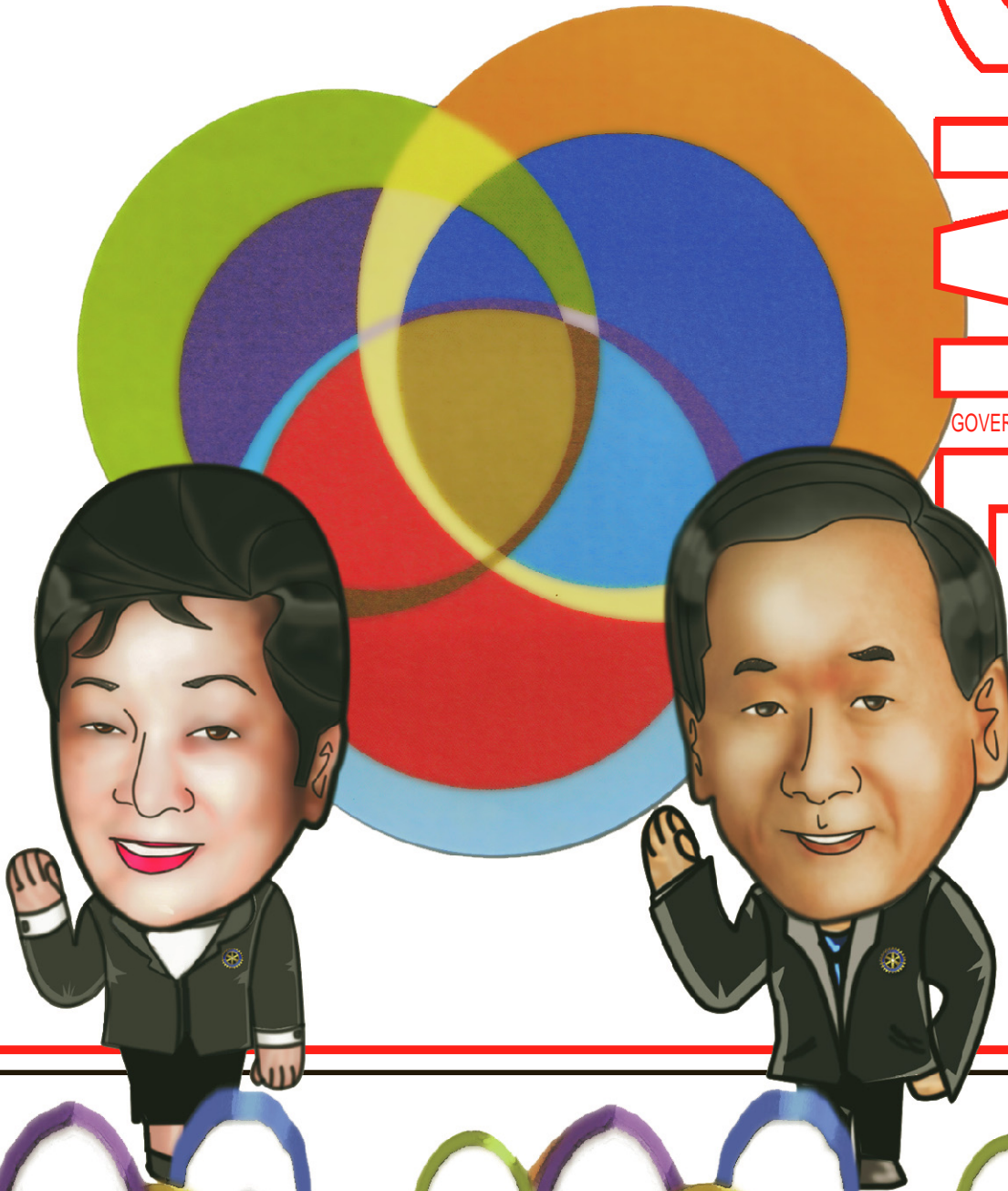


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## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH ENCOURAGED, REWARDED



The 2008-09 New Member Sponsor Pin is available through licensed Rotary vendors as a way to recognize club members who sponsor new members.

"You can feel the excitement and energy in a growing Rotary Club," says RI Past Vice Pres. Michael McGovern, Vice Chair of the 2008-09 RI Membership Development and Retention Committee.

To help energize clubs worldwide, RI President Dong Kurn Lee is traveling the globe to generate ideas for membership growth. His first of 12 Presidential Conferences, which will include small-group discussions to identify best practices for member recruitment and retention, took place last 7 July in Tokyo. Conferences in Argentina, Brazil, Egypt and South Africa will also address child mortality, a top concern that lies at the heart of this year's RI Theme, ***Make Dreams Real***. To encourage clubs and districts to take action to increase membership, Pres. DK has developed a new membership recognition program. During 2008-09, clubs that achieve a 10% net increase in membership will receive a certificate signed by the President. At the district level, gaining two new clubs and a 10% net membership increase must be reached. District recognition awards vary depending on the percentage of clubs achieving the membership increase. (See page 7 for details of the Membership Recognition Program.)

"The goals can be achieved by any Club or District that makes membership development a priority," McGovern says.

## Women in Rotary – A Potted History

(Compiled and written by Norm Winterbottom, a Rotarian in New Zealand)

The predominantly dependent status of women in western societies changed irrevocably during World War II as women filled occupations previously the domain of men when the men were called upon to serve in the armed forces. This change accelerated with the growth of the feminist movement in the 1960s and 1970s. Throughout the course of nearly seven decades of Rotary's history has run the thread of the debate of women as members, yet the first constitution of the Chicago Club #1, adopted in January, 1906, makes no reference to gender, referring only to "persons."

