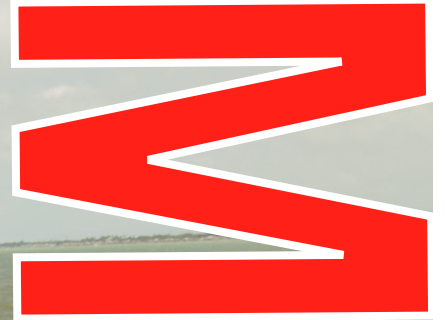




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GOV ASKS...

Q. DURING THESE HARD TIMES WHAT ARE THE BEST WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS?

ROTARIANS SPEAK UP!



Fund raising recently has been so challenging. Calamity and conflict everywhere will leave you no room where to ask for help. But that's what we thought.

When giving up is not an option, yet motivation isn't working, where else can you turn? Consider faith. Getting in touch with what you believe or hold to be true is one of the most powerful forces in the universe.

Internet is my best option. When typhoon Frank devastated our province specifically the two hardest hit towns - Kalibo and Numancia - three days after I restored my mobile communication, it was only thru sending S.O.S via the internet that made all our relief efforts possible. Overwhelming support poured in non-stop. People you never knew existed came into the picture.

PRES. MEGS S. LUNN
Rotary Club of Kalibo



In these hard times, people tend to regulate or minimize cash outlay. These may come by way of cost of living, overhead cost in businesses and even extra expenses for fund raising campaigns in Rotary activities.

The rule of thumb therefore, in raising funds during these times of hardship is to, as much as possible minimize reaching out for personal monies from one's pockets.

To name a few, fund raising campaigns may include solicitation of newspapers and other junk from members to be sold to junkyard shops, car washing services, painting jobs and rummage sale.

These simple fund raising activities have proven time and again to be effective mostly in college fraternities and small organizations...and may work with international organizations like Rotary.

RTN. JOSE RIZALINO L. ORTEGA
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Ask money from the District Governor! Hehehe!

PRES. RICHARD R. ANGELES
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About our cover

Shooting the breeze with the young...Inspired by Rotary's New Generations Month, DG Ems surrounds herself with Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Iloilo and Rotaract Club of Iloilo City, along with her two Rotex daughters, Amanda and Alyssa. This youthful snapshot was taken at Fort San Pedro by noted photographer Erik Liongoren.

editor's note

It is said, youth is wasted on the young. Well, in Rotary this is not so. There are four programs meant to develop and hone the talents of the young, making them future leaders and productive members of society. September being the New Generations Month, we are devoting this issue to Rotary's youth oriented programs.

We have IPP Eric Ausente of the Interact Club of Negros Occidental High School relate to us his club's many service projects that earned them the distinction of being the Outstanding Interact Club for RY 2007-2008.

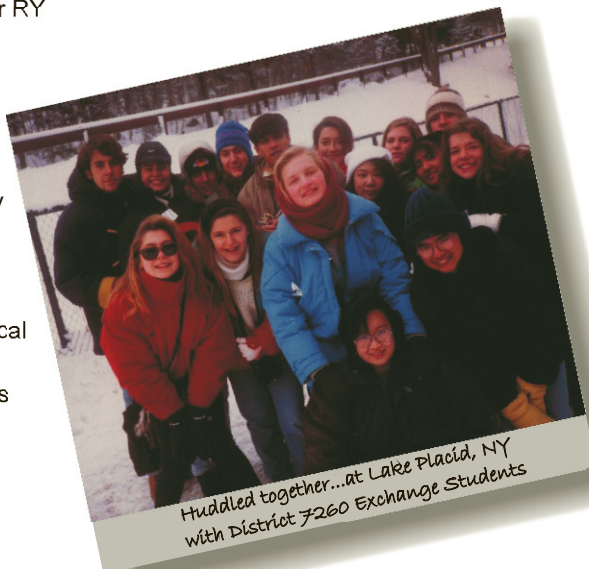
Pres. Rey John Lorca of the Rotaract Club of San Agustin talks about the birth of his club, their projects and how Rotaract teaches them to embody the value of Service Above Self.

Then we have PP Louie Gonzaga and PP Bobby Tinsay, our district's Technical Advisers on RYLA, tell us about the inception of the Youth Camp on Values and its success in molding the camp's graduates to be student organization leaders and honor students.

Last but not least is the Youth Exchange program. Trish Golez reminisces on her year as an exchange student back in 1975 and speaks of how the experience has equipped her to be host mom to inbound Rotex Deanna Palmer. Deanna, who hails from Canada, sent us a letter telling us about herself and what she expects to learn during her year in the Philippines. Two years fresh from her Aussie experience, Sarah Dimaano, daughter of AG Edmond, takes us on her exciting Rotex journey in the land down under.

Personally, the Youth Exchange Program is close to my heart. My year as an exchange student in

Long Island, NY in 1991 proved to be life changing. Many lessons were learned, many friends were made, and many new things were taken on. It opened up my eyes to a completely new world. Much of my year's experience I carry with me to this day. In many ways, it has inspired me to be a better Rotarian. It is my turn to give back to Rotary — an institution which has given so much to me and countless others throughout the world!



A handwritten signature of Pia M. Nava.

Pia M. Nava
Editor in Chief

PHOTO ESSAY FINALISTS



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Name: Pres. Raymond Lintag
Club: Rotary Club of Basilan

FROM THE RI PRESIDENT



Dear fellow Rotarians,

In Rotary, we know that planning ahead and planning wisely are the keys to successful service. This is why I urge all of you to plan ahead – and plan wisely – by registering now for the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England. If you have been to a convention before, you already know how wonderful this annual event can be. And if you have never been to a Rotary convention, Birmingham is the perfect place to start.

Like Rotary, Birmingham is a mix of the old and the new. With a pedestrian-friendly downtown area and excellent public transportation, the city offers diverse neighborhoods, historical interests, great dining, and ample shopping. And Britain's extensive rail network makes it easy to get to many sites in less than an hour. The excitement of London, the natural beauty of Wales, and all the charms of the English countryside are close enough for a daytrip and engaging enough for a postconvention vacation.

With its own airport and rapid rail links to London, Birmingham is an easy destination from anywhere in the world. And once you're in Birmingham, your stay will be more than worth the trip. There, you will join thousands of Rotarians from dozens of countries as you celebrate a year in which we have worked together to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children.

It is impossible to describe the energy and excitement of a Rotary convention. It is the highlight of the Rotary year and an event that I look forward to from the end of each convention until the beginning of the next. I know I will see old friends and make new ones, learn about Rotary projects throughout the world, and find new ways that my club can put Service Above Self.

Each convention is different, but each one promises the same friendship, fellowship, and inspiration. Each one is unique, and each one is memorable. Each one is an opportunity that will not come again.

