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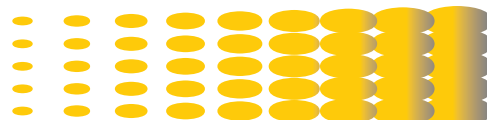
GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

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NEWS BRIEFS



RC Dipolog Poster Making Contest

By Rtn. Bryan Micah S. Lim

In celebration of the 104th Founding Anniversary of Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Dipolog held a Rotary Poster Making Contest last Feb. 21, 2009 at Dipolog Medical Center – College Foundation, Inc. This was to create public awareness of Rotary especially among the youth.



The contestants ranged from various high school and elementary schools in Dipolog City. The contest theme was, "How do you make dreams real?" The students were to best illustrate the contest theme with a time limit of one hour and a half and they were allowed to use any art medium since they had to provide their own materials.



From the Rotary Club of Dipolog and the project chairman of this Rotary Poster Making Contest, Rtn. Bryan Micah Lim, congratulations to all winners and heartfelt thanks to those who participated in this activity.

GOV ASKS...

Q Past Presidents:
A club treasure or a burden?

ROTARIANS SPEAK UP!



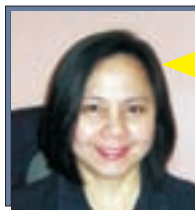
For Past Presidents who are active, they will always be a treasure. They can be a source of inspiration to the new set of officers and new Rotarians. Someone they can lean on during times of uncertainties, with their wisdom and past experiences they can guide the neophytes to the right path in the service of others and on what it means to be a true Rotarian.

Pres. Esteban "Nonoy" Evan B. Contreras
Rotary Club of Metro Roxas



Past Presidents should be a treasure - they are a source of (information) knowledge with valuable experiences to share.

PP Del Nano
RC BORACAY



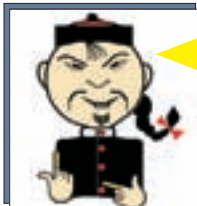
They are treasures when:

- they continue to participate and be involved in the club activities
- they share their wisdom and experiences to help the club grow
- they allow the current President to lead the club and to try something new
- they nurture rather than impose

They are burdens when:

- they think they are still President
- they fade away and become less involved in the club's activities
- they start comparing their term to the current term not for the purpose of helping the club but to let it appear that they did a better job
- they constrict new ideas

PP Mary June Bugante
Rotary Club of Zamboanga City North



Past Presidents to me are and will always be treasures of their respective Rotary Clubs.

No matter whether they had soared high in excellence or receded from the mediocrity of their terms it cannot be denied that they have shared their most precious "Gold" to their respective clubs to keep it going....their TIME.

Their benevolent presence alone, aside their wisdom, can always stir up any dull meeting.

PP Alex R. Ong
RC Central Iloilo City

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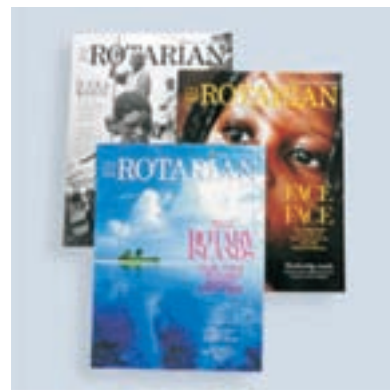
Gov. Ems who came up with this this month's wacky cover is also our resident proof reader, **DS Bilson dela Fuente** who has a regular column, provides much needed computer-related assistance, **PP Art Jimenez** whose advice has given the GML its structure and direction, **PP Louie Gonzaga** – our regular contributor is the man behind almost all of the questions asked in "Gov asks, Rotarians Speak up," **PP Chris Montero** – webmaster for the district website, makes sure the GML is uploaded on the site for all to read, and **IP Pia Nava**, the Editor in Chief.



APRIL IS ROTARY'S MAGAZINE MONTH



April is Rotary's Magazine Month. Did you know that the official monthly magazine of Rotary is called **The Rotarian** and that there are about 30 independently produced regional publications worldwide? As a kid, I would look forward to my dad's copy of The Rotarian and go straight to the funnies section. Since then the magazine has evolved into a more dynamic and entertaining source of information on how dedicated men and women in Rotary are changing lives around the world. Though the comic cartoons are long gone, The Rotarian now enraptures me with its vivid photography. A picture does paint a thousand words, and in each of them a story is told.



Since my appointment as the GML's editor, we have endeavored to make this newsletter more magazine-like. The Rotarian serves as an inspiration as it lends a wealth of ideas on how to better our district publication. Despite our meagre resources and limited manpower, with a little imagination along with the invaluable article contributions and photos from all over the district, we have come to set a new trend for the GML. We hope that we not only provide you information and updates about activities in the district but also given you inspiration from the special stories we have featured since we started in July.