In 1911 an all-women club existed in Minneapolis and between 1911 and 1917 an all-women Rotary club existed in Duluth, Minnesota alongside the men's club. This club met on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, while the Duluth club #25 met on the 1st and last Thursday. In 1912, the board of directors of the Belfast, Northern Ireland club discussed the advisability of electing women to membership or allowing them to attend weekly luncheons. The club records of that period indicate the board considered it undesirable to elect women to membership or have them at the weekly luncheons. In that year, also, Ida Buell of the Duluth women's club spoke to the 1912 Duluth Convention seeking support for women's clubs. The Convention discussed the admission of women and rejected the idea. The RI Boards of 1914-15 and 1915-16 disapproved of Women's Auxiliaries but the Board of 1916-17 held no objection to them being formed. In 1918 the Board refused recognition of them.

The 1921 Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland produced the Standard Club Constitution in which Article 2, Section III stated "A Rotary Club shall be comprised of men . . ."

In May 1921, Alwilda F Harvey the wife of the Chicago Club president convened a luncheon meeting of 59 women who formed "Women of Rotary." The Board of RI rejected that name so it was changed to "The Women of the Rotary Club of Chicago." In England, on 15 May 1923, the Manchester Club proposed "The Formation of a Ladies' Rotary Club in Manchester." The proposal was lost, but instead, the first Inner Wheel Club was formed with Mrs Margarette Golding as

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### About our cover

Conceptualized by DG Ems, with the Membership Development logo in the background, this fun and playful caricature shows her and RI Pres. DK Lee swearing in new members as August is Rotary Membership and Extension Month. Skillfully rendered by GML graphic artist Rtn. Shalom Garibay of RC Jaro Centraline, the cover encourages us to recruit more members and extend the ever growing family of Rotarians around the world!

# EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the August edition of the Governor's Monthly Letter.

Our grateful thanks to fellow Rotarians who have contacted us with ideas, given us their feedback and offered to contribute to future editions of the GML. It is your newsletter – and we would like you to help us make it grow each month into a fun, informative and exciting publication, spreading the word of Rotary and highlighting so many of the good deeds carried out by Rotarians across our district.

August is our Membership and Extension Month, so inside this edition of the GML you will find special feature articles, each highlighting different aspects of membership. PP Cris Parojinog of RC Ozamiz North writes a personal account of how he became a Rotarian, while Rtn. Ken Salazar of RC Zamboang City North asks why we become Rotarians in the first place. And then we look at the history of women in Rotary. It may be noteworthy to know that our very own District Governor Emma Nava is one of the first

female Rotarians in the district!

Also this month we are introducing a fun page, to test your wits and raise a smile. Our new crossword and Mensa quiz are on page 14, along with another new item – our editorial cartoon – where we invite you to write a comical caption.

The new look of the GML is designed to be more reader friendly than ever, and we would be delighted to feature as many members as we can in future issues. With that in mind, we are also introducing a new readers' poll – Gov Asks, Rotarians Speak Up! – in which DG Ems challenges Rotarians to answer a monthly question. The best five replies, together with member photos, will be published in the next edition.

And, of course, in promoting the GML as a newsletter for your contributions, we offer our special congratulations to Pres. Rod Solidum of RC Metro Kalibo and Rtn. Jerry Lames of RC Roxas – the first two monthly finalists in our photo essay competition.

The GML is a constant work in progress. We have a very small but dedicated team determined to bring you the most relevant, entertaining and informative news and views to complement the wonderful work carried out throughout our district.

Do take this opportunity to share your thoughts – whether it's an idea for a special feature article, a project being undertaken by your club, or perhaps a dynamic image you'd like to see on a future cover of the GML. So keep your contributions coming!

Thanking you in the spirit of Rotary...



Pia Nava  
Editor in Chief



Thank you to all the Rotarians who have submitted their photos for the GML photo essay contest. Entries are welcome from all Rotarians in the district, and must be the **original work** of those individual members who enter.

Entries do not need to be limited to Rotary club service projects, nor do they need to be associated with any Rotary function, or other Rotary members.

We are seeking creative and original images which showcase an individual member's photographic talent – whether those images are taken at home, at work or at play!

## "Our Water, My Hope"



Name: Pres. Rod P. Solidum  
Club: Rotary Club of Metro Kalibo

Please be as imaginative as you can with camera, in any situation in which you find an image worth capturing, to help illustrate the broad subject of decreasing child mortality through literacy, health and hunger, and water – the key drivers which make up this year's Rotary International theme of Make Dreams Real.

For details of how to enter, and how you can win a share of \$500 in Rotary Foundation credits, please refer to the contest rules in the July issue of the GML. You may also email us at [gml3850@gmail.com](mailto:gml3850@gmail.com), we will gladly forward you a copy of the rules.

## PHOTO ESSAY FINALISTS

### "Olotayan Girl after Typhoon Frank"



Name: Rtn. Jerome "Jerry" Lames  
Club: Rotary Club of Roxas

# FROM THE RI PRESIDENT



Dear fellow Rotarians,

This year, we have set ourselves an ambitious goal: to Make Dreams Real for the world's children by reducing child mortality. I believe we can achieve this goal, if we focus our efforts and work together. But I also know that at the end of this year, there will be a great deal left for us to do to bring health and hope to all of the world's children.

If we are to reduce child mortality, in this Rotary year and for many years to come, we need to have Rotarians to do it. Every project we do in water, health and hunger, and literacy helps create a better world. Every project helps change the world, a little bit at a time.

And every project needs caring and capable Rotarians.

