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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!



If you are helping people on your own, the more you should join Rotary because Rotarians are people who help other people. Together we can combine our resources to help a greater number of people in a community. Rotary can complement your desires of helping people and you can also contribute to Rotary's mission of service to the community.

**Pres. Raymond Lintag**  
RC Basilan



Rotarians are first of all busy people; History showed us that Rotary was formed from a group of professionals and businessmen, all busy persons I assume.

There are many advantages in joining Rotary; Collectively as a club, we can pull our resources and help more people in various kinds of projects and not only in one or two charitable efforts (assuming an active participation by a certain individual). Someone might have made various kinds of donations but this does not mean an active participation in a certain cause or charitable effort.

Aside from helping other people, Rotary also is good for the Rotarians themselves. Being members of this prestigious organization and being ambassadors of our club in our community, actions of Rotarians are always guided by the 4-way test in our personal lives and in representing ourselves in the community. Hopefully, reforming us and making us better individuals.

Rotary also expands our contacts, both in friendship and business. Not only for ourselves but also for the other members of our family and our circle of friends.

**Pres. Jojo G. Montinola**  
RC Bacolod Marapara



I am elated and challenged to be given the opportunity to serve as the first woman president of the Rotary Club of Bacolod after 62 years. As director for Bantay Bata 163 and Station Manager of ABS\_CBN Bacolod we have launched several community outreach programs that brought smiles and relief to needy people. But being a Rotarian further strengthens my desire to serve. Rotarians succeeded to address the challenge to focus on the following avenues and targets. Education or literacy, Children, Water and Hunger.

Through the years Rotary has touched the lives of many and has become a vehicle for change, poverty alleviation and a meaningful life.

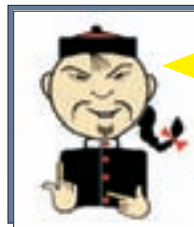
We are looking at uplifting the lives of people living below the poverty line, educating and contributing at improving the literacy rate, providing affordable water and attacking the problem of hunger. Rotary has unceasingly spearheaded, participated and taken an active role in community outreach programs. With all these challenges that are being hurled at us Rotarians, we continue to rise up to meet these demands and making this Rotary year a great success.

**Pres. Leilani Alba**  
RC Bacolod



Joining Rotary, allows me to multiply my efforts and create a synergy for the benefit of the community.

**Rtn. Sally D. Gadong-Knapp**  
RC Metro Roxas-Central



Helping others is one thing...enjoying and having fun with your fellow Rotarians is another thing. Rotary was formed not because of service alone. It was primarily founded because of fellowship. Mixing Fun and Service is what makes Rotary Unique and Enjoyable. After all, it is not the amount of sugar you put in your cup of coffee that make it sweet, but it is the stirring you make after adding the sugar. So why miss the fun when you can stir it with service?

**PP Alex R. Ong**  
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Photo taken at Molo Plaza, Iloilo City  
by Rtn. Babak Niaraki of RC Central Iloilo City.





*"You give but little when you give of your possessions.  
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."*

Khalil Gibran, *The Prophet*

**T**his quote is taken from one of my favorite writers, Khalil Gibran.

Remarkably profound in its simplicity, I believe this is an undeniable quality of a true Rotarian. It is not so much in giving of material things but really the commitment to Rotary's cause of serving others above oneself. It is the giving of time, energy, enthusiasm and heart to this ideal that sets a Rotarian apart from an ordinary person. Rotarians are, therefore, extraordinary people doing good deeds—big and small—to change the lives of those who desperately need it.

When there is a call to action, Rotarians rise to the occasion. Almost a year ago Typhoon Frank brought much devastation to the island of Panay. Without hesitation, everyone did their share to help out. I have heard many random acts of kindness and amazing stories of Rotarians going over and beyond what was expected to alleviate the burden of the victims in this calamity.

In this issue, Rtn. Jerry Lames of the Rotary Club of Roxas writes about his club's efforts to bring immediate aid to Olotayan Island. He further recounts a touching encounter with a little girl named Tenderly, who incidentally was the subject of his photo that made the finals in our district's Photo

Essay Contest (August issue of GML.)

Remember that photo of a child sitting on the steps with bags of relief goods behind her? Remember the sad look in her eyes? As a result of the club's resolve to rebuild this island community, Rtn. Jerry shares with us a more recent photo of Tenderly, now smiling with eyes filled with hope.

This is the gift of Rotary. We are given the opportunity to be merchants of hope.

Just imagine the twinkle in some child's eyes, the laughter that resounds across the room, the hope of a better life ahead — may be because of something you did through Rotary.

Never miss an opportunity to serve. You have the ability to make dreams real.

We all do.

PE Pia M. Nava  
Editor in Chief



Dear fellow Rotarians,

In this issue of *The Rotarian* and in all regional Rotary magazines this month, you will find a new edition of Global Outlook. It takes a close look at the problem of child survival, and what Rotarians are doing about it. I hope that you will be inspired by the accounts of what your fellow Rotarians are accomplishing – and motivated to expand your own club's work against child mortality.

When I first chose *Make Dreams Real* as my theme and asked Rotarians to focus on reducing the rate of child mortality, I was confident that we would be able to make a real difference. I knew that the same areas that are critical for saving children's lives – water, health and hunger, and literacy – are the areas in which Rotary service excels. And I knew that Rotarians are overwhelmingly the kind of people who would be inspired to work toward this goal.

Still, the way that Rotarians have responded has exceeded even my own hopes. Our club and district projects are saving lives, one at a time, with determination and with success. And as we all work together to eliminate polio, we know that we are saving lives for generations to come.

In the months since Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge was announced, I have had many opportunities to explain to Rotarians just why it is vital that we work to bring so much new funding to the polio eradication effort in so short a time. The answer, put simply, is that we are at a critical, and I believe

final, stage in the campaign. Only four polio-endemic countries remain: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. All present obstacles to the eradication effort, such as war, unreliable infrastructure, difficult terrain, poor sanitation, and high birthrates. In India's Uttar Pradesh alone, 500,000 children are born every month. And in this region, the usual number of vaccine doses required to confer immunity – six – must be doubled. Why? Because the children there are exposed to so many different viruses and carry so many different bacteria, all of which “compete” with the oral polio vaccine.

