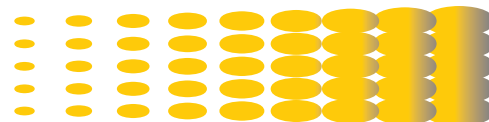


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ROTARY/INNERWHEEL VILLAGE SCHOOL

By Pres. Eduardo Elumbaring
RC Pagadian

The idea of putting up a school house at the Rotary/Innerwheel Village came out when PP Bert Pollisco and his wife Ann were informed that many children of school age in the village were not in school. They found out that the main reason for this is the far distance of the primary school from their homes.

Thus, a Grade I Extension Class was materialized and constructed inside the Rotary/Inner Wheel Village in Barangay Dao, Pagadian City. The school, made of light materials, was inaugurated last June 10, 2008 in time for the school opening with 32 pupils. No less than the City Schools Superintendent Erlinda Salera and other DEP-ED officials in Pagadian City graced the occasion, together with the Rotarians and Innerwheel members.

Unfortunately, the little school house was recently destroyed by strong winds. We have to immediately construct a make-shift small building made of same light materials. In order to avoid that same unfortunate incident, the Rotary Club of Pagadian has decided to construct another building using concrete materials in the same area. Pledges were made by many kind-hearted Rotarians and preparations are underway for the construction of a concrete building to house not only Grade I but also Grade II classes.



GOV ASKS...

Q Can a club dismiss a member on suspicion of corrupt practices in his or her workplace?

ROTARIANS SPEAK UP!



Mere suspicion may not be a valid ground to dismiss a member from Rotary; the decision has to be based on hard facts for us to be fair.

PRES. EDWIN ELUMBARING
RC Pagadian



I hope not or else it's like adopting a "guilty unless proven innocent" policy.

PRES. RICHARD ANGELES
RC Central Iloilo City



Mere suspicion may not be enough. There must be evidence to show, and if proven authentic, a Rotarian's peers can and should initiate action to ensure that the name of the club and Rotary as a whole is not tarnished. All Rotarians must adhere to the Four-Way Test, and failure to do so should be enough grounds to censure a fellow Rotarian.

PRES. TIMOTEO ALMONTE
RC Zamboanga City Central



The guiding principles of every Rotarian which every member must abide to is the FOUR WAY TEST. It speaks of integrity, honesty, justice and goodwill. I do realize that people in our midst are not at all perfect but every Rotarian should have a semblance of it, to say the least. Blatant disregard of the FOUR WAY TEST is corruption in every sense. It is not permissible and must not be tolerated!

PRES. VICTOR FEFERICO ACEPCION
RC Roxas

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Gov. Ems with her family during Discon '09 Safari Night was a fun-filled fellowship with Rotarians from across the district.



DISCON FEVER

It's finally over! We can now breathe a sigh of relief...apart from a few hiccups Discon '09, held last March 5-7 in Iloilo City was a success. Congratulations to the Discon Committee, the staff and everyone who worked hard on hosting this year's district conference!

At the opening ceremony, the rhythmic drumbeating and dancing of a Dinagyang tribe, accompanied by the charming mascot Dagoy, really set the tone for the two and a half day affair.

The Governor herself was very happy with the outcome and was, in fact, beaming with pride. She did look resplendent as an African queen during the Safari Night Fellowship. Transforming the PNB multipurpose hall into an exotic wild landscape was by far the biggest production I have ever worked on. Blood was almost drawn, buckets of tears were cried and profuse sweating was involved in putting this all together! But to see Rotarians from all over the district—in their safari-inspired outfits—enjoying themselves made it all worth it.

This year I was excited to see what PP Mao Concha of RC Dipolog had in store for us. His costumes (especially his collection of wigs) perpetually impress me. Unfortunately at the last minute he had to leave for Manila for a medical emergency. Mao, you were definitely missed!!! Not to be outdone, I was impressed with his brother, PP Flint Concha, who came with his wife and darling daughter all outfitted for a safari adventure. They should have been awarded "Best Family in Costume" had there been such a category.

