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## HOW TO APPLY FOR WCS



### Step 1. Registering projects

Interested Rotary clubs and districts may register projects with the WCS Projects Exchange by filling out a WCS Project Data Form (784-EN) and sending it to RI World Headquarters or the international office in their area. A project is registered on the WCS Projects Exchange for two years. However registration does not guarantee that your project will receive financial or technical assistance.

#### Why register a project?

- To secure funds rapidly
- To obtain funding, donated goods, or volunteer services for projects that are not eligible for grants from The Rotary Foundation
- To advertise your project in order to locate a partner for a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation

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## GOV ASKS...

**Q.** Does a Rotary club benefit from a husband and wife (or other family members) belonging to the same club? How so?

## ROTARIANS SPEAK UP!



It is such a welcome thing for the club member's spouse to be involved in civic work to keep each other bonded in community outreach, not to mention show a good example to their children to impress good values while they are growing up. In this day and age when work separate husbands and wives from each other and their children, being together in the same club is a big factor in keeping the family from being fragmented.

PRES. LEILANI ALBA  
RC Bacolod



For me, having more than one family member in the same club has two key benefits – in the absence of one, the other could easily know what was discussed at the meeting; and the club would benefit from the collective support of all family members attending.

PRES. NOVY LAGRADILLA  
RC Jaro Centraline



Other family members, yes! For me, having a husband and wife in the same club will not benefit a Rotary club in the long run. Arguments and agreements cannot be avoided during meetings. Another thing, husband's movement is limited especially during fellowship. Hehehe!

PRES. RICARDO COROS  
RC Zamboanga City North



I believe so. Rotary is a partnership. We acknowledge the participation of the members of our family in Rotary especially husband and wife Rotarians, thus we have the so called Rotary Family. It is very easy to get support when the members of the family understand and know Rotary. As RI TRF Director Jonathan Majiyagbe said, "We encourage members of family in Rotary to find more ways to create and nurture an atmosphere of warmth and caring...." A healthy family is important to the overall health of Rotary, too. Among others, it will contribute to membership growth, improve Rotary's public image, strengthen our clubs' commitment to service, and support and reinforce the sense of community and the work we do outside of our clubs and district as a whole.

PRES. MEGS LUNN  
RC Kalibo



The answer is definitely in the affirmative. A husband and wife team will definitely be a plus factor in a Rotary club, in as much as their conflicts in schedules and other family affairs could be minimized or done with if both are working in tandem for the club.

PRES. ANTONIO FERNANDO BLANCO  
RC Zamboanga City West

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### About our cover

DG Ems poses with pupils of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy in Sitio Katikati, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras. Their school is a matching grant recipient of a potable water system, Project ID MG0762228 of RC Central Iloilo City in partnership with RC Denver Mile High and RC Golden of D-5450.

Photo by Rtn. Babak Niaraki, RC Central Iloilo City



## editor's note

In this month's GML we have endeavored to bring to you some of the highlights of The Rotary Foundation, as it applies to Rotarians in our district.

And there are many stories of achievement, spirit and community support.

Inside, PP Raphy Tayco of RC Kalibo writes about Matching Grant #65259, a project to help supply Aklan National High School for Arts and Trades with tools and equipment, in partnership with RC Santa Barbara Sunrise, USA.

Articles by two Group Study Exchange alumnae reflect on their experiences in the USA and India, inspiring stories of friendship and humanity.

Rotarian's Notebook features a moving account of Rtn. Jerry Olson's passionate support of the Dumarao Indigenous tribal people, where he and five colleagues from RC Metro Roxas are chasing their goal of "making dreams real" for the mountain villagers, through plans to build a daycare/community center and assist in livelihood projects.

This month's Up Close zone focuses on Roxas City, seafood capital of the Philippines, and a magnet for food lovers and tourists, alongside a profile of AG Carmelo L. Deslate.

And to illustrate the spirit of support of the Foundation, we hear how former Ambassadorial Scholar Rhoderick Samonte was inspired to set up



the Youth Entrepreneurship Service program, dedicated to providing microlending assistance to youths from Bacolod City.

Together with our other regular features and fun spots, we hope you will find this month's edition of GML packed with information of interest and inspiration.

Thank you to those Rotarians who continue to contribute ideas and articles, and we look forward to spreading your good news in the months to come.

November is **The Rotary Foundation Month** and, as RI President DK Lee says in his letter, the responsibility for keeping our Foundation strong lies with each of us.

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Pia M. Nava  
Editor in Chief

### Did you know?

- ❖ Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is the world's largest, privately funded scholarship program.
- ❖ The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than \$1.8 billion in program awards and operations since 1947.
- ❖ Rotarians have established a host of organizations dedicated to various humanitarian causes, including ShelterBox, HungerPlus, Gift of Life, and Rotary Doctor Bank.
- ❖ Providing vitamin A supplements during polio National Immunization Days has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 - testimony to the "plus" in PolioPlus.
- ❖ RI representatives work with many major international organizations, including the UN and several of its agencies, the Organization of American States, the Council of Europe, and the African Union.

## PHOTO ESSAY FINALISTS

### Child of the Sunset



Name: PP Harold Tating  
Club: Rotary Club of Antique

### Notebook Nyo, Pag-asa Ko!



Name: Sec. Jerome Barrios  
Club: Rotary Club of Kalibo



# FROM THE RI PRESIDENT

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Dear fellow Rotarians,

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

It sounds so simple, yet it means so much.

It means so much to every one of the people touched by Foundation-supported programs every year – the children too poor to go to school, the families who have lost everything in a disaster, the communities that lack sanitation, clean water, and medical care.

It means so much to the two billion children now living lives free from polio. Because of the work that the Foundation has helped support, five million cases of paralysis and more than 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.

Today, we are in what we hope will be the last stages of the fight against polio. All of you have helped through your support of our Foundation. Through the Foundation, we are able to be part of the day-to-day work of polio eradication by helping supply the transportation, the fliers, the advertisements, and even the lollipops to ensure we reach all children with the essential oral polio vaccine and make each round of immunization a success.

Those of you who have participated in a National Immunization Day know exactly what I'm talking about when I say there's nothing like it – nothing like knowing you're being a part of saving lives and making history. And if you can't be there yourself, then being part of the work through our Foundation is the next best thing.

Why do we have a Foundation? We have a Foundation because our Foundation lifts Rotary up. It lets every club and every district do the most it possibly can. It allows every one of us to be part of all of Rotary's work, and it brings that work to greater and greater heights.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, we should all remember that The Rotary Foundation is our Foundation. It's here for us and because of us; it allows us to do more, to be more, and to bring more hope to the world. The responsibility for keeping our Foundation strong lies with each of us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. K. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee  
President, Rotary International, 2008-09



# EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

is a commitment for life...