To wipe out polio in these final four countries will take a coordinated effort of intensity and strength, requiring the support and participation of many individuals and organizations. We in Rotary have been part of the polio eradication effort from the beginning, and we are committed to seeing it through to the end. In this way, we know that we will *Make Dreams Real* – not only in this Rotary year but for generations to come.

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



# No Walk in the Park

Becoming a Club President is never planned. When a prospective recruit becomes a Rotarian the position of Club President or at most District Governor is far from one's mind.

Commitment to Rotary starts at the club level. Attending weekly meetings, forging new friendships especially through fellowship, getting involved in club projects, attending various district functions and most importantly, paying club dues and other financial obligations are the main requisites of an involved Rotarian – one who can truly and proudly say “I am a Rotarian.” It is never easy to be a Rotarian, much more a Club President. Weekly attendance in club meetings is daunting more so when the Rotarian has not imbibed the object of Rotary which is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.


I remember as a baby Rotarian I did not have a strong commitment to Rotary. Sure, I liked the idea of belonging to a prestigious service organization. Being called a Rotarian gave me a high! But something was missing – until I put to heart the first object of Rotary – the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. Since then Rotary has become a way of life for me.

A club's success is only as good as its members' involvement. A club is not composed of one member (the Club President) but a group of men and women working together, giving service to the community. A club president leads and motivates and goes the extra mile. And so, it is imperative and appreciated that club members support their club president.

While Club Presidents and Club Officers perform the nitty gritty of running the club, the District governor oversees the district, visiting clubs at least once during the Rotary year, seeing to it (reminding many times over) that RI dues are paid, that clubs subscribe to a Rotary magazine and sees to it that goals on membership and contribution to TRF are attained. Maintaining good rapport with club presidents, AGs and district officers ease the governance of the district.

Certainly the work of club presidents and district governor is no walk in the park.



  
DG Emma M. Nava



# HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL

*(Excerpts from Holy Family Hospital article by Fr. Jun Mercado, O.M.I., GMA 7 News)*

Contribution by Rtn./Dr. Jose Llenado  
RC Bongao, Tawi Tawi



**Y**ears ago in the early 1960s the only working hospital in the whole Sulu Archipelago was the provincial hospital in Jolo. The inhabitants either had to go to Jolo for their medical needs or simply died. This absence of medical professionals outside of Jolo, particularly in the Tawi-Tawi islands, prompted the late Bishop Francis McSorley, OMI, to invite the Medical Mission Sisters (a religious congregation of women health professionals) to open a hospital in Bongao in 1968 to provide professional medical services to the people of Tawi-Tawi. The Medical Mission Sisters Loreta De Guzman, Scholastica Los Banos, and Lina Raelones pioneered the opening of Holy Family Hospital or HFH, a secondary hospital offering appropriate medical and surgical services from 1968 to the present.

With the coming of the government hospital in Bongao in the late 1970s, the Holy Family Hospital took stock of the relevance of its continued professional medical services to the poor in the Tawi-Tawi archipelago. This reflection paved the way for a new way of healing presence in the context of its milieu.

The HFH decided to revert to a primary health care facility to be more relevant and rooted in the socio-economic, political and cultural realities of the people of Tawi-Tawi, with preference for the poor. This decision led to a cycle of changes. The hospital has now become part of the community at large and of the Federation of Community Health Organizations known as the Parhimpunan Paghambuukan ha Pamaranan sin Kauman (PPPK) composed of community health workers and members from 8 barangays. The Federation's vision was to pursue a common dream of the "establishment of an alternative health care system by the people, for the people, and of the people."

In 2003, the Medical Mission Sisters turned over to the PPPK the management of the Holy Family Hospital, one of the first hospitals managed by an organization largely composed of poor Muslim communities, mostly Muslim housewives, and their leaders.

Today the Holy Family Hospital is a part of the larger Federation of Community Health Organizations (PPPK) and HFH continues to serve the people of Tawi-Tawi and the poor communities, in particular, through its quality health care services and excellent staff. The Hospital is unique in the country not only for the quality training to the local staff but also for the integration of the community health programs in the 8 barangays.

For most health workers in the hospital and in the federation, the Holy Family Hospital stands for three things:

First, HFH stands for the development of a holistic and alternative health care system that is responsive to the needs of the people especially the majority poor.

Second, the set up of the HFH allows the staff and workers to experience how patients should be treated when they seek medical attention and help. In the HFH, patients are attended to immediately upon the evaluation of the physician or staff on duty without asking the patients if they have money for deposit or advance payment. The staff on duty sees to it that the much-needed tender and loving nursing care is given equally to all, regardless of patient's capacity to pay.

Health education is an integral part of the professional services that the hospital gives. The staff shares their knowledge and skills to the patients so they have the necessary knowledge for preventing diseases when they go back to their respective communities. Verily, the patients are not only treated, but they too are empowered!

To many of the health workers, the actual experiences in the HFH also lead to personal healing, especially of the many biases towards hospitals and medical professionals. To them the HFH is an experience of healing and helping save people's lives.

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Third, the vision of the HFH promotes good relationships between Muslims and Christians in the province. Friendly relations provide occasions to correct negative judgments and impressions about the "other". In the HFH, the staff, patients and the communities commit to live as friends and both Muslim and Christian events are celebrated hand in hand with respect and understanding.

The HFH serves the Badjaos who really are the poorest of the poor. They are the "nomads of the sea" who, at one time, lived in small boats but now they live in shanties by the coast. Their life is about family and community. A case worth sharing is the ritual of birthing in the Badjao family and community.

On one occasion a group of Badjaos came by boats to the hospital bringing a member of their community who was pregnant and in labor. There were about 30 to 40 people with the pregnant mother and they were all excited about having a new baby in their community. The Badjao community excitedly went to the hospital but no one brought the baby's clothes. Neither did they have the financial capacity to buy pampers or clothes for the newborn baby. They were all laughing and in their excitement, they rushed back and forth getting things to help each other with the very little they had.