Each new Rotarian we bring into our clubs helps to Make Dreams Real. That is why, this year, I am asking Rotarians everywhere to meet bold membership goals: first, to increase membership by 10 percent and, second, to create two new clubs per district.

Like the goal of reducing child mortality, these are ambitious goals that we can achieve – if we set our minds to them. If we look for new Rotarians only among our friends and family, we may not be able to find enough qualified new members. But if we reach out to community leaders who are of a different profession, or a different generation, we will find many potential Rotarians.

It is natural to want to invite people into our clubs who are like ourselves, but that limits the diversity and talent of each club. We must welcome younger members to our clubs, or we will have not only lost an important source of energy and expertise but also failed in our duty to our organization to train the next generation of club presidents, district governors, and senior RI leaders.

Remember: Membership is the responsibility of each of us. Every one of us has an obligation to keep Rotary strong, active, and growing. If we hope to Make Dreams Real for the world's children in a meaningful and lasting way, we must ensure a new generation of Rotarians to continue our work.

**Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee**

President, Rotary International, 2008-09



## Add ONE, Add TWO, Add MORE

The strength of a club is the variety of classification opened by the club.



The following are guidelines for targeting new members:

- v Seek out the best people who will fill these classifications and invite them to your club. The SAR has a listing of classifications.
- v Orient and train prospective members before inducting them.

In your president's kit the Basics of Rotary is included. Please have it copied for your new members. Better yet, go over it with your new member to ensure clear understanding of Rotary's objectives.


- v Get new members involved in the programs and service projects of the club, and have their sponsors mentor them well.
- v Make new members talk about themselves and their classification after they have assimilated with the other members. Most likely, they may have stage fright at first as experienced by our District Secretary when he was newly inducted in the club.



## APPLE

As a reminder think of the word APPLE:

- A – attend
- P – participate
- P – pay your dues
- L – learn Rotary
- E – enjoy Rotary



*Emma M. Nava*

DG Emma M. Nava



## 2008-09 MEMBERSHIP GOALS & RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Clubs and Districts that achieve the recommended membership development goals will be recognized by 2008-09 RI Pres. D. K. Lee. A District must accomplish both goals to be recognized.

	Achievement Level*	Recognition Type
<b>Clubs</b>	Club achieves a minimum of 10% net increase in membership	Certificate signed by 2008-09 RI President
	Club is among the top 10 Clubs worldwide with the highest percentage net membership increase***	Mont Blanc pen or similar recognition, with acknowledgement on stage at the 2009 RI Convention**
<b>Districts</b>	A minimum of a 10% net membership increase in 50-74% of Clubs <i>and</i> a minimum of two (2) new Clubs	Certificate signed by 2008-09 RI President
	A minimum of a 10% net membership increase in 75-89% of Clubs <i>and</i> a minimum of two (2) new Clubs	Small Plaque
	A minimum of a 10% net membership increase in at least 90% of Clubs <i>and</i> a minimum of two (2) new Clubs	Large Glass Plaque with acknowledgement on stage at the 2009 RI Convention
	District is among the top 10 Districts worldwide with the highest percentage net membership increase and a minimum of two new Clubs***	Mont Blanc pen or similar recognition, with acknowledgement on stage at the 2009 RI Convention**

\* *Will receive recognition only for the top achievement level.*

\*\* *Rotary International will not reimburse any costs associated with participating in the Convention, including travel, lodging, meals or other expenses.*

\*\*\* *For the top 10 Districts, no more than one District from a Zone may be represented. For the top 10 Clubs, no more than one Club from a Zone may be represented.*

Membership net increase will be based on RI membership database numbers. Clubs should update membership information via Member Access or provide regularly updated membership information to RI.

Net increase will be based against 1 July 2008 membership starting figures. The DGs will receive this number in mid-October 2008. The starting figure is calculated from 1 July SARs received by RI by 30 September.

All Club membership data must be entered by 15 May 2009, 5 PM, United States, Central Standard Time.

New Clubs must be chartered by 15 May 2009.





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## Just a thought on MEMBERSHIP...

PP Cris "Comelec" Parojinog, RC Ozamiz North

Among the Membership Responsibilities a Rotarian should have, finding and keeping members have been so far bugging most clubs in our District. It seems to be a gargantuan task for each and every club to increase membership by fifty percent! It is sad to note that while we are able to recruit new members, we also lose members along the way. Much worse, we sometimes drop more members than report new ones!

When I was admitted to the Rotary Club of Ozamiz in 1985, I honestly did not have any idea what Rotary International was! Or, what Rotarians actually did apart from the fact that the club sponsored me as a Rotary Exchange Student to the Rotary Club of Burton, Burton, Michigan of R.I. District 633 in 1984. Upon my return as a Rotex, I started attending Rotary meetings with my father, enjoying lunch rather than listening to the discussions. I remember how sometimes childish emotions would flare up (which continues to be exhibited today at Rotary meetings) during serious deliberations, and end after the meeting. What followed were Rotarians downing a bottle of ice-cold beer, or sipping a cup of coffee, sharing jokes and laughter, in what we call-- Fellowship. That's the beauty of a Rotary Club! Rotarians drink and make up, so to speak.

When I first joined RC Ozamiz, I thought the membership was limited to the community's elite! There were bank managers, insurance managers, owners of big businesses in the community, the city engineer. The list could go on! I felt very small and uneasy to be with the "rich and famous" in the club. I did not even have a car to drive to Rotary meetings every Thursday noon. I took a motorcab every week to attend club meetings. As I attended meetings, I found out that membership into Rotary is by invitation and by classification. That's when I realized that a Rotary club is NOT an elitist club. It is often misconstrued to be a club for the elite simply because membership by classification is limited to one representative only. It continues to be a policy of Rotary International to limit membership by classification only that it now allows up to ten percent (10%) of total club membership, where members may hold the same classification provided that the original holder consents. This should be emphasized by clubs— Rotary is not an elitist club but one of classification.