**E**very minute of every day someone's life is being improved by our Rotary Foundation. Wells are being dug in India, blind children are using Braille typewriters in Brazil, toilets are part of improved sanitation in Sri Lanka, and dental treatment is available to the needy in Nicaragua. In a world where the divide between the haves and have-nots is growing, we as Rotarians must do our part and "do good in the world".

*-The Rotary Foundation thoughts*

Your investment in our Rotary Foundation brings help and hope to those who need it most around the world. It supports both local and global projects identified by Rotarians around the world.

The Rotary Foundation's good works are only limited by our imagination, actions, and contributions.

## MATCHING GRANTS


**T**he goal of matching grants is to help Rotary Clubs and Districts carry out international and humanitarian projects in cooperation with Rotarians in another country.

RY 2006-2007 through the able leadership of PDG Ramon "Toto" Locsin was a good harvest of Matching Grants. Thanks to the indomitable spirit of PDG Toto, a lot of wishes and dreams of recipients came true! From computers for schools in Pavia, educational equipment and books for Day Care Centers all over the district, and, wheelchairs distributed to those who badly needed them. The milk feeding program of RC Iloilo City is still in progress. The potable water project of RC Central Iloilo City for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy in Sitio Katikati, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras was an answer to the prayers of Fr. Tino Lim. The school serves the indigenous people (IP) of Guimaras. Now they are praying for a utility vehicle, computers and a library. Matching Grant for them, anyone? Calling PDG Toto!

I doff my hat to PDG Toto in admiration and appreciation for his "kasipagan" and expertise in looking for international partners. I also give a high five to PP Jose Vicente "JV" Atilano, III of RC Zamboanga City West and to PP Reynaldo "Boy" Severo of RC Metro Roxas, for their commitment to increase the district's contribution to TRF. But most of all thank you Rotarians for your generosity. May you never tire in giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Likewise, may I remind all presidents to make good your pledge of \$100.00 per capita. This will go a long way in polio eradication and in funding Matching Grants.

\$100.00. Every Rotarian, Every Year. Let's stand up to the \$100M challenge of Bill Gates.

  
DG Emma M. Nava





# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION RY 2008-2009

NAME OF CONTRIBUTORS	NAME OF THE CLUB	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED (\$)	STATUS
KWAN, SIXTO JR.	RC Zamboanga City	1,000	Permanent Fund
ABIERA, FORTUNATO	RC Antique	500	PHF
ACEPCION, VICTOR FEDERICO	RC Roxas	500	PHF
ALEGATA, ANTONIO	RC Zamboanga City West	500	PHF
ALOVERA, ROSELYN	RC Metro Roxas Central	500	PHF
APAITAN, LENY ALBERT	RC Metro Roxas	500	PHF
ARENGA, REMEDIOS	RC Metro Roxas Central	500	PHF
BAGUIO, FERNANDO	RC Metro Roxas	500	PHF
BERGANTINOS, DIOSDADO	RC Metro Roxas	500	PHF
BISNAR, ALFREDO	RC Metro Roxas	500	PHF
BLANCO, IVY EMERALD	RC Zamboanga City West	500	PHF
BUCOY, DANILO M.	RC Basilan	500	PHF
CHU, HERBERT	RC Metro Roxas	500	PHF
COROS, RICARDO R.	RC Zamboanga City North	500	PHF
CORPUZ, RUBEN B.	RC Guimaras	500	PHF
DE ASIS, EUGENIO F.	RC Zamboanga City North	500	PHF
DELA PEÑA, GREGORIO	RC Zamboanga City	500	PHF
DESLATE, CARMELO	RC Roxas	500	PHF
FLORES, VINCENT	RC Iloilo City	500	PHF
GADONG, SALVACION	RC Metro Roxas Central	500	PHF
HO, CHARLES BENEDICT S.	RC Midtown Iloilo	500	PHF
IRINGAN, JONATHAN	RC Zamboanga City North	500	PHF
JAMCO, ROSEMARIE C.	RC Zamboanga City Central	500	PHF
LEE, ALEXANDER	RC Bacolod North	500	PHF
LEE, JOSUE	RC Zamboanga City East	500	PHF
LIM, BRYAN MICAH	RC Dipolog	500	PHF
LIM, MARIBEL	RC Zamboanga City	500	PHF
LIMBAGA, TELESFORO L. JR.	RC Iloilo	500	PHF
MEJORADA, ULDARICO B. SR.	RC Dipolog	500	PHF
NAVARRO, ALEXANDRA D.	RC Zamboanga City Central	500	PHF
NELLAS ALBERTO	RC Bacolod North	500	PHF
NOCHE, CONCEPCION P.	RC Metro Roxas Central	500	PHF
OLSON, JERRY	RC Metro Roxas	500	PHF
OQUENDO, JEAN	RC Metro Roxas	500	PHF
PALPALATOC, URSULITA R.	RC Zamboanga City Central	500	PHF
RESURRECTION, NEMESIA D.	RC Bacolod North	500	PHF
SALAZAR, ADOLPH KENNETH M.	RC Zamboanga City North	500	PHF
SEBASTIAN, ELSA F.	RC Zamboanga City	500	PHF
STAMMERS, OFELIA	RC Iloilo City	500	PHF
TOTENGCO, NEIRA C.	RC Iloilo City	500	PHF
TSANG, DEXTER W.	RC Ipil, Sibugay	500	PHF
TURLA, JOCELYN PANCRUDO	RC Zamboanga City Central	500	PHF
VERAR, GERARDO	RC Zamboanga City West	500	PHF
PLAMENCO, MA. CHARITY	RC Iloilo City	477.78	RFSM
CENTENO, OLIVER	RC Lapaz	200	RFSM
EDUARDO A. CATIS	RC Metro Zamboanga	200	RFSM
MARVIN M. SEBASTIAN	RC Zamboanga City	200	PHF
NAVA, EMMA M.	RC Central Iloilo City	200	PHF+2
BROWN, RICHARD S.	RC Basilan	100	RFSM
BUCKLY, JAMES B.	RC Basilan	100	RFSM
FERNANDEZ, MILAGROS L.	RC Zamboanga City Central	100	RFSM
LIM, MIA GRACE MARY	RC Metro Zamboanga	100	RFSM
LINTAG, RAYMOND N.	RC Basilan	100	RFSM
MAKASIAR, EDWIN N.	RC Metro Zamboanga	100	RFSM
NAVARRO, NARVARO BELAR S.	RC Metro Zamboanga	100	RFSM
QUE, TOMMY	RC Midtown Iloilo	100	RFSM
RABINO, HIDE LOYOLA	RC Metro Roxas Central	100	RFSM
SAKKALAHUL, AL-RASHEED AHMAD M.	RC Basilan	100	RFSM
TIMOSAN, JAY ONG	RC Metro Zamboanga	100	RFSM
ZERNA, WILFREDO M.	RC Basilan	100	RFSM
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$24,477.78</u></b>	



### WCS Projects Exchange guidelines

Following the guidelines listed below will help to maintain the WCS Projects Exchange as a valuable tool for Rotarians seeking involvement in international service projects.