I strongly believe that every Rotarian should experience a Rotary convention at least once. It will forever change how you see Rotary. And after you leave, you'll find that you are already planning for the next convention. Young and I look forward to seeing you in Birmingham for the 100th convention of Rotary International.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "D. K. Lee".

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee

President, Rotary International, 2008-09

Invest in our future,



Invest in the New Generations

Youth service is an important part of Rotary. For this purpose, RI designated September as The New Generations Month. During the 30-day period, I call upon my fellow Rotarians in our district to invest part of our time, efforts and resources in RI programs directed at the youth, who Past RI President Carl Wilhem described as “our future.”

RI has a four-tier structured program aimed at training the youth and honing them in the ideals of Rotary. These are Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange.

Let me do some Rotary Information here especially for our new Rotarians.

Interact is a club for high school students, aged 14-18. They must accomplish at least two community service projects, one of which should further international understanding and goodwill. They interact with close to a quarter million Interactors in 10,700 Interact clubs in 109 countries and territories.

Rotaract is a service club of collegians and young professionals, aged 18 to 30. It may be either campus or community-based. Rotaractors are our “Partners in Service,” as they do civic and community projects while fostering international understanding and peace with their fellow Rotaractors around the world. . There are now more than 7,000 Rotaract clubs in 163 countries and territories. The 450 Rotaract clubs in the Philippines account for 86% of the 526 clubs in Zones 7-8, which include Australia and New Zealand.

Both Interact and Rotaract clubs are self-supporting and self-governing even as they are trained, and guided by their sponsoring Rotary clubs.

Interactors and Rotaractors will become Rotarians and help Rotary grow!



RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

RYLA usually is a training camp sponsored by one or multiple Rotary clubs for aged 14-30 participants. Most RYLAs, however, set a narrower age range from 14 to 18. A RYLA includes citizenship and leadership seminars, workshops, and recreational activities.

Youth Exchange allows children of Rotarians and non-Rotarians, aged 15-19, to study a year in high school abroad with a host family. Known more popularly as Rotary Exchange (Rotex), the program immerses a participant in a new environment, language, school system, culture and traditions, and even new currency. The Rotex serves as an ambassador of friendship and goodwill of the Rotary District and the country he or she represents.

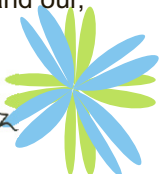
With these basic information, I now urge all Rotary clubs in 3850 to strengthen their Interact and Rotaract clubs and organize new ones. Participate likewise in our RYLA and Youth Exchange.

Set your imaginations free on how to introduce Rotary and its Ideals of Service to The New Generations in your areas.

Remember, your investment today in the New Generations is your investment in their, and our, future.



Emma M. Nava
DG Emma M. Nava



Rotary's Commitment to Youth

Speech by Irving J. "Sonny" Brown
2008 International Assembly Assistant Moderator

It is my privilege to present to you today what I believe to be the finest promise in Rotary's arsenal of service; our commitment to youth around the globe. In addition to inspiring youth and Rotarians alike, our youth programs are the most important programs in building Rotary's future.

Over 30 years ago, a young lady from Australia accepted the opportunity to travel to the United States as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. This young lady lived for almost one entire year with three different families. This event challenged her and changed her life! It enriched it and, as a result, she enriched the lives of others in the world. She was educated as a nurse and has participated in a number of National Immunization Days, traveling all over the world. She has served as a sergeant-at-arms at Rotary conventions. She has served as a president of her Rotary club, the Rotary Club of Paddington Red Hill, in addition to being involved with the donations-in-kind effort of her district. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and a charter member of the Bequest Society. She accepted a position as a Rotary volunteer for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and has been working with the CDC in Pakistan for three years. Yes, you've heard of her and heard from her at the Salt Lake City convention, Jenny Horton. She is an outstanding

*A small unkept street urchin
with a gesture of Joy upon
seeing us.*

*Interact is the mother of winter
walking the streets looking for
old newspapers and firewood
to warm our brothers.*

*Interact is a youth full of
emotion looking for a smile
while a tear falls from the eyes
of his soul.*

*Interact is to help, to share, to
recognize, and to be
recognized.*

*Interact is born, it reproduces,
and God wishes it to never die.
Interact is this: one small group
of youngsters with a desire to
help, to fight, and to win from a
world of horror and hurt – with a
smile.*

*That is Interact; it will always
live!*

RYLArrians approached me – I was district RYLA chair – and asked to say a few words in private. He just wanted to let me know that RYLA had saved the life of one of the RYLArrians at the camp. Asked if he could share how this happened, the RYLArrian offered that this camper experienced losing his two best friends, who took their own lives because they were totally despondent, feeling that no one cared, not even their families. He said the camper also had planned to take his own life, but he came to RYLA where he learned that there are truly people who care for others and will take the time to share love and work with youth: the Rotarians at this RYLA camp. I asked him if he could provide the name of that young man. He looked directly at me and said, "I am he, Sonny, and I want to thank you and thank RYLA for saving my life!"

We can all relate with personal stories that touch our hearts. I have a new one to share. Twenty-seven years ago, when I helped start our RYLA camp, our son, Will, was asked to be one of the

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product of our Youth Exchange program. Ann and I met Jenny in 2000, a new Rotarian at her first District 9600 Conference. Our hearts have been touched and lives have been enriched by this beautiful Youth Exchange student. She is an important part of our Rotary family.

A few years ago, a young Argentine girl, Soledad Fettore, on my visit to her club's district event, gave me a gift of the poem she wrote about her Interact:

*Interact is . . . an elderly person
saying we were waiting for you!*

And so it does for many!

While in Panama, I met a long-term Rotary volunteer, Judith Carballo, serving in Mexico and working with the education of women, interacting with independent agencies within the Mexican government and in the community and with Rotaract clubs to provide them guidance as to projects in which they can participate. She knows Rotaract well, for she was a District Rotaract Representative and now has become a Rotarian.

At a RYLA camp a few years ago, on the last day of the camp, one of the

first four campers. I was a counselor, and I watched him grow up in a week. I watched his progress carefully; he discovered that he was a leader. He's a very successful businessman and, more important, a great father! This summer, my 27th summer to attend and speak at RYLA, I watched Marshall Brown, Will's daughter, grow up in one week; she and her new best friends were soaring like young eagles. The RYLA magic.

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YOUTH CAMP ON VALUES

By PP Louie Gonzaga and PP Bobby Tinsay
Technical Advisers on RYLA

It was an activity conceived by RC Cubao East (RI District 3780) and adapted by then President Noel de Paula of Bacolod North. The Youth Camp on Values sought to instill and reinforce the age-old values and morals among the youth—as the “We” generation began to give way to the “Me” generation. As families were buffeted by the need to have both parents work and a media more focused on mundane things acting as surrogate parents.