Each club has its own culture. Its own personality. When recruiting members, take into consideration the prospect's ability to easily blend into the club's uniqueness. It is best to first invite the prospective member to attend a club service project. We can test

the prospect's sense of belongingness here. This is the best way to explain why we are Rotarians. We should let them know that Rotarians serve and participate in local or international service projects. Service is a membership responsibility where time and talents are volunteered.

In my second year with the Rotary Club of Ozamiz, I was elected as Committee Chair on Youth Service. The club involved me in club activities. In my third year, I was elected as club secretary. I served for two consecutive years. Unknown to me, I was being groomed to be the next president of the club. When I knew of the plan, I left the club, and was known to be the first "presidential escapee." At that time, I did not fully understand my role and responsibility as a member with regard to leadership. I had no idea of the four elements of a strong club (increase membership; implement successful service projects; support the Rotary Foundation; and develop leaders beyond the club level.) I hesitated to accept the challenge simply because I lacked proper Rotary information.

I was invited and inducted to membership by the Rotary Club of Ozamiz North, in 1998. Then in the year 2000, I was transferred to Pagadian City where my job required me to be. There, I was invited and inducted to membership by the Rotary Club of Pagadian. After two years of serving the club, I became president-elect, only to be transferred back to Ozamiz City six months before I was to assume the club presidency. For the second time, I was again a "presidential escapee." This time, however, it was because of work. I rejoined the Rotary Club of Ozamiz North where I finally had a full year as club president, then later as a Governor's Special Representative, as well as, other District positions.

I remain a Rotarian to this day because I enjoy Rotary fellowship and have expanded Rotary horizons by attending meetings outside of my home club, while meeting other business leaders in the community.

Finding and proposing new members is indeed not as easy as counting 1 to 10. We need to find new members who think, say or do as Rotarians are expected to.



PP Cris Parojinog with spouse Ayee

"When recruiting members, take into consideration the prospect's ability to easily blend into the club's uniqueness."

## Rotary: Why should I join and why should I stay?

Rtn. Kenneth M. Salazar, RC Zamboanga City North

After getting through a day's work at the office, I glanced at my watch, and saw that it was already 6:30 pm. In a little while we would be having our Wednesday Board Meeting at the Roof deck of the La Vina Hotel, and it was time to prepare. While waiting for the other members to arrive, I took the remaining time to answer email messages and chat with fellow Rotarians which lightened the load of a very tiring day.

The meeting started a little late and the usual exchange of ideas started to veer towards the issue on **how to retain old members** and **how to recruit new ones**.

This has been a perpetual dilemma of almost all Rotary clubs. The problem extends as far as dropping a member to prospecting for the right recruit. Though recruitment of new members may seem like an easy task for some, the dedication of these new recruits is another story. There are countless reasons why members decide to join this organization. In fact, Rotary has grown so much over the years that it has paved its way to global acceptance and recognition. Despite its distinction for serving humanity, recruitment persists to be an area of concern.

Personally, I believe that the best way to get the right members is to begin by asking them simple questions related to their reasons for wanting to join.



# JULY 2008

## Monthly Attendance Report

Zone	No.	Name	Club No.	Charter	Members	No. of	Attendance	Ranking
			Year	to Date		Mtgs.	%	
I	1	Antique	17015	1975	20	5	74.00	23
	2	Iloilo	17045	1933	46	4	63.00	34 (tie)
	3	Iloilo South	17047	1971	22	4	95.00	3
	4	Iloilo West	28828	1992	19	5	67.36	29
	5	Miag-ao	58693	2002	14	4	64.50	32
II	1	Iloilo City	17046	1975	22	5	90.40	5
	2	Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	29	5	80.00	18 (tie)
	3	Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	14	5	63.00	34 (tie)
	4	Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	14	4	85.00	12 (tie)
	5	Jaro South	31664	1996	11	4	64.63	31
III	1	Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	72	5	53.97	36
	2	Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	20	4	80.75	17
	3	Guimaras	27277	1990	18	4	55.50	35
	4	Molo	27939	1991	DNR	DNR	DNR	
	5	Lapaz	30821	1995	21	4	88.50	6
	6	Dumangas	31821	1996	37	4	87.30	7
	7	Metro Passi	76428	2007	29	4	65.50	30
IV	1	Roxas	17080	1964	38	5	92.10	4
	2	Kalibo	17053	1967	36	2	98.50	1
	3	Metro Roxas	22518	1982	62	5	85.00	12 (tie)
	4	Boracay	50661	1997	24	5	36.67	37
	5	Metro Kalibo	54828	2001	20	3	87.00	8 (tie)
	6	Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	24	5	86.26	10
V	1	Silay	17084	1973	18	5	79.00	20
	2	Escalante	17037	1976	DNR	DNR	84.50	13
	3	Metro San Carlos	51747	1999	DNR	DNR	DNR	
	4	Victorias	17091	1966	10	4	70.00	27 (tie)
VI	1	Bacolod	17016	1937	37	5	87.00	8 (tie)
	2	Bacolod East	17017	1983	22	4	73.50	24
	3	Bacolod West	27374	1990	20	4	85.00	12 (tie)
	4	Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	34	5	82.27	14
	5	Bacolod Central	31518	1996	21	5	32.38	38
	6	Bacolod South	17019	1969	24	4	83.00	13
VII	1	Bacolod North	17091	1973	43	4	81.72	15
	2	Kabankalan City	17052	1974	29	5	73.00	26
	3	Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	23	4	80.93	16
VIII	1	Dipolog	21409	1950	23	5	70.00	27 (tie)
	2	Jimenez	17050	1975	17	4	85.00	12 (tie)
	3	Dapitan City	25485	1986	DNR	DNR	DNR	
	4	Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	28	4	79.83	19
IX	1	Ozamiz North	17073	1974	DNR	DNR	DNR	
	2	Pagadian	17074	1975	27	5	27.00	39
	3	Pagadian West	17075	1977	24	6	73.37	25
	4	Ozamiz	17072	1995	DNR	DNR	DNR	
X	1	Zamboanga City	17094	1948	45	5	85.28	11
	2	Basilan City	17022	1960	21	5	77.65	22
	3	Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	20	3	86.60	9
	4	Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	29	3	78.61	21
	5	Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	30	3	68.00	28
XI	1	Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	42	3	96.82	2
	2	Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	28	4	80.00	18 (tie)
	3	Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	21	4	63.50	33
	4	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	69302	2005	DNR	DNR	DNR	

