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ROTARY Greetings!

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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!



In my opinion, it is healthy to encourage "heterosexual" relationships among single members of the same club, as the Rotary practices and engenders fairness, balance, integrity and other virtues. Much like a church environment where freedom to express one's feelings of affection to another single member, perhaps with marriage in mind.

PRES. LEILANI ALBA
RC Bacolod



I don't believe that we are in the age of gender blindness. Yes, we are sensitive to the feelings of others and we respect their differences but there is still a clear line between the male and female genders. So, when it is between two singles of the same sex my response is hell, no. It is against the law of God and Man. When it is between singles of the opposite sex, I think we just have to let love take its course. It should never be encouraged nor nurtured. True love will find its ways. While it will be fun to mix and match singles in the club, it would not be healthy if the couples started fighting during club meetings or possibly find it awkward to be in the same club if they don't end up together.

POWELL DEL ROSARIO
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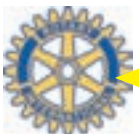
Encourage and nurture single Rotarians from the same club? Personal matters, especially on relationship, need not to be debated here. However, it depends on the person/s involved and if they are open to it or not. Otherwise, it's none of our business. If we can help nurture their relationship it is best, first and foremost, that they both have what their hearts' desire – service above self – so that they will be reminded why they are in Rotary and why they are Rotarians in the first place.

PRES. MELROSE LUNN
RC KALIBO



There's nothing wrong in maintaining a romantic relationship with one another as long as neither one nor the other suffers any impediment, legal or moral. Much more if they belong to an association like Rotary wherein both share the same ideals and aspirations.

PRES. ALEMARLOU DAGPIN
RC DAPITAN CITY



I don't see anything wrong as long as both are singles. There is no need to encourage since it is natural to find your match in the circle to which you belong and the company you keep.

PRES. JUDE DOCTORA
RC METRO BACOLOD

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Gov. Ems jumps for joy with the students of Western Visayas Sanitarium Elementary School at the Iloilo Golf and Country Club, Sta. Barbara, Iloilo. RC Iloilo City's IP Markus Duenneisen plays Santa in this yearly club project that treats 350 pupils to a day of Christmas fun and games!

editor's note

What's your family like? Mine is made up of an interesting mix of personalities that love, support and – from time to time – irritate the hell out of each other! But, kidding aside, I couldn't ask for a better family.

December is Family of Rotary Month. In this issue, WCS Chairman PP Lindon See Diet writes about the Conchas of Dipolog. He relates how this family of Rotarians are well respected members of the community, dedicated to the service of others. He paints us a picture of their different character traits and how they all compliment one another – putting them in a league of their own.

We have also included a listing of Rotarian families in the district. It is fascinating to note how many there are. They took a little tracking down, but hopefully we have come up with a substantial and accurate list. Do please let us know if there are more we should add, or if any amendments or updates are necessary.

As part of the Rotary family, we have not forgotten about our exchange students (past and present). In our Rotex Journal, Karen Kaye Go shares with us how her year abroad as a Rotex has made her a better person, while Deanna Palmer writes about taking part in her host club's (RC Bacolod North) Eye and Ear Screening in Bohol. We also introduce the other Inbound and Outbound Exchange Students for this year.

Also inside this month's GML you will find a story of two successful RCCs put up in Aklan written by our District RCC Coordinating Chair, PP Raphy Tayco, as well as Regional RI Membership Coordinator (RRIMC) PDG Dave Villanueva's lowdown on the importance of generational diversity in membership development. For something reflective, we have RC Iloilo City Rtn. Michael Soden's essay on "Seeking that person with a Hinterland".



For our new feature this month, we have added a News Briefs section to let you know what the different clubs in our district have been up to. We invite you to send short press releases about your activities or anything significant you'd like to share.

In addition, we have included a Literacy Update section which features the different projects to date. And, of course, we invite all Rotarians to send us brief write-ups about their literacy efforts.

In our Rotarian's Notebook, we feature two club projects. The first is about the adoption of an endangered Philippine Eagle-Owl (*Bubo philippensis*) by RC Bacolod-Marapara, as reported by PP Robert Harland. The second is the Rotary Club of Bacolod North's multi-club, multi district and multi-organizational Eye and Ear Screening project in Bohol. You can read all about this bold project on page 9, as reported by Pres. Alberto Nellas.

This month's Travel Log section features Zone 5, headed by AG Gabby Timbol of RC Victorias. We also highlight Victorias City – home to Victorias Milling Company – the world's largest integrated sugar mill.

And just a reminder: the closing date for our Photo Essay Contest is January 20, 2009. So please hurry and send us your entries. This is your last chance to be in the running!

As ever, we try our best to bring forward interesting and relevant features every month.

NEW MEMBER VIDEO ON WWW.ROTARY.ORG! ROTARY ON YOUTUBE



Visit www.rotary.org to see a new member video, available in English, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish. Click on

Members/ New Members/ Get Involved.

This recently produced video (released last September 2008) is less than 4 minutes long and gives a broad over view of Rotary and the Four Avenues of Service.

Also, a new publication "Effective Public Relations: A Guide for Rotary Clubs" (257En) is now available for free download @ http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/257en.pdf.



Also, RI is now on YouTube. You can view the various videos from RI and other Rotary Districts and/or Districts @

<http://www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational>. There are about 27 videos available on the YouTube RI's Channel.

As 2008 comes to a close, we at the GML wish you all a Happy Holiday and a New Year filled with happiness, love, laughter and endless possibilities!

Pia M. Nava
Editor in Chief

PHOTO ESSAY FINALISTS



Photo by: Rtn. Sixto Kwan
Club: RC Zamboanga City



Photo by: Rtn. Rikki Lim
Club: RC Zamboanga City

FROM THE RI PRESIDENT



Dear fellow Rotarians,

As a father of four and grandfather of five, I have been fortunate to have spent many years in the company of children. When raising our own children, my wife, Young, and I worked hard to give them what all children need most: a loving, safe, and stable home. Our children were our first priority, and we made sure that they always had nutritious food, appropriate clothing, quality medical care, and a good education. We knew very well how fortunate we were to be able to do this. We were grateful that we never had to say to our children, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing to eat tonight," or "I'm sorry, but we can't pay your school fees."

When I was a child, Korea was a poor country, and there were many children who went to bed hungry at night and had no school to go to in the morning. As a Rotarian, I know only too well that there are still far too many children in the world without the absolute essentials: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. And as a Rotarian who is also a father, I consider all of the world's children to be my responsibility.

When I see my own grandchildren – happy, healthy, and enrolled in good schools – I cannot help but think of the millions of children who do not have so many advantages. I think of the children who have too little to eat and only dirty water to drink. I think of the children who are sick with diseases that could have been prevented and those who will have nowhere safe to sleep tonight. And I think of the children, millions of them every year, who won't live to see their fifth birthday.