The Youth Camp focuses on the following core actions from which individual values emanate and evolve:

- i. Love of God
- ii. Love of Family
- iii. Love of Community
- iv. Love of Environment

Talks on the above topics are presented. After each talk, group activities, designed to help internalize individual learnings, are undertaken. Workshops and group dynamics take up more of the time throughout the camp. Each participant is expected to share his/her insights.

Participants are chosen from among the top members of their class; they are top in both academics and extra-curricular activities. Their ages range from 13-14 years old, both male and female; they belong to the sophomore year. The reason for this is that, at the end of the camp, they are expected to be the major influencers in their respective schools and communities. Our experience is that most graduates of the camp end up heading major students organizations in their senior year and graduate with honors!

The success of our Youth Camp elicited a suggestion to include leadership as another focus of the Camp. Thus, was Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) incorporated! It was but a natural outcome from the development of one's values.

The concept of Rotary Youth Leadership is patterned after the ideals of Servant-Leadership. This, again, stems from Rotary's motto, “Service Above Self.” The Camp's closure activities revolve around how the values learned over the weekend become the foundation of true leadership.

The Camp opens on a Friday and closes after lunch on a Sunday.

Full Circle

By Trish Jacinto-Golez



My life has come full circle. In 1973 when my husband Francis was just an acquaintance to me, he went to Scotia, New York as a Rotary Exchange Student. Two years later in 1975 the Rotary Club of Bacolod North (RCBN), then just a two-year old club under District 385, sent me as a Rotex to Long Island, New York. Thirty one years later RCBN also sponsored our son Phillip to Melbourne, Australia on the same Youth Exchange Program. And now we are hosts to Deanna Palmer, a lovely 17 year-old from Rotary District 5040 in Canada.

As a 15-year old away from home for the first time, fighting homesickness in a foreign land seemed like an insurmountable feat. Trying to “make things work” in a home where an insecure 13-year old host sister was so threatened by my “intrusion” into

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her life was another story. Giving up was never an option because I was so into my I ambassadorial role, my motto then being “Make your parents proud, make Rotary proud, make your country proud.” No turning back. So I suffered in silence for 3 months until I gained 30 pounds from stress eating and finally got the transfer that I deserved. My Rotary year then took a turn for the better. I soaked in every positive experience like a very dry sponge, and I have not looked back since then.

My Rotex experience not only broadened my horizons; it taught me life lessons I would not have gained elsewhere. Long Island, the local public school I attended, my host families, and even my evil stepsister – all these became my classroom. The more I got a glimpse of the American culture, the more I saw sameness in diversity. The world shrunk before my own eyes. And it continues to shrink even smaller as the internet allows me to communicate with my host parents anytime I want to.

Francis' and my combined Rotex experiences make hosting Deanna a pleasurable responsibility. We just need to dig into our memory banks to remember how it feels to be in some kind stranger's home wanting to make the give-and-take process work for all to benefit.



Trish and husband Francis

A LETTER FROM DEANNA

By Deanna Palmer

Since I have arrived here everyone has been very friendly to me, and really made me feel at home. It has been fun, and a real pleasure to meet so many people here and learn all about the Philippines. My name is Deanna Palmer, and I am a seventeen year old Rotary Exchange Student from Canada.

My sponsoring Rotary Clubs are Burns Lake Rotary Club and Prince George Rotary Club in the District 5040 in British Columbia. Burns Lake Rotary Club is active in the community with a yearly auction fundraiser that involves the whole town to raise money for their projects. This year's projects included making a mountain biking park, helping with the Spirit Square (a project aimed to help increase physical activity in the community), fixing up the yard for a local day care, and donating to the international Rotary mission to eradicate polio. I am especially grateful to the Prince George Rotary Club who had the kindness to make connections so that I could also participate in this exchange.

I live in Burns Lake, British Columbia, which is an ideal setting for the outdoor activities I enjoy. My hobbies include hiking and canoeing with my family, running with my Siberian husky, horseback riding, cross country skiing, and relaxing with my friends, playing the piano, and doing many other things. I also like to see new places and try new things.

During the exchange I expect and hope to learn a lot of different aspects of the Philippines. Rtn. Harish Nandwani says that this experience will "*broaden my horizons*", and I hope this will be true. I also hope to broaden the horizons of others by sharing and being a representative of what Canada and its people are like.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Bacolod North for hosting me, my current host family, the Golezes (host mom Trish, host dad Francis, and host sister Sam), the Nandwanis who will be my second host family, and the Jocsos.



Deanna (2nd from right) with family

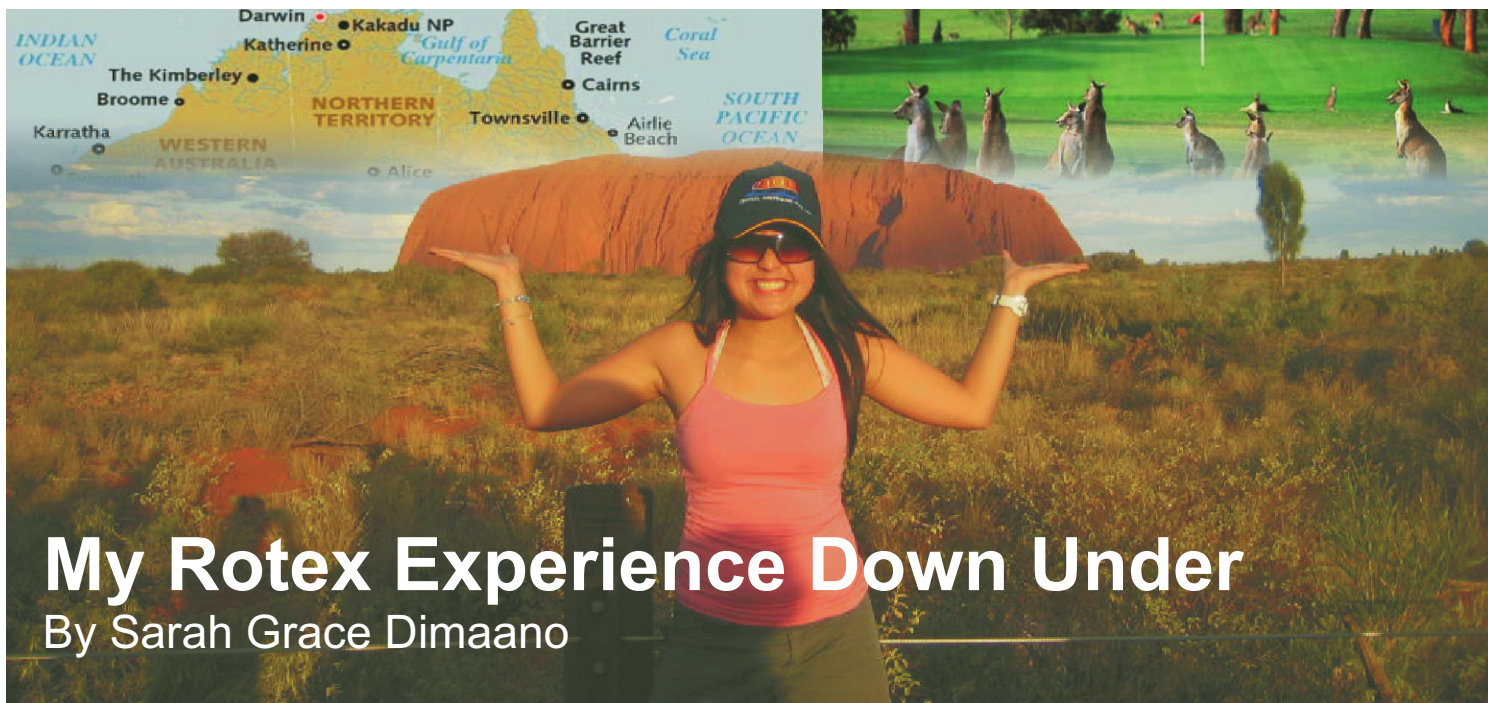
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Today, our youth programs continue to perform the Rotary magic we dream of. But it is not only in the life of the youth who participate but in our lives as Rotarians, who always find their participation rewarding and enriching. In my 47 years as a Rotarian, working in all of Rotary's youth programs, I cannot remember any Rotarian involved in them who has dropped out of Rotary. Why? Because our hearts have been touched in a very special way, knowing that together the future of Rotary and the world will be a much better place.