### Fast Facts taken from July 2008 MAR:

- Out of 53 Clubs in our District, 24 (or 45.3%) attained a monthly attendance average of 80% and above.
- There are still 9 clubs (or 17%) with less than 20 members.
- There are only 10 clubs with a membership of over 35.
- There are 7 clubs that did not report (DNR).

**Why do you want to join Rotary?** (Apart, of course, from being invited.) Is it the status you are after? Fame, pressure from recruiting member, a pastime, fellowship, friends, the network, glamour, the contacts, social gatherings, the acknowledgement, dinners and luncheons and all these great events? Some members tend to overlook the dues! The commitments, the donations, the countless unpaid hours, the nonrefundable non reimbursable amount of money spent, and the unending activities which most of the time gets in the way of our busy schedules. If you intend to join, it should be for the right reasons. Ask yourself, *"Is it the truth?"*

**What contribution can you give being a member?** Rotary is more about giving rather than receiving. Giving of your time and talent are prerequisite. Donations, pledges and basic dues are common obligations which we need to fulfill. We need assets not liabilities. If you think that other members would shoulder your dues, ask yourself, *"Is it fair to all concerned?"*

**Do your interests fit the Club you wish to join?** Different clubs have different interests, some are inclined to discussing matters while drinking, some enjoy each other's company because of golf, some love dancing, others like Airsoft Games, while others are a mixture of everything. Your interests matter because this would also fuel your willingness to be one with and remain in the group. Choosing the right club will help you *"build better friendships."*

**What are your expectations of the Clubs objectives?** While all clubs are directed towards humanitarian projects, others have evolved and have adopted objectives to answer the needs of their society. This depends on the club's priority to help and address the most immediate problem engulfing the community. Furthermore, in line with these objectives are the internal goals which benefit us in helping every individual achieve their personal goals through self fulfillment, as well as personal and professional development. This in effect helps everyone make it *"beneficial to all concerned."*

Indeed having the right reasons for joining Rotary will shed light on why we are here, for whom are we doing this and for what purpose. And lastly, do we have the commitment to stay and go the distance? As the saying goes, anything worth doing is worth doing well!

#### The Four-Way Test

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

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?

## District Secretary's Corner

PP Bill de la Fuente



### JOINING ROTARY

Rotary International is an association of more than 32,000 autonomous clubs in 200 countries, and is one of the world's largest service oriented organizations. An important distinction between Rotary and other organizations is that the membership in Rotary is by invitation. Rotary clubs invite individuals to join and become members.

Membership is vital to a Rotary club's operation and community service activities. The primary goal of the club is to continually expand the club with committed members who have the interest and ability to get involved in service and humanitarian projects.

Rotary club membership carries with it certain responsibilities. Remember the word **APPLE**.

**A - Attend** Members are expected to attend the weekly programs of the club. Opportunities to make up attendance include attending the regular meeting of another Rotary club, attending other various Rotary meetings, or attending a club service project authorized by the club's board of directors. A club cannot exist without the attendance of its members.

**P - Participate** Members are expected to participate in local or international activities or projects of the Rotary club. The success of the club's activities and projects depends on the participation of its members.

**P - Pay your dues** Members are required to pay the club their monthly dues. They are also required to pay for the District Governor's Fund and subscription to the Philippine Rotary Magazine. Giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is encouraged.

**L - Learn Rotary** The first requirement for membership is to know Rotary. A club is required to give Rotary information to its prospective members to help them understand and appreciate what Rotary is. Rotary International develops Rotarians through training and seminars, and provide them learning materials that can enhance their leadership skills and deepen their understanding and commitment to Rotary so that they can serve their community, club and district effectively.

**E - Enjoy Rotary** Fellowship is encouraged so that Rotarians can enjoy Rotary. It is to reward members for their effort and hard work in serving their community. It also helps develop harmonious relationships among members within and other clubs as well. Rotary believes that happy and contented members are able to serve the community well and longer.

## Gov Asks

**Q:** During these hard times what are the best ways to raise funds?

## Rotarians Speak Up!

Please send your answers to:  
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## AG in Profile

Name: **AHMED C. PAMA**

Rotary Club: **Rotary Club of Iloilo West**

Classification: **Universal Banking**

Years in Rotary: **16 long years**

### Why did you decide to join Rotary?

It was curiosity at first. I had no idea of what Rotary was all about. However, I learned to embrace the relevance and beauty of Rotary as time moved on and after getting to know more Rotarians. This eventually led to a change in attitude which greatly influenced me in my own professional growth.