December is Family Month. It is a time to focus on our families, to involve them in our Rotary service, and to challenge ourselves to do even more for those in need. Because there are so many families and so many children waiting for our help, we, as Rotarians, cannot look away. We cannot and will not rest until all children, everywhere, have the chance for a long and healthy life. We will not rest until we Make Dreams Real for every child in every home where there is hunger, sickness, and want. As Rotarians, we can do no less.

D. K. Lee

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



Joyful Sharing

Christmas is remembering the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas is family reunions, gift giving to families, friends, godchildren, and precious employees whom we cannot do without. It's also the mad rush for last minute shopping for gifts and for Noche Buena. For me, it's the most joyous season of the year, but also the most stressful (for shopping)!

But Christmas is not just for family and friends. It's also the best opportunity for Rotary Clubs to share their bountiful blessings. Each club in the district has its own Christmas project. To name a few:

Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West has its "The Greatest Gift of All Year 15" with about 1,000 beneficiaries. Rotary Club of Iloilo City annually treats 350 students of Western Visayas Sanitarium Elementary School to a fun filled day of games, gift giving and lots of food. (This is where I fell off a carabao-drawn cart and saw the stars!) This Christmas event of RC Iloilo City was a pet project of the late PP Geoff Stammers.



The Wish Upon a Star of Rotary Club of Bacolod was emotionally moving. This is their 11th year but the 3rd year with the indigenous people (IP) of the towns of Don Salvador, Sagay, Cadiz, Victorias, and Calatrava. Two hundred eighty-nine of them awed PP Rudy Parreño who gets emotionally choked by the sight of them. Truly, the children with their parents are a varied lot. Some are unshod, some are in party dresses and one particular girl was in aqua colored flower girl attire. It did not matter what they wore, they had a good time watching the show of the ABS-CBN dancers. One asked for a bicycle, another asked for a sack of rice, and they went home smiling from ear to ear. Dreams made real!

Another Christmas outreach with the IPs...Rotary Club of Metro Roxas had theirs with their adopted Tamias-Tag-ao Minorities, Sitio Tag-ao, Brgy. Tamulalod, Dumarao, Capiz. I heard from Pres. Nonoy, DGE Diotay enjoyed the trek to the mountains. Not only gifts were given, Rotary Club Metro Roxas also brought books for the pre-schoolers



donated by the Interactors, hygiene and sanitation were taught by the Rotaractors, a tree planting activity and construction of a communal toilet and day care center were all done during that day. It was a long list! I am sure the IPs of Tamias-Tag-ao never had it so good.


Rotary Club of Central Iloilo City had its Wish Upon a Star, too, treating students from Buntatala I Day Care Center to a magic and clown show at Robinson's Mall. Laden with gifts, the students went home "busog". Calendar for a Cause – Rotary Club of Central Iloilo City in cooperation with Robinson's Mall and The News Today came out with a project in time for Christmas. Buy a calendar, buy a home for a family that collectively earns only P3,000.00 a month. Through Gawad Kalinga, a family's dream of owning a house will come true!

KUDOS

Thank you to the additional contributors to the TRF:

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May the New Year bring us all peace, joy, and renewed vigor to serve our less fortunate brethren—with the hope of making dreams real for them!


DG Emma M. Nava

5 in 1 of the Rotary Club of Dipolog

by PP Lindon See Diet

December is Family Month, and I was asked by DG Emms and Pia if I could write something about the Concha's. I thought about it and decided to write my personal my view of Concha family.

In coffee, there is 3-in-1 but in the Rotary Club of Dipolog we have a 5-in-1! Patriarch Alberto "Bert" Concha Sr., inducted 1967-- a first generation Rotarian, brothers - Albert "Flint" Concha Jr., inducted 1994, Richard "Mao" Concha, inducted 1997 and Gerald "Gerry" Concha, inducted 2005—all of whom were Rotary Exchange Students--and third generation Concha, Val Ian "Joey" Concha, inducted 2006. All Past President and PHF, apart from Gerry and Joey.

When we invoke the family name "CONCHA", no Dipolognon would not know them, since they are a very well known family in Dipolog with many businesses in the locality. The Conchas' contribution to the local Rotary club is so huge that they are considered to be the pillars of the Rotary Club of Dipolog. Their businesses are so wide ranging, that jokingly Mao would quip "Kulang na lang funeraria amo business bai." The Concha's have been in all types of business that they can

our Rotary Youth Week which has been ongoing since its inception in the 80's. Many Dipolognons know Rotary as the Rotary Youth Week organization; it has been one of our yearly big events and has been special to many of us, especially the many youths who have benefited from the one-week public service and governance training for the past two decades.



The Conchas
Circa 1983.

From left: sisters
Dianne & Chinette,
Mom Mena, Dad
Bert Sr., brother's
Flint, Mao, and
Gerry.



The Conchas
Circa 2007.

Standing L-R:
Gerry, Brother-in-
law Rtn. Angcoy
Montañó & Ann
Chinette, Flint &
Ann Maricar
Lacaya, Ann Carrie
& Mao. Sitting L-R:
cousin Floy, Mom
Mena, Dad Bert Sr.,
sister Dianne.

claim you will be giving them business from the day you are born to the time before eternity. They own a hospital, school, bookstore, office supplies store, boutique, jewelry store, department store, bank, bakery, restaurant, construction company, car dealership, and maybe other businesses that I do not personally know of yet! The Conchas are not only in Rotary service--giving their precious time but also possess the true heart of Rotarians willingly supporting the club in many endeavors. RC Dipolog relies so much on the Concha's with regard to logistics and support in most of the club's activities. From the school's auditorium for venues, nurses and doctors for medical mission, vehicles and bus for transportation...name it, the Conchas are there to help you.

Though, I joined the Rotary Club of Dipolog in 1998, I was able to get to know PP Bert from his sunset years in participating in club activities. Semi-retired and a senior active Rotarian, PP Bert still manages to attend a few of them. As most people know, our club is classified into three age groups, the senior active headed by PDG Lando Villaruz, the middle age group to which I belong, and the very young Rotarians. Tito Bert, as he is fondly called, has mentored many young Rotarians, myself included, during his active years. For me, I always think of him as one of the pillars of

On a personal note, the Conchas are special friends of mine--dedicated Rotarians and the forces behind the club's day to day activities. Flint is best described as "Small but Terrible", a great friend, willing to help anytime, and a combative person when making his point. He is the man-in-charge and an efficient organizer. Overdue to become a District Governor, I fondly call him Gov. Flint. Mao, on the other hand, is a "Giant," not only in size compared to Flint, but a giant in many things--an amiable person with a positive outlook, and always the fun maker. Famous for his stints in every DISCON, a great impersonator of many famous people, like Erap has fooled many of his close friends in the district, as he compiles his list of "gotcha!" A great friend and always looking for gimmick this sweet talker has a collection of pictures of ex-girlfriends since high school. Then there's Gerry who is neither of the two. He is molded from the mixture of the two different personalities which makes him a very mellow person.



Joey Concha

Well known for his marketing genius. Although not as active as the rest, he is always there for us when his specialty is needed. The last, but not the least is the third generation Concha, the nephew of the Concha brothers. A tall hunk, chased by women around the DMC campus, is the youngest school registrar in Dipolog, still single and the best buddy of AG Chito Lim. Joey is the chef of our club and always there to help.

