

# District Governor's Monthly Letter

**District 3850**

**November 2005**

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**SERVICE Above Self**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
THEME 2005 - 2006

## Message from the District Governor

Dear fellow Rotarians,

Our R.I. President, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, calls it the daughter of Rotary International. Indeed, the Rotary Foundation, born in 1917, is the vital link that makes it possible for Rotary International to make a difference in the lives of people around the world. In the fight against poverty, disease and ignorance, the Rotary Foundation is the beacon of hope that shines through the darkness of the millions of people in need.

We all know how the foundation works. We have seen how it took on the challenge to eradicate a deadly disease called Polio, which killed and destroyed millions of young lives. Soon, our world will be free of this malady. Aside from health issues, the foundation or the TRF, as it is popularly called by Rotarians, funds programs to fight illiteracy, hunger and many other global concerns plaguing humanity, through humanitarian and study grants. The Group Study Exchange (GSE), Youth Exchange (ROTEX), Ambassadorial and Rotary World Peace Scholarships are just a few of the regular, yearly programs that TRF undertakes.

The Rotary Foundation story is quite an interesting one. From an initial contribution of \$26.50 to the Rotary Endowment Fund as it was originally called in 1917, the foundation grew very slowly. For all its efforts, after 6 years, it only had \$700.00 to show. It was only in 1947, 30 years after its birth, upon the death of Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, that the foundation grew rapidly. Today, TRF receives more than \$65,000,000.00 yearly.



*District Governor Eric Laviña with The Rotary Foundation Chairman Frank Devlyn and spouse Georgie.*

Where do these funds come from and why do people willingly give to the Rotary Foundation? There is no doubt that TRF is one of the best managed foundations in the world. Its track record speaks for itself. While there may have been a few lapses in the area of stewardship by recipient Rotary Clubs, the foundation's management has been excellent. The managers and the trustees of TRF have seen to it that every cent is well spent. And for this reason, not only Rotarians, but many other generous people, entrust their contributions to help the less privileged, to the foundation.

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### President's Message

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar  
2005-06 Rotary  
International President



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Cooperation is, in my opinion, one of the key words for the future of Rotary. All the issues that we deal with are huge: polio, literacy, water, health, and hunger, just to name a few. Issues that we cannot solve by ourselves, but can reach further in cooperation with others.

However, we do not have to go outside our own building in order to cooperate. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation must join forces to reach good results.

Quite recently, I was interviewed by the Chicago Tribune because of Rotary's 100th anniversary. At one point the interviewer asked me to name a few years that could highlight our first century. I answered 1905, 1917, 1947, mid-'70s, 1985, and 2005. Then I expanded on why I had picked just those occasions.

Afterward, I made a personal observation. I was answering a question regarding highlighting Rotary International, and all the years I mentioned, apart from 1905 and 2005, reflected on The Rotary Foundation. The year 1917 was the start of our Rotary Foundation, when then-RI President Arch Klumph announced that we should accept endowments for doing good in the world – and The Rotary Foundation was born. The year 1947 was when contributions started to come in commemoration of the death of founder Paul Harris. The mid-'70s was when humanitarian programs were added to the Foundation's hitherto educational programs only, and the 3-H grants program was launched to improve social development among people in the world. The year 1985 was, of course, when we started our polio eradication program.

Rotary International is the mother of The Rotary Foundation. One would think that a mother 100 years old could live independently from her daughter 88 years old. But this is not possible. In raising funds for the daughter, the mother is of vital importance and the mother has no way of spending the funds raised – that's for the daughter to do.

This shows how important cooperation is between Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

May it so remain when, through Service Above Self, we celebrate November as Rotary Foundation Month.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar'.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar  
President, Rotary International

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District Governor Eric At the Manila Zone Institute with R.I. President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and DG Ogie Villamar of District 3770 and DG Darwin Igualada of District 3820

For many years, our district has been one of the smallest contributors to the Rotary Foundation. Yet, we have benefited much from it, through humanitarian matching grants, youth and group study exchanges and many more. It was only last year that our contributions broke the \$50,000.00 mark. Thanks to our Immediate Past District Governor, Nanette T. Garcia, for making us realize that our district is capable of giving more to the foundation and that its Rotarians are just as generous as any other.