Now, all those present who have been involved in any way interact clubs also stand and remain standing. And all those

Now, may I ask that all present – Rotarians, spouses, and guests – who have hosted Youth Exchange students or been involved in Youth Exchange please stand and remain standing.

Will all those whose clubs or district sponsor Rotaract clubs, those who have been involved with Rotaract, please stand and remain standing.



My Rotex Experience Down Under

By Sarah Grace Dimaano

Being an exchange student for a year changed my perception of life. It is not all about what I want but it is more about sharing experiences, seeing things that are essential in life. I stepped out of my comfort zone; I went to a foreign country with unfamiliarity. In some ways, I have experienced the reality of life that people need to compromise, think before they act and most of all take responsibility for their own actions. Part of what I gained is global understanding, independence and tolerance. It is always nice to be able to understand other cultures, accept them and make them part of your life. "If all people in the world are exchange students, there would be peace everywhere", that was what my host dad always told me. I have many beautiful and unforgettable memories of Australia. Not only have I gained friends and families but I have also met other exchange students around the world. Good thing I get to keep them forever.

In April of 2006, together with the other exchange students and Aussie Rotarians, we had a Central Australia Tour (CAT). I was so fortunate to have been able to visit many amazing places. It is something distinctive and different. I have learned so much about down under during those days. I climbed Uluru which is the world's largest monolith (it's 4.25 long, 2.5km wide, 9km around the base and 348.7 metres above the surrounding plain,) King's canyon, the Olgas, stayed under the caves in Cooba Pedy, toured around Renmark, Tenant Creek, Mt. Isa, and Port Augusta. In Alice Springs, I held snakes and some reptiles and in Cairns, I went diving and saw the amazing Great Barrier Reef. We did many exciting things, like waking up at dawn and packing up for the next place. Then

almost everyday we put up the tent wherever we stopped, cooked in the campsite, and climbed mountains. It was very challenging but fun.

As a Rotary Exchange student, I was always involved in the club's activities. We met every Thursday. Sometimes, other Rotary clubs from nearby towns would invite me as well. I was under the care of

the Rochester Rotary club in District 9800. Occasionally, they would have their fellowship within the club and with other clubs as well. I enjoyed every fellowship. They usually would have games, barbecues and stage plays. During special holidays like the Anzac day and Christmas holiday, the club would conduct fund raising activities. We sold barbecues, cotton candies and invited different performers to our town to give joy to Rochester. All the townspeople were invited and it was such a joyous experience. There were also different activities for exchange students. We had a charity party, which they called "simply red". We sold out tickets for the formal ball. Of course, there was the district conference; all of us (the ROTEX students) presented a special number. We were taught Australian songs then we made a role play out of it. My Rochester Rotary club took good care of me. Once in a while, they invited me to their homes and in every home, I share my culture—our culture.

One thing that I have learned was getting over my fear. It was only in Australia that I became assertive and learned to trust myself for the things I know I can do. The whole Rotex experience will never be forgotten. Making the most out of everyday and counting my blessings are things that I have kept in mind. Sharing experiences with my Australian host families, Rotarians, friends, teachers and batch mates is one of God's greatest gifts. To have been given this opportunity made me a better person. Everything in life is an opportunity to learn and love what is there to see.



Sarah is the daughter of AG Edmond Dimaano of RC Zamboanga City. This young lady secretly enlisted the help of her grandfather, PP Ben Dimaano, when her parents refused to send her on the Youth Exchange Program. Her persistence and strong desire to take part in the program paid off. Her experience has become a positive influence in her life.



Sharing Our Time and Talent to Make Dreams Real

By IPP Eric Ausente, Interact Club of Negros Occidental High School
(Outstanding Interact Club for RY 2007 – 2008)



Interactors of NOHS and la Consolacion College during Pasko Para sa mga Batang Maysakit at the Pediatric Ward of Negros Provincial Hospital

There I was taking a seat after I had just given a speech on my advocacy against drug abuse at the Kongreso ng Kabataan organized by the Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod, when a Rotarian suggested that I be the next president of the Interact Club of Negros Occidental High School (NOHS). The thought of it scared me but as fate would have it, I eventually became president.

In my inaugural speech during our Induction Ceremony and Acquaintance Party, I expressed to my fellow Interactors my sentiments on the difficulty of the responsibilities and duties of my position. However, I told them if we joined hands and acted as a team, I had no doubt we were going to be a successful organization.

Shortly after induction, we started working on initiating two yearly projects of the club. One is the Dengue ay Iwasan, Ugaliin ang Kalinisan which aims to create awareness among the residents of the different communities and to NOHSian students regarding the benefits of cleanliness and harmful effects it will cause if not properly maintained such as the spread of various infections and diseases, especially dengue. The second program launched was the Basura Mo, Responsibilidad Mo, where Interactors were given various assignments and designated areas on campus to be kept clean.