On a final note, I would personally like to thank PP Oliver Ong of RC Zamboanga City and PP Kerwin Baldovino of RC Zamboanga City North for all their support and input. Kerwin became my constant confidant and sounding board when stress levels were at their peak. We both understand the pressure of working doubly hard because the governor is a family member. For those who don't know, he is the son-in-law of PDG Eric Laviña whose successful Zamboanga City Discon in 2006 is still remembered by many.

Again, congratulations to the working team and many thanks to all who participated! See you all next year in Bacolod for Discon 2010!

PE Pia M. Nava
Editor in Chief





Dear fellow Rotarians,

At the International Assembly in January, we were privileged to host a special guest from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Microsoft founder Bill Gates Jr., who had come to speak to the incoming Rotary officers on the Gates Foundation's involvement in PolioPlus. A few moments into his remarks, the room erupted in cheers at the announcement that Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge had become Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge: The Gates Foundation would commit an additional \$250 million of funding, over and above its initial \$100 million contribution, and Rotary would agree to raise an additional \$100 million match by 30 June 2012.

This is a tremendous vote of confidence in our work, and its implications are spectacular. When we succeed in meeting this challenge, Rotary and the Gates Foundation will have brought an additional \$555 million of new funding to the polio eradication effort, at the time when it is most needed. Only four countries are still polio endemic, but those four present the greatest practical and

epidemiological challenges. We are close to the final hurdle of this race – but the final hurdle is also the highest and will require the greatest effort from us all.

This money will be used for operational support, surveillance, and social mobilization – vital aspects for the success of the campaign. In order to make the world polio-free, we must be vigilant for signs of new cases, we must coordinate well-planned and well-executed immunization days, and we must keep all our efforts organized for maximum efficiency and effectiveness. The hiring of town criers, the purchase of megaphones, the transportation of lab samples and vaccines, the mapping of villages to be sure not one child is missed – all of these needs are being met with the support of this challenge grant.

We are already close to halfway to raising our first \$100 million; in the three years ahead, we must, and will, raise a full \$200 million. We ask every Rotary club to carry out at least one fundraising event for polio eradication in each of these three years, and we especially ask newer Rotarians, and newer clubs, to be a strong part of this effort. We are so close to eradicating polio. We are so close to making this Rotary dream real. We should all be part of this incredible effort and this page in Rotary history.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. K. Lee".

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



IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER MEETING

The annual District Conference is mandated by RI. The purpose of the District Conference, according to our Manual of Procedure, is to further the program of Rotary through fellowship, inspirational addresses and the discussion of matters relating to the affairs of clubs in the District and RI in general. Attending the Discon, therefore, is bound to broaden our knowledge of Rotary. (*Culled from the Rotarian, February 1993.*)

The Discon is magical to me. Since I became a Rotarian in 1990, I only missed one Discon — that of the late PDG Wilfredo Chiong in Dakak, Dapitan City in 1991. I was pregnant then with my last child and found the trip difficult as travel time by land was much longer and the roads were not as well-paved as they are today. The Discon that made an impact on me was that of the late PDG Rosendo M. Castillo, Sr., held in Zamboanga City in 1994. It was not so much due to the programs but rather this was where I experienced genuine district fellowship! A tour of the city was scheduled and a Rotarian (also deceased now, whose name escapes me) drove the late PP Eve Bustamante, the late PP Romeo "Meng" Justiniani and me, around the city. PP Meng just hopped in the car and introduced himself. And, since then I had looked forward to seeing him every year during Discon. Friendship and fellowship formed in an instant, a bond to last a lifetime!

This Rotary year's Discon was held on March 5-7, 2009 in Iloilo City. Rotarians clad in their safari/out of Africa attire during Fellowship Night at the PNB Multi-Purpose Hall were in sync with the mesmerizing tribal music and captivating ethnic dancers. The venue came alive, transformed into a jungle-like atmosphere. Did anyone miss


seeing the lion lurking in the bushes, the giraffe munching on the leaves & the zebra peeping in the tall grasses? The crocodile was ready to pounce on Rotarians who might fall from the bridge. For me, it was magical! Rotarians enjoying themselves. A night of fellowship, new friendships forged.