This year, Rotary International's target is still a minimum of a hundred dollars (P5,600.00) per capita contribution to the Rotary Foundation from every Rotarian. Before, I was of the impression that this is an impossible target. But now, after having met almost all of you in the course of my club visits, I know that with a little extra effort, we can all do it. I am sure that we are all capable of giving daily contributions of 15 pesos and 34

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DG Eric at the Manila Zone Institute with IPDG Nanette, PDG Chick, Spouse Georgie and District Rotaract Chair Lindon Seediet.

centavos, (which will total P5,600.00 or \$100.00 in a year's time), to the foundation. Last year, through the untiring efforts of IPDG Nanette, we responded very positively to her plea to raise the level of our district's TRF contributions to a more significant level. She challenged and hounded us to shell out more for the foundation, even going to the extent of requiring post dated checks to back up the usual pledges that were often conveniently forgotten when collection time came. As a result, we came through and our district TRF contributions got almost a 400 per cent boost.

That was last year. Can we do it again this year? Of course we can. We are not going to let all the hard work of IPDG Nanette go to waste. Let us follow her footsteps, only this time, let us take bigger strides. Stick close to me, my fellow 101 serving Rotarians because together, we can do this.

DG RICARDO "ERIC" A. LAVIÑA, JR.



DG Eric with D-3850 Rotaractors & Interactors at the Manila Zone Institute Youth Forum



DG Eric tree planting with Pres. Fred Reteracion and RC Escalante members.



DG Eric with D-3850 Rotaractors & Interactors at the Manila Zone Institute Youth Forum

## Letter of Invitation

GREETINGS TO EACH AND EVERY ROTARIAN OF DISTRICT 3850!

As we approach the end of the first semester of our year of service, we become more focused on the big event that will happen on April 28-30, 2006, in the City of flowers, Zamboanga City.

Already, a group of very select Rotarians from Zone 10 of our district, have been working very hard and preparing the plans for our District Conference which is dubbed, **"Viaje Zamboanga."** Every detail is being looked into and no stone will be left unturned to make sure that it will be the most memorable DISCON in your Rotary life. Before the onset of March 2006, everything to ensure your pleasant and pleasurable stay in our city is expected to be in place. But long before that time, it is hoped that **you**, the most important element of our **"grand design,"** will already be enrolled in our roster of early registrants.

As you may already know, early registration fees will cost each Rotarian only PhP 1,400.00 and PhP 1,200.00 for every spouse or guest. We encourage you to register early to avail of the low rates because these will only last up to January 31, 2006. After that, the fees will be PhP 1,600.00 for Rotarians and PhP 1,400.00 for spouses and guests, and after April 15, 2006, on site registration will be PhP 2,000.00 and PhP 1,800.00 respectively. Registration forms have already been sent out to all clubs but if you have not received one yet, you can download it from our website.

Remember April 28, 29 & 30, 2006. Mark them down as red letter dates because these are the days that Zamboanga City will be yours. Vaya con Dios en tu viaje a Zamboanga!

PP OLIVER ONG  
DISCON Chair

RICARDO LAVIÑA  
District Governor

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### Final Selection of District 3850 Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team Outbound for District 3020 India

District Level Interview/Selection for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team Leader and Members was held in Zone 10 at Jardin dela Viña Hotel Conference Room, Zamboanga City on September 17, 2005. There were a total of thirteen (13) candidates from various Zones in District 3850. The interview/selection was quite tough because the various Zones were well represented and sent their best and deserving candidates.

The official GSE Team is composed of the following:

Team Leader : PP Emma "Emms" M. Nava

Team Members :

- |                         |           |                               |          |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Ms. Abigail B. Bucoy | - Zone 10 | 2. Ms. Ma. Cristina J. Corona | - Zone 5 |
| 3. Ms. Hazel P. Villa   | - Zone 2  | 4. Mr. Angel H. Angolo        | - Zone 6 |

Alternates:

- |                             |           |                        |             |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Ms. Myra Paz V. Abubakar | - Zone 10 | 2. Mr. Jay H. Presaldo | - Zones 1&3 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|

The following day, Group Dynamics was conducted with PP Anna Maria Gomez, a psychologist by profession, as facilitator.