In line with Rotary's ecological concerns to Save Planet Earth, we conducted a Coastal Clean Up at Sitio Magsungay, which is one of the depressed communities in Bacolod City. Another project was the Mangrove Planting at Balarang, Silay City. Despite the muddy and murky waters, undoubtedly it was one of the most enjoyable activities that we have ever experienced.

As the Buwan ng Wika, which is in August, drew close my fellow Interactors and I organized a poetry competition to depict the plight of Filipino street children, overseas workers, victims of drug addicts, child prostitutes, scavengers, torture victims, desaparecidos, political prisoners, rape victims, and many others whose fate had become doomed. Fortunately, Mr. Jess Calixto of RCMB is an author of a book that perfectly matched with the poetry pieces we were seeking. This Interpretative Poetry Reading in Filipino with the theme "Karapatang Pantao" was undeniably a mind awakening event as it ignited the social consciousness of the audience as well as the

participants on the issue of respect for and protection of human rights.

Moving towards Christmas, we spearheaded a Fun Day with the Street Children conducted at the Gazebo of Public Plaza where the street children were divided into five groups with some Interactors assigned as coaches and facilitators for each. We sang with the kids, did a theatrical staging which depicted scenes that taught moral lessons, and handed out food, toys, clothes and other gift items. We knew that this act of charity boosted their spirit and brought cheer to the 120 unfortunate children even for just a day during this blessed season of advent.

Our next target was the Pediatric Ward of the Provincial Hospital. It was here that our third yuletide traditional project called Pasko Para sa mga Batang Maysakit took place. Interactors, together with some Rotarians trooped to the Pediatric Ward, sang Christmas carols and distributed packages of food and gift items to the sick children. Overflowing joy and appreciation was seen in the faces of the children and their parents.

These activities are only some of the wonderful things we have experienced on our "Interact Ride." The fruits of our labor and hard work were greatly rewarded when I was made by the RCMB as their Youth Versatility Awardee and Youth Leadership Awardee. In addition to these, we were named The Most Outstanding Interact Club and bagged the Best Interact Club Project Award in the entire district. This honor was truly spectacular and magnificent.

As a student leader I believe that the greatest glory is not ever in falling, but in rising every time we fall. Even if I have failed in some endeavors, even if our club has stumbled upon various pressures and setbacks, we did not cease from trying again because "victory is always possible for the person who refuses to stop fighting."

So here we are, Interactors who know how to sacrifice, to let go of something to share, to let go of something to make someone joyful and to give what we can because we must.

With all that I have accomplished as president of the Interact Club of NOHS whose achievements have been recognized by the district, I can definitely say that merging the previous and present themes of Rotary International can capsumate and sum up all our actions and activities for the entire year. That is, "SHARING OUR TIME AND TALENT TO MAKE DREAMS REAL!!!"



Interactors of NOHS during Mangrove Planting in Brgy. Balarang, Silay City

University of San Agustin Rotaract Club



Cradle of Leadership

Pres Rey John Lorca

The University of San Agustin Rotaract Club was established in 1979 by a group of BS Commerce students headed by Mr. Efrén Gangoso who became its first president. In 1989, the club was awarded as the most outstanding Rotaract Club in District 3850 under the leadership of its president Mr. Efraín Pedregosa and Mr. Jigger Latoza being the zone rotaract representative. After this monumental year, the club remained in the university for more than a decade. In 2008, the club regained its title as the most outstanding Rotaract Club in District 3850 under the leadership of Mr. Dominico Laude. Until now it continues the Rotary legacy of giving "service above self" to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the spirit of community service and leadership. The club is composed of a dynamic group of officers and members with diversified courses from College of Arts & Sciences, College of Nursing, College of Education, College of Business Administration and Accountancy, College of Pharmacy & Medical Technology and College of Engineering & Architecture.

The service avenues of USA Rotaract Club are divided into four aspects: the environmental, leadership, medical, and community. For the environmental projects, the club has initiated tree planting activities. This year, it is pursuing "Recycle Mania", a waste segregation and recycling contest for schools, colleges, and universities in Iloilo City. This project is in-coordination with the DENR Region 6 whose objective is to advocate the significance of waste segregation and recycling.

For the leadership project, the club will hold leadership trainings for high school student leaders in Iloilo City which will be one of the basis of selection for the Jerry Roxas Leadership Award and the Ten Outstanding Students of Iloilo City.

On the medical project, the club will be conducting medical missions in depressed communities of Iloilo province that need medical attention.

And lastly, for the community led project, the club plans to help build an ecumenical chapel in Sitio Balayong, San Lorenzo, Guimaras since their existing chapel is almost deteriorated.

The Rotaract Club serves as a cradle of leadership. It molds members to become leaders. It exposes them to the reality of life after school. It provides them networks. It gives them the opportunity to meet people of authority in the community and learn from their experiences. It makes them realize that helping other people and putting a smile on their faces gives a rare feeling of happiness.

Most important of all, Rotaract teaches them to become more humble and embody the value of "Service Above Self". I look at Rotarians and (Rotary- their spouses Anns) as the Rotaractor's fathers and mothers. We are supported by our Rotary fathers and mothers, and we make them proud by assisting them in their projects, as well as coming up with projects that could make communities a better place to live in.

Many are called but few were chosen. As long as Rotaract exists together with Rotary, time will come when no community will experience hunger, literacy rate will decrease and medical assistance will be at hand.

Gaining Success

IPP Dominico A. Laude

Being a Rotaractor is not an opportunity but a privilege—a privilege to serve humanity, to reach out and help develop our community. It gives us the opportunity to realize our leadership potentials by serving society.



I began my Rotaract membership in third year college at the University of San Agustin. My fellow Rotaractors warmly welcomed me. I gained many new friends, and at the same time, I considered them as my brothers and sisters. To my surprise, I was made president of the USA Rotaract Club for the RY 2007-2008. As a president of USA Rotaract Club, I was faced with a big challenge. Fortunately, I was able to inspire my fellow Rotaractors to strive for excellence, have passion for service and become leaders themselves. During my term, I focused my concerns and programs on community service.

We had such projects as Book Bigayan, feeding malnourished children, educational film showing, tree planting, rehabilitating a nursery (fruit-bearing plants and seedlings) in the community, distributing slippers to children in the community and conducting a seminar on proper hygiene.

Since the Rotary Club of Iloilo is the mother club of USA Rotaract Club under the presidency of Engr. Ely Bagtasus (RY 2007-08), it was awarded as the "Most Outstanding Rotaract Club" in category B during the District 3850 Convention last April 2008 in Bacolod City. My USA Rotaract Club family provides ways in developing professionalism and leadership skills among its members. It is a venue where service to others is an inherent component. It is a privilege to be part of this Rotary family.