1. The project sponsor is defined as the local in-country Rotary club or district.
2. Project information must be submitted on the official WCS Project Data Form.
3. The sponsoring Rotary club or district must notify RI World Headquarters immediately if the project contact or project scope changes.
4. Project contacts are encouraged to respond to all inquiries about the project promptly.
5. Each club may have only one project on the WCS Projects Exchange at any one time. There are two exceptions to this rule:
  - a) A Rotary club may register one additional project on behalf of a corresponding Rotary Community Corps (RCC), Rotaract club, or Interact club.
  - b) A Rotary club may register an additional project if the request is for donated goods only.
6. All club-sponsored projects must be endorsed by the club president and all district-sponsored projects must be endorsed by the district governor.

### Step 2. Selecting the project contact

Select the project contact carefully. This individual is the main communication link, providing accurate and timely information about the project to those clubs offering their support. It's important that the project contact listed on the WCS Project Data Form respond to all inquiries immediately.

The project contact should:

- Be committed to the project for its duration
- Have the time and motivation to answer all inquiries
- Have access to fax or e-mail whenever possible
- Speak one or more of the languages in which they might receive inquiries

### Independent Club-to-Club Efforts

Can a project be considered a WCS project if it does not involve the WCS Projects Exchange, donated goods, Rotary Volunteers, or another organized WCS effort? Of course! Many excellent WCS projects are club-to-club efforts that develop because of personal contacts of Rotarians and do not involve RI.



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# Matching Grant # 65259

PP Leonardo Raphael "Raphy" Tayco, Jr. – RC Kalibo



The Rotary Foundation is, in the words of immediate PRIP Wilf Wilkinson, "the engine that drives Rotary's international humanitarian service". PRIP Paulo V.C. Costa (1990-91), meanwhile, said: "Rotary International's masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities . . . it is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity; a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind. The Rotary Foundation achieves the best that mankind can possibly achieve."

Last February 26-28, 2007, a Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from District 5240, USA, visited Aklan. It was composed of Team Leader PP Janet Napier of the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara Sunrise and Team Members Sita Aiello, Beth Pitton-August, Lindsay Loft and April Rosser. During the Rotary Club of Kalibo's hosting, their itinerary included a visit to Aklan National High School of Arts and Trades (ANSHAT), a newly-established government technical-vocational high school which had been a recipient of a modular library with reference books, and a water fountain project from RC Kalibo in the past. Seeing the deplorable condition of the school, with classrooms made of bamboo with a thatched roof and dirt floor, and with practically non-existent vocational implements, a plan was hatched to apply for a TRF Matching Grant to provide the mostly under-privileged students of the school with necessary vocational tools and equipments.

Upon the return of PP Janet Napier to her home club, she won the approval of her club's leadership to be the International Partner of the RC Kalibo on this undertaking, which could help give the students adequate education and excellent skills training. And thus was set into motion the tedious and painstakingly laborious process of securing a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation. The documentations were voluminous. Securing the necessary signatures both from the Host Partner and the International Partner took some time, and the interminable waiting for approval was almost unbearable.

Finally, on January 23, 2008, Major Matching Grant #65259 submitted by RC Kalibo and RC Santa Barbara Sunrise for funding to help provide tools and equipment for the Aklan National High School for Arts and Trades in Andagao, Kalibo and Aklan was approved by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) to the amount of US\$6,747 (PHP 290,121). The rest of the funding came from RC Santa Barbara Sunrise US\$4,751.81 (PHP 204,327.83), DDF District 5240 US\$3,665 (PHP 157,595), RC Kalibo US\$500 (PHP 21,500) and DDF District 3850 US\$1,000 (PHP 43,000) totaling **US\$16,663.81 (PHP 716,543.83)**.

The funding requirements were then prepared, the necessary tools and equipments to be purchased were then readied, and the appropriate time for their turnover to the school in the coming school year was then awaited. And

then, on June 21, 2008, a date which will be almost indelibly etched in the memories of everyone in Aklan, an unwanted visitor – Typhoon Frank – came! It brought with it indescribable havoc and destruction to life and property, which was worsened by the subsequent massive flooding and mudslide that followed. In the following days, everything seemed to have come to a standstill, with almost everybody left to their own misery, trying their very best to cope with the unexpected situation.

One of the structures damaged by Typhoon Frank was ANHSAT. What were once structures of bamboo and thatched huts now all lay in ruin, with the already meager resources of the school almost completely damaged. Providentially, the tools and equipments realized from the Matching Grant had not yet been turned over to the school; otherwise they surely would have likewise been destroyed in the aftermath of the



typhoon. And so, last July 19, 2008, during the annual District Governor's Visit of DG Emma "Ems" Nava, as well as the simple Induction Ceremonies of the Rotary Club of Kalibo, a symbolic turnover of the Matching Grant tools and equipment was made by President Melrose "Megs" Lunn to ANSHAT, represented by its Principal, Rotarian Richard Flores, and witnessed by RC Kalibo Honorary Member, Aklan Governor Carlito Marquez. These

technical and vocational implements are now being actively used by the students of the school.

Group Study Exchange and Matching Grants – two wonderful educational and humanitarian programs of The Rotary Foundation. Together, they have made the lives of the under-privileged students of ANSHAT forever intertwined with the Rotarians of RC Kalibo, RC Santa Barbara Sunrise, District 3850, District 5240 and The Rotary Foundation. Together, they **Make Dreams Real** for these students, enabling them to become productive members of the community.





## "I was about to give up"

Rhoderick Samonte knows what it's like not to be able to afford an education.

When the Philippine student was accepted into a master's program at Brandeis University but didn't have the money to attend, he was "at a crossroads, in between hope and despair."

"I was about to give up," says Samonte.

Samonte learned of The Rotary Foundation's Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries two days before the application deadline. He applied and was named an Ambassadorial Scholar for 2004-06.

"My belief in service has been reinforced by my involvement with Rotary," Samonte says. "Education is not just a privilege. It is a call to serve."

### At a crossroads

In 2006, Samonte found himself at a crossroads again. He was tempted to stay in the United States after he finished his degree, but he knew it was his responsibility to return home and help people there.