### What is the highest point of your service to Rotary, so far?

Nothing could be more rewarding than to hear words of "thanks" deeply coming from the heart of those we have helped.

### Who is your greatest influence, either philosophically or career-wise, and how do they influence you.

My fraternal affiliation and membership in Rotary plays a big role in my life. In Rotary, I learn to become more professionally involved in community service. A good avenue to share whatever I have to those in need.

### When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a lawyer.

### What is your fantasy career?

A successful jazz singer.

### Do you have a motto? What is it?

Be yourself. Life is short. Do the best you can and be the best of what you can do.

### What changes have you seen in Rotary since you first joined?

Not much. There are some innovations especially with the advancement of information technology which enhance the communication process. But the inner core of Rotary remains the same.

### What aspects of serving Rotary bring you most joy?

Rendering community service with my fellow Rotarians. The joy of serving others and getting to know other people along the way...fellowship.

### What do you do for leisure?

Listening to music, reading books, talking to friends and finding time for myself. Being alone.



Wife Susan, Ysabel Loise, AG Ahmed, and Amiel Joseph

### What's your favorite holiday destination?

No place in particular, home. What pleases me most is spending time with my two children.

### What is your favorite TV Show?

"Salamat Dok"

### What is your favorite Book?

Reason to Live reason to Die, and The Prophet.

### What is your favorite Movie?

"The Champ" & "Chariots of Fire"

### When you've gone, for what do you want to be remembered?

As a friend. Somebody that in his own simple way was able to touch the lives of others. And at the end of the day, friends and acquaintances would say, "there stood a good and faithful servant...."

## TRAVEL LOG

## Antique...where the mountains meet the sea.

Dubbed as "The Cradle of Philippine Civilization", Antique's Malandog barangay in the municipality of Hamtic, flourished a culture that was once set forth by the arrival of the ten Bornean Datus as re-enacted annually in the celebration of the Binirayan Festival every end of April.

The Spaniards called the province Hantique from its Malayan name Hamtik. On the other hand, Hamtik derived its name from hantik-hantik, a species of large ants that swarmed the place when the Malaysians arrived in the 13th century. Hamtik (now spelled Hamtic) is also the name of the town where the first Malay settlement was founded and later became the first provincial capital.

### HOW TO GET THERE?

#### By Air

Asian Spirit offers direct flights from Manila to San Jose, Antique every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

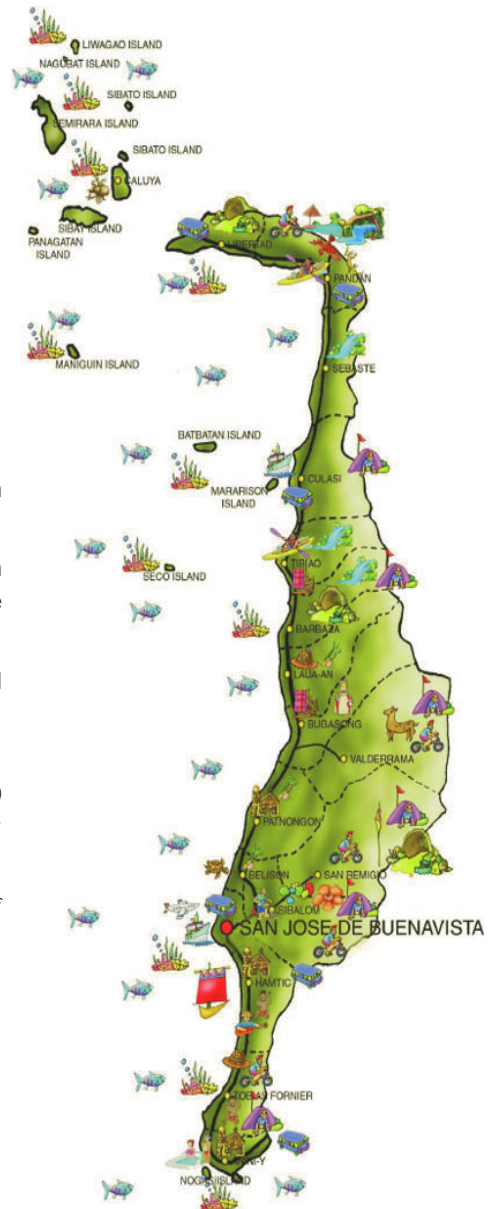
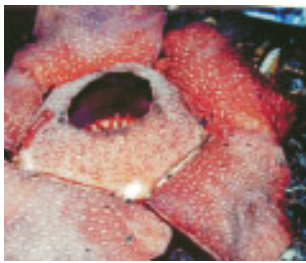
#### By Land

Antique is accessible by land transport to and from Iloilo, Aklan, and Capiz. San Jose, the capital town, is a 1 ½ hour drive from

Iloilo City. Tricycles are numerous in town. Buses and jeepneys provide service for intertown travel. Car rental services are available with rates depending on the type of vehicle used and distance traveled.