This year, I had to say goodbye to my USA Rotaract family. Since it is a school-based organization, my graduation from college last March has made my membership ineligible this Rotary year. Despite this, it has not hindered my passion for service. I now am part of a new family—the Rotaract Club of Iloilo City. I want to continue what I had started because I have a lot more to discover, learn, enjoy and to give to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the community. I aim to grow as a person of character with a heart of a faithful servant, always upholding and being true to Rotary's dictum of "Service above self."

AG in Profile

Rebecca Maravilla



Name: **REBECCA MARAVILLA**

Rotary Club: Iloilo City

Classification: Tree Farming

Years in Rotary: 7 years

Why did you decide to join Rotary?

I was invited by PP Tomas Peñaflorida in 2001.

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

When I became president 2006-2007.

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

I admire great men and women for their achievements from a distance. But I admire most my grandmother, Francisca Maravilla, she loved me very much.

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

A nun, a movie star, a politician.

Do you have a motto? What is it?

I've always been a free spirit – when I was younger, much younger it was – “I do not know where I'm going, but I'm on my way.” Now it's just enjoying life – life is too short!

If you were granted three wishes, what would they be?

Only one – that one country have heart, good, intelligent, wise leaders.

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

There are younger members who are dedicated Rotarians.

What aspects of serving Rotary bring you most joy?

Helping those who have so much less in life.

What do you do for leisure (hobbies/sports)?

No hobbies in particular – to play golf.

Plan to go and play again soon – although can't stand the heat. I like walking very early in the morning, for exercise, for the fresh air.

What's your favorite holiday destination?

New York – my kind of town!

What is your favorite Book?

Plenty. I read several at one time. My side table is full of books – right now, I'm reading Hemingway again.

What is your favorite Movie?

Movies that are heartwarming. Movies that make you feel good about life and yourself.

When you have gone, for what do you want to be remembered?

That I was a great friend!



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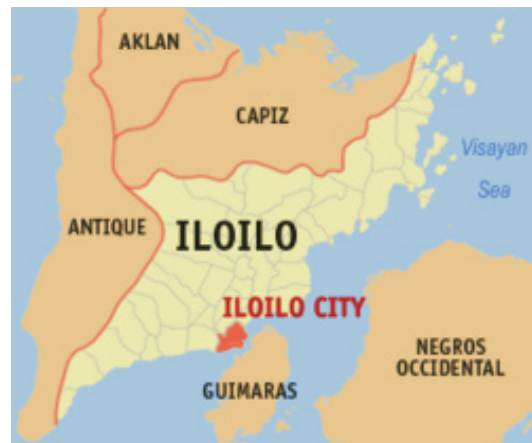
PP Art Jimenez
Rotary Club of La Paz

The Name. The natives, led by Datu Paiburong, named the place “Irong-Irong,” (most probably the Kiniray-a term for “Ilong-Ilong”) as its two main intersecting rivers outline a nose. The colonizing Spaniards shortened the name to “Iloilo.”

Iloilo, twice a city. Mainly due to its sugar-spurred economic growth, Spain promoted Iloilo to a city and the capital of Iloilo, the Province. The Commonwealth government, under the US of A, incorporated what was the Spanish La muy leal y noble ciudad de Iloilo into Iloilo City.

The Peoples. The Chinese, who antedated the Españoles, and other Asians, such Indians, Iranians, Japanese, and, of late, Koreans, live in harmony and do lucrative business with Americans, British, Germans, and other westerners. All live harmoniously with the more than 400,000 day city residents.

IC, the Capital. Located at the center of the Philippines, Iloilo City is the gateway to the rest of Panay (Antique, Capiz, and Aklan) and nearby Guimaras, and Negros Occidental. It is also regarded as the educational and government capital of the region.



GETTING THERE...

By Air



By plane, it takes 55 minutes from Manila, about 25 minutes from Cebu and 1 hour from Davao. The new airport of Iloilo is located approximately 19 kilometers or 30 minutes from Iloilo City, specifically in the town of Santa Barbara.

By Sea



By boat, it takes 20 hours at most from Iloilo to Manila. From Zamboanga 16 hours, Cagayan de Oro 14 hours, Cebu 12 hours.

Bacolod City is a one-hour trip many times daily. Iloilo can also be reached by Roll-on roll-off (RORO) vessels.

By Land



Iloilo is also accessible by land transportation to and from Aklan, Capiz, and Antique.

Getting Around. When in a rush, hail a taxi; when at leisure, take a jeepney; when adventurous, try a trisikad (pedicab).



Experience the...

Sights. Historic streets, forts, churches, stately mansions and Museo Iloilo are among the heritage sites of the city.

Events. Dinagyang A colorful cavalcade in honor of the Holy Child Jesus amidst thundering drumbeats. This is Iloilo's version of the world famous "Ati-atihan Festival". The rhythm of ancient music beats with the thundering cheers of rejoices and dances of merrymaking.

Paraw Regatta During this festival the dark gray sand beaches of Iloilo comes to life as spectators witness the annual race of colorful Paraws from Iloilo City to Guimaras Island. The Festival also coincides with the Rotaract Club of Iloilo City's annual Porma Balas Competition where people make sand sculptures along the shores of Villa Beach.

Feast of Our Lady of Candles This annual religious festival (also known as Jaro Fiesta) is one of the biggest and most flamboyant events in the Western Visayas. During the event, religious pilgrims bless candles as they join the procession of the Nuestra Señora de Candelaria, which weaves its way through the streets of Jaro district every 2nd day of February. The fiesta also features pageantry with a fiesta queen from one of the prominent families of the place, and a cockfight at the Iloilo Coliseum, where cockfighting aficionados from all over the Philippines converge.

Chinese New Year This festivities is a tribute to the very significant role that the Ilonggo Chinese community played in its history and development), highlighting the best of Chinese culture and tradition through songs, dances, stage plays, exhibits, fireworks displays and martial arts presentations.



Good Eats.

- ✓ **Lapaz Batchoy** is a combination of round noodles or miki, chicharon, pork innards, green onions, shrimp paste and chicken eggs cooked in a rich meat broth.
- ✓ **Pancit Molo** is a tasty wonton soup named after the well-known Ilonggo district.
- ✓ **Seafood** is a must. Feast on oysters and shellfish like Diwal (Angel Wing Shell) and Imbao, an array of fresh fish such as the popular Bulgan (Sea Bass) and Managat (Mangrove Jack), and an abundance of crabs, shrimps and prawns. Popular restos include Breakthrough, Tatoy's and Freska.
- ✓ **Panderia de Molo biscuits** like the famous galletas, ronquillos, and hojaldres still baked in traditional wood-fired ovens.
- ✓ **Ilonggo Lechon Manok**, native chicken roasted in tanglad (lemongrass) and other spices.
- ✓ **Roberto's** on JM Basa Street is known for their really huge siopaos, the Queen being the biggest is chockfull of bacon, chinese sausage, chicken pork adobo and egg all in one delicious bun.
- ✓ **Sweet treats** like butterscotch and biscocho are the all-time pasalubong favorites.

