	17072	1954	16	13	-3	4	50.00%	39	40
OZAMIS NORTH	17073	1974	27	27	0	4	86.00%	13	9
PAGADIAN	17074	1974	30	30	0	3	74.00%	20	28
PAGADIAN WEST	17075	1977	26	25	-1	4	72.00%	12	29
ROXAS	17080	1963	19	17	-2	4	76.00%	18	25
SILAY	17084	1973	18	17	-1	4	83.70%	23	15
VICTORIAS	17091	1966	13	12	-1	4	61.00%	32	37
ZAMBOANGA CITY	17094	1948	52	44	-8	4	64.25%	28	35
ZAMBOANGA CITY CENTRAL	26956	1990	29	32	3	4	76.25%	16	24
ZAMBOANGA CITY EAST	17095	1974	15	15	0	4	85.00%	5	13
ZAMBOANGA CITY NORTH	17096	1980	28	34	6	5	98.00%	1	2
ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST	17097	1971	40	44	4	4	97.66%	3	3
			1419	1237	-9		78.08%		

above 90%	5	11.11%	75.56%
80-89.99%	17	37.78%	
70-79.99%	12	26.67%	
below 70%	11	24.44%	
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Those who appear to be indifferent, inactive and uncaring after their club presidency, I think, also deserve respect and admiration, not anger and blame. In the course of Rotary history, firmness and unyielding what one believes to be his conscience has never resulted in anything other than distress; frustration and misery. Some of us Rotarians still love to mystify and impress with policies, which are outmoded during the new decade. Or are we just helpless spectators during this period of an ongoing crisis? The moral suasion required of our leaders is desperately lacking. We have to pursue the possible solution with personal vigor into sharper focus. We Rotarians who are in the category of 25% must be remarkably brave to find solution to this problem.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3850

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ROTARY CLUB	CLUB NUMBER	CHARTER YEAR	MEMBERS AS OF JULY 1, 2005	MEMBERS TO DATE	NET GAIN/ LOSS	NO. OF MEETINGS	ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE	Last Ranking	Current Ranking
ANTIQUE	17015	1975	22	19	-3	5	75.00%	14	26
BACOLOD	17016	1937	40	50	10	5	86.00%	11	9
BACOLOD CENTRAL	31518	1996	20	20	0	4	78.75%	26	22
BACOLOD EAST	17017	1983	24	25	1	5	63.00%	30	36
BACOLOD MARAPARA	29076	1992	17						
BACOLOD NORTH	17018	1973	63	61	-2	4	77.57%	21	23
BACOLOD SOUTH	17019	1969	26	27	1	4	85.00%	18	12
BACOLOD WEST	27374	1990	26	25	-1	4	87.00%	12	8
BASILAN	17022	1959	17	19	2	4	67.65%	27	30
BONGAO TAWI TAWI	69302	2005	33						
BORACAY	50661	1997	33	33	0	3	81.00%	8	17
CAUAYAN	69720	2005	22					37	
CENTRAL ILOILO CITY	27338	1990	12	14	2	5	89.80%	6	6
DAPITAN	25485	1986	47					40	
DIPOLOG	21409	1950	24	21	-3	4	53.00%	35	39
DUMANGAS	31821	1996	25	28	3	5	80.20%	17	19
ESCALANTE	17037	1976	25	26	1	5	79.12%	18	20
GUIMARAS	27277	1990	22	21	-1	4	58.33%	36	38
ILOILO	17045	1933	57	52	-5	4	67.26%	29	31
ILOILO CITY	17046	1974	23	23	0	4	67.00%	34	32
ILOILO SOUTH	17407	1971	29	28	-1	4	96.00%	2	4
ILOILO WEST	28828	1992	22					24	
IPIL-SIBUGAY	59175	2002	28	28	0	4	65.79%	31	33
JARO CENTRALINE	29746	1993	18	16	-2	3	85.41%	22	10
JARO ILOILO CITY	25131	1988	29	25	-4	4	85.00%	15	13
JARO NORTH	28741	1991	15					14	
JARO SOUTH	31664	1996	10	10	0	5	78.80%	19	21
JIMENEZ	17050	1975	25	25	0	4	65.00%	33	34
KABANKALAN	17052	1974	36	36	0	5	83.00%	38	16
KALIBO	17053	1966	46	47	1	4	81.00%	9	17
LA PAZ	30821	1995	18	22	4	4	80.68%	14	18
METRO BACOLOD	25280	1988			0				
METRO ILOILO	17066	1979	74	77	3	4	93.12%	4	5