PETS IN CEBU

Last month, my fellow PEs and I trooped to Cebu for our President-Elect Training Seminar. It was a great way to get to meet and forge friendships with the future club presidents in our district. Though Rotary seminars can get tedious at times, they are necessary in improving ourselves, our clubs and learn new things/trends from our district leaders. It is a great venue to exchange ideas about successful projects and best club practices. The PETS is important for us would be leaders as we are taught the many facets and challenges of running a club. There is so much to learn!! I think over the course of the seminar, I had information overload. Hence, it is vital to study our manual. I must admit, I have not fully read mine



but eventually I will get around to it. I really admire those who have read and taken to heart their manual and applied it to administering their clubs. One such Rotarian is Pres. Joe Totengco of RC Iloilo City. Though fairly new to Rotary, he has proven to be an excellent leader. I am so thankful that he is the incoming Assistant Governor of zone 2, where my club belongs. Knowing I will be in good hands, I cannot ask for a better mentor.



A handwritten signature in black ink.

PE Pia M. Nava
Editor in Chief

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The magazine you hold in your hands is one of Rotary's oldest traditions. In January of 1911, a 12-page newsletter called *The National Rotarian* was published; it contained an essay by Paul Harris, "Rational Rotarianism," along with club news and editorials. Of the new publication, Harris wrote: "The primary purpose of *The National Rotarian* is to provide a means for the exchange of ideas between Rotarians throughout the world, not to give the national officers an opportunity to express their views. These messages are not written merely to fill space; nevertheless we look forward to the day when they will be literally crowded out by surging mobs of virile Rotarian ideas struggling to be heard."

Today, with Rotary's club membership spanning more than 200 countries and geographical areas, the mandate of its publications is more complex, and more vital, than ever. The English-language flagship magazine, *The Rotarian*, is edited at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, and has a circulation of about 500,000. Around the world, 31 more magazines are published in 24 other languages, for a total of 32 magazines published by the Rotary World Magazine Press, and a total circulation of about 1.25 million.

The RI Board of Directors has designated April of every year as Magazine Month. It is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives – and the role that we should play in our publications. For the magazines to live up to Paul Harris' original vision, it takes more than just an editorial staff: It also takes the good work of



Rotarians. I always feel that the best part of reading any Rotary publication is the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article, is a chance to be informed and inspired.

In an era when electronic communication seems to be everywhere, the role of the paper-and-ink magazine is still important to our organization. Rotary magazines provide us with an overview of what's happening in different clubs and districts as well as important news and updates from RI headquarters. Even the many Rotarians who regularly visit www.rotary.org will find something new in every issue.

It is a privilege today to be writing this message as Paul Harris once wrote his, and to see his vision of this publication – a magazine filled with the great ideas and great works of Rotarians – brought to life.

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



GML

Connecting Rotarians Across the District



The vision of the editorial staff of this Rotary year's GML is to have Rotarians read the newsletter from cover to cover and to look forward to the next issue.

Its mission is to make every issue alive and interactive. A venue for all clubs to connect in spirit. This Rotary year we have published articles not just from Rotarians but also from Rotexes and GSE alumni which make for more interesting reading. The editorial staff and I are wishful that we have started a trend and that the next Rotary year's issues will be as interactive, if not better. Certainly it has been fun, a little stressful though when it comes to MAR reportage. The Theme for the monthly cover has been a challenge too, sometimes my ideas get vetoed by the editor-in-chief.

Two aspects of publication I find tedious are the layouting and editing process. No matter how many times articles are proofread for corrections – still on the final outcome, errors are noted.

I would like to thank all the Rotarians who have sent in articles and pictures on their projects and those who sent their opinions and insights on many Rotary matters.

We are almost at the end of our term, but the editorial staff continues to be inspired by your contributions to the GML. It is hoped that somehow we mattered this Rotary year and made dreams real.

DG Emma M. Nava

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ROTARY MAGAZINE **Article 14, Manual of Procedure 2007**

Section 1 Mandatory Subscriptions

Unless, in accordance with the by laws of RI, a club is excused by the board of directors of RI from complying with the provisions of this article, each member shall for the duration of membership, subscribe to the official magazine or to the magazine approved and prescribed for the club by the board of directors of RI. The Subscription shall be paid in six (6) month period during which membership may terminate.

Section 2 Subscription Collection

The subscription shall be collected by the club from each member semiannually in advance and remitted to the Secretariat of RI or to the office of such regional publications as may be determined by the board of directors of RI.

DE ROTARIAN

First published in 1927
Web site: www.rotary.nl/rotarian
Language: Dutch
Area served: The Netherlands



First published in 2001
Language: Spanish
Area served: Spain

ESPAÑA ROTARIA

WORLDWIDE



First published in 1978
Web site: www.philrotary.com
Language: English
Area served: Philippines

PHILIPPINE ROTARY



First published in 1970
Language: Spanish
Area served: Colombia

COLUMBIA ROTARIA

First published in 1953
Web site: www.rotary-no-tomo.jp
Languages: Japanese, English
Area served: Japan



ROTARY NO TOMO

First published in 1965
Web site: www.rotarnet.com.au
Language: English
Areas served: American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Democratic Republic of Timor



Leste, Democratic Republic of Tonga, Fiji, French, Polynesia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norfolk Island, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu

ROTARY DOWN UNDER

ROTARY DERGISI

First published in 1983
Language: Turkish
Area served: Turkey



First published in 1955
Web site: www.vidarotaria.org.ar
Language: Spanish
Area served: Argentina

VIDA ROTARIA

First published in February 1991
Formerly known as "The National Rotarian"



THE ROTARIAN



Humanitarian Grants

RI/USAID International H2O Collaboration

Rotarians may apply for grants in amounts from US\$100,000 to \$300,000 to carry out water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic through an alliance between Rotary International and the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#) (USAID). Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants will support Rotary club and district involvement with these projects.