In closing, the Conchas are a force to reckon with—people you cannot do without...though sometimes you wish you could!

Families in Rotary

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Rtn. Jinno Garcia (Son)

PDG Chick Garcia
PDG Nanette Garcia (Spouse)

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PP Marty Jacinto (Son)

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Rtn. Danet Manigos (Spouse)

PP Cecilio Martin
Rtn Rosita Martin (Spouse)

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CM Judith Chio (Spouse)

RC CENTRAL ILOILO CITY and RC ILOILO CITY

+ PP Alfredo Arunggayan Sr. (Father)
PP Stella Arunggayan (Daughter)

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PDG Oscar C. Nava (Spouse)
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Rtn. Francisco A. Montaño (Son-in-law)
Rtn. Val Ian V. Concha (Nephew)

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PP Robert Lim (Son)

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Rtn. Moravi Flores (Spouse)

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Rtn. Leni Mugal (Spouse)

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(Mother)
PP Arvin Santillan (Son)
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RC ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST and RC METRO ZAMBOANGA

PP Joe Batausa (Father)
PP Roel Batausa (Son)

RC Bacolod North Leads Unprecedented Eye and Ear Screening in Bohol

by Pres. Alberto Nellas



The Rotary Club of Bacolod North (RCBN) has once more, successfully concluded an unprecedented multi-club, multi district, and multi organizational project! Four Rotary clubs from four Districts, joined hands with two non-government organizations (NGO's) in undertaking the Eye Screening and Ear Screening Project in eleven towns of Bohol Province last Oct. 13-17, 2008. Rotary Clubs involved in this undertaking were the Rotary Club of Bacolod North (D-3850), Rotary Club of Tagbilaran (D-3860), Rotary Club of Canterbury (D-9800 Melbourne, Australia), and Rotary Club of Kidman Park (D-9500, South Australia). The Cataract Foundation of The Philippines, Inc. and IDEA Philippines provided full support making this a multi-organizational undertaking.



Eye screening activities were held in cooperation with local government units (LGU's) in towns all over the province, and 224 patients were determined to have operable cataract. The LGU's, in cooperation with RC Tagbilaran and the NGO's will then cover the free cataract operations.

On the other hand, the ear screening activities were undertaken in nine public elementary schools all over the island. A total of 4,784 pupils were screened with roughly a third requiring main operations.

More than fifty Rotarians along with the spouses were involved in the week-long project. Aside from screening work, the Rotarians also took time out for the time-honored Rotary fellowship.

The eye screening project has been the hallmark of RC Bacolod North's well known outreaches. It began with the famed Sight Saver project of the 70's and has been institutionalized thru the creation of the Cataract Foundation of the Philippines, Inc., of which RCBN is one of the founders and pillars.

The project was capped with two sisterhood signings between RC Bacolod North and RC Tagbilaran, and RC Tagbilaran with RC Canterbury. RC Tagbilaran and RC Canterbury gave full and active support throughout the project's duration.

Marapara Rotary to Adopt Rare Owl

by PP Robert Harland

An endangered Philippine Eagle-Owl (*Bubo philippensis*), hatched on September 17 at the Negros Forests and Ecological Foundation's (NFEFI) Biodiversity Conservation Center in Bacolod City, adopted by the Rotary Club of Bacolod Marapara.

The club will cover the cost of food and medicines for the owlet for the next 12 months. It will take several months before the bird's sex is known.

It's the fourth owlet to be hatched at the center located by the Provincial Capitol Lagoon. In December 2005, NFEFI made headlines when the world's first captive-bred Philippine Eagle-Owl was hatched at the center. NFEFI is still the only conservation group in the world to have successfully bred this endangered specie in captivity.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to continue our support of NFEFI projects by adopting this rare and beautiful bird," said Marapara Rotary Club president Jojo Montinola. "Protecting and preserving our fragile environment is very important to Rotary." Known as 'kuwago' or 'bukao' the Philippine Eagle-Owl is endemic to the Philippines. It has a small, severely fragmented population which is undergoing a rapid decline as a result of extensive lowland deforestation.

"We are pleased Marapara Rotary is continuing its support for NFEFI," said Dr. Joanne Justo, NFEFI's curator. "We have a number of endangered birds and animals available for adoption and we would welcome additional support."

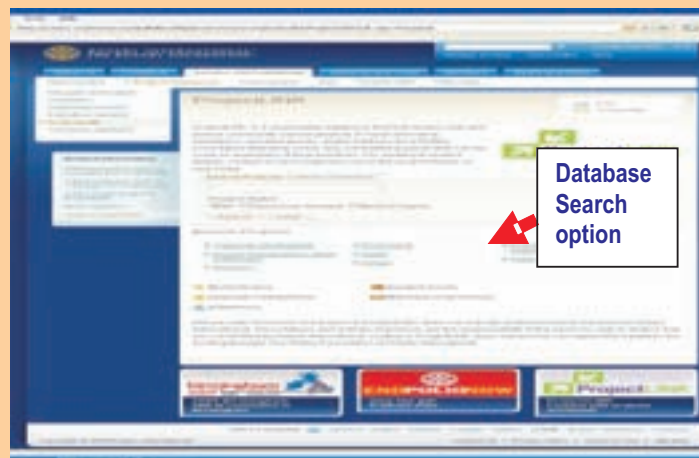


Continued human expansion means ultimate extinction for many species. Conservation captive breeding programs, such as those in operation at NFEFI, may be the only hope of saving some species for succeeding generations.

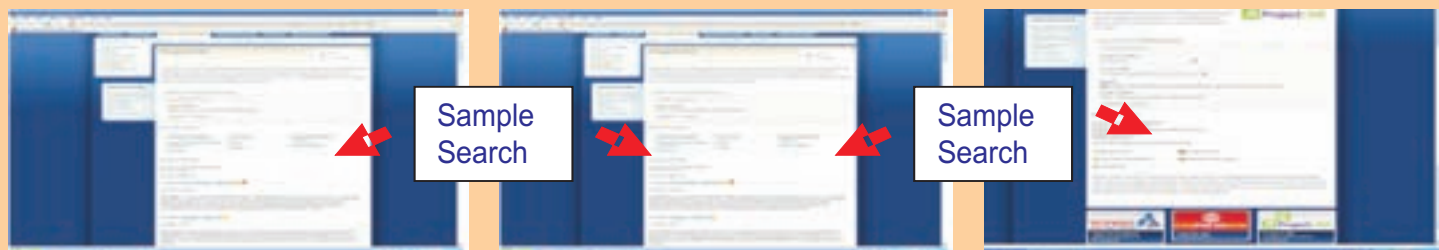
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This is the project Link main page, showing several options



Below is the searchable database showing several options, and information including model projects, projects needing donations, project in specific countries, etc.



I hope, that the above snapshots will give you an idea of the WCS/PROJECT LINK database available on the rotary.org portal. For additional questions, email to lseediet@yahoo.com.