Back in the Philippines, Samonte dreamed up the Youth Entrepreneurship Service (YES) program, which seeks to provide microlending assistance to 100 youths from Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, Philippines. He presented the idea to his former host club, the Rotary Club of Wellesley, Massachusetts, USA, and through a partnership with the Rotary Club of Bacolod South, the program was launched.

YES equips young adults with basic entrepreneurial skills such as dressmaking, cooking, and electronics repair. Once trained, they receive seed capital and start businesses. The goal is for them to form cooperatives and help each other earn and save money for their educations. In May, YES received a US\$20,000 Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

"I am truly grateful to Rotary for believing in this project," says Samonte. "The youth are the future of any community. What kind of community will there be if we do not give them the gift of education?"

Former Ambassadorial Scholar Rhoderick Samonte

Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/Rotary Images

## Board Adopts Future Vision Plan

**A**t its June meeting, the RI Board adopted The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan and agreed to initiate a three-year pilot in July 2010. Under the plan, the Foundation will offer two kinds of grants:

Rotary Foundation District Grants, which will provide districts access to up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants, which will support larger projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

Clubs and districts can either create their own global grant projects in the areas of focus or sponsor packaged global grants, which The Rotary Foundation will develop in conjunction with a strategic partner organization that has expertise in the selected area.

All districts are encouraged to apply to participate in the pilot. The Trustees will seek to assemble a representative group of districts in terms of location, size, effectiveness, and level of involvement with the Foundation. Pilot districts will follow the new grant structure and not participate in current Foundation programs, with the exception of PoilioPlus and the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Interested districts must secure the agreement of two-thirds of their clubs and complete the pilot application form online between February and June. The list of selected pilot districts will be posted on the RI Website on 1 July 2009. The 2010-11 pilot district governors and Foundation committee chairs will attend mandatory training sessions at RI's expense in early 2010.

Learn more at [www.rotary.org/futurevision](http://www.rotary.org/futurevision).

### RYLA UPDATE

The Panay RYLA Youth Camp will be held on February 6-8. This event will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Guimaras. Participants should be 13-15 year old public high school sophomores.

Each Panay Club is encouraged to sponsor at least 2 participants for this event.

On February 8, there will be a fellowship among members of sponsoring clubs to mark the graduation and culmination activities.

For more information:

Please contact Pres. Leydee Sideño of the Rotary Club of Guimaras at 033. 5805532 or 092069310667 or email her at [leydee.sideno@yahoo.com](mailto:leydee.sideno@yahoo.com).

# By The Time We Got to Phoenix



By Desiree Bretaña – GSE Alumna

**T**he road leading to my GSE experience was one filled with road blocks, detours and humps but like all things willed by God my every move was steered with finality towards my four week tour of Arizona , USA in the summer of 2000.



7107 islands! It was during these presentations when we truly wore the badge of being an ambassador of goodwill.

The memory of our experience at the District Conference in Flagstaff , Arizona raised the Philippine flag even higher. This was where “the judge and the Filipina girls”, referring to our team leader, the late Judge Jun Aguirre and our all female team became the most awaited cultural performers. Our eyes filled with tears as we saw the room packed with an audience scrambling to get on top of their seats to get an unobstructed view of our “Pandango sa Ilaw”. We bowed to a deafening applause – an honor we shared with District 3850 which we proudly represented.

I was excited at the prospect of a professional scholarship but had hoped for some exotic, far flung country. So I was initially lukewarm to the destination having toured most of the 50 states in my teens including Arizona . But the warmth of the welcome committee of the host Rotary District led by then District 5490 Governor George Wheeler, GSE Team Coordinator Tony Terrasi and US Outbound Team Leader Don Schiller immediately changed all that. The welcome sign at our lodging house for our first night read “good folks stay here” and that set the tone for the entire 31 days in Arizona .

Our days were spent shadowing our individual counterparts in the four disciplines which our team represented: the judicial system, the academe, the medical profession and media. It was interesting to note the admiration of the host district for the fact that I was working for a world class network from such a little known country. ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. then ranked not only as one of the top 10 corporations in the country, but was also one of the top 100 corporations in Asia in 2000 and which was celebrating its back to back citation as one of Asia's most admired companies. My hosts took the extra mile to connect me with the biggest broadcast related companies one of which led to an interview on the Tonya Mock Show, one of Arizona 's avidly watched cable programs. It was a major adrenalin rush to have an American come up to this Filipina to say “I saw you on TV yesterday”!

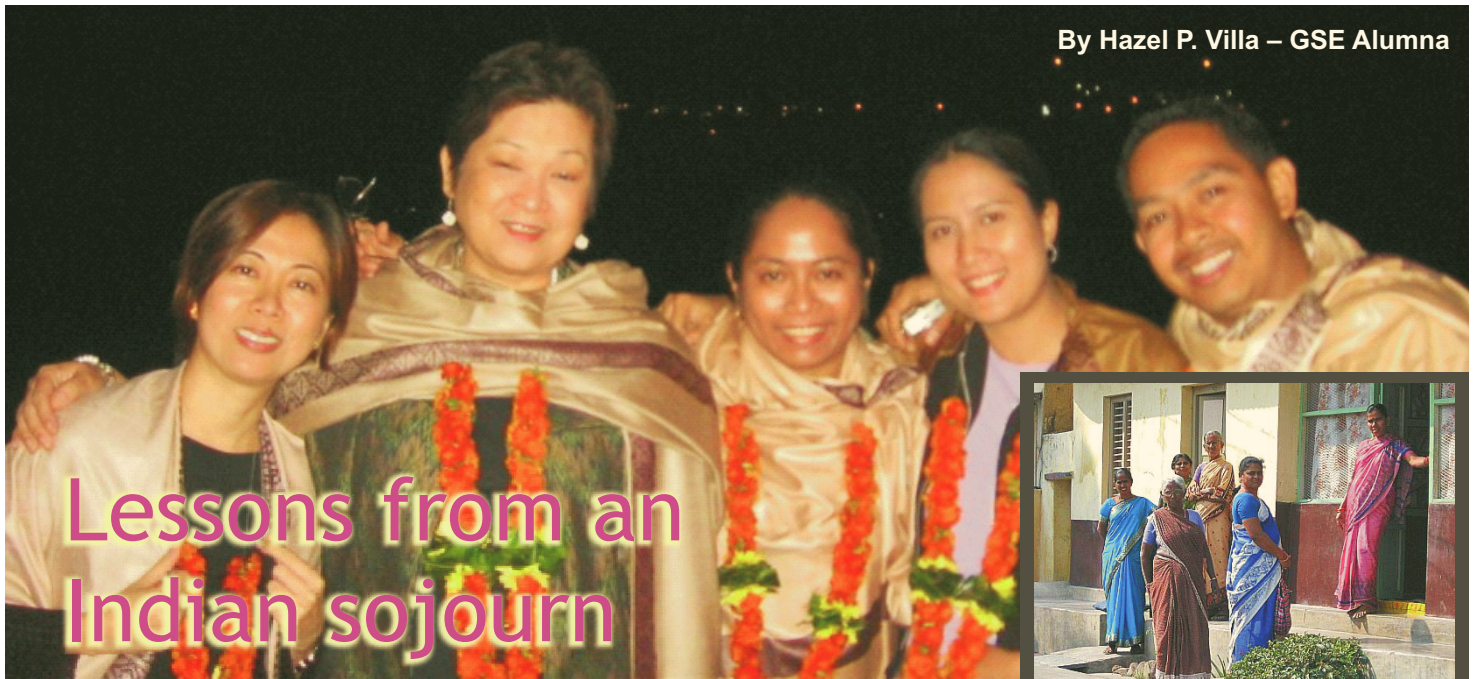
Arizona's stunning carpet of red clay and majestic rock formations provided a most picturesque backdrop as we snaked our way through 10 major cities in the state. The days were long and packed with socials, fellowship with either our host communities or respective families, sightseeing tours, a chosen activity for the day which could range from spelunking to cooking a Filipino dinner and Rotary presentations which featured each of the team member's province namely Bacolod , Iloilo , Zamboanga and Aklan. The pitch was always come visit our