This partnership between RI and USAID is an official [Global Development Alliance](#) (GDA), which is an innovative public-private alliance model developed and used by USAID for improving social and economic conditions in developing countries. The GDA combines the assets and experience of strategic partners, such as RI. The GDA leverages its capital and investments, creativity, and access to markets to solve complex problems facing government, business, and communities.

“We intend these projects to be models for future projects with strategic partners and in this way to enhance our contribution to world understanding, goodwill, and peace.”

- Past RI President William B. Boyd, chair of the International H2O Collaboration Steering Committee

Deadlines

A tentative timeframe for the launch of the first project has been set for the 2009-10 Rotary year, beginning 1 July 2009.

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Nothing but
Desserts



PDG Yolando “Lan” Villaruz

PP Lan Villaruz was D-3850 Governor in RY 1999-2000. Here are some of his reminiscences on his governorship and words to live by:

“I served under RI President Carlo Revizza who's from Milan, Italy. Our RI theme then was quite a long one, “Act with Consistency, Credibility and Continuity.”
“My District Secretary was PP Allan Marasigan, MD. He left shortly to practice medicine in the United States.

“Our district major programs then adhered to RI President Carlo's advocacies. At our level, I also endeavored to give Rotary a face that non-Rotarians could connect with.

“Beyond the club projects in our district then was the philosophy that strengthening the genuine concept of service among Rotarians was a worthy enterprise. I saw this task greater than building physical structures that could not withstand the onslaught of time.

“Although still active in the practice of law, I have successfully divided my time between this and doing professional engagements.



“I do serious research on comparative religions. I am presently compiling materials for an inspirational book which transcends the boundaries of sectarianism. Hopefully this will see print shortly.”

Asked for his advice so Rotarians will remain as Rotarians, he replied:

“Develop a deep religious fervor for Rotary may help. After all, Rotary shares a common bedrock with all great faiths – charity.”

Humanitarian Grants...from page 8

How the funding is organized between RI and USAID

The RI and USAID funds will share project funding, with funding to be distributed separately and independently. This allows for budgeting, expenditures, and reporting mechanisms to be kept completely separate between the two organizations.

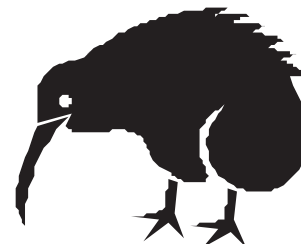
Why water, sanitation, and hygiene projects were selected by RI and USAID

Today, more than 1.1 billion people lack access to safe drinking water, and 2.5 billion people lack access to improved sanitation. Each year, 1.8 million people -- 90 percent of them children under age five -- die from preventable diarrheal diseases. Diarrheal diseases and related malnutrition account for virtually all of the deaths and nearly 90 percent of the overall disease burden associated with unsafe water supply, sanitation, and hygiene. Therefore, activities in these areas are key health interventions. (Source: Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act Report to Congress, June 2008)

The United Nations Millennium Development Goals address this situation in goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability. Within that goal is the target to "halve, by 2015, the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation."

The relationship between the RI/USAID International H2O Collaboration and the Future Vision Plan

While the alliance was developed separately from The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan, the concept of strategic partnerships with other organizations has become a vital part of the plan's new grant-making model. Packaged Rotary Foundation Global Grants will leverage funding, advocacy, and technical expertise of other organizations to develop large-scale projects for Rotarians to implement.



Announcing the

“DOWN UNDER BREAKFAST”

IN BIRMINGHAM

RI Director John Lawrence invites all Rotarians, Friends and Partners to attend the R I Zones 7 & 8 “**Down Under Breakfast**” in Birmingham, UK, to celebrate the 100th Rotary International Convention.

This unique breakfast will promote attendance at the Rotary Institutes for Zone 8 to be held on 13th to 15th of November, 2009 in Newcastle, NSW and Zone 7B to be held on 20th to 22nd of November, 2009 in Bay of Islands, Waitangi, NZ.

The Breakfast is being held on **Sunday 21 June, 2009**, at the **Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel**, at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC), Birmingham, commencing 6.45am for 7.15am, to finish by 9.00am.

Trains leave from New Street Station in the city centre every 10 minutes travelling directly to the NEC Convention Centre and the journey takes 10 minutes. The Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel is a 5 minute walk from the Airport/NEC Railway Station.

Parking is available at the NEC.

Cost for the breakfast is 20 UK Pounds, payable on the day, however prior bookings are required, as numbers are limited.

This will be a fun event, a chance to catch up with friends before the Convention begins.

Feel free to invite Rotarians and friends from other places, as all are welcome.