For the success of our Discon, I would like to thank all the Rotarians, their spouses, Rotex students, GSE team from D-7910 and our outbound GSE team, Rotaractors, friends & guests who attended. The Discon committees chaired by AG Rebecca Maravilla and the Council of Presidents lead by Pres. Philip Alejado. Kudos to the transportation committee, headed by Pres. Jose Totengco, who did a yeoman's job in transporting the delegates. I also would like to thank RC Bacolod, RC Zamboanga City West, RC Antique, RC Roxas, RC Guimaras for Miss Maps Reyes, RC Metro Roxas Central, RC Bacolod Central and RC Iloilo for their presentations that made the event even livelier. Thank you all!

Lastly, my gratitude to my family who were with me all the way.

CONGRATULATIONS

To all the Clubs in the District for the job well done this Rotary year. Your projects in the community have made a difference in the lives of the beneficiaries. After all, the ultimate goal of Rotarians is to **"SERVE ABOVE SELF."**


DG Emma M. Nava



THE DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By PP Louie Gonzaga
RC Bacolod North

One of the tenets of Rotary is to develop Rotarians to become leaders, not only of their clubs, but to create a pool of leaders who will make up the District Leadership Team. To be precise, it is incumbent for clubs to prepare some of its leaders for the post of District Governor! This, being the highest ranking officer of Rotary International in the district.

District Governors begin their journey of governance as District Governor Nominees (DGN) having been chosen by a District Nominating Committee (DNC), composed of Past District Governors (PDG's) and fellow Past Presidents elected from six (6) Zones.

A candidate for District Governor must possess qualifications as spelled out in the latest Manual of Procedures. Among others, he/she must be a Past President of his/her Club, a Paul Harris Fellow, must have served his/her Club and District with distinction, and must be an active member and contributor to his/her community. Having established this, the candidate must be interviewed by the DNC at a specified time and place designated by the current District Governor.

In the interview, the candidate is expected to expound on his/her capabilities to lead, this includes his/her track records in serving both Club and District, and backed up with recognitions and awards. He/She is expected to lay out personal visions, goals, plans for the District (should he/she be nominated). Of course, personal integrity is a must!

Among the areas covered in the interview are:

- ❖ Personal Circumstances
- ❖ Service to Home Club (including Recognition and Awards)
- ❖ Non-Rotary/Community Involvement (including Recognition/Awards)
- ❖ Leadership Attributes

These are also the criteria for selection as well as the outline for the candidate's personal data and documents to be submitted to DNC.

The process, albeit tedious, is a very credible process for choosing a reliable District Governor! The DNC is the most credible medium for choosing reliable District Leaders. For RY 2011-12, the DNC has nominated PP Melvin dela Serna of the Rotary Club of Antique.

Profile

DGN Melvin S. de la Serna



Life is no disability to District Governor Nominee 2011-2012 MELVIN S. DE LA SERNA, as he is a perfect example of Making Dreams Real.

Stricken by polio at age eleven months, he does not feel sorry that the routine immunization came late in the mid 60's nor Rotary's aim to eradicate the virus took place only more than two decades ago. After all, his philosophy "limitations only exist in the mind" has guided him through more than forty years of overcompensation.

Tagged as the "summa cum laude" of the Rotary Club of Antique for saving the virtually unknown club of shambles when he became president in RY 1993-94, DGN Melvin received the Outstanding Club in the District Award which became a challenge and inspiration to succeeding presidents as he made the club one of the most active in the district. This Paul Harris Fellow is also an Attendance One Hundred Percenter for 16 years and has attended several R.I. Conventions. The perennial Outstanding Rotarian awardee of his club considers service as the main reason for his unwavering commitment to Rotary.

He was born in San Jose, Antique. DGN Melvin finished his premedical course at UP Visayas and Doctor of Medicine

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from West Visayas State University, Iloilo City as the National State Scholar for Region 6. Extracurricular activities are not new to this gifted Rotarian since his elementary days. He won competitions in poster-making and painting, journalism and vocal solo. He also swims, in fact he copped a silver medal for freestyle, PWD Category during the 3rd Phil. National Games in Cebu City in 1997.

DGN Melvin is the founding president of the Association of Disabled Persons-Antique in 1992 and the Phil. Federation of Private Medical Practitioners-Antique Chapter in 2002. He is a past president of the Antique Medical Society and the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians Antique Chapter and brought them their first national awards. He was twice voted by the PNP Region 6 as Antique's Most Outstanding Civilian

“limitations only exist in the mind”

in 1996 and 1999. He was also Most Outstanding Physician in 1996 and Physician of the Year for Private Practice in 2000, for Antique. Presently, he leads the Drugstores Association of the Philippines - Antique Chapter.