The Hospital provides professional health services to about 5,000 patients annually and in its 40 years have served more than 200,000 individuals. And through the

Federation, the HFH ceaselessly confronts the continuing cycle of poor disease-prevention practices, absence of potable water, poor sanitation, and high incidence of water-borne diseases. The endemic nature of malaria and stronger strains of the multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDRTB) and Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever contribute to high morbidity and mortality in the archipelago.


These are the realities that the HFH faces daily. The hospital has committed and well-trained staff who render professional and loving health services. Their work points to the growing awareness that health and healing services are indeed ministries that are very important in the community.


The hospital needs financial assistance for the next five years and Jolo Bishop Angelito Lampon, OMI and Medical Director Dr. Joseph S. Llenado are knocking on every door to make the Holy Family Hospital in Tawi Tawi survive.

What are truly amazing are the courage and the undaunted spirit of the people in the HFH and the Federation. In their hardship and want, they continue to dream, looking for a day that they would modernize the hospital and train more health personnel and community workers. They believe that with modern technology and facilities, the hospital can serve the poorest of the poor with quality health care and services.


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# Broadening My Horizons

By Max Bowen  
GSE Alumnus

My recent trip to the Philippines showed me a part of the world I had known nothing about, but it also gave me another lesson: just how small my own world is. The adventure was taken through the Rotary

Club's Group Study Exchange program, which seeks to expand the cultural knowledge of young professionals through month-long trips to different countries around the world. I remember attending the interview with the different Rotary officials, thinking that I didn't have the slightest chance of being added to the list. Imaging my surprise when I got the call later that I would be adding the Philippines to my list of passport stamps.

As we prepared for the trip, learning all we could about the culture and food, I remember wondering what it would be like: I had never been to the Philippines before, or known anyone who had, so I had no expectations early on. As we learned more about the culture and talked to people who had lived there, a picture began to form in my mind, and I remember counting down the days until our departure.

Much of our time was spent either touring the 10 cities we visited or on vocational training. For my part, I went to newspaper offices, television and radio stations and spoke to students in film and journalism. I expected to play the part of the student, but found myself answering questions about my own life and career. While in Zamboanga, we visited the offices of the Zamboanga Daily Times, where I spoke to Roy Ramos, a 30-year media veteran, who spent much of the time asking me questions about what I had done in my six short years as a reporter. In Bacolod, I gave an impromptu journalism lesson to a class at the University of St. La Salle, telling them about what ledes and headlines were and the importance of getting multiple sources for stories.

Perhaps the best part of the trip was the people. Kind, generous and friendly, they made me feel right at home as I stepped off the plane. In Zamboanga, my host brother Osbert told me all about his family and what the city was like. Much of my free time was spent showing each other photos of our friends and family. In Bacolod, I spent a day off relaxing with the family of Joel Jaranilla, going out for lunch, then to an arcade and the movies. In Kalibo, my host father Botoy, a fellow journalist, showed me his office and the newspaper he puts out each week, the Madyaas Pen. We joked that when he retired, I could take over the business. I bonded with each host family, and when we left each city, it was with new friends and a deeper knowledge of what the Philippines was like.

The food was an experience in and of itself. Filipinos enjoy a much healthier diet than Americans. The food is fresh, lacking many of the preservatives and additives we use, and I enjoyed meals of meat, rice, fruit and seafood. Crabs, durian and pig brains were just a few of the dishes I tried for the first time, and my stomach will never forget it.

This trip has changed me profoundly. Before, I had traveled little outside the United States, and those destinations were enough like home that I never felt I was somewhere truly new. But being in the Philippines has given me a richer understanding for how



truly diverse this world is. When I came back, I promised myself that my life would change, that I would continue to expand my own world and broaden my horizons.

I spoke earlier about the vocational training I received at several radio stations in the Philippines. Since coming home I have started two new radio shows, one for the news in the town of Billerica, Massachusetts, and a Boston music show. I see radio as my future career, and look forward to the doors it will open.

I've continued the wonderful diet I ate in the Philippines; rice with every meal, meat, and plenty of fruits. My health has improved tremendously, and my palate has become more diverse as well.

I keep in touch with the friends I've made overseas; Osbert, Jon, Botoy, Louie, Joel, Megs and the dozens of other amazing people I've met. I plan to return to the Philippines next year, and look forward to seeing what else this country has to teach me.





# Q & A

## with DGN McGyver

By PP Art Jimenez  
RC Lapaz

Next to the Roman Catholic Church, Rotary International is the most

decentralized and straightforward nonprofit organization in the world. The Board sets policies for the President to implement through hundreds of district governors.

The RI is most proactive, as well. At any given Rotary year, there are four kinds of governors: the incumbent, the elect and incoming, and the nominee. The rationale is to plan ahead while giving the successors increasing district-wide knowledge and duties. In this vetting process, future governors could easily form his formidable district team.

Observe the progressive cycle. The Governor-Nominee has two years to prepare for his term. After a year, he has another 12-month preparation as he moves up to Governor-Elect while the Governor-Elect ahead of him rises to Incoming Governor, usually after the annual District Conference. On July 1, the I in the IG is removed and only the G remains. Thus, a new District Governor is born even as there's a new Governor-Elect and Governor-Nominee behind him. This sequence repeats itself year after year.

You have met IG Edgar "Diotay" Sy, Governor Ems Nava's successor, in the GML February issue.

Now it's time to meet DGN James "McGyver" Makasiar!

James Cesar finished his accountancy course at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University in 1984, at the age of 20, and was sworn in as a certified public accountant (CPA) in the same year. He joined the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West five years later and served as its president in RY 2002-2003. His programs were attuned to the "Sow the Seeds of Love" theme of then RI President Bhichai Rattakul of Thailand.

Makasiar was proclaimed as the unopposed District Governor Nominee (DGN) for RY 2010-2011 during the Bacolod DisCon 2008. His club celebrates its Ruby Anniversary in the same year.

James is involved in a string of businesses: as owner of Makasiar Enterprises, director of a lending investor corporation and chairman-president of another, and chairman-president of an integrated service firm.

Makasiar serves the business community as chairman-president of the Zamboanga Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation, Inc. For the local government units, he sits in the City Peace and Order

Council and the Crisis Management Committee of the Province of Zamboanga.