#### By Sea

By boat, Antique is 16 hours from Manila. It leaves Manila to Lipata Port, Culasi, Antique every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



### WHAT TO SEE...

- \* **San Juan de Nepumoceno Church** "Old Hispano-Filipino Church". This is one of the landmarks in Antique, constructed by the Augustinian friars sometime in 1675-1880. It is located in the municipality of Anini-y.
- \* **Malandog Marker** Found in Hamtic, marks the landing site of the first Malayan settlers in 1200 A.D.
- \* **EBJ Freedom Park** In front of the Antique Provincial Capitol in San Jose, Antique in honor of the late Gov. Evelio B. Javier who was assassinated on February 11, 1986 while defending freedom and democracy from the forces of martial law.
- \* **St. Augustine's High School** Found in Patnongon, its building is a remodeled old Spanish convent near the site of the century-old Spanish church run by Mill Hill Missionaries.
- \* **Estaca Hill Viewing Deck** Bugasong; 43 kms. from San Jose; with an elevation of 200 feet and a view of the sea and hills surrounding Bugasong. A watchtower was once built to warn people against the pillaging Moro pirates.
- \* **Rafflesia & Amorphophallus** See the world's largest & tallest flower in the towns of Sibalom and San Remigio, respectively.

### WHAT TO DO...

- \* **Kayaking, rafting or boating**, for adventure seekers, on the Tibiao River and Bugang River in Pandan.
- \* **Rappel** at the extraordinary seven-tiered cascading waterfalls of Bugtong Bato, Tibiao.
- \* **Dive** and explore the coral reefs of Barbaza, Nogas I island, Tobias Fornier, Batbatan I island, and Caluya to name a few. Dive sites are plentiful in Antique.
- \* **Trekking and mountain biking**, at San Remigio, Mt. Igcoron in Valderrama, Mt. Madia-as in Culasi, Pandan.
- \* **Caving** in Libertad, Barbaza, San Remigio and Belison.

### WHAT TO EAT...

The native delicacies of Antique are as varied as its many attractions. Some are common in other parts of the Visayas, but many are variations. The most famous of these delicacies is the bandi, crisp peanuts cooked in red or white sugar. Then on the way to Mapatag, Hamtic, one may find banana chips and kamote fries being sold, which will surely satisfy any traveler's hankering for something sweet. Antique's top product is the mascovado sugar from the old mills in Patnongon, Bugasong, Tibiao and Laua-an. It is a main ingredient in the recipe of its many native sweet treats. Among them is the kalamay hati, which is a sticky concoction of coconut milk and powdered sticky rice. Another is the butong-butong which is molasses formed into sugar candies. In the northern town of Culasi is the pinindang. This is Tabios fish mixed with salt and ginger, molded in circular patties then wrapped in banana leaves and cooked over charcoal. Also popular is the pinakas na Bansi or salted dried Flying Fish.



For more information, check out [www.kinaray-a.com](http://www.kinaray-a.com), [www.antique.50webs.com](http://www.antique.50webs.com) or email: [tourism\\_antique@yahoo.com](mailto:tourism_antique@yahoo.com). Many thanks to IP Bernie Tubianosa and PP Melvin de la Serna of RC Antique for providing information about their beautiful province.

## Tease Your Grey Matter! Take this Mensa quiz.

# TIMEOUT

1. What would you call the "memory" button on a telephone? (The answer is a palindrome.)

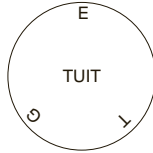
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2. Find the number that best completes the following sequence.

101 102 100 101 99 100 98 ? 97 98

3. The explorers traveled one mile north, then one mile west, then one mile south, and then one mile east. Where are they?

4. What does the following figure represent?



5. What one four-letter word can be added in the blanks below to make a new word in each case?

ST \_\_\_\_  
PA \_\_\_\_  
ER \_\_\_\_  
SPAR \_\_\_\_

6. The following 17 letters can be anagrammed into a four-word phrase that means "to be honest and ethical."

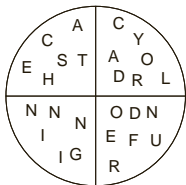
A A A E I I K L W N L T G H R S T

7. A kindergarten class has twice as many girls as it has boys. Ryan, one of the boys, has seven more female classmates than he has male classmates. Sally, one of the girls, has five more female classmates than she has male classmates. How many girls and how many boys are there in the class? (Hint: There are no more than 20 kids in the class.)

8. Fill in the blanks below to complete three words that contain the word ate.

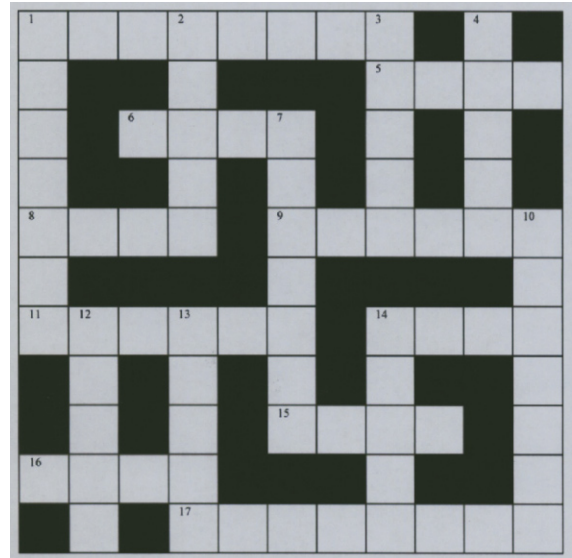
\_\_\_\_\_ ATE (fine)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ATE (part of a sentence)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ATE (light up)

9. Unscramble the letters in each pie segment, and then find the missing letter that completes each word. (The missing letter, indicated by the question mark, is the same for each word.)



10. Make your way from GIVE to TAKE in four steps, changing one letter at a time to make a good English word at each step.