As an active medical private practitioner, DGN Melvin is a Diplomate and Fellow of the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians. He is the proprietor of Botica De La Serna, De La Serna Clinical Laboratory and Kammea Beach Resort in San Jose, Antique. He is married to former Fe Ortega of Cabanatuan City, a pharmacist with whom he has four children: Arianna, 14; Kristia, 13; Alexa, 9; and Martino, 6.



The 4 Way Test



From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



ROTARY CLUB OF KALIBO'S HOME READING PROGRAM

By Rtn. Frank Kennedy



The Home Reading Program is a means of extending the school day into the home. It involves parents in a daily learning activity with their children. Parents are the first and most important educators of their children. And all parents, even if illiterate, can remind their children of their nightly reading and writing activity.

The home reading program is a whole language approach to learning. It involves listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing and interpreting illustrations and stimulates higher order thinking.

The process can be described in 6 steps.

1. Each day the teacher will read a short book or chapter of a book to her class, asking the students questions that will help them predict, analyze and evaluate.
2. Each student selects a book to take home at night.
3. The students read his book at home. A parent or sibling may read or listen to the book or chapter of a book if it is a longer book.
4. The student will write the date and title of the book, and write a short comment in his or her notebook. (Notebooks and pencils are provided for free).
5. The students return their books to helping student monitors and select another book.
6. The teacher asks two students to describe the book they read the previous night. Every 3 weeks the teacher will collect and review the student notebooks.

The Home Reading Program began as a private project with financial donations from the families of Rotarians Frank and Tessie Kennedy. Books were purchased and sent door to door to Kalibo. The program involves students, parents and teachers helping children grow in their reading, listening, speaking, writing and viewing skills so that they will become better thinkers.

After the initial home reading launching in December 2008 with General F. Castillo Elementary School in Mabilo, Kalibo, the Rotary Club of Kalibo became

involved as major sponsor and the program was extended to Pinamuk-an Elementary School. Feedback from the schools was very positive with improved attendance and greater enthusiasm noted among students.

The approximate cost of the new books, used books, shipping notebooks, pencils and pens distributed during the first year of the program was C\$6,370 at P46 = P383,000.00.

With the additional sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, the project was able to extend the home reading program to Grades 1-6 in Mabilo and Pinamuk-an and also provided notebooks and pencils to all students.

This March 2009, as we celebrate LITERACY MONTH, we have extended the HOME READING PROGRAM to Bulwang Elementary School, Camanci Norte Elementary School, Andagao Elementary School and Arcangel Sur Elementary School, and provided two boxes of books for students in Makato under DepEd's Alternative Learning System, as well as the children who had undergone surgery during the February 2009 Operation Taghoy in Kalibo. There are more on queue...

To date the total value of the program for 2008-09 is P1,113,060.00. If the government of the Phil's were to implement such a program it would cost more than double this amount.

This coming Rotary year, we hope to ship and distribute 10,000 books completing and augmenting the schools under the program as well as extending the program to other public elementary schools. Warehousing for 36 door to door boxes of books has already been arranged. What we will need in 2009-2010 is an enlarged team of Rotarians and educators who will be able to help in the distribution of books and the workshopping of parents and teachers.

Our long term goal is to continue this program indefinitely.



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RC BACOLOD EAST HOSTS SEMINAR on Harmful Effects of Second-hand Smoke on Children

By Pres. Jun-Jun Arceo
RC Bacolod-East



This year's Rotary International (RI) theme "Make Dreams Real" aims to reduce the child mortality rate and give children the chance at a long and full life. In fact, RI president Dong Kurn Lee asks us to focus on projects that will make a difference in the lives of children.

An article published in 2007 in the International Herald Tribune, stated that "the one social factor that researchers agree is linked to longer lives in every country where it has been studied is education. Year after year, in study after study, education keeps coming up". It is for this reason that the Rotary Club of Bacolod-East focuses its efforts on literacy projects. Our Club believes that education makes a difference and has a long-lasting effect on the lives of children.