He is married to Ma. Teresa Salvador-Makasiar, a CPA. Together they raise their sons Neil John, 19 years old, Jason Peter, 16, and Michael James, 10. All are Paul Harris Fellows, with the father, James being a multiple Paul Harris Fellow (MPHF).

GML interviewed DGN James via email. Some edited (for brevity) excerpts:

**GML:** Why the Rotary nickname "McGyver" out of a popular TV series?

**DGN:** The nickname was given to me by my sponsor, the late PP Ted Jaldon. During an outreach program, when a bottle opener was needed to open the softdrinks we brought, I lent my Swiss knife. Since then, they used it as reference to me, as it also rhymed with my family name.

**GML:** How did you become a Rotarian?

**DGN:** It was at the suggestion of our Firm's outgoing manager, the late Luisito Te, whom I was replacing in our Firm. Mr Te, brought up the matter to my sponsor (the late PP Ted Jaldon), who was then the president of a client Company. So, at that time, I had little choice.

I first joined Rotary in 1989, during the presidency of PP Tony Agustin, PHF and the Governorship of Albert RT Lim, The RI theme then was Enjoy Rotary.

**GML:** What are some highlights of your presidency?

**DGN:** We posted records in the Four Avenues of Service. We inducted 16 new Rotarians four of whom have been elected presidents of our club. We surpassed the previous number of projects and number of beneficiaries. We involved the most number of Rotarians and schools in the career week seminar. We produced three PHFs and 10 sustaining members.

**GML:** What district seats did you occupy before becoming our DGN?

**DGN:** I have been appointed as Assistant Governor; Governor's Special Representative; Chair for Community Service, Membership, Public Image, and TRF; co-chair for Awards; and District Resource Speaker.

**GML:** This early, how are you preparing for governorship in 2010-2011?

**DGN:** The immediate appointments I requested were for the District Trainer, PDG Dave Villanueva and for the District Conference Chair, PAG Raymond Padayhag. This will enable us to have a headstart for my year of Service. The main objective being: 1. Having an enriching training

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## Jun Golfer takes Rotary Title

By PP Robert Harland  
RC Bacolod Marapara

Paolo de Leon, a 14 year-old student at St. John's Institute in Bacolod City, was the overall champion of the recent Rotary 'Golf for a Cause' tournament held at the Negros Golf and Country Club in Bata Subdivision.

Paolo, who has been playing golf since the age of six, had a net score of 85 points under the Stableford scoring system. He has a handicap of 10.

"I was surprised, but thrilled to take the title", he said. "It's a real boost to my confidence and a strong motivator for me to do even better in the future."

Other winners were: Class A: Boy Manaloto (hcp 10) 77 points; Class B: Fidel Fuentes (hcp 16) 81 points; Class C: Rudy Pranga (hcp 22)

83 points. Friendship Division: JJ Coscolluela 72 points. Overall gross champion was Francis Gaston (hcp 4) with 70 points.

This was the 12th Rotary 'Golf for a Cause' tournament, said Jojo Montinola, president of the Rotary Club of Bacolod Marapara, organizers of the event.

"The tournament was a great success with an excellent turnout of players", he said.

"Not only is the event a lot of fun, it raises vital funds which enables our club to continue its community programs, especially medical missions for the less fortunate in our society.

"I'd like to thank all the players, sponsors and volunteers for their participation, with a special mention of our main sponsors Coca-Cola, the City of Talisay, Shangri La's Mactan Resort and Spa and Philippine Airlines."

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for the District officers, Club presidents, Club secretaries and other Rotarians that will adequately prepare them to achieve higher goals for themselves, their club and the communities they serve and 2. Present a District Conference that will be remembered as one of the best organized, best managed and most memorable and successful.

**GML:** What will you focus on when you become governor?

**DGN:** I am very concerned about the membership growth of our District. We still have clubs that linger below 20. It is apparent that some clubs have lost their collective desire to sponsor new members. Second, I would like to challenge the new leaders to introduce new projects or ideas in community service. And lastly, I will continue to involve new Rotarians for district involvement.

**GML:** How do you motivate those qualified to become Rotarians?

**DGN:** I usually start by just inviting friends or

acquaintances to a Rotary affair. It is very effective if prospective Rotarians see for themselves what Rotarians do. It can even be a sportsfest. What is important is, they will see the friendship that is built and the camaraderie that'd robust and healthy. Formalities and protocol in our affairs can leave a good and lasting impression on the minds of prospective Rotarians.

**GML:** How can Rotarians remain Rotarians?

**DGN:** Enjoy the friendship of your fellow Rotarians in the club. Increase your circle of friends by joining Rotary service projects, training or fellowship activities in your zone and district. A Rotarian will lose interest if his talent and resources are not put into use or if his talent and resources are overused or abused. Some clubs lose Rotarians because there is a collective lethargy and diminished enthusiasm. However, if a Rotarian is surrounded by a group of spirited individuals who regularly come and participate in weekly meetings or other Rotary functions then there will be little likelihood of losing that Rotarian.



# Reflections

By PP Kerwin Baldovino  
RC Zamboanga City North

A few days ago we were coming home from Jollibee when we saw a street kid asking for money. I asked my daughter if she wanted to be in her place. My mom used to ask this when we were kids. Although my brother and I were well aware of the fortunate situation we were in, it never really compelled us to appreciate what we had that the vagrants did not. Have you ever thought what it would really be like if you were poor? What if we were dealt with a different hand and all the luxuries of life we have now are nothing more than a wish? How would we cope?

Each day would always be a constant struggle for trivial things such as food and a place to stay. Do you know how it would be like to be afraid that tomorrow you might not have anything to eat and no place to sleep? If we can at the very least remove ourselves from our high thrones and shed all arrogance, this isn't something hard to contemplate. However, this is something that is truly haunting to mull over. Think of it this way, what if you were supposed to ride the Sulpicio Boat that sank and decided not to go. Can you imagine how your life would have been if you went? You could be dead by now! That's how precarious our fates are! What if at the crossroads of life God decided that you should be poor?