GIVE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
TAKE



### DOWN

- Plead
- Irate
- Moses' sibling
- Crazy
- Club secretaries submit these
- Afternoon zzz's
- PDG \_\_\_\_\_ de Leon
- Violet flower
- Steed

### ACROSS

- RI D-3850 Governor
- First Gentleman
- Teen-\_\_\_\_\_
- "\_\_\_\_\_ does it."
- Runs scared.
- Rotary co-founder
- "\_\_\_\_\_, there, & everywhere"
- rani's garb
- Extra large (pref)
- Accepts defeat

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Fun Page Answers:

1. redial, 2. 99, 3. back at the start, 4. get round to it, 5. ring, 6. walk a straight line  
7. 12 girls and 6 boys, 8. delicate, predicate and illuminate  
9. cowardly, Winning, Watches and Wonderful, 10. give-gave-save-sake-take





Think of a wacky word bubble to go with the picture and enter our GML cartoon competition. Each month we will feature a cartoon by illustrator and GML graphic artist Rtn. Shalom Garibay (RC Jaro Centraline.)

What's missing are the words to make it complete. Use your wit to provide us with the best words to suit the cartoon. Remember, short is sweet -- as a guide, make sure the words fit in the bubble. Email your entries to [gml3850@gmail.com](mailto:gml3850@gmail.com) on or before September 10. Be sure to include your name and which club you belong to. The best caption (along with the cartoon) will appear in the subsequent issue along with details of the winner. The prize is a framed print of the artwork bearing the winning words.

#### Women in Rotary...cont.

president. In 1940, Edwina Yearian Nicholls attended many meetings of the Salmon, Idaho club after taking control of her late husband's Ford dealership, although she did not become a member. In 1950, at the Detroit Convention, the Ahmedabad Club of India proposed that the word "male" be dropped from Article III of the Standard Club Constitution. This was soundly defeated. Between 1964 and 1977 a number of unsuccessful attempts were made to provide for the admission of women.

However, the die was finally cast by a club in a small California town.

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the Duarte club admitted Mary Lou Elliott and Donna Bogart to membership on 1 June, 1977 and they were followed shortly afterwards by Rosemary Freitag. The reaction of the Board of RI was predictable: on 27 March 1978, Duarte's charter was terminated. Duarte re-named itself the "Ex Rotary Club of Duarte" and in June, 1978 filed a suit in the California Superior Court against the RI Board decision. This was not heard by the court until 1983 when Judge Max Deutz ruled against Duarte, which in 1986 appealed that decision to the California Court of Appeal and the Deutz judgment was reversed. The RI Board appealed that decision to the California Supreme Court which refused to hear the case and the RI Board then appealed to the United States Supreme Court in 1986.

In 1984, D-5030 District Governor Carl E Swenson perceived the need of a new Rotary club in Seattle and appointed Lloyd Hara as his DG's Representative to form the Rotary Club of Seattle International Districts. When the provisional club prepared and filed its Charter Application, it deleted references to "male" or "men" and the application was rejected by RI. The application was re-submitted including those terms and a charter was issued on 18 September, 1984, and Seattle ID took a resolution for the admission of women to the 1986 COL. This was soundly defeated. On 4 September, 1986 Seattle I D admitted 15 women members and on 17 September, General Secretary Philip H. Lindsey wrote a strong letter to the club informing it that it could not admit women and continuing to do so would result in its charter being withdrawn. In January 1987, Seattle I D then filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court in support of the Duarte club, and in that year the Oakland club #3 wrote to the General Secretary of RI questioning the termination of Duarte's charter.

On 30 March, 1987, the US Supreme Court heard an appeal by the Board of RI against the California Court of Appeal decision and on 4 May handed down a 7-0 unanimous decision affirming the California Court of Appeal decision, ruling that Duarte could not discriminate against members because of gender. Duarte had the final say in the matter when on 23 June, 1987 Dr Sylvia Whitlock was inducted by DGE Dr Kim K Siu as the first woman Club president in the history of Rotary. In January 1989, the Council on Legislation voted to change the Constitution and By-laws to permit the admission of women into Rotary and on 1 July 1995 Mimi Altman of the Deerfield, Illinois club became the first woman District Governor of D-6440, followed by Gilda Chirafisi (D-7230), Janet Holland (D-5790), Riba I Lovrein (D-5220), Virginia B Nordby (D-6380), Donna J Rapp (D-6310), Ann Robertson (D-6710) and Olive P Scott (D-7190).

#### POSTSCRIPT

##### Women in D3850

\* First clubs to admit women members in the district

- RC Zamboanga City Central
- RC Central Iloilo City
- RC Bacolod West

\* DG Ems, a charter member of RC Central, Iloilo City, is one of the first female Rotarians in District 3850.

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**RC ILOILO CITY**  
- Milk feeding project at the Sta. Barbara WSES. Children with milk on hand during the milk feeding assisted by the members of RC Sae Go Yang and RC Iloilo City



**RC CENTRAL ILOILO CITY**  
- Giving of relief goods after Typhoon Frank



**RC OZAMIZ NORTH**  
- Headed by Pres. Jason Reyes during the feeding and medical outreach, July 19, 2008



**RC KALIBO**  
- Pres. Mess Lunn together with RC Metro Roxas Pres. N Contreras during relief operations in Numanica, Aklan



**RC ROXAS**  
- Papel and Lapis Project



**RC LAPAZ**  
- 14th Anniversary Induction and turn-over ceremony last 2008

## ACROSS 3850



**RC DIPOLONG**  
- A fun shot of members and guests during the Induction ceremony May 2008



**RC ILOILO WEST**  
- 16th induction and turn-over ceremonies with Mr. John Brunden as guest speaker



**RC BACOLOD**  
- Induction ceremonies together with Pres. Lellante Alba and guest speaker Secretary Bayani Fernando