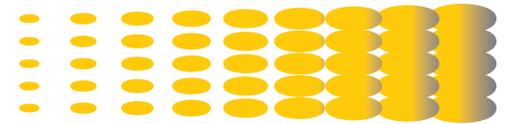


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GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

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RCMB Celebrates 21st Charter Anniversary And District Awards Victory

The Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod held a family – oriented musical – comedy concert last May 15, 2009 at the Chicken – J Restobar in Brgy. Villamonte, Bacolod City.

Dubbed as “Kantawanan,” it was an occasion to celebrate the club's 21st Charter Anniversary and District Awards Victory. RCMB won 12 awards during Rotary District 3850 Conference last March at the Sarabia Manor Convention Center. The Club affirmed its excellence in service when it won Most Outstanding Club and Most Outstanding Club President for the second consecutive year.



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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!



Yes of course. I will give special emphasis and focus on Rotary's ongoing advocacy on children. It behooves me to be more sensitive to the need around us, to act upon what we see when we people, especially children, are not getting the quality of life they should be enjoying.

I will choose projects that will keep the service emphases we have had in so many of our past years, the emphases that are solidly grounded in our knowledge and experience: water, health and hunger, and literacy.

I will focus efforts in each of these areas on children, and on reducing the terrible rate of child mortality in our world. We will make difference for the world's children by making sure that more will have a chance to go to school, because it is through education that the deadly cycle of poverty can be broken.

Thanks,

Pres. Leilani Alba
Rotary Club of Bacolod



Yes, I will share a portion of the proceeds of the lotto winning to fund the rotary projects in our locality. The kind of project we will implement is something that will increase and sustain the income of some families. Seed capital for Income-generating projects such as micro enterprises will somehow help the families address the needs of their children in terms of affordability to send their children to school, providing for their health needs and better sanitation at home. Other tangible projects such as potable water, medical missions and providing for their school needs will also be funded in parallel.

Pres. Raymond Lintag
RC Basilan



Yes, I would give to Rotary because I will be assured 100% that the funds would reach those who are really in need. All projects supported by the rotary are basic to a decent human life, such as right to clean water, health, alleviation of poverty, etc. I have no doubt that rotary can even think of even better ways to utilize whatever contribution I may give.

But, even without winning the lotto, we can always contribute in other ways . . .

Sec. Antonietta "Nonette" Arquiza
RC Zamboanga City-Central

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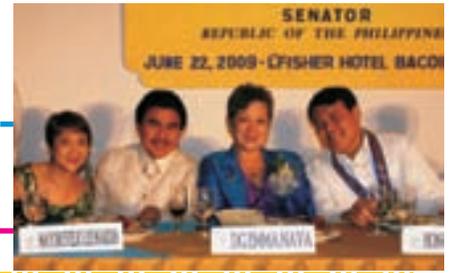
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Passing on the torch...

DG Ems with IDG Diotay at Neptune Pittman's Garden, Buenavista, Guimaras during the RYLA Youth Camp last February.



Parting is Such

The Rotary year is coming to a close. It is a time for goodbyes.

I remember at the end of my year as a Rotex in New York back in 1992, my favorite teacher, Ms. Custer, gave me a warm hug as I bid her farewell and expressed my gratitude for an unforgettable year. Seeing how sad I was about leaving, she shared with me this comforting thought, "Goodbyes are just hellos on the other side."

Same holds true as I say goodbye to a truly fun yet challenging year as your GML editor in chief. Come July, you shall be saying hello to PP Julia Carbon as your new editor.

Thank you for the encouragement and support as we braved to innovate and change the face of our district's monthly publication. Your article and photo contributions, your participation in the photo essay contest, and responses to the governor's question of the month have indeed made the GML more colorful and interactive, giving it chockfull of interesting information about your clubs' projects and activities.

Sweet Sorrow...

It is our hope that the GML continues to grow from strength to strength and bring more Rotarians together, as we learn of the comings and goings in our district.

Achievements big and small. Lives changed. Friendships formed and fostered.