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A Story of 2 RCCs

by PP Leonardo "Raphy" Tayco, Jr.
District RCC Coordinating Chair RY 2007-2008

During the 2008 District Conference held in Bacolod City, the Rotary Club of Kalibo garnered two awards for Rotary Community Corps (RCC) category: Outstanding RCC Award—RCC SEALS (Rescue) Aklan, and Best RCC Project Award—RCC of New Washington.

RCC SEALS (Rescue) Aklan is made up of members from a volunteer rescue organization composed of students, out-of-school youths (OSY) and professionals which was founded on December 21, 1998 by retired 2nd Lt. Pepito Ruiz, two years after his optional retirement from the Philippine Army. It has been involved in conducting First Aid and Disaster Preparedness Trainings to elementary and high school students, as well as the Girl Scouts in the different municipalities in Aklan. Its pet project is the yearly Operation Bantay Kabayan every 24th of June for Preventive Rescue activities along the beaches of the towns of Kalibo, New Washington, Numancia, Makato, and Tangalan, apart from the banks along the Aklan River of the municipalities of Lezo and Malinao. It was organized as a Rotary Community Corps by the Rotary Club of Kalibo on July 14, 2007 and received its charter from Rotary International on August 16, 2007.

The occurrence of vast devastations wrought by Typhoon Frank last June 21, 2008 brought about heroic efforts from this RCC. After initially fixing their homes and helping neighbors clear the mud and debris in their surroundings, members of RCC SEALS (Rescue) Aklan became involved in various activities, such as helping fix and clean houses of requesting individuals and buildings like the Numancia Parish Church and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines headquarters, blood donations through the local PNRC Chapter, assisting in the distribution of relief goods and water, hauling of bamboo and nipa thatches, as well as repair/reconstruction of damaged bamboo bridges. The RCC was likewise a major partner in the Rolling Community Kitchen Project of the Rotary Club of Kalibo, Aklan Provincial Government, Aklan Provincial Police Office, and the Dios Mabalos Po Foundation (DMPF)—a non-government organization from Daraga, Albay—in their post-Typhoon Frank relief goods distribution and their two-month Daily Emergency Feeding Program and six-month Supplemental Feeding Program. The feeding programs have been able to feed almost 20,000 school children, Day Care Center pre-schoolers, street children, jail inmates and elderly in different areas in Aklan as of September 16, 2008.

RCC of New Washington (RCCNW) was borne out of a group of "Beaudafuls" (Beautiful Widows) who meet for morning aerobic exercise every Saturday at the Frogs

Hollows Resort owned by Rtn. Zamie Britnell in Sitio Malogo, Poblacion, New Washington, Aklan. After their workout, the group would usually gather for a cup of tea, and in one of these tête-à-têtes, a plan was hatched to sponsor livelihood projects for the people of Sitio Malogo to uplift their standard of living. After several consultations and orientation meetings held with the "Beaudafuls", RCCNW was organized by RC Kalibo on December 7, 2007 and received its charter from Rotary International on January 16, 2008.

RCCNW aims to: 1) help uplift the standard of living of the people of Sitio Malogo; 2) produce good quality deboned bangus and other processed foods; 3) train members to become skilled and self-reliant; and 4) develop mutual understanding and camaraderie in the community of Sitio Malogo and New Washington as a whole. In this regard, last February 16-17, 2008, they launched the training on Bangus Deboning in coordination with the Aklan State University College of Fisheries and Marine Sciences with a seed money of Php 100,000 given by Aklan Governor and RC Kalibo Honorary Member Carlito S. Marquez for their livelihood projects. They have also held training sessions for its members in making candles, toilet bowl cleaner, dish-washing liquid, floor cleaner, flowers out of newspaper, peanut butter, smoked fish and sardines. The products of which have been displayed in supermarkets and stores of Rotarians.

RCCNW was also very active during the giving of aid and relief goods to Typhoon Frank victims. At present, this RCC has a feeding program three times a week to out-of-school children aged 2-6 years old, and also to lactating mothers and disabled parents. And, as part of their environment consciousness, every member is required to plant Malunggay trees in their backyard.

Two Rotary Community Corps—RCC SEALS (Rescue) Aklan and RCC of New Washington—both serving their communities and their members. True partners in Service of Rotary to Make Dreams Real especially for the underprivileged and marginalized sectors of the community!

Did you know that the Rotary Village Corps (RVC) program of Rotary International is the brainchild of the only Filipino Rotary International President, PRIP Mat Caparas? He introduced it in 1985 when he was still President-Elect of R.I., and was adopted by the R.I. Board as a Rotary program in 1988. In 1999, the R.I. Board agreed to call the program Rotary Community Corps (RCC) regardless of whether the corps was established in a rural or urban community.

LITERACY UPDATE



RC KALIBO BOOK TUNOVER

Pres. Megs Lunn

RC Kalibo has successfully turned-over 2,125 pcs of hardbound and new books to the following adopted schools/libraries:

1. Tinigaw Elementary School – 525 pcs – 15 boxes
2. Fatima Elementary School – 600 pcs – 27 boxes
3. Pinamuk-an Elementary School – 600 pcs – 25 boxes
4. Aklan National High School for Arts and Trades – 400 pcs – 27 boxes

This literacy project is in partnership with RC Boracay, RC Makati and the kindness of our new sisterclub, RC Pasay Southeast, for the hauling and shipment of the books.

RC ILOILO SOUTH'S BOOK DRIVE FOR CHILDREN

Pres. Jason Gonzales, RC Iloilo South

Our club believes in the cause of literacy. We believe that the ability to read and to comprehend what one is reading has a profound impact on the future of every child. It is for this reason that we have put up LIBRO Atbp: a book drive for children.

LIBRO aims to harness the resources of the people in the city by asking them to donate their old books to our club. In turn, these will be sorted and then turned over to the public elementary and high schools that need them the most. MANG INASAL serves as our invaluable partner in this endeavor. Their branches in the city serve as drop off points for all book donations.

In line with this, we wish to ask for your support in providing our partner schools with books. Your support in this regard will go a long way in helping disadvantaged schoolchildren. I can be reached at (0917) 3255551 or jaegonzales@gmail.com.



Turnover of Slippers and School Supplies

Pres. Antonio Fernando Blanco, RC Zamboanga City-West



RCZC West and its Anns turned over slippers and school supplies to Mina Elementary School in Curuan, Zamboanga City which is over 55 kms from the city proper on November 7, 2008. Two hundred grade school pupils were the recipients of this project.

Literacy Corner

PP Louie Gonzaga, District Literacy Coordinator

This is a reminder to all clubs who have literacy and literacy minded programs to contribute brief write-ups of your activities, including 1 to 2 pictures.

A brief write-up would include:

1. A short description of your program
2. Who are the beneficiaries
3. How many Rotarians were present
4. When was the program undertaken
5. What are the key results from the program

Please send your write-ups to gml3850@gmail.com and upload action pictures of your activities, as well as your mid-year Literacy Project reports to my email address: danny10gonzaga@yahoo.com.