The irony of the situation is that while they are constantly hoping to be at least like us or in the same financial level, we on the other hand are also wishing to be somebody else. Most of us are dreaming of what it would be like to be Bill Gates, Oprah Winfrey and the likes. Man is eternally incomplete! It is part of our design as human beings. Our quest for perfection is one of our primary motivations for living. Give somebody what they want at their every whim and they will suddenly lose the will to live. Once you purge the fixation of desiring what they do not have, their sense of purpose is no longer present. This is why most celebrities breakdown at the height of their stardom. There are currently 5 million people in the Philippines who are unemployed. This only shows that despite being given a better life at birth is not an absolute guarantee. Most of us wouldn't probably change places with a squatter even for a day. And certainly Bill Gates would not want to change places with us. But it is not impossible for us to show them that life is not all about misery. For even one day, we can bring laughter and probably hope to orphans or those in need by sharing what we have. It doesn't have to be grand. It could be as simple as having a party at the orphanage. There's nothing more fulfilling than to see somebody smile and you were part of that smile.

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- The RI Board has determined that any use of the Rotary name without a further qualifier, such as the name of a Rotary club, Rotary district, or other Rotary entity, refers to the international association RI. (Rotary Code of Policies [RCP] 33.020.6)
- When using the Rotary name, new project names or programs not under the exclusive control of RI or The Rotary Foundation must include the name of the participating Rotary club(s), district(s), or other Rotary entity. (RCP 33.02.6)
- If using the words Rotary and Foundation, the words must not appear together, but must be separated by additional identifying information, such as the name of the participating Rotary club(s), district(s), or other Rotary entity. (RCP 33.020.5)
- Ongoing projects and programs not under the exclusive control of RI and not conforming to these guidelines should be renamed to provide this additional identifying information (i.e., the name of the participating Rotary club(s), district(s), or other Rotary entity must be included when using the Rotary name). (RCP 33.020.6)
- No alterations, obstructions, or modifications of Rotary are permitted. No abbreviations, prefixes, or suffixes of Rotary, such as Rota-, are permitted. (RCP 33.020.6)
- Rotary clubs, districts, other Rotary entities, and individual Rotarians should purchase domain names that comply with the naming guidelines outlined in the Rotary Code of Policies and the Manual of Procedure. Before registering domain names, Rotary entities are encouraged to check with their Club and District Support representative to ensure that their proposed domain name complies with Board policy for use of the Rotary Marks. Domain names not in compliance with Board policy should be changed to comply, and RI reserves the right to ask for the transfer of ownership to RI of any noncomplying domain name. (RCP 52.020.1, 33.020.6)
- The naming of any project or program that does not conform to the guidelines must receive specific RI Board approval. (RCP 33.020.6)

### Rotary Emblem

- The Rotary emblem, like the Rotary name, represents the international association RI. (RCP 33.010.4)
- Whenever the Rotary emblem is used for a project, program, or activity not under the exclusive control of RI or The Rotary Foundation, the name of the participating club(s), district(s), or other Rotary entities should be used in addition to the emblem, should appear directly adjacent to the emblem, and should be of a size of equal prominence to the emblem. (RCP 33.010.4)
- Any reproduction of the Rotary emblem must meet RI's proper emblem specifications. (See Manual of Procedure, Chapter 17; RCP 33.010.1). Camera-ready art may be obtained via the RI Catalog (Rotary Logos on CD, 234-MU). No alterations, modifications, or obstructions of the Rotary emblem are permitted. The emblem must be faithfully reproduced and always appear in its entirety. (RCP 33.010.4)
- The RI Bylaws discourage any joint use of the RI emblem with the emblem or logo of another organization for any commercial purpose. (RI Bylaws, Article XVIII, 18.020; RCP 33.010.2).





# Hope to Olotayan Island

By Rtn. Jerry Lames  
RC Roxas

**O**lotayan Island lies off the coast of Roxas City. It is a small Island whose inhabitants are fisher folks. The island has a population of about 1000 people, made up or around 120 families. You may get to the island via a banka boat, taking about 25 minutes depending where you leave from.

I first encountered Olotayan as a visitor back in 2007 and found it a beautiful island with foliage in abundance. White sandy beaches, coral everywhere and a gentle tropical breeze. Paradise came to mind. I spent the day with my family, enjoying the swimming, picnicking and shell collecting. We set up camp on the side that faced Roxas City. Little did I know there was a community on the other side of the island that faced the Visayan sea?

A year later, Typhoon Frank attacked Roxas along with many other cities and coastal towns in Panay Island. Frank pounded hard, but none such hard as Olotayan Island. It was right in the middle of the typhoon. No safe structures for sheltering the fisher folks and their families except for an old run down school. People took refuge there to ride the typhoon out.

After the typhoon, Olotayan Island, which has no electricity, no fresh water, and no cell phones, found itself without food clothing and roofs over their heads. The fish had left so fishing was not an option anymore, until the fish return. No one knew when that would be. It could be a week it could be a month. No one knew, but what they did know was that over 20 large steel fishing boats had sunk right off their coast with fishermen being lost. They also knew that there boats on shore had been heavily damaged and that the school lost parts of its roofs, books were soaked and destroyed along with desks and chairs. Their homes had been blown away and or destroyed beyond livability.

Alone without water, without food these fisher folks had no where to turn. The city of Roxas had its own problems and was busy rebuilding and restoring the city back to "normal". This is when our Rotary club moved into action.

The Rotary Club of Roxas launched a massive campaign to obtain, purchase, partner, and ask for food donations. Our club set sail for Olotayan Island 5 days after the Typhoon with a barge and several boats full of supplies. As we approached the island we were spellbound with what we saw. All the foliage had been destroyed, the nipa huts and small houses collapsed. Boats smashed together, boats underwater. Families were all inside what was left of the school. We began unloading the supplies, bringing them into the school yard. We had with our club the PNP, elected officials, the Philippine Red Cross and the Provincial Health Department.

As we began handing out supplies it became over-whelming to most of us. The look of desperation, the look of hunger on their faces. Children in rags, mothers not knowing where their next meal would come from or when their husbands could once again

begin fishing and bring home food. It was then that The Rotary Club of Roxas made the decision to make Olotayan Island our major community service project. It was also during this time that we came across Tenderly, and this is what the story is all about.