Last December 11, 2008 we held a seminar on the "Harmful Effects of Second-hand Smoke on Children." Coordination played a vital role in the project as it turned out to be a joint project among four (4) organizations namely the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD), the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP), the Bacolod City Health Office and our Club.

The idea to hold a seminar on the "Harmful Effects of Second-hand Smoke on Children" did not come from thin air. The idea came about last year when we donated various equipments to a day-care center, and noticed that some parents of the pupils were smoking right in front of their children. We could not believe what we were seeing and vowed to do something about it. We did research on the topic and the seminar started to take shape.

Our goal was to reach as many children as possible and what better way than to tap the officers of the day-care centers of Bacolod City. The plan was for the day-care officers to attend the seminar who will then echo their learnings to the over 5,000 day-care students of Bacolod City. A meeting was set with DSSD head, Mrs. Sally Abelarde, to brief her on our project. She welcomed the idea and gave her commitment to send the officers of all the day-care centers to the seminar.

The next step was to look for a speaker who could do justice to the topic. We wrote to Dra. Salome Biñas, the City Health Officer of the Bacolod City Health Department who recommended Dr. Jovy Vergara. We could not have asked for a better speaker as Dr. Jovy proved to be very knowledgeable on the topic being an advocate of the "No Smoking" campaign and having been the head of the Environmental Sanitation Division of the City Health Office for the past 15 years. Dr. Jovy also happens to be the Assistant City Health Officer of Bacolod City and president of the PAFP (Negros Chapter).

The seminar on the "Harmful Effects of Second-hand Smoke on Children" turned out to be a tremendous success with 96 day-care officers in attendance together with the presence of District Governor Emma Nava. After the seminar, hand-outs on the topic and certificates of attendance were given to the participants while photo releases of the seminar were published in a local newspaper (Visayan Daily Star) to create awareness for the project and share Rotary to the general public.



DIPOLLOG CITY

Orchids capital of the Philippines

Dipolog is the capital of the province of Zamboanga del Norte on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao. Geographically, the city is surrounded by rolling hills to the southeast and the Sulu Sea to the north. Dipolog is known for its wild orchids and its sardine industry which stems from the rich fishing area off its shores. It is known as the “Gateway to Western Mindanao” through the Western Nautical Highway and has also been called the “Bottled Sardines Capital of the Philippines.”



HOW TO GET THERE

From Manila, Dipolog is just an hour by plane and from Cebu only thirty minutes also by plane. By sea, inter-island vessels regularly ply routes to Dipolog from Cebu, Dumaguete, Zamboanga and Manila. Roll on-roll off vessels ply the Dipolog-Dumaguete route several times a day. One can also travel by bus all over Mindanao from Dipolog.

WHAT TO DO

Pagsalabuk Festival – that was an annual crowd drawer. Pagsalabuk is a “Subanen” term which means togetherness. The highlight of the festival is the street dancing which showcases the myriad interplay of cultures of the tri people of Mindanao – the Lumad, Moro and the settlers.



The festival usually starts on the 3rd week of April and culminates on the feast of Saint Vincent Ferrer celebrated every 3rd Saturday of May. Other festivals include the **Katkat Sakripisyo sa 3003 Steps to Linabo Peak**, a mountain climbing/trekking activity and “via cruces” which takes place every Good Friday of Lent.



Other important activities include the **Adlaw sa Dipolog**, a celebration of the foundation day of Dipolog which falls on the 1st of July; Dahunog sa Dipolog, another festival that falls on the third week of September and culminates on the feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary on October 7. The highlight of the Dahunog Festival is the Parade Band competition and the Search for Ms. Teen Tourism; and another special event is the Pasko sa Dipolog (PASADI), a month-long display of Christmas decors and lights in strategic places of the city and nightly shows at the Dipolog Boulevard.

WHAT TO EAT

This progressive city has been considered by many individuals especially the foreigners, as an ideal place for retirement. Here, one can just walk to the malls and to the market to buy fresh fruits like mango, papaya, marang, durian, rambutan, lanzones and mangosteen. Fresh catch of seafoods such as shrimps, prawns, crabs, yellow fin tuna, shellfish, clams, oysters to name a few are abundant and available in the Central Market in very affordable prices. As well as bottled sardines, tinagaktak, bibingka and puto bumbong.