Don Cox is Chairman of this event and tickets can be reserved by contacting him as follows:

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0407 094 220 mobile

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Don't be disappointed, book early as numbers are limited.

100 Dreams MADE REAL by the Rotary Club of Metro Kalibo

By Rtn. Noel Cabobos
RC Metro Kalibo

SURPRISED but highly elated, Aklan Gov. Carlito Marquez noted that, "This is the first time that I've seen in this province such a massive distribution of wheelchairs that even us in the government haven't done yet."

The governor made this remark on Feb. 24, 2009, at Apsta Teachers Center in Kalibo, Aklan, being the invited guest of honor during the wheelchair distribution of the Rotary Club of Metro Kalibo in partnership with Operation Blessing wherein 100 physically handicapped indigents in the province of Aklan took home a specially-designed wheelchair complete with a tool kit and strap especially for young beneficiaries.

The program is a continuing project of the Rotary Club of Metro Kalibo (RCMK) and Operation Blessing that was galvanized after these two organizations partnered during the Typhoon Frank relief missions.

"We are thankful for maintaining a strong alliance with other organizations for us to adapt, innovate and be even more responsive and relevant to the needs of our community in response to the programs and challenges of Making Dreams Real," noted the youthful and energetic RCMK President Rod Solidum.

"Governor Marquez was right. This distribution was made special considering that not only 10, 20, or even 50 dreams have been granted but 100, the first of its kind so far in the province of Aklan that is why we are very thankful to the collective leadership and cooperation of RC Metro Kalibo and our partners in having these dreams by our beneficiaries fulfilled," he said, adding: "Although, in fact, this is supposed to be more because we have an allocation of 150 wheelchairs for distribution but considering that only 100 were able to submit the requirements needed to avail of the project we decided to set another batch of distribution this year."

Owing to this stronger support and cooperation, President Rod said RC Metro Kalibo promises to make a considerable effort not only in wheelchair distribution but also in all its services favorable to the needs of the community.





By PE/Sec. Emilio "Emil" Aquino, PHF
RC Zamboanga City West



the last fifteen years. It is a Christmas Party for "Special People" to include those who are differently abled and educated under the auspices of the Special Educational Program (SPED); the street children of St. Francis House for Orphans; the abandoned elderly wards of the Home for the Aged; and the PWDs (people with disabilities) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)-sponsored Centers.

From a spontaneous distribution of goodies by three Rotarians, the project has progressed to involve the entire club. Before, most Rotarians were involved in individual gift-giving activities during the Christmas season. The concept of the project is to come up with an integrated gift-giving activity under one roof following the Biblical call: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, this you do unto me." The project has since mutated into its large-scale form whereby, more beneficiaries from different NGOs and SPED centers are catered to and the idea of making our less fortunate brothers and sisters enjoy the comforts of a plush hotel during the special Yuletide season. Thus, the contributions of Rotarians and their respective companies as well as the donations of the friends of Rotary are coursed thru this integrated and high-impact project to address the needs of the beneficiaries. This significant project brings a smile to the otherwise physically, mentally and even emotionally challenged individuals especially the young special children who enjoy a grand Christmas treat while gaining the opportunity to show their own worth and special talents to their peers and benefactors. The Greatest Gift of All is not the gift that Rotarians give to themselves, their spouses, their children or to their relatives and friends, but the gift that really means so much for those who have less in life or suffer under challenging circumstances.

The project started with a series of meetings convened by the Project Chairman (PP Jose Vicente Atilano III for

The humble beginnings of the "Greatest Gift of All" trace back to Rotary Year 1994-1995, when three Rotarians, Edwin Caliolio, Patrick Lee and Bash Adil, all from the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West went to visit the Baliwasan Central School for a proposed project. While having snacks near one of the gates of the school, these Rotarians were approached by several street children and disabled kids begging for alms and food. The three Rotarians just gave them candies then but resolved to pursue a bigger activity that would group the kids together so they can be fed and dressed properly. That saw the start... of the Greatest Gift of All, which was henceforth, proposed by the three as a club project. From the low-key and simple distribution of goodies to a handful of kids, to its present form of giving food stuff, educational materials and equipment to over a thousand of our downtrodden brethren that include orphans, street children, the disabled, the blind and deaf-mute, as well as the abandoned elderly.

PE Emil Aquino, 1995 Co-Project Chairman aptly gave the name of the project: The Greatest Gift of All, which has since become an annual event sponsored by RCZC West with its Anns' Club during the Yuletide Season of Giving for

this Rotary year) together with his Committee members and the representatives of the targeted NGOs, DSWD and SPED Centers. The representatives presented the needs/wish list of their respective institutions and the Project Committee evaluated the same. For needs involving construction and repair works, the architect-members of the club did the estimates and assessment. For repairs of gadgets and equipment, the appliance and repair shop entrepreneur-members handled the same. The doctor-members prescribed the right medicines appropriate for the requesting centers, while other club members helped in procuring gadgets, educational supplies, fruits, noodles, goodies and other food items thru their supplier friends. Other members contributed cash, while some members helped solicit from friends of Rotary and their associates. After rounding up donations, the Rotarians then personally helped in sorting and packaging the donated items into cartons with the assistance of their Anns. A group of ten Rotarians handled the actual transport and delivery of the items to the site (Astoria Regency at Pasonanca). Aside from helping in the sorting and distribution of the donated items and Christmas goodies, the Anns and Rotakids rendered entertainment numbers to the delight of the poor kids. To remove a pure dole-out connotation, the beneficiaries performed their own Christmas presentations and those adjudged as having presented the best numbers were duly awarded and recognized.