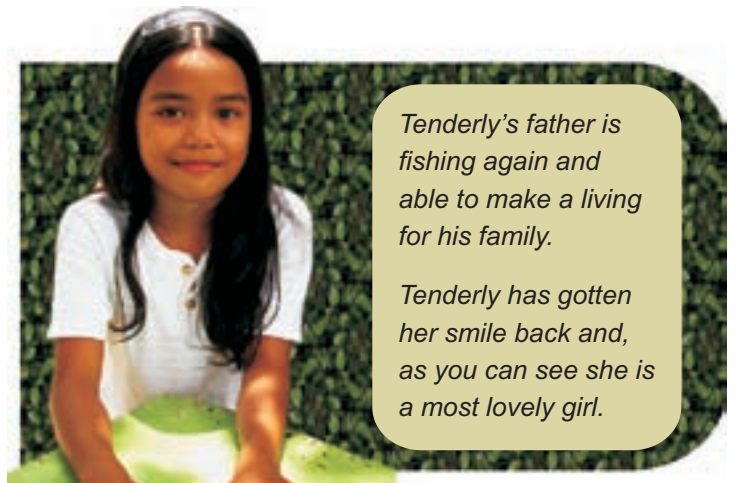
As we walked about the school yard and the island we noticed a little girl sitting on some steps all alone. She had been through the line to gather the food and supplies we brought. She had come for the family.

I suspect her father was embarrassed to come to the school yard and receive supplies so here was Tenderly all alone with a look of sadness I have never seen the likes of. Tenderly was 11 years old, her father is a fisherman, and her mother along with her (I'm sure) take care of the children. My goodness she is a child herself, but here in the Philippines the older children take care of the younger ones to help out mom and dad.

Our club spent the better part of the day there. We observed the devastation and what it would take to bring Olotayan back to a reasonable fishing village. Project Olotayan Island and see if we could make a difference for this little island that stands all alone out in the Visayan Sea just off the coast of Roxas City.

Our goal is to bring power to the island, fresh water to the island. We are now in process of remodeling the school and putting in a library with books donated by other Rotary Clubs from the US. We, in addition are discussing a small medical facility there along with a day care center. [We have decided to put in for our first matching grant.] This will be a great experience for our club.

Over the next month or two our club was able to reach out and obtain private donations from the US, from Canada, from friends, and from other Rotary clubs that were not affected by Typhoon Frank. Typhoon Frank was a wake up call for Rotary and in my opinion it gave us many new objectives along with a sense that – Yes, we can make a difference.



*Tenderly's father is fishing again and able to make a living for his family.*

*Tenderly has gotten her smile back and, as you can see she is a most lovely girl.*



**T**he City of Zamboanga is a first class, highly urbanized city in the Philippines and one of the first chartered cities in the country. Commonwealth Act No. 39 signed by President Manuel L. Quezon on October 12 1936 in Malacañang created and established it as a chartered city. It has been known as "El Orgulo de Mindanao" (The Pride of Mindanao).



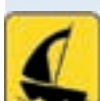
## getting there

There are daily flights to/from Manila by Philippine Airlines and Cebu Pacific, flights to/from Sandakan by Asian Spirit and South East Asian Airlines (SEAIR).

If you are from Luzon and Visayas, the Nautical Highways (RoRo) can bring you here. Buses from major cities in Mindanao are also available.



Super Ferry boats are available 2 days a week for sailing from Cebu City, Davao, and Manila and vice versa. Ferries are also available to and from Sandakan. The Port of Zamboanga is an international port of entry. It has a schedule passenger trip to Sandakan, Malaysia, a cruise ship destination and several shipping lines offer regular trips from and to Davao, Cotabato, Dipolog/Dapitan, General Santos, Pagadian, Jolo, Bongao, Isabela City, Cebu City, Dumaguete, Iloilo, Bacolod and Manila.



Is held in honor of the miraculous image of Our Lady of the Pilar at the legendary Fort Pila. The people of Zamboanga fervently believe that the lady has served as their unifying cultural and historical symbol. In commemoration of her feast day, Zamboanga displays its devotion and enthusiasm with a nine-night procession, fireworks, an ethnic parade, a cultural show, a regatta, and the Miss Zamboanga parade. This festival runs from October 1 to 12.

## Zamboanga La Hermosa Festival

## what to do

## The Regatta de Zamboanga



Of the numerous events held in the month of October, one of the most renowned which showcases the finest vintas (sailboats) in the country. Under the supervision of the local administration, the Regatta, besides all the music, dancing and other festivities, is all about the boat race. While there are special awards given to the winner, it is mainly intended to present to the world the beauty of the vinta.



## Santa Cruz Islands

Swim and scuba diving in a pink sand beach in an unspoiled island. Also known for its pinkish sand because of the washed out corals from the bottom of the sea.

Feast on abundant seafood like lapu-lapu and bangus and special delicacies such as curacha and lobsters.

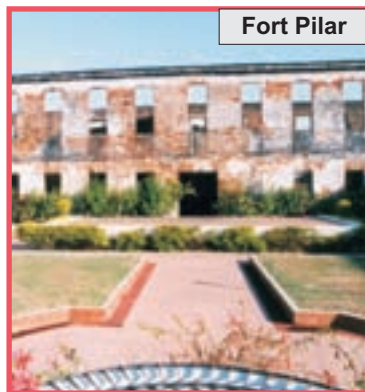


## what to eat

Curacha - It is large, hideous and scary but it can ONLY be found in the waters of Zamboanga and Sulu. A curious cross between the large sea crab and the spiny lobster, the fabled crustacean is sold daily at the Zamboanga City market.



This was the Spanish garrison that served as the territory's protection from local pirates. Today, it serves as a shrine to Our Lady of the Pillar. There are relics here from Spanish antiquity reflecting the life back in those days.



Fort Pilar

a favorite beach among city dwellers due to its proximity to downtown and the beautiful view it offers of the Basilan strait water and Santa Cruz Islands in the distance.



Vista del Mar Resort

For a lot of people, the Pink Sand Beach off Greater Santa Cruz Island is not just Zamboangas finest beach, but the very best in the Philippines and Asia.