WHAT TO SEE



Sungkilaw Falls – The 3003 Steps to Linabo Peak is one of the favorites and desired destinations of our local and foreign tourist as it offers a fantastic view of the twin cities of Dipolog and Dapitan, the sky, plains and sea horizon after trailing the 3003 concrete steps wind along the tunnels of verdant trees.

Cogon Eco-Park – a 344 hectares reforestation area situated in Barangay Cogon established in 1958. Tourists who visited the area were all amazed gazing the matured trees growing wild with different species like Mahogany, Teak, Yemane, Lumbayao, Molave, Acacia, Narra, Mayapis, Lauan, Narig, Tianong, Duguan, Lumbayao, Rattan and Nato.



Dakak Beach Resort – unwinding while tasting sweet mango and fresh coconut juice. Sicayab Beach – is a 7-kilometer stretch of fine gray sand. It's just 4 kilometers away from the city proper and is a favorite haven of holiday and weekend crowd. It is accessible by motor cabs.

Estaka-Turno Y junction Fountain – the statutes represent the tri-people of Mindanao, which symbolize the diverse cultures prevailing in Dipolog. The bowl raised to heavens is a gesture of thanksgiving and offering to God Almighty for the generous outpouring of graces and blessings, bountiful harvests and sustained peace and prosperity.



For more information, check out www.allbestofphilippines.blogspot.com, www.drhostel.com, or www.dipologcity.org

Assistant Governor

ROBERT “CHITO” LIM JR.

Name:

ROBERT “CHITO” LIM, JR.

Rotary Club:

Rotary Club of Dipolog

Classification:

Ice Making

Years in Rotary:

Six years (6)

In Profile



Why did you decide to join Rotary?

To have fellowship with friends.

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

Being Assistant Governor of District 3850 Philippines

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

Confucius.

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

To be a businessman just like my dad.

What is your fantasy career?

To be a superhero.

Do you have a motto? What is it?

The truth at all cost, lead by example.

What aspects of serving Rotary bring you most joy?

Feeding little children. Helping the helpless.

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

1. World Peace
2. Nobody would be hungry.
3. That all people will receive the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

Air soft and going to the gym.

What's your favorite holiday destination?

China.

What is your favorite Book?

Holy Bible

What is your favorite Movie?

Armageddon

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

People should remember me for good things that I have done.