Though the task at hand was overwhelming, the club was able to deliver all (100%) of the beneficiaries' wish list from the different institutions to include TV sets, karaoke, crutches, wheelchairs, rice cookers, VCD/DVD players, tape recorders, full body mirrors, sports and exercise equipment, educational materials, reference books, food supplies, as well as, repair and construction works.

Last year's Christmas gifts amounted to over P200,000 which were given directly to the beneficiaries in the



presence of the club's special guests in the person of Mayor Celso Lobregat and Congresswoman Isabella Climaco.

As the biggest showcase project of RCZC West and its Anns Club, the entire proceedings showing the Rotarians, Anns and Rotakids celebrate the grand Christmas Party with special children, orphans, elderly, deaf-mutes, people with disabilities, was aired on the Community Channel of Skycable (a major sponsor of the project) on Christmas Day (December 25, 2008) and New Year's Day (January 1, 2009).

The unity of the club members really played a great role in making the affair a successful one. From ferrying the beneficiaries to and from the venue, to the registration, club presentation, the program proper, and even the distribution of gifts were done in a very systematic way. Other Rotary clubs can adopt the same integrated and large-scale Christmas party model for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Rotarians as selfless individuals, as a practice, do share their blessings during the Yuletide season of gift-giving except that they normally undertake this individually and in different venues. The impact is greater if the distribution is done jointly under one roof while allowing the beneficiaries to convene and enjoy themselves in one grand Christmas celebration.

From a handful of kids to a hundred — over the years — to more than a thousand now... The Greatest Gift of All is certainly a high-impact and exemplary portrayal of how RI and Rotarians can make the rather elusive dream, of a joyful Christmas for those who hunger and suffer, a delightful reality.





OZAMIZ CITY

...an old Spanish town

Misamis was an Old Spanish town, which existed as far back as the Spanish era and was conquered strangely not by force of arms, but through faith by some Jesuit Missionaries. Though obscure, the origin of the name “Misamis” is believed to have been derived from the Subano word “Kuyamis” which is a variety of coconut. During the years the name persisted as an inference of geographical location and upon the advent of the Spanish settlers. The word “Kuyamis” easily gave way to the more conveniently pronounceable but corrupted word “Misamis”.



HOW TO GET THERE

By Land

The city is accessible by motor vehicles and buses from various points in Mindanao.

By Sea

There are passenger vessels serving routes to and from Cebu, Manila, Tagbilaran, Dumaguete and Iloilo. Shipping companies serving the Ozamiz City port include WG&A, Supper Ferry, Silpicio Lines, Negros Navigation, and Trans Asia.

By Air

Air Philippines has daily direct flight from Ozamiz to Manila and vice versa, also Cebu to Ozamiz by PAL Express. Cebu Pacific Air, on the other hand, has direct flights from Ozamiz to Cebu and vice versa.

WHAT TO DO



Subayen Keg Subano Festival – a week-long festivity marking the feast of Nuestra Señora del Street dancing which highlights the lifestyles of the Subanons as depicted in songs, dances, and other forms of simulated social expression,

participated by different private/public schools, 51 barangays, and government contingents, using creative costumes and props; they parade and mime along the streets, that gives way to the genuine, authentic Subanon culture and pageantry enacted for both show and benediction.

Misamis Occidental

Aquamarine Park – there are also a number of choices



if one thinks about spending a day or planning an overnight in a resort where you can enjoy snorkeling or diving with other sea creatures and see the lovely coral reefs at the Dolphin Island.

WHAT TO EAT



WHAT TO SEE



The Bells of Bukagan Hill – a tourist in Ozamiz City should never miss seeing the tower of the four great bells at the top of Bukagan Hill. They are worth the sweat and tires feet if one attempts to go up the hill on foot or the different phobias one experiences as the vehicle goes up. Aside from the wonder of the bells one gets a bonus, the beautiful scenarios around including the panorama of Ozamiz.

Fort Santiago: The Cotta of Ozamiz City – the Fort Santiago is located at the mouth of the Panguil Bay just behind the shrine. It was built in 1756 and has been the military stronghold from then and until now. Historical relics and records were displayed in the Fort's museum. It is also where the lighthouse was erected.



Malindang Country Golf Course – a pre-war army facility converted into a beautiful golf course lush with well-maintained greens, located at the foot of Malindang Mountain



The Pipe Organ of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral – a tourist attraction right at the heart of Ozamiz is the pipe organ found in the choir loft of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. It is the only existing pipe organ in Mindanao and one among the few throughout the country.