**Our eyes filled with tears as we saw the room packed with an audience scrambling to get on top of their seats to get an unobstructed view of our “Pandango sa Ilaw”.**

The experience is life changing to say the least. It heightens your national pride, emotions, your sense of humanity and social commitment and the value you attach to life's fleeting, precious moments. The experience one gains from the Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange Program is best likened to a mustard seed for it starts out small and simple. It is only when we come home that we are able to plant, reap and see for ourselves the bigness of what we can do for others as Rotarians and as Rotary volunteers.

Above it all the GSE experience renews your belief in the goodness of man, for how else can one extend a hand not only in friendship but to enfold total strangers into the warm circle of their family. This must be the underlying meaning to keeping the Rotary wheels turning, for what good that goes around truly comes around.





## Lessons from an Indian sojourn

**A**n African sage once said that for your soul to catch up with your activity-filled body, you must sit by the roadside and meditate on the events of the day.

Ending a whirlwind tour of Andhra Pradesh in the cosmopolitan city of Visakhapatnam at the end of February 2006 is a most fitting way to close an Indian adventure and it seems many roadside meditations have to be done to take in the sights, sounds, and experiences of southern India.

"Our deepest gratitude and utmost admiration for Andhra Pradesh (AP)," are words not strong enough to express the overall sentiments of the Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Philippines District 3850, sponsored by The Rotary Foundation.

The GSE team comprised of team leader Emma Nava and team members Abigail Irene Bucoy, Ma. Cristina "Pinky" Corona, Angelo Angolo and this writer are ambassadors of goodwill who have been sent to experience the culture and lifestyle of AP.

Since January 15, 2006 when we first landed in New Delhi, we have experienced overwhelming Indian hospitality.

"The Indians of AP, particularly the Rotarians, are warm, hospitable and accommodating. It is a place where lasting friendships are made," said team leader Emma Nava, a licensed real estate broker who has been with the Rotary since 1974.

Indian hospitality seems to have no equal in this side of the globe and even as we Filipinos take so much pride in our brand of hospitality, "we come only second to India when it comes to taking care of guests," said team member Pinky Corona, a banker.

This hospitality is much pronounced in the Rotary clubs found in rural areas and

'hospitality' must have rhymed with 'royalty' as our hosts fed us every imaginable Indian drink and delicacy, and spoiled us by attending to our every need.

More than that, the passion for good works among Indians from all walks of life touches the heart and we are talking about Rotarians and other Indians who have risen above personal difficulties to inspire others around them.

Take the case of Dr. Chandra Sekhar Sankurathri who established the Manjari Sankurathri Memorial Foundation in Ottawa, Canada in 1989 and is now carrying on mission work in a three-acre plot about 10 kilometers from Kakinada town (180 kilometers from Visakhapatnam).

Sankurathri Memorial foundation is engaged in running an upper primary school, an eye hospital, and emergency relief operations to help needy rural people. This would sound run-of-the-mill in India, but not when you learn that the foundation is in loving memory of Dr. Sankurathri's wife and their two children age five and seven who perished in the Air India (Kanishka) disaster on June 23, 1985, off the coast of Ireland. For a man to return to his wife's town and live with memories of her and their children speaks of a truly brave heart that has turned tragedy into benevolence.

Then, there is 16-year-old Kumari P. who has suffered from polio since the age of one. Orphaned of a father and supported by a labourer mother, this only child dreams of becoming an engineer. In Kumari's world in Mandala Vikalangula Samkshema Sangham in Atchuthapuram, 100 disabled students crawl on the ground or hobble in crutches, 25 are blind and 25 more are speech and hearing-impaired. What drives the seemingly hopeless like her to dream big dreams? The likes of P.S.T. Patnaik, a 39-year-old man who suffered from cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair for life but has gone



beyond the confines of his disability to transform the lives of the disabled by building a school for them.

These are just some of the beautiful stories tucked in the outskirts of Andhra Pradesh that the world may have not known but we came to know about because of the Rotary who has been a silent partner of those kind-hearted people and institutions.

"Our trip to India is very enriching. I am all the more convinced that I should do my part to help the poor back home," said GSE team member Angelo Angolo, an award-winning television broadcaster.

It is not only we Filipinos who have been touched by the Indians.

"Love and affection of the GSE team towards the host families is very memorable because we are like brothers and sisters," said M.V. Narayana Rao, assistant governor of the Rotary Club of Visakhapatnam and GSE area coordinator.

"Andhra Pradesh is exotic and exciting at the same time. I have mixed emotions as we are on the homestretch here in Visakhapatnam," said Abigail Irene Bucoy, a government employee.

While our eyes have seen much, it is the adventures of the heart and mind that have truly touched us in Andhra Pradesh. Our souls have caught up with our bodies by this time, and so we leave it to the African sage to wonder what to do with travelers who refuse to leave the roadsides.

The author - third from left - is a correspondent of the Philippine Daily Inquirer and a member of the Group Study Exchange Team that visited Rotary District 3020 in AP. This article was first printed in The Hindu Metro Plus Visakhapatnam on Saturday, February 25, 2006.