The Selection Committee included the following Rotarians:

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# DISCON 2006

April 28-30, 2006  
Garden Orchid Hotel, Zamboanga City  
Philippines

Host: ROTARY CLUBS OF ZAMBOANGA CITY



## REGISTRATION FORM

Please accomplish and return this Registration Form, together with your payment, to our DISCON 2006 SECRETARIAT. For expediency you may fax your form to us and remit your payment according to the payment schedule indicated below.

### DELEGATE / GUEST INFO

☐ Rotarian

☐ Non-Rotarian

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Classification \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell. \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

For Non-Rotarians:

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

### SPOUSE:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

## HOTEL RESERVATION

Please check the list of hotels and room rates provided with this Form. Confirmed Room Booking shall be on FIRST-RECEIVED PAYMENT BASIS. One night deposit shall be required upon reservation.

☐ I prefer to book myself directly to the Hotel of my choice

Preferred Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Room Type \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Rooms \_\_\_\_\_ PAX \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Beds \_\_\_\_\_  
Transfers Details / Request \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment shall be acceptable by check or bank draft, payable to "DISCON 2006". You may remit your payment to BPI Zamboanga - Climaco Branch C/A 2125-1001-23. For our confirmation and reference, please send or fax a duplicate copy of the Bank deposit slip, together with this form, to our SECRETARIAT.

For the following requirements:

Registration Rotarian	Php _____
Registration Rotarian & Spouse	Php _____
Registration Spouse & Guest	Php _____
Room Reservation	Php _____
Golf Registration	Php _____
Others _____	Php _____
<b>Total</b>	Php _____

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Please accept my payment  
in the form of

- ☐ Cash  
☐ Check  
☐ Bank Draft  
☐ Bank Deposit

**BPI Zamboanga-Climaco**  
C/A 2125-1001-23

Conforme:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature over Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## DISCON Registration Rates

	on or before Jan. 31, 2005	on or before April 15, 2005	On-Site
<b>Rotarians</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Anns/Spouse/Guest</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,600</b>

## ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE RATES

### GARDEN ORCHID HOTEL

Governor Camins Avenue

Tel. # 991-0031

Room Type	Rate (Discounted)	
	Single	Double
Standard	1,800.00	2,250.00
Superior	2,100.00	2,550.00
Deluxe (poolside)	2,250.00	2,700.00
Suite	5,400.00	
Extra Bed:	500.00	

### MARCIAN GARDEN HOTEL

Governor Camins Avenue

Tel. # 991-2519

Room Type	Rate
Standard (Single/Double)	960.00
New Deluxe (Twin Bed)	1,020.00
Suite(Super King Size Bed)	1,300.00
Extra Bed:	150

### GRAND ASTORIA HOTEL

Mayor Jaldon Street

Tel. # 991-2510

Room Type	Rate	
	Single	Double
Standard	650.00	950.00
Superior	750.00	1,300.00
De Luxe with Jacuzzi	1,500.00	
Family	1,200.00	
Executive Suite		
Superior with Jacuzzi	2,500.00	
Standard	1,600.00	
Presidential Suite	4,000.00	

### LANTAKA HOTEL BY THE SEA

N.S. Valderosa Street

Tel. # 991-2033

Room Type	Rate
Twin (Single Occupancy)	1,320.00
Twin (Double Occupancy)	1,650.00
Suite (Two Bedroom)	3,300.00
Extra Bed:	200

### SKYPARK HOTEL

Tomas Claudio Street

Tel. # 992-0959

Room Type	Rate
Skypark Suite	1,425.00
Matrimonial	1,025.00
Double De Luxe	1,025.00
Double De Luxe	925.00
Single	825.00
Extra Bed:	500

### JARDIN DE LA VIÑA HOTEL & RESTAURANT

Governor Alvarez Avenue

Tel. # 991-7808

Room Type	Rate
Suite (Double Occupancy)	1,320.00
Superior (Matrimonial)	990.00
(Twin)	990.00
Standard (Single Occupancy)	825.00
Extra Bed:	200



## DISTRICT SECRETARY'S CORNER

It is not easy being the Club Secretary. It entails a lot of sacrifices especially in terms of time, resources and especially patience. In the club, the Club Secretary is expected to know everything about what is happening in the club, even about Rotary considering that she/he is the keeper of the club's correspondences and documents from the District and Rotary International. It is important therefore, that the Club President and Secretary work well together.