Remember, Literacy is the highlight of Pres. D.K. Lee's thrust for this Rotary year!

BRIDGING GENERATIONAL DIVERSITY: A KEY FACTOR IN MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT!!!

RRIMC Dave Villanueva



The best way of bridging the generational diversity would be to understand the assets and the liabilities and challenges of each generation, summarized as follows:

Silent Generation (65 years and older):

Assets: stable, detail-oriented, thorough, loyal, hard-working

Liabilities / Challenges: inept with ambiguity and change, reluctant to buck the system, uncomfortable with conflict, reticent when they disagree

Baby Boomers (40 – 65 years):

Assets: service-oriented, driven, willing to “go the extra mile”, good at relationship, desire to please, good team players

Liabilities / Challenges: not naturally “budget-minded”, uncomfortable with conflict, reluctant to go against peers, may put process ahead of results, overly sensitive to feedback, judgmental of those who see things differently, self-centered

Generation X (20 – 40 years):

Assets: adaptable, techno-literate,

independent, unintimidated by authority, creative

Liabilities / Challenges: impatient, poor people skills, inexperienced, cynical

Generation Y (under 20s):

Assets: optimism, tenacity, heroic spirit, multi-tasking capabilities, technologically savvy

Liabilities / Challenges: need for supervision and structure, inexperience – particularly with handling difficult people issues

ESSAY



SEEK THAT PERSON WITH A 'HINTERLAND'

Rotarian Michael Soden
RC Iloilo City

Recently a well known normally aggressive TV interviewer commenting on a certain world-ranking politician, described him as having “values, clarity of thought and an interesting Hinterland.” Ah, Hinterland, the new

cult 'must have' character feature for all those determined not to die from boredom.

We, all of us, have interests or obsessions beyond our daily business and family lives; we call them hobbies. But our Hinterland (if we have one) goes further than a hobby like collecting stamps or listening to classical music. To collect stamps is one thing but to understand the history and purpose of stamps, their design and printing techniques--that's another. To listen to classical music is one thing but to know the lives of the composer and to be able to relate the music to the events of that day and age--that's another. To be really 'of the minute' your Hinterland needs to have a psychological and spiritual dimension. So, what's all this to do with Rotary?

Everything!

Just as the lifeblood of a business is new ideas and new

products, the lifeblood of an organization like Rotary is new members.

Most of us initially join Rotary for all the wrong reasons—enhance our profile, make business contacts, find new friends. Then over time, we get to understand Rotary better and find a deeper meaning and greater satisfaction.

If we seek new members for our clubs that will get things done, help drive the club forward and expand everyone's enthusiasm, we should be inviting people who have or are seeking a Hinterland as part of their character make-up. But we tend to shy away from these folk because already they are so busy. So use the old office adage; *if you want something done quickly, give it to the busiest person and they will find a way of doing more quickly than someone sitting around with nothing to do.*

So it is with these already overstretched but eager and interesting business people. They will never turn down the opportunity to mix with new people and new experiences to share philosophies and ideas. They will quickly grasp that Rotary is to do with service to those who are less fortunate, and this of course fits ideally into the spiritual needs of a successful business person seeking something of deeper satisfaction that will enhance their own Hinterland.



Being a Rotex made me a better me!

by Karen Kaye F. Go

I am a proud Rotary exchange student who was sponsored by Rotary Club of Zamboanga City, District 3850 and hosted by Rotary Club of New Milford, Pennsylvania, District 7410. As I recall, I had mixed emotions during the

entire process of the application. Being a fresh high school graduate then, I decided to put my college plans in the back burner for a year when I learned that I was chosen among nine applicants to be a Rotex. I was excited to experience new things but was also scared to be away from my family for an extended period. Ironically, it was my family especially my dad, who served as my inspiration and my strongest reason for my applying in the program as I know it will make him happy and proud.

The exhaustion from connecting flights vanished as soon as I saw a board that said "Welcome KK!" on it. My first host family, the Breese's and a Rotarian, who is our school nurse, Mrs. Melody Haley met me at the airport, and so my journey began. They said I was not a typical Asian as I was an extrovert, not shy and was talkative. I became active in school and joined literary clubs, senior choir, wrote articles in our school paper, was a volleyball varsity player and a basketball cheerleader. I also enjoyed Rotary events and was always present because those meetings, camps, and activities made me feel like I was back

home. Making friends for me was not hard and I did not only gain American friends but also friends from all over the world! Living abroad taught me to ask or be ignorant, live my life to the fullest, and every minute is important that I became more disciplined.

I can honestly say, the year when I was away as a Rotex is the best year of my life! I have learned so many things that I believe molded me to be a better me. I realized how lucky I was to belong to my family as I learned to appreciate them more when I was away. I also learned the value of money when I worked to afford my high school ring and yearbook. I promoted our beautiful country and its wonderful values and customs. My outlook in life changed as I adopted some American attitudes and became more open minded and patient. I felt like my level of maturity and my self-confidence boosted up in that one year, as I've grown so much living independently abroad.

Rotary is constant in my life as my parents have been involved in Rotary since I was born. At present, I am a member of Rotary in Action of San Beda College, Mendiola, and was an officer until I graduated from college last March. Now, I am a freshman in San Beda College of Law and I will continue to grab every opportunity to help Rotary as I am thankful, happy and proud to be part of it. I still communicate with my host family, friends and my fellow exchange students from all over the world. Rotary Youth Exchange Program gave me the best year of my life and made me a better me.

The author is the daughter of PP Jose Go of RC Zamboanga City. - Ed.

A Letter From Deanna Palmer

Hi everyone... here I go again!

On the first day of October I moved in with my second host family, the Nandwanis. My host sister Monika is living in the USA, and my host brother, Shiv, is living in Terrace, B.C., so it is just Tita Diana, Tito Haris, the helpers, and the dogs and cats at home.

This month I had a great opportunity to volunteer in a Rotary eye and ear screening activity in the island of Bohol, together with a small group from the Rotary Club of Bacolod, Rotary Club of Tagbilaran, Rotary Club of Canterbury (Australia), and the Cataract Foundation Philippines, Inc. The week-long activity included assessing over 4000 patients (mostly from elementary schools) for ear problems, and over 1000 patients from several different communities had their eyes screened. The first day I worked with some of the volunteers in a public elementary school where I started by recording the data from the observations of the Australian volunteers, and eventually was able to help by using an auroscope to look for any serious conditions such as otitis media. The patients also had their hearing tested through the "click test", which, by clicking a ball pen, is a simple yet successful way to determine whether or not the student has hearing problems. If the student did not pass the "click test" they would carry on to the "whisper test" which would determine if the patient had more serious hearing problems.

The second day I helped the eye screening group, first by recording data, and later by observing eyes using an ophthalmoscope to look for cataracts, ptergiums, and analyzing the patients vision using a board with the letter "E". The letter "E" would be rotated in different directions so even if the



patient couldn't read, they could still participate in the test by simply identifying the direction of the letter "E". Many of the patients couldn't see well, especially up close, so many reading glasses were handed out, and if a patient needed more help they would go to see the doctor.