# A Visit to the Dumarao Indigenous Tribal People

By Rtn. Jerry Olson, Rotary Club of Metro Roxas



*"I had a dream that one day the Rotary Club of Metro-Roxas would climb to the mountain top and there we would find a way to feed the masses and enrich their lives.*

*I had a dream that we would endure this journey weary and tired, we would share our ideas for a better future. I had a dream that the people would welcome us with open arms and share what little they had with us.*

*I had a dream that the children would have better lives and through our efforts in Rotary we could be the tool for this to happen.*

*I had a dream that instead of talk we would walk the talk and then the dream would be real."*

## On September 5 2008, the dream became real...

I joined five excited Rotarians – President Nonoy Contreras, Rtn's JR Tanco, Dante Flores, Juvy Benliro, Joann Denaga – and Pres. Nonoy's secretary Ritz at the capitol building for our scheduled project.

We arrived at the foothills of the mountain in Dumarao at 10:30am. Forty minutes later, and with a lot of tired and sore muscles to show for our hike up the mountain, we arrived. There before us was a plateau filled with lush greenery, and a tranquility that few can or will feel in a lifetime. We all were tired at this point, so we rested in the small covered building that served as a church for the village. It was then that we all began to look around us and realize that this



tranquility provided for many lives. The pastor told us there were around 30 families living within this 1000-plus hectare area. The pastor rang his makeshift bell to call the village people to the meeting with us. Over the next 30 minutes people slowly started arriving to attend the meeting with the Rotary Club of Metro-Roxas representatives.

President Nonoy laid out the well-written plan and told the villagers why we were there and what we wanted to do to hopefully enrich the lives and health of their families. But in doing so we wanted to maintain as much as possible the natural state in which they lived. Our plans include building a daycare/community center, training in how and what crops to plant, seeds for the actual planting and books and school supplies for the daycare center. Every avenue of Rotary projects will be applied in this village and, in the end, we hope this will become a program that will spread to

other areas and become a model for others to follow, enhancing the lives of those truly in need.

After the meeting the villagers shared what little they had in welcoming us to their beautiful village.

Sure, the journey to the mountain was hard; sure, we all suffered with aching muscles; but when you saw the hope in the villagers' eyes, you would have climbed a higher mountain and crossed a dozen more streams to just know that you were helping these sweet, precious people to have a dream – a future. A dream of a better life, an easier way to provide just the simplest of things necessary to sustain life.

We who made this journey now carry with us the spirit of these special people. We also carry the ability to help these people – and we have the desire to do so.

As Rotarians, and especially as members of the Rotary Club of Metro-Roxas, we are looking forward to this challenge and adventure. It is an exciting project that each week gets more complex, but we are up to the task.







... seafood capital of the Philippines



**Roxas City**, capital of the province of Capiz, is located at the northeastern tip of Panay Island in the Western Visayas Region. In 1569, the Spaniards settled in the neighboring town of Pan-ay. With the discovery of coves and waterways in the vicinity that could serve as gateways for shipping and trade, the capital was moved from Pan-ay to Capiz. When the Americans came in 1900, they introduced the democratic system of government.

#### HOW TO GET THERE...

**From Manila** – take a boat from Manila under the Super Ferry or Negros Navigation transportation company. The trip lasts up to 18 hours. There is also a roll-on roll-off (RORO) option that passes by Roxas City straight from Cubao in Manila. For the jet setter, both Cebu Pacific and Philippine Airlines have flights that fly to Roxas daily, every morning. The flight takes only 40-45 minutes.

**From Iloilo** – two hours away from Iloilo City by L300 van and about three hours by bus. Terminals in Iloilo City are located at the Tagbac Common Transport Garage in Jaro for both the L300 vans and Ceres Liner buses. Fares range from 100-150 pesos depending on the mode of transportation chosen.

**From Kalibo** – only an hour and a half away from Kalibo, Aklan, by bus or L300 van. Fares range from 90-100 pesos, and the vehicles go directly to the city's L300 van and bus terminals.

**From Boracay** – about four hours away from Roxas City. Take a motor boat to the Caticlan wharf, then take the bus or L300 van back to Kalibo. Follow the travel instructions above given from Kalibo to Roxas City.

**From Bacolod** – a ferry ride away from Iloilo City, which takes about 60-90 minutes. Fares range from 100-300 pesos depending on the class and boat selected. From the port, take a taxi or jeepney to any of the transportation terminals mentioned above.



#### WHAT TO EAT...

Seafood! Seafood! Seafood! Roxas boasts an abundance of fresh fish, aligue-packed crabs, squid, prawns, diwal and succulently sweet tasting oysters among its tasty catch.

#### WHAT TO SEE...

**Roxas City Museum** known as perhaps the only museum in the world that was originally a water tank. It is also known as Panublion. Located just across from City Hall, this impressive circular piece of architecture offers visitors a comprehensive view of Roxas City's past, present and future, and a complete record of those who have contributed to making Roxas City what it is today. Constructed in 1910, the museum used to be a water tank that served local residents for more than three decades.

**Birthplace of Manuel Roxas**, located in the city proper. A two-storey hardwood and stone house of first Philippine President Manuel Roxas, and now a historical shrine.

**Quipot Cave (Bgy. Burias Mambusao)** is a 30 minute ride over rough roads, about 3kms from the Mambusao Agricultural and Technical College, or around 9kms from the town proper. Wild birds, deer and wild ducks abound in the area.



**Baybay Beach** is just 3kms away from the city circle. It is a favorite weekend spot for locals, and those coming from nearby towns and provinces. Considered a "must not miss" spot in Roxas City, it is an ideal haven for swimming, snorkeling and kayaking.

**Olotayan Island** is blessed with a coarse, white sand beach and serene shores. The waters are crystal clear. Thirty feet below, multi-colored fish cavort in flashes of blue, yellow and red, sliding through colorful seaweed.

**Mantalinga Island** is an ideal spot for scuba divers and a perfect rotunda for sailboat (dilayag) and kayaking contests. Recently nicknamed "Good Luck Island" by tourism consultants, the place is believed to be a source of luck for local fisher folk.

## WHAT TO DO...

**Halaran Festival** is the joint festival of the City of Roxas and the Province of Capiz. It is a mixed festival in that it is celebrated for both cultural and religious reasons. It is celebrated every first weekend of December in commemoration of the Feast of the Virgin of the Immaculate Concepcion, who also happens to be the Patroness of the City of Roxas. Sinadya sa Halaran boasts colorful activities like the grand parade of festivals, the fluvial parade and the lighted river floaters. There is also the traditional seafood festival and the grand pyrotechnic display.