I became a Club Secretary in Rotary year 1999-2000 only two years after I joined Rotary in 1997. Surprisingly, I did not have difficulty in assuming the responsibility basically because the previous Club Secretary has briefed me well. It is a practise in our club that the outgoing Secretary brief the incoming Secretary on the reports to submit, where to submit it, deadlines, bank accounts to deposit the annual dues, TRF contributions, and other responsibilities expected of the Club Secretary. To top it, the incoming Secretary inherits a bagful of documents and reference materials which the he/she can study or review. It made it easier for me to assume the position. Why am I saying this?

Next month or even late this month, the clubs will be electing their club officers for Rotary Year 2006-2007. As in the practice of some clubs, the Club President is usually given the option or discretion to choose the Club Secretary, which is to my personal opinion a better arrangement. Most often than not though, clubs elect the newer member to the post knowing that it is the position that requires a lot of responsibilities. Most "older" members would usually beg off saying that they have had their time already. If you ask me however, "older" members who have not yet served as Club Secretary should take up the challenge to assume the post especially if you are the choice of your President-Elect. The years of experience in Rotary of the "older" member spell a difference. So if you are elected or selected for the position, are you up to the challenge? If you choose to elect a newer member though to be your Club Secretary, would any of the past secretaries be willing to guide him or her? Think about it... the Club Secretary is the heart of the club.

In last month's issue of the GML, I have shared with you some of Rotary International's administrative policies on attendance. I hope the clubs took note of it. I will share more of these policies in my column in the succeeding issues of the GML. For those of you who want to do your own advance reading on the policies, check out RI's Manual of Procedure at <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/support/mop.html>.

The Rotary website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) is so rich with any information about Rotary. You can also download all the forms you need such as the matching grant forms, Interact or Rotaract registration form to name a few.

Since November is Rotary Foundation Month, some clubs may already want to remit your contributions to the Rotary Foundation. The exchange rate is still P56:\$1. You may remit your contribution to the Metrobank using their Payment Slip for Companies with Collection Arrangement form (not deposit slip):

Company Name:	Citibank Speed Collect
Customer's Name:	Rotary International
Subscriber #:	10610011 (PH)
Reference. #:	ID Number of Rotarian

Send a copy of the payment slip to the Philippine Consulting Office after the deposit has been made. Please encourage your members to contribute so we all can meet the target of \$100 for every Rotarian. Please try to remit before the end of February so that you can include that in your club's report for the district and RI.

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Chairperson :

**PP Ma. Concepcion "Conchitina" Borja Lagonera**

District 3850 GSE Chair & GSE Alumni Members :

**1. Gov. Ricardo "Eric" Laviña, Jr.**

Governor, District 3850

**2. AG Enigardo "Jundad" Legislador. Jr.**

R.I. Public Image Coordinator-Asia Pacific & GSE Alumni

**3. PP Emma "Emms" Nava**

Team Leader-Outbound Team to District 3020 India District Youth Exchange Committee Chair

**4. PP Lindon See Diet**

District ROTARACT Committee Chair

The GSE Team is scheduled to leave for India on 15 January 2006. The trip will end on 12 February 2006.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3850

SEPTEMBER 2005

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	4	69.00%	26	22
BACOLOD	17016	1937	40	48	8	5	86.00%	9	6
BACOLOD CENTRAL	31518	1996	20	20	0	4	80.00%	22	14
BACOLOD EAST	17017	1983	24	25	1	5	57.25%	36	34
BACOLOD MARAPARA	29076	1992	17						
BACOLOD NORTH	17018	1973	63	61	-2	3	75.36%	23	16
BACOLOD SOUTH	17019	1969	26	27	1	3	86.00%	12	6
BACOLOD WEST	27374	1990	26	26	0	4	88.46%	8	4
BASILAN	17022	1959	17	19	2	4	58.82%	30	31
BONGAO TAWI TAWI	69302	2005	33						
BORACAY	50661	1997	33	33	0	3	71.25%	17	19
CAUAYAN	69720	2005	22						
CENTRAL ILOILO CITY	27338	1990	12	14	2	4	66.40%	6	25
DAPITAN	25485	1986	47	10		1	35.00%		40
DIPOLOG	21409	1950	24	21	-3	4	58.00%	39	33
DUMANGAS	31821	1996	25	28	3	4	81.50%	19	11
ESCALANTE	17037	1976	25	26	1	5	80.91%	20	13
GUIMARAS	27277	1990	22	21	-1	4	54.00%	38	37
ILOILO	17045	1933	57	53	-4	4	61.83%	31	29
ILOILO CITY	17046	1974	23	26	3	4	67.75%	32	23
ILOILO SOUTH	17407	1971	29	28	-1			4	
ILOILO WEST	28828	1992	22	23	1	4	51.08%		38
IPIL-SIBUGAY	59175	2002	28	28	0	4	63.43%	33	28
JARO CENTRALINE	29746	1993	18	16	-2	3	85.00%	10	8
JARO ILOILO CITY	25131	1988	29	25	-4	4	75.00%	13	17
JARO NORTH	28741	1991	15	13	-2	4	88.46%		4
JARO SOUTH	31664	1996	10	10	0	4	58.33%	21	32
JIMENEZ	17050	1975	25	25	0	4	71.00%	34	20
KABANKALAN	17052	1974	36	36	0	4	56.00%	16	36
KALIBO	17053	1966	46	49	3	3	81.00%	17	12
LA PAZ	30821	1995	18	22	4	4	57.00%	18	35
METRO BACOLOD	25280	1988			0				
METRO ILOILO	17066	1979	74	77	3	4	80.00%	5	14