Got Questions? Ask any Ilonggo. He or she is friendly with an almost stapled smile.

For more information, check out www.iloilocity.gov.ph, www.exploreiloilo.com or www.westernvisayastourism.com.ph

Monthly Attendance Report *July & August 2008*

Zone	No.	Club Name	Club No.	Charter Year	Members to-Date	No. of Mtgs.	August Attendance %	August Ranking	July Attendance %	July Ranking
I	1	Antique	17015	1975	20	4	80.20	22	74.00	23
	2	Iloilo	17045	1933	46	4	56.25	36	63.00	34 (tie)
	3	Iloilo South	17047	1971	22	5	95.00	1	95.00	3
	4	Iloilo West	28828	1992	19	4	57.89	35	67.36	29
	5	Miag-ao	58693	2002	15	5	78.30	24	64.5	32
II	1	Iloilo City	17046	1975	22	4	85.00	16 (tie)	90.40	5
	2	Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	80.00	18 (tie)
	3	Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	14	3	81.48	19	63.00	34 (tie)
	4	Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	15	4	86.66	10	85.00	12 (tie)
	5	Jaro South	31664	1996	12	4	70.00	31	64.63	31
III	1	Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	68	4	59.35	34	53.97	36
	2	Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	21	2	88.00	8 (tie)	80.75	17
	3	Guimaras	27277	1990	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	55.50	35
	4	Molo	27939	1991	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	5	Lapaz	30821	1995	21	4	86.50	11	88.50	6
	6	Dumangas	31821	1996	37	5	85.30	14	87.30	7
	7	Metro Passi	76428	2007	29	5	51.03	38	65.50	30
IV	1	Roxas	17080	1964	38	4	89.47	6	92.10	4
	2	Kalibo	17053	1967	50	3	85.22	15	98.50	1
	3	Metro Roxas	22518	1982	62	4	92.50	2	85.00	12 (tie)
	4	Boracay	50661	1997	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	36.67	37
	5	Metro Kalibo	54828	2001	21	3	85.67	13	87.00	8 (tie)
	6	Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	25	4	90.91	5	86.26	10
V	1	Silay	17084	1973	20	3	81.00	20	79.00	20
	2	Escalante	17037	1976	15	5	88.00	8 (tie)	84.50	13
	3	Metro San Carlos	51747	1999	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Victorias	17091	1966	10	5	80.00	23 (tie)	70.00	27 (tie)
VI	1	Bacolod	17016	1937	37	4	87.00	9	87.00	8 (tie)
	2	Bacolod East	17017	1983	22	5	67.30	32	73.50	24
	3	Bacolod West	27374	1990	20	3	89.00	7	85.00	12 (tie)
	4	Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	34	5	78.04	25	82.27	14
	5	Bacolod Central	31518	1996	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	32.38	38
	6	Bacolod South	17019	1969	22	4	85.00	16 (tie)	83.00	13
VII	1	Bacolod North	17091	1973	43	5	65.92	33	81.72	15
	2	Kabankalan City	17052	1974	29	4	71.00	29	73.00	26
	3	Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	23	4	80.99	21	80.93	16
VIII	1	Dipolog	21409	1950	23	4	55.00	37	70.00	27 (tie)
	2	Jimenez	17050	1975	19	5	80.00	23 (tie)	85.00	12 (tie)
	3	Dapitan City	25485	1986	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	28	4	82.25	18	79.83	19
IX	1	Ozamiz North	17073	1974	23	4	70.75	30	DNR	DNR
	2	Pagadian	17074	1975	26	4	44.00	39	27.00	39
	3	Pagadian West	17075	1977	24	5	75.00	26 (tie)	73.37	25
	4	Ozamiz	17072	1995	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
X	1	Zamboanga City	17094	1948	45	4	85.95	12	85.28	11
	2	Basilan City	17022	1960	22	4	73.52	27	77.65	22
	3	Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	20	3	91.66	4	86.60	9
	4	Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	29	4	84.59	17	78.61	21
	5	Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	30	5	72.00	28	68.00	28
XI	1	Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	42	4	92.25	3	96.82	2
	2	Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	28	4	75.00	26 (tie)	80.00	18 (tie)
	3	Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	63.50	33
	4	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	69302	2005	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR

FAST FACTS TAKEN FROM AUGUST 2008 MAR:

- Out of 53 Clubs in our District, 25 (or 47.2%) attained a monthly attendance average of 80% and above.
- There are still 8 clubs (or 15.1%) with less than 20 members.
- There are only 10 clubs with a membership of over 35.
- There are 10 clubs that did not report (DNR).



Much of the official literature of Rotary International related to service to young people, a special slogan can be found — "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth." These words were adopted in 1949 by the Rotary International Board of Directors as an expression of commitment to children and youth in each community in which Rotary clubs exist. Serving young people has long been an important part of the Rotary program.

Youth service projects take many forms around the world. Rotarians sponsor feeding programs, athletic teams, literacy projects, handicapped children's centers, summer camps, recreation areas, safe driving clinics, day care centers, and children's hospitals among others. During my term as Club President, the club was able to get a matching grant worth \$21,000 for the Water Purification System of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy in San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras. This project provides safe drinking water to its students and a source of income for the school. Support for children and the youth is evident as District 3850 under the leadership of DG Toto Locsin donated 169 sets of equipment and educational materials to Day Care Centers distributed by all the clubs throughout the district.

Many clubs provide vocational counseling, establish youth employment programs and promote use of The 4-Way Test. Increasingly, drug and alcohol abuse prevention projects are being supported by Rotarians.

In every instance, Rotarians have an opportunity to be role models for the young men and women of their community. One learns to serve by observing others. As our youth grow to become adult leaders, it is hoped each will achieve that same desire and spirit to serve future generations of children and youth.

The slogan accepted over 59 years ago is just as vital today. It is a very thoughtful challenge—"Every Rotarian an Example to Youth."