**Sinadya Festival** showcases cultural and religious activities that express the spirit of the Capizeño. Sinadya means "let be happy". As a religious festivity, the faithful honor their Patroness and Mother through traditional rituals, lining the Fluvial Parade, the Prosesyon Sang Birhen and Misa sa Plaza in gratitude for the bountiful blessings they shared through her intercession.

**Diwal Harvest Seafood Festival** is held every second weekend of July. The Diwal is a rare bivalve found abundantly along the coastal waters of Roxas City and Capiz. It is known for its sweet and juicy qualities and its immaculate, while elliptical shells, hence the name "Angel Wing" shell.

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# AG IN PROFILE

CARMELO L. DESLATE

Name: **CARMELO LASERNA DESLATE**  
 Rotary Club: Roxas  
 Classification: Medicine - General Surgery  
 Years in Rotary: 6

## Why did you decide to join Rotary?

I thought it was cool to be a Rotarian. However, after becoming one, I realized that there's much more serious stuff in the organization than what it seems. I have no regrets, though. In fact, some of the most fulfilling years of my life, are with Rotary.

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

I consider the period of my presidency my most fulfilling in Rotary, when I was able to change the course of our club into what it is now. That certainly makes me so proud.

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

My mother, Dra. Eufenia Laserna Deslate. She was the epitome of motherhood. She loved us selflessly, and unconditionally. I really truly miss her, and I hope to be reunited with her when the day comes.

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

To be a doctor, a farmer, a businessman. I ended up being all three, amazingly in that same order.

## What is your fantasy career?

An actor. Isn't it fun to be just playing around and making all that money?



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

There's a lot. But, I guess, "Do your best and God will do the rest" will stand out. It's a combination of human possibilities and, when all else fails, divine mercy and intervention. It's also a succinct manifestation of our faith.

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

There's only one. That our country will finally achieve peace and prosperity. That our people will finally get the good governance that they truly deserve. We are a gracious and kindred people. We deserve a much better governance than what we have now.

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

The joy of giving to the least fortunate is indescribable. It's always a humbling experience when you see faces and gestures of gratitude from the beneficiaries of Rotary's various charities. It makes one question some of life's stark realities. Sometimes, the experiences can be disturbing, I must admit.

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

Rotarians have become much younger than before. These young Rotarians bring with them the dynamism and idealism which is a plus for any organization. And that's exactly what's happening to Rotary right now.

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

I used to play tennis. Lately, however, work and pleasure have become quite indistinguishable. I always keep myself busy, and I enjoy tremendously what I do. And, as the saying goes, when you enjoy what you do, you'll never work a day in your life. That answers your question?

## What's your favorite holiday destination?

San Francisco, U.S.A. It's got more character and charm than its southern counterpart, a perfect blending of the east and west.

## What is your favorite Book?

I used to read all the books I could get on John F. Kennedy. Lately, however, I turned to suspense bestseller stuff. Last book I read was a Ludlum.

## What is your favorite Movie?

The ever immortal "The Ten Commandments". I think it's a masterpiece.

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

That I made a difference in this transitory world.



# Monthly Attendance Report September & October 2008

Zone	No.	Club Name	Club No.	Charter Year	Members to-Date	No. of Mtgs.	October Attendance %	October Ranking	September Attendance %	September Ranking
I	1	Antique	17015	1975	19	4	82.65	20	81.25	21
	2	Iloilo	17045	1933	48	4	57.00	40	55.83	38
	3	Iloilo South	17047	1971	22	4	98.00	1 (tie)	96.00	1
	4	Iloilo West	28828	1992	20	4	89.00	8	59.21	35
	5	Miag-ao	58693	2002	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	56.40	37
II	1	Iloilo City	17046	1975	22	4	97.50	2	95.00	2
	2	Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	15	2	60.00	39 (tie)	DNR	DNR
	3	Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	18	4	70.50	29	81.73	20
	4	Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	15	4	84.92	14	86.66	13
	5	Jaro South	31664	1996	12	4	78.35	25	78.70	25
III	1	Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	68	4	52.46	43	58.03	36
	2	Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	22	4	75.00	27	81.00	22
	3	Guimaras	27277	1990	18	5	55.00	42	41.00	41
	4	Molo	27939	1991	10	3	70.00	30	DNR	DNR
	5	Lapaz	30821	1995	21	4	98.00	1 (tie)	86.00	14 (tie)
	6	Dumangas	31821	1996	37	4	83.70	18	83.20	18
	7	Metro Passi	76428	2007	29	5	65.52	33	45.69	39
IV	1	Roxas	17080	1964	38	3	86.84	11	92.10	5
	2	Kalibo	17053	1967	48	3	93.05	5	90.83	8
	3	Metro Roxas	22518	1982	62	5	94.00	4	94.50	3
	4	Boracay	50661	1997	26	3	46.15	44	DNR	DNR
	5	Metro Kalibo	54828	2001	21	3	95.23	3	89.28	10
	6	Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	25	4	92.05	7	92.73	4
V	1	Silay	17084	1973	21	5	79.00	24 (tie)	86.00	14 (tie)
	2	Escalante	17037	1976	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	90.00	9
	3	Metro San Carlos	51747	1999	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Victorias	17091	1966	11	5	87.00	10	80.00	23
VI	1	Bacolod	17016	1937	37	5	84.00	16	84.00	17
	2	Bacolod East	17017	1983	22	4	73.86	28	76.14	27
	3	Bacolod West	27374	1990	20	4	85.00	13	88.00	11
	4	Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	35	5	87.15	9	68.45	33
	5	Bacolod Central	31518	1996	17	5	63.45	36	79.69	24
	6	Bacolod South	17019	1969	21	4	83.00	19	85.00	15
VII	1	Bacolod North	17091	1973	42	3	77.77	26	75.92	28
	2	Kabankalan City	17052	1974	30	5	68.90	31	71.30	32
	3	Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	22	4	86.09	12	84.20	16
VIII	1	Dipolog	21409	1950	23	4	82.00	22	72.00	31
	2	Jimenez	17050	1975	19	5	80.00	23	82.00	19
	3	Dapitan City	25485	1986	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	28	4	83.96	17	91.74	6
IX	1	Ozamiz North	17073	1974	24	4	62.00	37	64.00	34
	2	Pagadian	17074	1975	27	5	37.60	45	DNR	DNR
	3	Pagadian West	17075	1977	27	4	66.67	32	DNR	DNR
	4	Ozamiz	17072	1995	11	3	65.00	34	45.00	40
X	1	Zamboanga City	17094	1948	44	3	84.13	15	77.50	26
	2	Basilan City	17022	1960	22	4	82.36	21	75.00	29
	3	Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	27	5	60.00	39 (tie)	87.50	12
	4	Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	27	4	64.58	35	74.36	30
	5	Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	30	5	61.30	38	DNR	DNR
XI	1	Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	43	2	93.01	6	91.66	7
	2	Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	29	4	79.00	24 (tie)	DNR	DNR
	3	Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	27	5	56.00	41	DNR	DNR
	4	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	69302	2005	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR

## FAST FACTS TAKEN FROM OCTOBER 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 11 clubs (or 20.8%) with less than 20 members.
- There are only 11 clubs with a membership of over 35.
- There are 5 clubs that did not report (DNR).