METRO KALIBO	54828	2001	25	11	-14	4	85.50%	12	7
METRO ROXAS	22518	1982	51	51	0	4	81.00%	14	12
METRO SAN CARLOS	51747	1999	12	10	-2	3	67.00%	29	24
METRO ZAMBOANGA	22275	1984	17	20	3	4	65.00%	24	27
MIDTOWN ILOILO	24383	1987	21	24	3	4	98.33%	1	1
MIAG-AO	58693	2002	17						
MOLO	27939	1991	12	12	0	3		27	
OROQUIETA	69314	2005	23	21	-2	4	88.00%	7	5
OZAMIS	17072	1954	16	13	-3	4	46.00%	40	39
OZAMIS NORTH	17073	1974	27	27	0	4	83.00%	9	9
PAGADIAN	17074	1974	30	30	0	4	74.00%	28	18
PAGADIAN WEST	17075	1977	26	26	0	4	85.00%	29	8
ROXAS	17080	1963	19	17	-2	4	66.00%	25	26
SILAY	17084	1973	18	17	-1	3	76.00%	15	15
VICTORIAS	17091	1966	13	12	-1	4	61.00%	37	30
ZAMBOANGA CITY	17094	1948	52	44	-8	4	81.00%	35	12
ZAMBOANGA CITY CENTRAL	26956	1990	29	31	2	4	70.50%	24	21
ZAMBOANGA CITY EAST	17095	1974	15	15	0	3	82.00%	13	10
ZAMBOANGA CITY NORTH	17096	1980	28	34	6	4	97.00%	2	2
ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST	17097	1971	40	44	4	4	92.85%	3	3
			1419	1288	-5		72.67%		

<b>above 90%</b>	3	6.52%
<b>80-89.99%</b>	17	36.96%
<b>70-79.99%</b>	7	15.22%
<b>below 70%</b>	19	41.30%
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# Viaje Zamboanga!



## Nuestra Señora del Pilar de Zaragoza Shrine and Fort

Build in 1635 by Jesuit Architects and engineers with 1,000 visayan workers, caviteños together with 300 Spanish soldiers. To fortify and protect the Spanish enclave here in Zamboanga. The small community around the construction site actually was the start of the "town" of Zamboanga. The fort went through several renovations and restorations since the time it was originally built. It stands as a piece of architecture designed for warfare and a clear evidence of the Spanish occupation and influence in the City. Today, it stands as the epitome of the culture of what is a Christianized city with the shrine of the Lady of the pillar that was enshrined in 1784 as the eastern gate and from then on, became the Patron Saint and Protector of the City. The Fort is also the repository of the material culture of the different tribes and indigenous peoples of the

city, in which are exhibited for public viewing and managed by the National Museum. It also features exhibits for local artists.



The cross at the historic Fort Pilar which was built by the Spaniards in 1635, where devotees say their prayer before lighting their candles. The Spaniards stayed on for three centuries.



Every year, thousands of devotees flock to Fort Pilar to light their candles for the Lady of the Pillar. The fort became a shrine as stories of miraculous events of the La Virgen del Pilar began to be told.



Typical Sunrise at Zamboanga City