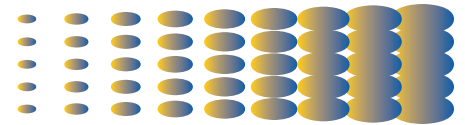
I continued for the next few days helping with the ear or eye screening departments. I can just imagine how delighted the 200 cataract-inflicted patients would have been to be able to see again after the cataract removal surgery at the end of the week. With the help of translators (many of the speakers couldn't speak English, only their dialect Cebuano) and many volunteers, the project was a real success.

On top of school and homework and the second quarter exams, the other highlights of the month for me included going to Patag (where there is a beautiful water fall in the mountain), seeing the tarsiers and chocolate hills in Bohol, going to Boracay with my host family, hiking to the seventh fall at Mambukal, going to Himamaylan to give immunizations, and participating in the Diwali (Indian New Year/ Festival of lights). My host dad is Indian, so this was a big celebration for us that lasted almost all night!

It was also a real pleasure to meet more AFS students, the Australian optometrists and ambassadors, members of the cataract society, Rotaractors and so many other friendly Filipinos!

Halong (take care)!

Deanna



Marapara Rotary Mission Accomplished

by PP Robert Harland, RC Marapara

A team of 40 volunteer doctors, dentists and nurses held a medical mission on Saturday (December 6) at the Antonio Chan Memorial Technical Center in Brgy. Bata, Bacolod City.

The annual mission, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bacolod Marapara and organized by its medical committee, is held in memory of the late Mariano Lim, a

past president and a major donor to the club's medical programs.

Several hundred barangay members took advantage of the mission for medical checks and dental work. The mission was held primarily for the benefit of caddies from the Negros Occidental Golf & Country Club, their families plus others in the barangay.



Halad Sa Kasimanwa Festival in Roxas City, December 4-8th

by Rtn. Jerry Olson, RC Metro Roxas



The Rotary Club of Metro Roxas, together with the Tourism Department of the Provincial Government of Capiz, sponsored a number of projects during the Halad sa Kasimanwa Festival. We held a day of "Halad" (or giving) on December 5th where we received gifts from different individuals and business people in Capiz for distribution. Cash donations were given to the poorest of poor on the last day of the Festival. We had a Santa's Corner where people could come and have their photos taken with Santa. We also had Beach Cleaning and Tree Planting activities on December 7th.



Pres. Esteban "Nonoy" Evan Contreras II of RC Metro Roxas celebrated his birthday last November 6, 2008 with a medical, dental & minor surgical mission in Pontevedra, Capiz.



Gov. Ems falls off the wagon!!!!

During the recent activity of RC Iloilo City with the pupils of Western Visayas Sanitarium Elementary School in Sta. Barbara, Iloilo last December 15, 2008, Gov Ems had a photo shoot with PE Markus Duenneisen—posing as Santa Claus—on the Philippine version of a sleigh. As the Governor got on the carabao-drawn cart, the burly animal

jerked forward and threw her off balance, landing on the ground with a thud. Thankfully, after a couple of x-rays she was found to be alright apart from a contusion on the head and a sore hip which left our beloved Governor in discomfort for a few days. All this trouble just to get a good shot for this month's GML cover!!! – Ed.



Gov goes up the sleigh!



...darn that carabao!



Back in photo op form!



Home of the finest, whitest, untouched-by-human-hands sugar in the world.

Victorias City is a 5th class city in the province of Negros Occidental, Philippines. The town is notable for being the site of Victorias Milling Company, the Philippine's largest sugar refinery and sitting on a 7,000 hectare compound is the world's largest integrated sugar mill.

The town of Victorias was originally located in what is now known as Daan Banwa (Old Town), a fishing village beside Malihaw River and near its outlet to the sea.

During the Spanish era, the town was called Malihaw, a name taken from Malihaw trees which grew in abundance along the riverbanks. It was ruled by Capitan Gregorio Conlu, and Moro pirates and Tulasanes reigned unmolested.

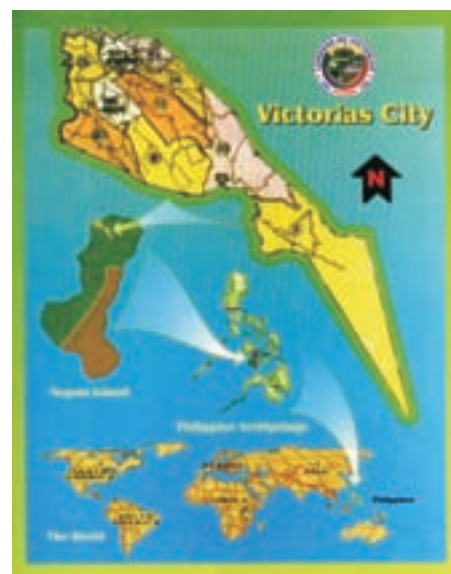
GETTING THERE...

Victorias City is located 34 kilometers north of Bacolod City, capital of the Province of Negros Occidental. Victorias City can be reached within 45 minutes by private or public utility vehicles. It is bounded on the north by the Municipality of Manapla, on the south by the Municipality of EB Magalona, on the west by Guimaras Strait and on the east by Mount Marapara.

WHAT TO DO...

KADALAG-AN FESTIVAL – the city celebrates its Charter Anniversary with Kadalag-an Festival – a dance drama as old as the city, conceptualized during the 1st charter anniversary. It is an emerging festival that showcases street dancers in colorful costumes. It is a week-long celebration that ends on March 21. Truly, Kadalag-an is the right word to crown the perseverance, hard work, cooperation and victory of Victorihanons in facing the challenges of life. It symbolizes the many victories achieved by the people against adversities in life.

MALIHAW FESTIVAL – another term for their festival is Feast of Our Lady of Victory (the city's Patroness) with a fluvial parade of images of the Patroness along the shoreline of the City as one of the highlights. This festivity ends April 26.



WHAT TO EAT...

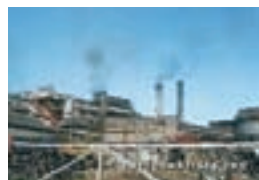


Victorias Milling Company, Inc. manufactures **raw** and **refined sugar** in the Philippines. It offers cane sugar and by-products, including molasses to sugar traders, sugar centrals, and distributors primarily in the provinces of Negros Occidental, Iloilo, and Metro Manila.

The company, through its subsidiaries, also engages in fish canning with its product mix comprising **canned sardines, bangus, mackerel, luncheon meat, lechon paksiw, ham, and bacon.**



WHAT TO SEE...



... home to the biggest integrated raw and refined sugar manufacturer in the country ...

Visit the renowned **Victorias Milling Company**, established in 1919, and smell sweet success. The company has grown and expanded into a huge agro-industrial complex employing thousands of people in numerous diversified projects like foundry, machine shop, fiber glass plant, swine farm, and processed, frozen and canned foods.

See for yourself the world-famous "**Angry Christ**" mural painted in bold primary colors inside the St. Joseph the worker Church locate the Victorias Milling Company compound.