# BEST PRACTICES OF SPONSOR CLUBS

District Secretary's Corner  
PP Bill de la Fuente



Sponsor clubs that have been involved in the process of organizing new clubs in their districts used the following practices and contributed tremendously to the success of those new clubs. These practices can be adjusted to fit clubs in any district.

## District 3170 (Union Territory of Goa and parts of Karnataka and Maharashtra, India)

<b>New clubs</b>	Rotary Club of Kolhapur Heritage, Maharashtra, India Rotary Club of Belgaum North, Karnataka, India
<b>Sponsor clubs</b>	Rotary Club of Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India Rotary Club of Belgaum South, Karnataka, India

The charter lists of both clubs, which were chartered in 2001-02, were composed of Rotarians under the age of 35. The sponsor clubs used these strategies to achieve this goal:

- 1. Understanding future Rotarians' needs**  
While searching for prospective members for their own club, members of the Rotary Club of Belgaum South realized that the 25-35 age group had not been represented in any of the four clubs in Belgaum. They found out that many people in that age group had been willing to join Rotary but would have been uncomfortable in any of the existing four clubs, where the average age had been 45. Following that, they decided to organize a new club.
- 2. Approaching past Rotaractors**  
Although many past Rotaractors had already left the community to pursue their careers, the Rotary Club of Kolhapur made the effort to locate those who remained in the area. Ten past Rotaractors were located and soon joined the new organizing club.
- 3. Recruiting members of other volunteer groups**  
The special representative encouraged the members of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur to approach Round Table members who had been looking for an opportunity to serve the community.
- 4. Feeling a moral obligation to the community**  
The members of the Rotary Club of Kolhapur considered sponsoring the new club their moral obligation to the younger segment of their community. Belgaum South club members reported that Belgaum North club members still look for them to advice.

## District 5030 (Washington, USA)

District 5030 recruited 160 charter members who formed four new Rotary clubs in 2003-04. The chair of the district extension committee reported these successful strategies:

- 1. Sharing sponsorship**  
Three out of the four new clubs enjoyed the support of not one but three sponsor clubs. While one of the clubs was appointed as the lead sponsor club, all shared responsibility for the new clubs. This practice enabled the new clubs to benefit from additional support, advice, and sources of information.
- 2. Providing consistency**  
The sponsor club's extension chair made sure that a representative of the sponsor club was present at each meeting of the new organizing club. The district extension chair visited every meeting of each new club during the club's first year.
- 3. Emphasizing provisional club status**  
The sponsor club stressed the significance of achieving provisional club status. Members of the new club were made aware that the status of provisional club entitled them to offer make-up meetings for Rotarians, even if the club itself had very few members.
- 4. Focusing on networking**  
Before the organizing club became a provisional club, its meetings focused on networking opportunities. The new organizing club members were encouraged to introduce and reintroduce themselves every week, for the sake of new members. In addition to taking part in programs about the history, organization, and structure to Rotary, members of the organizing club were invited to speak about their community, businesses, and families, which made them feel comfortable and allowed everyone to see the many benefits of membership in the club. Once the club was chartered, networking was no longer considered the main activity of the meeting.

## Gov Asks

**Q:** In this age of "gender blindness" in the constitution of club membership, is it healthy to encourage and nurture romance between single members belonging to the same club?

## Rotarians Speak Up!

Please send your answers to:  
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Crossword by PP Art Jimenez

#### ACROSS

1. Dry, as cement
4. Destructive liquid
8. Profound
12. Gardner of Hollywood
13. Seldom found
14. Instinctual drive
15. Oscar-winning Gibson
16. Mines' output
17. Horse gait
18. Igloo resident, possibly
20. Shed tears
22. Land between hills
24. Not on
27. Earnest entreaty
30. Single
31. Pastry served in diners
32. Merit
33. Bean holder
34. Shopping event
35. Enjoy a winter sport
36. Scale tones
37. Tall, shady trees
38. Golf mounds
39. Four plus seven
42. By way of
43. Complete
47. Brand of bath soap
50. Credit \_\_\_\_\_, wallet item
52. Frenzied
53. Eye part
54. Otherwise
55. Oinking animal
56. Part of a day
57. Drove too fast
58. Underhanded

#### DOWN

1. Unchanged
2. Preholiday nights
3. Speak
4. Perfume
5. Yuletide serenade
6. Extreme anger
7. Come down
8. Soldier's concern
9. Commit blunders
10. Freudian concept
11. Cat, for one
19. Russian despot
21. Cereal grain
23. Wiggly, as a tooth
24. Milky birthstone
25. Cinema showing
26. Service charges
27. Bothersome critter
28. With 29-Down, feature of Cleveland
29. See 28-Down
33. Lavish royal residences
34. Dispatched (a messenger)
36. Pacific garland
40. Song part
41. Brought to close
42. Flower holder
44. Little rascals
45. Stairway banister
46. Tense
47. Boston-based tech. college
48. Jackie's second
49. Pres. Punzalan of RC La Paz
51. Swiss peak

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**RC BONGAO, TAWI-TAWI** – medical and dental mission at Tampakan and Pang asinan, Simunul. Founding anniversary of Sheikh Makdum last Nov. 6, 2008.



**RC JARO SOUTH** – operation tuli at Brgy. Hall Tabuc Suba Jaro last November 6, 2008.



**RC ILOILO CITY** – during the distribution of tools and equipments to six districts in Iloilo City last November 7, 2008 at Jaro plaza gymnasium.



**RC LAPAZ** – Typhoon Frank flood victims assistance project at Delfin Q. Gonzales Gawad Kalinga village at San Isidro Jaro, Iloilo City last October 18, 2008. (20 empty drums and 50 pails).



**RC METRO PASSI** – turnover of school supplies to Brgy. Officials and DepEd facilitator at Brgy. Salngan, Passi City.



**RC ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST** – halloween party last October 28, 2008. Rtn. Jun Quibilan and Rtn. Bobby Garcia in their worst make-over game.



**RC KALIBO** – shows the latest beneficiary Emmanuel Andrade (7 yrs. old) of special wheelchair for EVERY DISABLED CHILD MATTERS...project with Stimulation and Therapeutic Activity Center of RC Kalibo, in partnership with PAL Foundation and Mending Kids International.

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