Monthly Attendance Report January and February 2009

Zone	No.	Club Name	Club No.	Charter Year	Members To-Date	No. of Mtgs.	February Attendance %	February Ranking	January Attendance %	January Ranking
I	1	Antique	17015	1975	24	3	80.58	20	96.86	2
	2	Iloilo	17045	1933	48	4	82.00	19	55.23	37
	3	Iloilo South	17047	1971	22	3	93.00	2	100.00	1
	4	Iloilo West	28828	1992	20	3	82.02	18	82.02	20
	5	Miag-ao	58693	2002	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
II	1	Iloilo City	17046	1975	25	4	86.75	9	82.01	21
	2	Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	15	2	70.00	30	60.00	34
	3	Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	16	3	59.30	38	59.30	35
	4	Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	18	4	83.33	15	83.33	16
	5	Jaro South	31664	1996	12	4	67.66	32	70.00	30
III	1	Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	63	4	60.98	37	57.65	36
	2	Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	23	4	88.66	6	87.33	9
	3	Guimaras	27277	1990	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Molo	27939	1991	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	5	Lapaz	30821	1995	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	6	Dumangas	31821	1996	37	4	83.9	14	82.50	18 (tie)
	7	Metro Passi	76428	2007	23	4	72.83	27	72.83	27
IV	1	Roxas	17080	1964	31	3	87.10	8	90.32	6
	2	Kalibo	17053	1967	48	3	85.45	11	85.45	12
	3	Metro Roxas	22518	1982	78	4	87.00	9(tie)	93.00	4
	4	Boracay	50661	1997	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	5	Metro Kalibo	54828	2001	22	4	89.29	4	88.89	8
	6	Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	25	4	90.91	3	90.91	5
V	1	Silay	17084	1973	19	3	76.00	24(tie)	76.00	25
	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	87.00	9(tie)	87.00	10
VI	1	Bacolod	17016	1937	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	2	Bacolod East	17017	1983	22	4	63.10	36	63.10	32
	3	Bacolod West	27374	1990	22	3	84.00	13	84.00	15
	4	Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	35	3	70.58	29	84.87	14
	5	Bacolod Central	31518	1996	18	4	76.00	24(tie)	82.00	22
	6	Bacolod South	17019	1969	21	3	89.00	5	83.00	17
VII	1	Bacolod North	17091	1973	39	2	72.72	28	62.94	33
	2	Kabankalan City	17052	1974	30	4	66.00	33	71.00	29
	3	Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	22	4	82.20	17	82.20	19
VIII	1	Dipolog	21409	1950	28	3	75.00	25	41.00	38
	2	Jimenez	17050	1975	19	4	80.00	21(tie)	80.00	23 (tie)
	3	Dapitan City	25485	1986	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	28	4	88.55	7	89.51	7
IX	1	Ozamiz North	17073	1974	24	4	85.00	12	85.00	13
	2	Pagadian	17074	1975	27	4	34.00	39	DNR	DNR
	3	Pagadian West	17075	1977	27	4	74.00	26	DNR	DNR
	4	Ozamiz	17072	1995	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
X	1	Zamboanga City	17094	1948	42	4	82.50	16	82.50	18 (tie)
	2	Basilan City	17022	1960	22	4	68.75	31	72.50	28
	3	Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	20	3	86.65	10	86.25	11
	4	Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	22	4	76.19	23	64.77	31
	5	Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	26	3	65.00	34	73.00	26
XI	1	Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	51	4	93.47	1	94.57	3
	2	Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	29	4	78.00	22	78.00	24
	3	Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	22	4	64.00	35	DNR	DNR
	4	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	69302	2005	10	3	80.00	21(tie)	80.00	23 (tie)

FAST FACTS TAKEN FROM FEBRUARY 2009 MAR:

- Out of 53 Clubs in our District, 23 (or 43.39%) attained a monthly attendance average of 80% and above.
- There are still 9 clubs (or 17%) with less than 20 members.
- There are only 6 clubs with a membership of over 35.
- There are 10 clubs that did not report (DNR).



Top Reasons to Join Rotary...

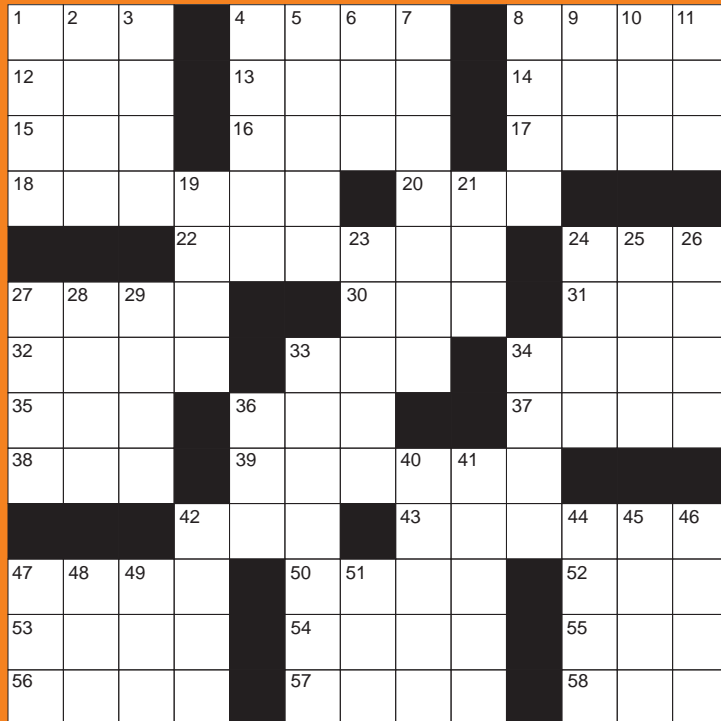
- **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
- **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
- **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: - learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
- **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
- **Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
- **Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
- **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
- **Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged – to attend any of the 31,000 clubs in 166 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
- **Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.
- **Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.
- **The Development of Social Skills:** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.
- **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.
- **Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.
- **The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries in the process.
- **Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.
- **Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people - the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice.
- **The Absence of an "Official Creed":** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.
- **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding.