Rotary Protocol and Decorum

Every Rotary club has to organize a number of functions and meetings. There are protocols for proper observance of which enhance the prestige of the concerned Club and also brings decorum. Few hints on Protocol are given below:

1. Any Rotary Club meeting should be presided over by the President of the Club. The meeting should be called to order by the President and not by the Master of Ceremonies.
2. Any Rotary District meeting will be presided over by the Serving District Governor. He will call the meeting to order.
3. The protocol to observe while greeting dignitaries, in order of precedence, is District Governor, Past District Governors (seniority wise), District Governor Elect, District Governor Nominee, District Officer, Serving Presidents, Past Presidents, President Elect and so on.
4. The general Rule is current position takes precedence over past position; past position takes precedence over future position. Accompanying spouses will have the same rank.
5. Once Protocol is observed in a meeting initially, the subsequent speakers need not repeat the protocol. This will help save time and also avoid possible foul up of Protocol.
6. If the Mayor or the First Citizen of the town is present in a meeting, he should be invited to the dais and should be recognized first.
7. In any Rotary meeting if the serving Governor is present as the Chief Guest, he should speak last. After the speech of the Governor there should be no further speeches. The items after his speech should be acknowledgment, announcements and vote of Thanks.
8. During the official visit of the Governor to the Club, there should be no other Chief Guest, Governor being the only one. Clubs are discouraged to have more than ONE Chief Guest (in the form of special guest, guest of honor, etc.) at the installation function or such other Rotary function or during Governor's Official Visit.
9. Rotary Club meetings (except training or informative sessions), irrespective of whether they are regular meeting of the club during Governor's visit should be concluded, as far as possible, within one hour. Clubs are advised to finalize such program in consultation with their respective Assistant Governors.
10. Care should be taken to ensure that standards and values of Rotary are not diluted or compromised at meetings. As a service organization austerity in our conduct and sincerity of purpose should be in tune with our social roles.
11. The function of the Master of Ceremonies, if at all necessary, should be limited only to announce the items of the agenda to be followed. He/She is not expected to make comments on the speeches or assure anything on behalf of the Club, which should only be the prerogative of the presiding officer. Presiding officers should not devalue themselves by allowing master of ceremonies to take over the proceedings and themselves observing a secondary role.

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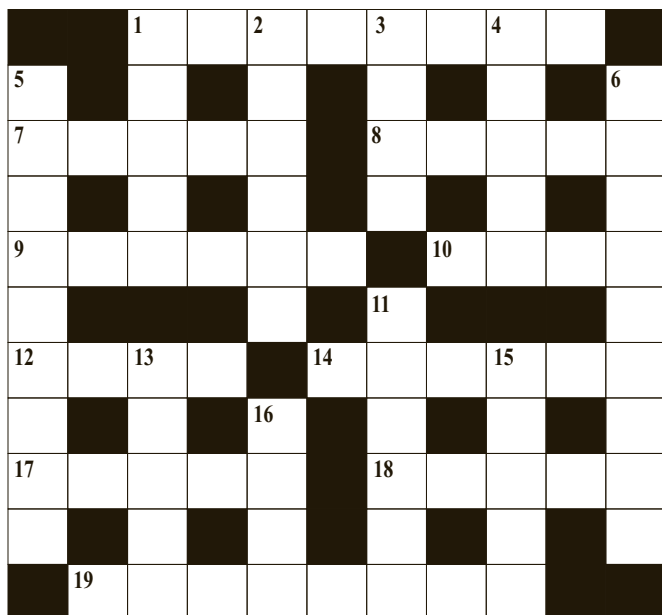
Q: Should Rotary clubs take a public position regarding environmental issues? If so, how?

Rotarians Speak Up!

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ROTARY FIRSTS

- Rotary became bilingual in 1916 when the first club was organized in a non-English-speaking country- Havana, Cuba.
- Rotary established the "Endowment Fund" in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.
- Rotary first adopted the name "Rotary International" in 1922 when the name was changed from the International Association of Rotary Clubs.
- Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellows recognition in 1957 for contributors of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.
- The Rotary club which first held meetings on a weekly basis was Oakland, California, the Number 3 club.
- The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention.
- The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.
- The first Rotary International convention held outside the United States was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.
- The first head of state to address a Rotary convention was U.S. President Warren G. Harding in 1923 at St. Louis.



ACROSS

- Rotary Club of _____
- Seaman's engine job
- Book of maps
- Leased
- RI youth program
- Rotary founder
- With 12-Across
- _____ Limits
- Cook's accessory
- Mindanao RC

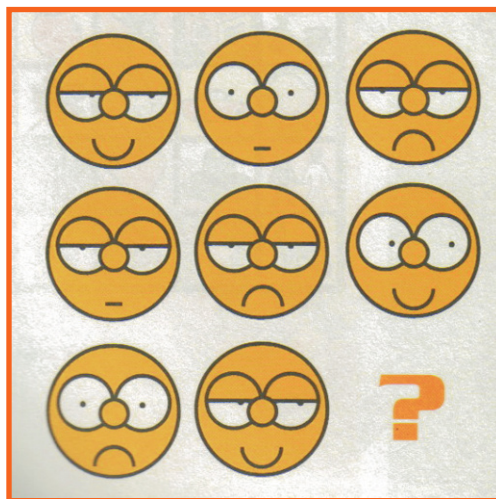
DOWN

- _____ Heights
- 1-Down site
- Office memo abbrev.
- Tin Pan _____
- Bribe giver
- Lee Oswald, et al
- Italian sausage
- Extreme (prefix)
- A TV movie repeat
- Zone

Crossword by PP Art Jimenez

T I M E O U T

Which of the four figures complete the set?



"The young do not know enough to be prudent, and so they attempt the impossible — and achieve it, generation after generation."

Pearl S. Buck, Nobel Prize Winner

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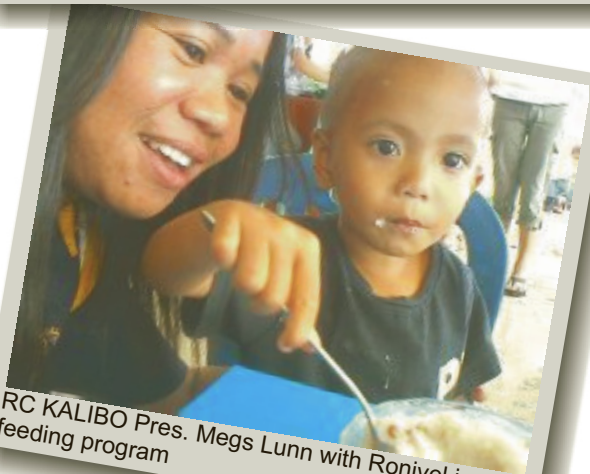
RC METRO ROXAS CENTRAL



RC VICTORIAS Malihaw River clean up



RC ILOILO CITY in cooperation WITH RC Kamuning Central conducts relief goods distribution & medical mission to 256 fam at Brgy.Talongadian, Sta.Barbara



RC KALIBO Pres. Megs Lunn with Ronivel in feeding program



RC METRO ROXAS ocular visit to Dumarao Indigenous People



RC DUMANGAS Typhoon Frank relief goods distribution to Brgy. Sitio Binabao in Cali - Pres. Jerry Brondial & IPP Bebot Nava

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