Naomi's Botanical Garden – located about 1 ½ km. from the city southward and is 100 meters from the National Highway. The garden has a total area of 13 hectares, planted with all kinds of fruit trees (9 hectares) and ornamental plants (rose gardens, rare collection of flowering plants, orchids, bonsai). In addition to the plants, Naomi's has a ceramic shop producing home decor, jars, and office ornaments, among others.



For more information, check out www.travelsandtours.dingexx.com, www.allbestofphilippines.blogspot.com, www.ultimatediversity.com, www.tourism.gov.ph or www.ozamizcity.com

Assistant Governor

DIONESIO P. LIM

Name:

DIONESIO P. LIM

Rotary Club:

Rotary Club of Ozamiz

Classification:

Electronics

Years in Rotary:

Eight years (8)

In Profile



Why did you decide to join Rotary?

I have decided to join Rotary Club of Ozamiz, because of the professionalism of the Rotarians in the club who were in business; academe; banking; and other classifications whose aim is to be of service to the communities for education, health, livelihood etc. There is JOY in our heart when we are at service to others. And the fellowship of Rotarians in conferences is memorable.

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

Assistant Governor

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

My high school instructors who have molded me to what I am today. They have influenced me to make right decision and to be truthful in every endeavors.

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

I want to be in NASA as an engineer for the astronomical vehicles and equipments.

What is your fantasy career?

To be a Physicist

Do you have a motto? What is it?

Be what you are, give what you can, but the rest of the time, mind your own BUSINESS.

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

I wish to live a life that is fulfilling and fruitful to my family, relatives and friends.
I wish to have a circle of true friendship.
I wish to have more grandchildren in the future.

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

I have changed to become a better person in public.

What aspects of serving Rotary bring you most joy?

When our club have fulfilled our projects.

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

Swimming; movies; make scrapbooks.

What's your favorite holiday destination?

Singapore

What is your favorite Book?

Think and Grow Rich

What is your favorite Movie?

The Ten Commandments

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

I want to be remembered as for what I am when I am in this world. And not as dead in the other world.

Monthly Attendance Report February and March 2009

Zone	No.	Club Name	Club No.	Charter Year	Members to-Date	No. of Mtgs.	March Attendance %	March Ranking	February Attendance %	February Ranking
I	1	Antique	17015	1975	24	3	80.58	18	80.58	20
	2	Iloilo	17045	1933	48	4	82.00	16(tie)	82.00	19
	3	Iloilo South	17047	1971	20	3	93.00	1	93.00	2
	4	Iloilo West	28828	1992	20	3	82.02	15	82.02	18
	5	Miag-ao	58693	2002	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
II	1	Iloilo City	17046	1975	25	4	82.00	16(tie)	86.75	9
	2	Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	15	2	53.30	34	70.00	30
	3	Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	16	4	81.81	17	59.30	38
	4	Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	15	5	88.35	7	83.33	15
	5	Jaro South	31664	1996	12	4	67.66	27	67.66	32
III	1	Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	63	5	54.64	33	60.98	37
	2	Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	23	4	88.66	4	88.66	6
	3	Guimaras	27277	1990	18	4	80.00	19	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	83.90	14	83.9	14
	7	Metro Passi	76428	2007	23	4	70.65	23	72.83	27
IV	1	Roxas	17080	1964	31	5	83.87	14	87.10	8
	2	Kalibo	17053	1967	50	2	88.45	6	85.45	11
	3	Metro Roxas	22518	1982	78	4	87.00	8(tie)	87.00	9(tie)
	4	Boracay	50661	1997	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	5	Metro Kalibo	54828	2001	22	4	89.29	3	89.29	4
	6	Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	25	4	90.91	2	90.91	3
V	1	Silay	17084	1973	19	3	76.00	22(tie)	76.00	24(tie)
	2	Escalante	17037	1976	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	3	Victorias	17091	1966	11	5	87.00	8(tie)	87.00	9(tie)
	4	Bacolod North	17091	1973	39	3	64.20	31	72.72	28
VI	1	Bacolod	17016	1937	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	2	Bacolod East	17017	1983	24	4	66.67	29	63.10	36
	3	Bacolod West	27374	1990	22	3	84.00	13	84.00	13
	4	Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	35	3	70.58	24	70.58	29
	5	Bacolod Central	31518	1996	18	4	76.00	22(tie)	76.00	24(tie)
VII	1	Bacolod South	17019	1969	21	3	89.00	4	89.00	5
	2	Kabankalan City	17052	1974	30	4	66.00	30	66.00	33
	3	Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	25	4	78.02	20	82.20	17
VIII	1	Dipolog	21409	1950	28	3	86.00	11	75.00	25
	2	Jimenez	17050	1975	19	4	85.00	12(tie)	80.00	21(tie)
	3	Dapitan City	25485	1986	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	28	4	88.55	5	88.55	7
IX	1	Ozamiz North	17073	1974	24	4	85.00	12(tie)	85.00	12
	2	Pagadian	17074	1975	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	34.00	39
	3	Pagadian West	17075	1977	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	74.00%	26
X	1	Zamboanga City	17094	1948	39	4	85.00	12(tie)	82.50	16
	2	Basilan City	17022	1960	25	4	67.50	28	68.75	31
	3	Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	20	3	69.84	10	86.65	10
	4	Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	22	3	69.84	25	76.19	23
	5	Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	26	3	64.00	32	65.00	34
XI	1	Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	51	4	86.95	9	93.47	1
	2	Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	29	4	78.00	21	78.00	22
	3	Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	22	4	68.00	26	64	35
	4	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	69302	2005	13	3	50.94	35	80.00	21(tie)

FAST FACTS TAKEN FROM MARCH 2009 MAR:

- Out of 51 Clubs in our District, 23 (45.1%) attained a monthly attendance average of 80% and above.
- There are still 10 clubs (or 19.61%) with less than 20 members.
- There are only 7 clubs with a membership of over 35.
- There are 8 clubs that did not report (DNR).