Pink Sand Beach

Zamboanga Golf Course

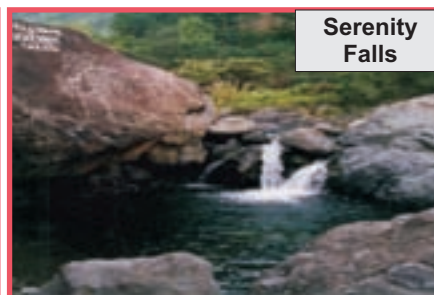


This is probably the oldest golf course in the country, which was established during the American colonial period. It has a beautiful view of the Basilan Strait and a swimming resort.

Famed for its tree house with modern amenities where one can stay overnight and commune with nature.



Pasonanca Park



Serenity Falls

Serenity Falls bounded between La Paz and Pamucutan, at the foot of the EcoZone's south entrance.

For more information, check out [www.zamboangaboard.com](http://www.zamboangaboard.com), [www.wikitravel.org](http://www.wikitravel.org) or [www.transasiashipping.com](http://www.transasiashipping.com).

## Assistant Governor

**EDMON DIMAANO**

**Name:**

**EDUARDO RAMON TUBIG DIMAANO**

**Rotary Club:**

**Rotary Club of Zamboanga City**

**Classification:**

**General Construction**

**Years in Rotary:**

**Four years (4)**

### In Profile



#### Why did you decide to join Rotary?

Because my dad is a Rotarian and I had observed that Rotary is really a service club.

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

Being a President.

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

My father, being hard working and highly principled.

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

To be a doctor.

#### What is your fantasy career?

To be an investor / businessman in Wall Street.

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

Honesty is the best policy.

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

Reading religious books / gym & golf.

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

Serving the less fortunate / poor because we can see the joy on their faces when we help them.

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

- To have a happy and peace loving family.
- To be able to help the less fortunate.
- To be able to inculcate moral values to others.

#### What's your favorite holiday destination?

Las Vegas

#### What is your favorite Book?

Your Best Life Now – Joel Osteen

#### What is your favorite Movie?

Godfather

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

To have been a helpful and generous person

# Monthly Attendance Report

March and April 2009

Zone	No.	Club Name	Club No.	Charter Year	Members to-Date	No. of Mtgs.	April Attendance %	April Ranking	March Attendance %	March Ranking
I	1	Antique	17015	1975	24	3	78.30	18	80.58	19
	2	Iloilo	17045	1933	48	4	44.19	36	82.00	16(tie)
	3	Iloilo South	17047	1971	20	3	93.00	1	93.00	1
	4	Iloilo West	28828	1992	20	3	82.02	14	82.02	15
	5	Miag-ao	58693	2002	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
II	1	Iloilo City	17046	1975	25	4	82.00	15	82.00	16(tie)
	2	Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	15	2	53.30	35	53.30	35
	3	Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	14	4	81.81	16	81.81	17
	4	Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	15	4	83.33	13	88.35	7
	5	Jaro South	31664	1996	12	4	67.66	27	67.66	27
III	1	Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	63	5	54.64	34	54.64	33
	2	Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	23	4	88.66	6	88.66	5
	3	Guimaras	27277	1990	18	4	80.00	17	80.00	20(tie)
	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	11	83.90	13
	7	Metro Passi	76428	2007	23	4	70.65	23	70.65	24
IV	1	Roxas	17080	1964	31	5	83.87	12	83.87	14
	2	Kalibo	17053	1967	50	2	78.00	20 (tie)	80.66	18
	3	Metro Roxas	22518	1982	78	4	87.00	8 (tie)	87.00	8(tie)
	4	Boracay	50661	1997	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	5	Metro Kalibo	54828	2001	22	4	89.29	4	89.29	3
	6	Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	25	4	90.91	3	90.91	2
V	1	Silay	17084	1973	19	3	76.00	21 (tie)	76.00	23(tie)
	2	Escalante	17037	1976	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	3	Victorias	17091	1966	11	5	87.00	8 (tie)	87.00	8(tie)
VI	1	Bacolod	17016	1937	33	4	85.00	10 (tie)	DNR	DNR
	2	Bacolod East	17017	1983	24	4	66.67	29	66.67	29
	3	Bacolod West	27374	1990	22	4	85.00	10 (tie)	84.00	12
	4	Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	35	3	70.58	24	70.58	34
	5	Bacolod Central	31518	1996	18	4	76.00	21 (tie)	76.00	23(tie)
	6	Bacolod South	17019	1969	21	3	89.00	5	89.00	4
VII	1	Bacolod North	17091	1973	39	3	66.66	30	64.20	31
	2	Kabankalan City	17052	1974	30	4	66.00	31	66.00	30
	3	Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	25	4	78.02	19	78.02	21
VIII	1	Dipolog	21409	1950	28	3	86.00	9	86.00	10
	2	Jimenez	17050	1975	19	4	85.00	10 (tie)	85.00	11(tie)
	3	Dapitan City	25485	1986	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	28	4	88.55	7	88.55	6
IX	1	Ozamiz North	17073	1974	24	4	85.00	10 (tie)	85.00	11(tie)
	2	Pagadian	17074	1975	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	3	Pagadian West	17075	1977	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
X	1	Zamboanga City	17094	1948	39	4	85.00	10 (tie)	85.00	11(tie)
	2	Basilan City	17022	1960	25	4	67.50	28	67.50	28
	3	Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	20	3	69.84	25	69.84	25(tie)
	4	Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	22	3	71.43	22	69.84	25(tie)
	5	Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	26	3	64.00	32	64.00	32
XI	1	Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	51	2	91.30	2	86.95	9
	2	Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	29	4	78.00	20 (tie)	78.00	22
	3	Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	22	4	68.00	26	68.00	26
	4	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	69302	2005	13	3	50.94	33	80.00	20(tie)

## FAST FACTS TAKEN FROM MARCH 2009 MAR:

- Out of 51 Clubs in our District, 22 (or 43.14%) attained a monthly attendance average of 80% and above.
- There are still 10 clubs (or 20%) 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 I'm moving. How do I transfer my membership to a club in my new area?