Such is the wonderful world of Rotary. And, I am privileged to be a part of it.

All the best and more power to you all!

PE Pia M. Nava
Editor in Chief



Dear fellow Rotarians,

In the late 1990s, I traveled on business to an African country I had never visited before. While there, I met a Rotarian who offered to take me on a driving tour of the province, and I was happy to accept. An hour or so outside the capital, we stopped in a small village of mud-brick huts, with straw roofs and dirt floors. As I walked past one hut, I heard a sound that made me stop – the weak sound of a crying baby.

Squinting into the darkness, I could make out a shape on the floor. As my eyes adjusted, I realized that I was looking at a woman, lying on a mat with an infant. Her child was trying to nurse, but the woman was exhausted and ill and had no milk. It was obvious that both were starving.

My first instinct was to reach into my pockets, to give them money, to find food, to help in any way I could. How could I walk away and leave that mother and that child to die, alone together in the darkness? And in that instant I realized that this horror was by no means unique. All over Africa, all over the developing countries of the world, children were dying – of hunger, of disease, of poverty.

When I returned home, I began to read more about the issue of child mortality. It became clear to me that this was an area in which Rotarians could make a major impact. This is why, when I became president of Rotary International, I chose *Make Dreams Real* as the RI theme and asked Rotarians to work through our emphases of water, health and hunger, and literacy to reduce child mortality in our world.

As I end my year as RI president, I am inexpressibly proud of the work I have seen Rotarians do. When I first learned about the



problem of child mortality, 30,000 children were estimated to die of preventable causes every day. Now, UNICEF reports that figure at about 25,000 – still far too large a number, but a significant decrease. There is no question in my mind that Rotary's service has played a role in this change – and that we must continue our work until not one child dies of hunger and poverty. And so I ask you all to continue to Make Dreams Real in the new Rotary year. *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands* – and the future of the world's children is as well.

D. K. Lee

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

Tempus Fugit

As they say in Latin, “Tempus Fugit...time flies”. Indeed, how time flies.

It is June again. We mark the end of another Rotary year, as we prepare to usher in a new one. While the incoming club presidents are busy preparing for their turn-over and induction ceremonies, the outgoing club presidents are breathing a sigh of relief. Happy and proud that they made a difference in the club and community they served.

To the incoming club presidents, I quote an excerpt in the valedictory message of IPP Manny Posecion of the Rotary Club of Iloilo, which inspired him during his term. This quote was in part an inspirational message of PDG Eking Arguelles to his club.



“This is the appointed and opportune time in life for you to rise up and stand tall to make a difference; a distinct difference in answer to a leadership challenge to make a change and to put in your footprint. Make your achievements be the fruit of the Rotarian s faith in you.”



In essence, IPP Manny embodies it as:

Be brave (not timid)

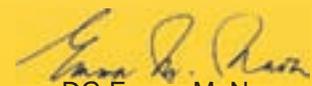
Be proud

Have self-confidence. Lead the club in your own distinctive style.

Be different but effective. Earn the faith and trust of your fellow Rotarians and great achievements will follow.

And, so to the incoming presidents, good luck and may the spirit of Rotary guide you in all your endeavors. To the outgoing presidents my heartfelt gratitude for a job well done!

This month's cover shows IDG Edgar Sy and me in front of a sign that says – *Water the seeds, pull the weeds*. A word to the wise, an exhortation!


DG Emma M. Nava



Incoming District Governor
Edgar T. Sy

Another momentous year has passed. A year of camaraderie, of friendship, of commitment, of fruitful and unconditional service. It was a year to be treasured under the caring leadership of our Lady Governor Em's Nava who moved mountains to inspire the Rotary Clubs in District 3850 to "Make Dreams Real" for the hundreds of souls who are seeking for opportunities to uplift the quality of their lives.

We have all witnessed the laudable efforts of the Rotary Clubs in our District in coming up with programs and activities that aim to address the array of problems, needs and concerns in various communities. It is indeed awesome to know these clubs, big or small, directed their resources, talents and energy to empower and enhance the capability of its members and partners-in-service in creating positive changes in their respective communities.