FAQ : Philippine Rotary Magazine

What is the Philippine Rotary Magazine?

The Philippine Rotary is the official regional magazine for Rotary Club members in the Philippines authorized by Rotary International. It is a member of the Rotary World Magazine Press. There are ten districts in the Philippines with about 700 Rotary clubs and 20,000 members ("Rotarians"). The magazine contains articles and features about Rotary in the Philippines and abroad. Guided by the editorial policies of Rotary International, it contains articles found in the current issue of The Rotarian, Rotary International's official publication for all Rotarians worldwide, and articles and features of local (Philippine) interest. It is published by the Philippine College of Rotary Governors (PCRG). An Editorial Board consisting of volunteer Rotarians manages the magazine with a salaried editorial staff.

What is the PCRG?

The Philippine College of Rotary Governors (PCRG) is an association of past, present and incoming Districts Governors, whose purpose is to promote close coordination and camaraderie among the ten Rotary Districts in the Philippines with the common goal of supporting the various programs, policies and objectives of Rotary International in the spirit of fellowship. A District Governor heads each Rotary district.

How do I submit a story on our club project?

The following guidelines will help you present your idea for consideration:

- ✓ Tell WHAT happened, WHERE it happened, WHEN it happened, HOW it happened, WHY it happened, and WHO made it happen.
- ✓ Emphasize Human Interest. Example: Instead of reporting on a cheque presentation ceremony, focus instead on WHO benefitted from the donation or WHAT was the benefit of your club's fund raising efforts.
- ✓ Provide comments and quotes from club members and others.
- ✓ Include newspaper clippings and/or any other informational materials.
- ✓ List the name of a contact person, phone/fax numbers and e-mail address for more information.
- ✓ Articles should be typewritten and submitted in printed and preferably in digital form (CD or as an attachment to e-mail in MS Word format).

What kind of pictures do you prefer?

We need pictures that tell the story.

- ✓ The best images show action that have human interest and present a subject in an unusual way. Photographs that perfectly catch a moment are generally an exception; keep in mind that most require some set-up and posing. Your goal is to create an image that appears candid and natural.
- ✓ Please send pictures with clear faces and surroundings, and those with clear, not dark, background.
- ✓ When writing on the back of photographs, be careful not to use ink that may smudge on the photograph under it. Use a separate sheet of paper for information such as names, descriptions or captions and photo credits, cross-indexed by a number indicated at the back of the photo (avoid ink smudging).
- ✓ We prefer colour prints. We accept scanned pictures in high resolution (300 pixels) saved on CD or e-mailed as an attachment in "jpg" format.
- ✓ Protect your photographs when mailing by placing them in a hard pouch, and specify if you would like them returned.

Why has my/our submitted article not been published?

Some articles do not see print because they lack details or given lower priority over other articles in the exercise of editorial prerogative, since we have a limited number of pages. Some articles are also mis-sent or are lost in transit. While some articles may be featured in future issues if space permits, we cannot guarantee publication.

Where and How do I send materials for publication?

You can send your materials by mail, fax, messenger or e-mail to the following:

- ✓ Editor-in-Chief : PDG Mar Un Ocampo III
- ✓ Managing Editor : PDG Juanito T. Ventura
- ✓ To the District Governor's Representative to the Philippine Rotary Magazine (DGR-PRM)
- ✓ Our contact details are:
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Gov Asks

Q: If someone says, "I am already helping people on my own, why should I join Rotary?" How will you respond?

Rotarians Speak Up!