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Q: Past Presidents:
A club treasure or a burden?

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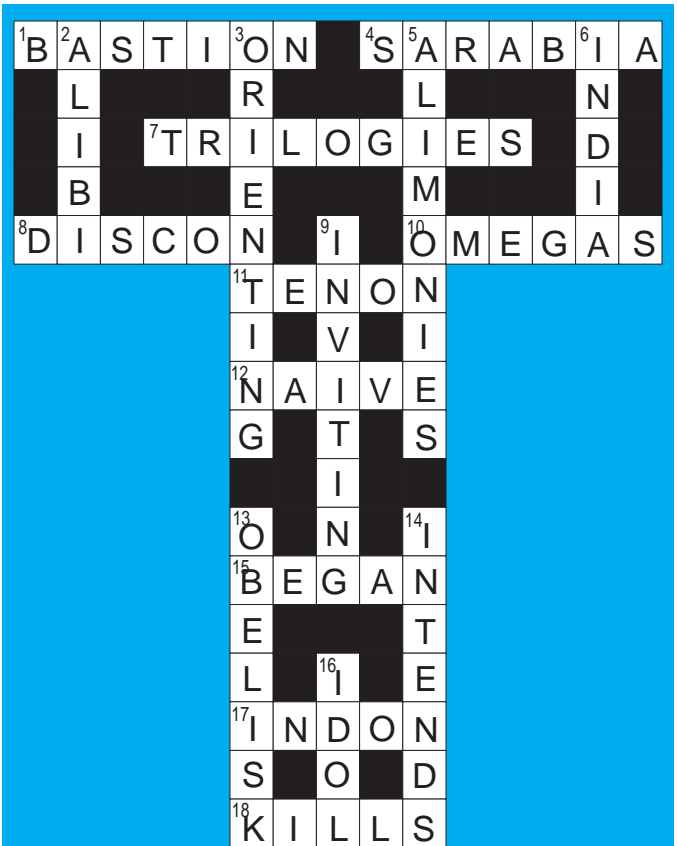
ACROSS

- 1 Tennis match segment
- 4 Ascorbic _____
- 8 "Ocean _____" (song)
- 12 Hollywood actress of old
- 13 Infrequent
- 14 Encourage
- 15 Actor Gibson
- 16 Crude mining metals
- 17 Fox _____ (dance style)
- 18 Alaska native
- 20 Weep
- 22 Marikina _____
- 24 "On and _____"
- 27 "_____ bargain" (court deal)
- 30 Unitary
- 31 "Miss American _____" (song)
- 32 Bring home as income
- 33 "Two in a _____" (saying)
- 34 Bargain _____ (mall event)
- 35 _____ slopes (Alpine sites)
- 36 _____ Vegas (gambling city)
- 37 Shady trees
- 38 Golf gadget
- 39 "Ocean's _____" (movie)
- 42 "_____ crucis"
- 43 All
- 47 "_____ blanca"
- 50 Grade report
- 52 Lunatic
- 53 Mrs. Ric Provideo
- 54 "Or _____!" (warning)
- 55 Eat like a _____
- 56 "_____ out" (breather)
- 57 Special school for kids (abbrev.)
- 58 Like a fox

DOWN

- 1 Not different
- 2 Adams and _____
- 3 Lecture
- 4 Smell
- 5 "Oh, _____" Sedaka piece
- 6 Anger
- 7 Opposite of ascend
- 8 Obligation
- 9 Go wrong
- 10 _____centric
- 11 Caress
- 19 "_____ the Terrible"
- 21 Whisky ingredient
- 23 "_____ cannon" (talkative)
- 24 Semi-precious stone
- 25 "_____ clip" (footage)
- 26 Dues
- 27 Destructive animal
28. _____ Tahoe
29. Lake _____
33. Royal residences
34. Mailed
36. Hawaiian garland
40. Poem stanza
41. Finished
42. Ornamental vessel
44. Sprites
45. "Light _____ Transit"
46. Nervous
47. Mapua school abbrev.
48. Short for Aristotle
49. "_____ Jim" (brandname)
51. High mountain

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