As we work together in RY 2009-2010, hand in hand, we shall move on with vigor and vitality and continue to shine in our leadership. We shall continue to be instruments for saving lives and building a bright future for the needy, desperate and hopeless. We shall continue to enkindle the gift of hope in the lives of people and make every member of the Family of Rotary fully realize and put to action the Rotary theme "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands."


IDG Edgar T. Sy

District 3850

Salutes Dr. Emilio Yap By DG Emma M. Nava

Last June 4, 2009, eight of us District Governors in the Philippines had the honor of having lunch with Dr. Emilio Yap at the Manila Bulletin office. The occasion is to give thanks to Dr. Yap for his donation of \$150,000.00 to The Rotary Foundation. At the same time, he was made an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Manila. While having lunch, Dr. Yap called RRFC Melito Salazar and whispered that he was giving an additional \$240,000.00! That's a whopping \$390,000.00 for RY 2008-2009. How lucky District 3810 and the Rotary Club of Manila are! The credits went to them.

Dr. Yap is the first Filipino member of the Arch C. Klumph Society. To be a member of this prestigious society you have to donate \$250,000.00 to the foundation. And, one does not even have to be a Rotarian to contribute to The Rotary Foundation.

Truly, the Philippines is blessed with a generous gentleman like Dr. Emilio Yap.



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A ROTEX REVISITED

By Nehoma Thundercloud



Probably my first month in Bacolod, with Garrett, Kai, Tricia Gallardo and Katrina Suarez-Freemont.

with Amanda & Pia Nava, Rotex Kelly and Kai. I think we were singing...



Another great part of my exchange was the Filipino hospitality which explains how local and district Rotarians would include us in any event, vacation, or business trip they thought would interest us. This brought about many fabulous travels to prawn and sugarcane plantations, rice fields, old plantation homes, and my favorite, Boracay.

Some memories are of when we had an overnight visit to a prawn camp where we had rice and prawns for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I loved it. There was a basketball event that ended with a late night dinner on the docks with the freshest seafood I have ever had. There was a night in Boracay when we lounged on the lawn to watch shooting stars and quiz each other on the Philippine National Anthem — in Filipino!

My year away from home was amazing. I remember my first month in Bacolod was very difficult. I could not wait to go home and I kept thinking 'what did I get myself into?' Then in the week I was to return home, I remember wanting to stay longer. Even as the plane emptied at my home airport, I cried. Those tears marked the end of something huge in my life. I had experienced another world. I had memories that could only be truly shared with those few who experienced them with me. I was happy to be home but sad that it was over.

I used to send letters to my host family, teachers, and classmates. Sometimes I would even surprise them with a phone call. However, as years went by I lost contact with everyone. In recent years, I have been able to reconnect with them through the internet. I even met up with classmates who have relocated to the States. I want very much to return to Bacolod to visit and see the beautiful changes I have heard about.

In the years since my return home, I graduated from Dartmouth College. I worked for my tribe, the Ho-Chunk Nation, in government and education positions. I earned a graduate degree in Hospitality and Tourism from the University of Wisconsin – Stout. I am still single, no children, and currently I am the Executive Hotel Manager of Ho-Chunk Casino and Hotel in Wisconsin Dells.

Greetings from Wisconsin! My name is Nehomah Thundercloud and I lived in Bacolod City from June 1991 – April 1992. My host parents were Vilmo and Rose Limuaco and I was also hosted by the Abuello family. I attended St. Scholastica's Academy. My fellow Rotex that year were Kai Nagel (Oregon), Garrett Pratt (Canada), Sean Donovan (Canada), Kelly Hirsch (Pennsylvania), and Gil Sacks (New York). It is some 18 years since I returned from the Philippines and most of my memories are as clear and rich as the day they happened.