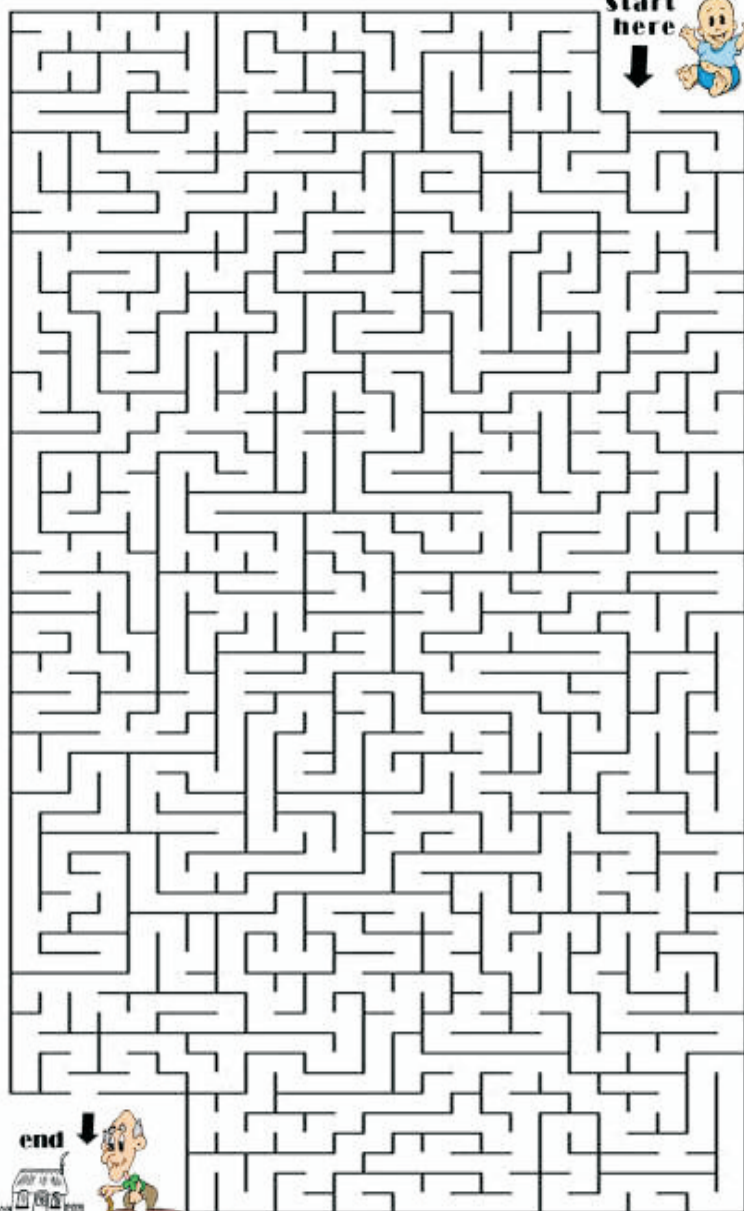
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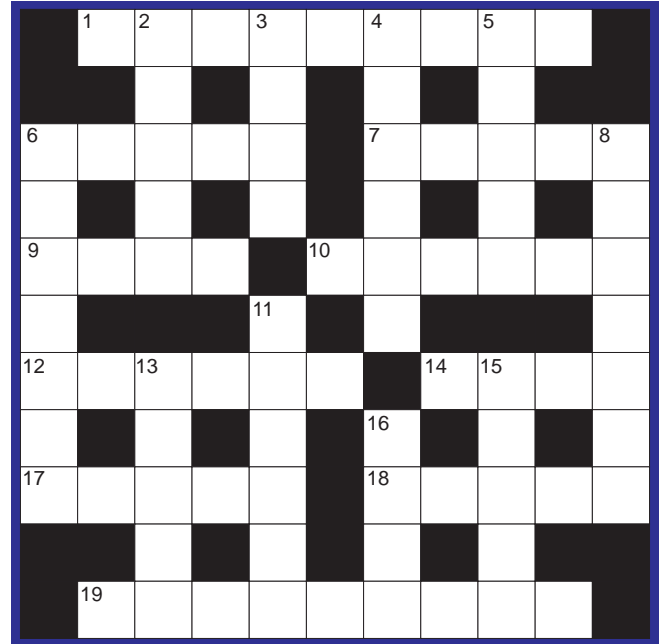
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Crossword by PP Art Jimenez



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RC ZAMBOANGA CITY NORTH

Official turn-over of Ambulance to the City Government of Zamboanga, thru a matching grant project during PP Kerwin Baldovino's term between RC Zamboanga City North and Sister Club RC Seongnam Seonil, South Korea. In photo: City Health Administrator and PP Rodel Agbulos, Mayor Celso Lobregat, Pres. Ric Coros, Rtn. Jimmy Saavedra, PP Kerwin Baldovino, Sec. Eugene de Asis.



RC METRO BACOLOD

RC Metro Bacolod Pres. Jude Doctora hands over scholarship fund to a pupil of Kabugwason Elementary School as part of the "Pangarap ng Kabataan" scholarship program. Also in photo are PP Eddie Bermejo and Rtn. Pete Crispe.



RC ZAMBOANGA CITY WEST

RC Zamboanga City West last project for RY 2008-09 "Laruan Ko Para Sa'yo, Pagkain Ko Hati Tayo" Year 8 at Mina Curuan, last March 20, 2009.



RC ROXAS CITY

RC Roxas City - Pres. Pip Acepcion beside Rotary jackstone at the Olotayan Marine Conservation Area.



RC BACOLOD WEST

RC Bacolod West donates deep well complete with hand pump to the residents of GK Smile Village, Brgy. Salvacion, Murcia, Negros Occidental. Last August 18, 2008.



RC DUMANGAS

RC Dumangas Aid to Day Care Center Project.



RC ZAMBOANGA CITY CENTRAL

RC Zamboanga City Central and the 38 graduates of the Reflexology Seminar including two deaf-mute students (kneeling in front) together with the RCZC Central members and Tesda Reg. Director & Trainor.