All relocating Rotarians are encouraged to seek out clubs in their new location. Because each Rotary club is self-governing, however, membership isn't really transferable. Once you've been accepted for membership in a new club, you should resign your membership in your former club as of the admittance date to your new club. Be sure to use your former membership number so your membership history is retained. If you're moving more than 20 miles away and will no longer be a member of your current Rotary club, you can either complete the Rotarian Relocation form or ask your club secretary to submit the Membership Referral form on your behalf.

According to the Standard Rotary Club Constitution regarding on special leave of absence, transfer, rejoin and reinstatement.

### Article 11 Admission Fees and Dues

Every member shall pay an admission fee and annual dues as prescribed in the bylaws, except that any transferring or former member of another club who is accepted into membership of this club pursuant to article 7, section 4 shall not be required to pay a second admission fee. A Rotaractor who ceased to be a member of Rotaract within the preceding two years, who is accepted into membership of this club, shall not be required to pay an admission fee.

### Article 12 Duration of Membership

Section 1 — Period. Membership shall continue during the existence of this club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

Section 2 — Automatic Termination.

- Ⓐ) Membership Qualifications. Membership shall automatically terminate when a member no longer meets the membership qualifications, except that
- (1) the board may grant a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area a special leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year to enable the member to visit and become known to a Rotary club in the new community if the member continues to meet all conditions of club membership;

- (2) the board may allow a member moving from the locality of this club or the surrounding area to retain membership if the member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

Ⓑ) How to Rejoin. When the membership of a member has terminated as provided in subsection (a) of this section, such person, provided such person's membership was in good standing at the time of termination, may make new application for membership, under the same or another classification. A second admission fee shall not be required.

Ⓒ) Termination of Honorary Membership. Honorary membership shall automatically terminate at the end of the term for such membership as determined by the board. However, the board may extend an honorary membership for an additional period. The board may revoke an honorary membership at any time.

### Section 3 — Termination — Non-payment of Dues.

Ⓐ) Process. Any member failing to pay dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary at the member's last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before ten(10) days of the date of notification, membership may terminate, subject to the discretion of the board.

Ⓑ) Reinstatement. The board may reinstate the former member to membership upon the former member's petition and payment of all indebtedness to this club. However, no former member may be reinstated to active membership if the former member's classification is in conflict with article 8, section 2.

Club presidents and secretaries: When processing the Membership Data form for a transferring member, use the member's existing membership identification number to retain membership history and avoid duplicate records. Please be advised that membership is by invitation only and at the discretion of the local Rotary club. Notified clubs are under no obligation to consider any person for membership.

## Gov Asks

**Q:** If you win P120M in the lotto, will you give to Rotary? If so, what project/s would you put emphasis on?

## Rotarians Speak Up!

Please send your answers to:  
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# Milestones



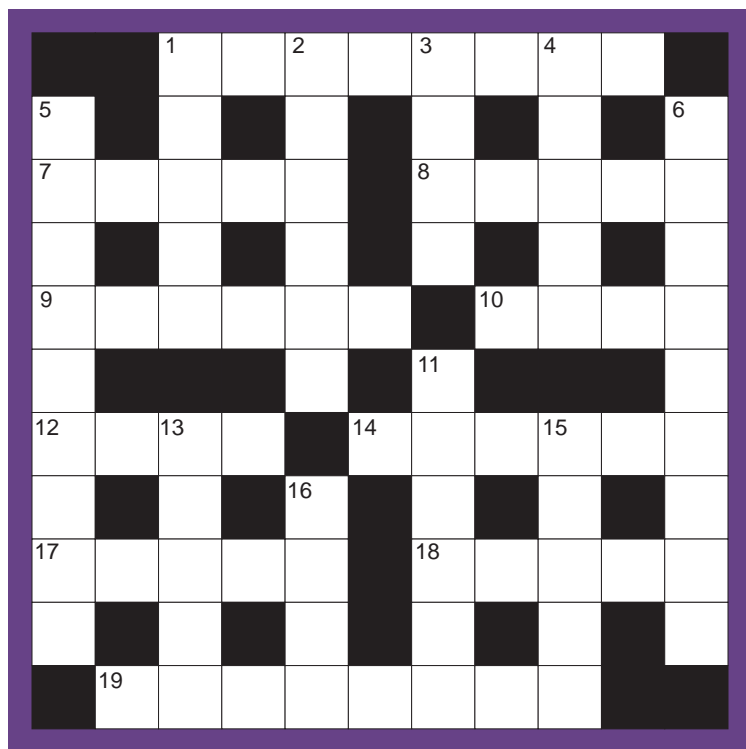
Daddy's little darling. Congratulations to brand new dad, Rtn. Babak Niaraki of RC Central Iloilo City. Here in a lovely photo with beautiful baby Bianca

T O M E O U T

Answer to April Crossword Puzzle



Crossword by PP Art Jimenez



## ACROSS

- 1 Work of art
- 7 Muscle pain
- 8 \_\_\_\_ pole
- 9 Where priests preach
- 10 Filipina name
- 12 Data (informal)
- 14 Pele's game
- 17 Home
- 18 Thoughts
- 19 Not crooked

## DOWN

- 1 Sea treasure
- 2 Damage
- 3 Uncle (Pilipino)
- 4 Famed, famous
- 5 Cynical
- 6 Shame
- 11 Paquiao's forte
- 13 Frozen dew
- 15 Bird's comb
- 16 Software trial version

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## RC Iloilo City

During the distribution of relief goods for Typhoon Frank victims in Pal-agon, Pavia.



## RC Metro Iloilo

Rotarian Philip Co of Concept Computer presented a check of P30,000 to President Antonio Lim to help the club's efforts to refurbish the Day Care Centers that were damaged by the floods of Typhoon Frank.



## RC Dipolog

With the Poster Making Contest participants last February 29, 2009.



## RC Metro Roxas

Pres. Nonoy Contreras receives a Governor's Recognition from DG Ems Nava and DS Bill de la Fuente.



## RC Metro Roxas - Central

Together with the Voice of the Youth Impromptu Speaking Winners.



## RC Metro Passi

Turnover of school supplies to Brgy. Officials and DepEd facilitator at Brgy. Salngan, Passi City .



## RC Kalibo

Pres. Megs Lunn turned over new books through their Literacy Project.