➔ **VMC Golf and Country Club** – an 18 hole golf course with lighted driving range, classified as PAR 71, graces the landscape of Victorias City also found within the Victorias Milling Company compound.



Other Attractions:



Steam Locomotive Engine – the "Iron Dinosaur" of VMC is an antique steam locomotive manufactured by Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

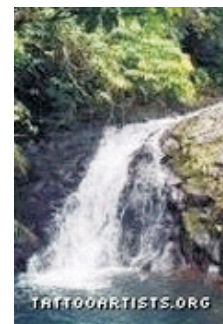
Public Plaza – surrounded by different horticultural plants, flowers and trees, the public plaza is considered as one of the tourist attractions in the city and is reputed to be one of the most beautiful parks in Negros. Among its attractions is a small lagoon with man-made waterfalls.



Carabao Sundial – it was built in December 1975 by Shalom IV '76, a group of senior students from Don Bosco Technical Institute (Victorias) with the assistance of the management of the Victorias Milling Company, Inc.

Gawahon Eco-tourism Development Project has seven natural waterfalls perfect for nature lovers and trekkers to explore.

For more information, please check out <http://www.negros-occ.gov.ph>; <http://www.victoriacity.gov.ph>; or www.tattooartists.org



AG IN PROFILE GABRIEL Q. TIMBOL



Name: **Gabriel "Gabby" Q. Timbol**
Rotary Club: Victorias
Classification: Solid Waste Management
Years in Rotary: 4 Years

Why did you decide to join Rotary?

I was looking for a professional organization that could contribute or assist in the community service that I was doing.

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

My father & uncle who were both kind-hearted and always could be relied on when asked for assistance. But my uncle had more wisdom in choosing the right projects. I am following their traits but with a lot more quality projects & energy.

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

Be hard working, resourceful, jack of all trades, etc. I guess I wanted to be a good or better person.

What is your fantasy career?

I wanted to be an airplane pilot because that was most looked-up to, adventurous, exciting & well-paid career.
Do you have a motto? What is it?

Do your best as best as you can & hope you can make people happy.

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

1. Give my family a good future.
2. Give or address the future the needs of our neighbors.
3. Be the guy who could make people smile or happy.

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

1. The trainings are getting better.
2. We are getting more practical.
3. We are using more of the latest technology.

What aspects of serving Rotary bring you most joy?

Implementing the best needed & successful projects.

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

Do rounds in the farm of my aunt, attend to my sow and watch DVD.

What is your favorite holiday destination?

The beaches of Palawan.

What is your favorite Book?

Dracula.

What is your favorite Movie?

Blade, Star Wars, The Mummies and James Bond.

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

A person who has done a lot of service, made a difference and made a lot of people happy.

Monthly Attendance Report October & November 2008

Zone	No.	Club Name	Club No.	Charter Year	Members to-Date	No. of Mtgs.	November Attendance %	November Ranking	October Attendance %	October Ranking
I	1	Antique	17015	1975	25	4	81.25	16	82.65	20
	2	Iloilo	17045	1933	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	57.00	40
	3	Iloilo South	17047	1971	22	4	100.00	1	98.00	1 (tie)
	4	Iloilo West	28828	1992	20	4	80.50	17	89.00	8
	5	Miag-ao	58693	2002	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
II	1	Iloilo City	17046	1975	24	4	95.00	2 (tie)	97.50	2
	2	Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	15	2	80.00	19	60.00	39 (tie)
	3	Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	18	4	54.75	32	70.50	29
	4	Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	15	4	95.00	2 (tie)	84.92	14
	5	Jaro South	31664	1996	12	4	75.00	21	78.35	25
III	1	Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	52.46	43
	2	Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	22	4	88.23	8	75.00	27
	3	Guimaras	27277	1990	18	4	61.00	28 (tie)	55.00	42
	4	Molo	27939	1991	10	4	61.00	28 (tie)	70.00	30
	5	Lapaz	30821	1995	21	4	87.00	10	98.00	1 (tie)
	6	Dumangas	31821	1996	37	4	82.10	15	83.70	18
	7	Metro Passi	76428	2007	29	4	64.66	26	65.52	33
IV	1	Roxas	17080	1964	38	4	89.47	6	86.84	11
	2	Kalibo	17053	1967	48	4	94.28	3	93.05	5
	3	Metro Roxas	22518	1982	62	4	95.00	2 (tie)	94.00	4
	4	Boracay	50661	1997	26	3	46.15	34	46.15	44
	5	Metro Kalibo	54828	2001	21	3	88.88	7	95.23	3
	6	Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	25	4	93.18	5	92.05	7
V	1	Silay	17084	1973	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	79.00	24 (tie)
	2	Escalante	17037	1976	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	3	Metro San Carlos	51747	1999	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Victorias	17091	1966	11	5	84.00	12 (tie)	87.00	10
VI	1	Bacolod	17016	1937	36	4	84.00	12 (tie)	84.00	16
	2	Bacolod East	17017	1983	21	4	66.67	24	73.86	28
	3	Bacolod West	27374	1990	20	3	86.00	11	85.00	13
	4	Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	35	3	87.25	9	87.15	9
	5	Bacolod Central	31518	1996	17	3	55.00	31 (tie)	63.45	36
	6	Bacolod South	17019	1969	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	83.00	19
VII	1	Bacolod North	17091	1973	42	3	77.66	20	77.77	26
	2	Kabankalan City	17052	1974	30	4	57.00	30	68.90	31
	3	Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	22	3	83.33	13	86.09	12
VIII	1	Dipolog	21409	1950	28	4	51.00	33	82.00	22
	2	Jimenez	17050	1975	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	80.00	23
	3	Dapitan City	25485	1986	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	28	4	82.35	14	83.96	17
IX	1	Ozamiz North	17073	1974	24	4	62.00	27	62.00	37
	2	Pagadian	17074	1975	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	37.60	45
	3	Pagadian West	17075	1977	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	66.67	32
	4	Ozamiz	17072	1995	11	3	73.00	22	65.00	34
X	1	Zamboanga City	17094	1948	42	4	80.20	18	84.13	15
	2	Basilan City	17022	1960	22	4	67.65	23	82.36	21
	3	Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	27	5	65.74	25	60.00	39 (tie)
	4	Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	27	4	58.34	29	64.58	35
	5	Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	30	4	55.00	31 (tie)	61.30	38
XI	1	Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	43	4	94.18	4	93.01	6
	2	Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	79.00	24 (tie)
	3	Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	56.00	41
	4	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	69302	2005	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR

FAST FACTS TAKEN FROM NOVEMBER 2008 MAR:

- Out of 53 Clubs in our District, 22 (or 41.5%) attained a monthly attendance average of 80% and above.
- There are still 9 clubs (or 17% less than 20 members.
- There are only 9 clubs with a membership of over 35.
- There are 14 clubs that did not report (DNR).

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM RI

District Secretary's Corner PP Bill de la Fuente



A district conference is an enjoyable experience where Rotary programs and activities are discussed, friendships are made and strengthened, and various entertainments are shared. It is also the place where some, most, or all of the district business is conducted. Business sessions are usually conducted in an amicable, friendly fashion.

However, on occasion, controversy may arise over budgetary matters, selection of a district governor or representative to the Council on Legislation, or other district procedure.

If he/she is certain about relevant provisions of the constitution or by-laws of RI or of the standard Rotary club constitution, the President's representative should quietly counsel with the district governor about the organization's rules or official policy.

On the other hand, the President's Representative should guard against becoming involved in district disputes, controversy, and disharmony. Where there is dispute or disagreement over interpretation of RI procedures or any other district matters -- particularly anything to do with an election -- it is important that the President's Representative maintain a neutral position and not appear to "take sides" with any group or individual. Even if requested, he/she should not agree to act as an observer at the counting of ballots or serve as a "referee" or "judge" on any such district matter. Should there be any dispute; the President's representative should encourage the group or individual to counsel with the RI General Secretary at headquarters in Evanston.

DISCON UPDATE



Please be reminded of the following:

Registration Fee
(starting January 1, 2009)

Rotarian – P2,500
Spouse – P2,200

Date: March 5, 2009
PLENARY SESSION 1
(Opening Ceremonies)
Attire: Club Uniform

Welcome Dinner for RI
President's Representative,
Guests and Delegates
Attire: Safari / Out of Africa

Date: March 6, 2009
PLENARY SESSION 2
Attire: Club Uniform

Governor's Ball
Attire: Formal

Date: March 7, 2009
PLENARY SESSION 3
Attire: Club Uniform

DEADLINES

District Nominee from Panay

January 15, 2009

Send to DG Ems office
10 copies of biodata
together with club board
resolution.

**RYLA for Panay
and Guimaras**



February 6-8, 2009

Neptune Pittman's Garden,
Tastasan Buenavista, Guimaras

Assessment at
P2,500.00/student

VOY WINNERS



Champion
Jared Karl Ulrib D. Rubin
University of St. La Salle
Bacolod City
Sponsored by: RC Bacolod
Coach: Mr. Jonathan D. Davilla

1st place
Vicente Benjamin G. Gustilo
St. John's Institute
Bacolod City
Sponsored by: RC Bacolod East
Coach: Ms. Josefina Tiu

2nd place
Vincent Gregory Y. Yu
Iloilo Central Commercial
Iloilo City
Sponsored by: RC Metro Iloilo
Coach: Mr. Philippe John Sipacio

Gov Asks

Q: What projects should clubs focus on during these hard financial times?

Rotarians Speak Up!

Please send your answers to:
gml3850@gmail.com

Milestones

T M E O U T



Holding precious cargo. PP Robert Harland of RC Bacolod-Marapara becomes a first time dad at 61!

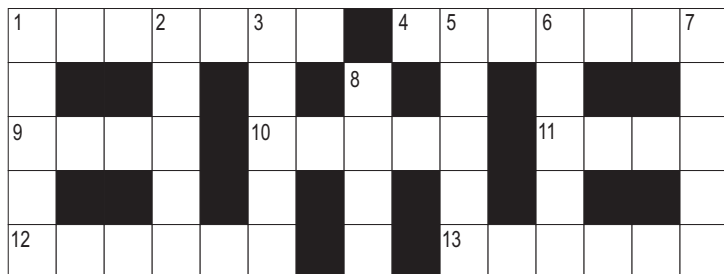
Which of the four boxed figures completes the set?



Answer to November Crossword Puzzle

1	S	2	E	3	T		4	A	5	C	6	I	7	D		8	D	9	E	10	E	11	P
12	A	V	A				13	R	A	R	E					14	U	R	G	E			
15	M	E	L				16	O	R	E	S					17	T	R	O	T			
18	E	S	K				19	I	M	O			20	C	21	Y							
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27	P	28	L	29	A							30	O	N	E			31	P	I	E		
32	E	A	R	N								33	P	O	D			34	S	A	L	E	
35	S	K	I									36	L	A	S			37	E	L	M	S	
38	T	E	E									39	E	L	E	40	V	41	E	N			
												42	V	I	A			43	E	N	T	44	I
47	M	48	A	49	J	A						50	C	51	A	R	D			52	M	A	D
53	I	R	I	S								54	E	L	S	E			55	P	I	G	
56	T	I	M	E								57	S	P	E	D			58	S	L	Y	

Crossword by PP Art Jimenez



ACROSS

- 1 RC Central IC Pres. _____ Angeles
- 4 Threw out
- 9 Roman number 75
- 10 PPs Jardeleza and Moralidad
- 11 What incoming club presidents do
- 12 Zones 8-9 GSE Chair Richard _____
- 13 Frying sound
- 14 Excuse
- 15 Thickness (Hiligaynon)
- 19 Something new
- 20 Acclaim

DOWN

- 1 Ancient find
- 2 Widespread disorder
- 3 RYLA Chair PP _____ (2 wds.)
- 5 RC Bacolod Central Pres. _____ (2 wds.)
- 6 PDG Henz Reyes's province
- 7 Kind of ball
- 8 Graduates
- 16 AG Rebecca
- 17 RC La Paz PP John _____
- 18 Puts in office

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DANNIEL JADE ANG

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Host Club: Rotary Club of Andrews, USA
District 5730



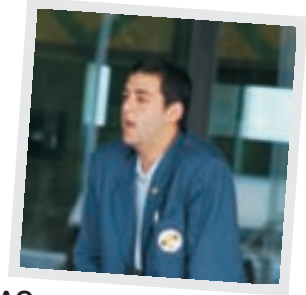
MARIANNA INES B. GASTON

Sponsor Club: Rotary Club of Silay

Host Club: Rotary Club of Juiz De Fora, Brazil
District 4580



INBOUND ROTEX



HELENO TURRINI LIMA BRANDAO

Sponsor Club: Rotary Club of Juiz De Fora, Brazil
District 4580

Host Club: Rotary Club of Silay



TJ ORTIZ

Sponsor Club: Rotary Club of Bacolod East

Host Club: Rotary Club of Omaha, Nebraska
District 5650



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RC BACOLOD NORTH – Donated books for literacy program.



RC OZAMIZ NORTH – Distribution of wheelchair to Mr. Albert A. Gallo last November 16, 2008.



RC CENTRAL ILOILO CITY'S yearly Wish Upon A Star activity with Buntatala I Day Care children.



RC ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST – Turn-over of fire truck to the city government of Zamboanga. The fire truck was acquired thru a Matching Grant with our sister club the Rotary Club of Nam Seong Nam, Korea.



RC ILOILO CITY – Distributed five wheelchairs to disabled individuals in San Jose, Antique.



RC BASILAN – Dental mission project for kids held last November 18-19, 2008.

RC DUMANGAS – Distribution of day care center equipment to four barangays. Each barangay received a TV, DVD, antenna, stand, DVD/VCD discs, toys, booklets and steel cabinet.



RC JARO SOUTH – Pres. Glanee Baes, an OB-GYN, conducted a Mother's Class at Tabuc Suba Jaro, Iloilo City last November 6, 2008.