As a Rotex the most important life lesson I learned was that "things are not bad, just different." At the orientation workshops held before leaving home, presenters explained that when faced with something new or strange many people will shy away and keep to what they know. They will protect themselves and categorize different foods or customs as 'bad' which will limit what they are willing to experience. But what can be learned from that?

By approaching the everyday new things as an adventure I feel that I was gifted with memories to cherish always. Even if those memories are of eating balut or camping out on a bamboo floor or traveling across the city by jeepney. I loved every one of those things.

My year as a Rotex definitely opened me up for new experiences, challenges and world travel. The people I met, the places I visited, and the friends I made are now always with me. When I taught at my former high school I had an affinity to the exchange students from other countries. I would open my family, my culture and time to them because I knew how homesick and difficult it was for them. In doing so I saw the huge differences between the exchange programs they were on and the one I had been on. When I explain these differences to others, I know I sound like a commercial endorsing all things Rotary.

Rotary's youth exchange program is a great multiplier of experiences for the students. The main multipliers are the different families to live with, the different Rotary clubs to meet with, and the different classmates and friends to make. I am very thankful for the huge network Rotary had in my host district.





Fellowship Through Service

By DRR Joel Villafior

It has been a challenging year for Rotaract District 3850, but in spite of the challenges, Rotaract clubs from across the district have managed to stay vigorously active throughout the year. Leading the charge in keeping the Rotaract legacy alive and firm are the Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Iloilo City, Rotaract Club of Iloilo-University of San Agustin, Rotaract Club of Bacolod North, Rotaract Club of Bacolod East, Rotaract Club of Metro Bacolod and the Rotaract Club of Dipolog. These clubs, if I may say, are the “pillars of Rotaract District 3850” who go beyond the club level to assist and facilitate other Rotaract clubs, and Interact clubs as well to thrive.

It's a fact that it is hard to maintain the activeness of Rotaract and Interact Clubs in our district due to a number of reasons. Just to name a few are: members and sometimes incoming officers; unwillingness to lead, and if ever there is one who is willing to lead, he/she gets little support from the members; failure to communicate with the sponsoring Rotary club which is very vital in keeping the club alive; lack of sources of funds or initial fund to start

the Rotaract year; and turnover of Rotaract club information or documents from one administration to another. These things may seem simple but often times overlooked by Rotaractors, especially by the club officers. This weakens the cohesiveness of the organization and may sometimes lead to its deterioration.

District events and projects are good avenues in strengthening Rotaract clubs while keeping good and harmonious relationships among clubs in the district. Last May 22 to 24, 2009 our district conducted its 9th Annual Rotaract and Interact District Convention at Cocogrove, Tigbauan, Iloilo which was hosted by the Rotaract Club of Iloilo City, Iloilo – University of San Agustin and Iloilo – University of the Philippines in the Visayas (UPV). The event focused on three things: one is to create awareness about Rotary and Rotaract, their mission, vision, goals; two, motivating Rotaractors especially the new ones to be active by featuring the different activities and projects of the existing clubs in the district; and lastly, everyone's favorite – fellowship. But the true highlight of the event was the unity and service exemplified by eight (8) participating

Rotaract Clubs in the feeding and gift giving of one hundred less fortunate children, ages three to 10, which made a great impact on a small barangay named Sitio Aminhan near the convention's venue. Rotaractors also had their share of playing kiddie games with the children which pretty much amused the barangay residents.

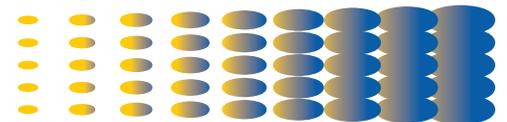
The event also became an opportunity to welcome the three newly chartered Rotaract clubs namely; the Rotaract Club of Iloilo – University of the Philippines in the Visayas (UPV) who steered the secretariat committee of the DisCon, the Rotaract Club of Iloilo West and the Rotaract Club of Silay. Delegates from the Rotaract Club of Marapara-Bacolod were in attendance the even though they were set to be chartered next Rotary year. It was truly an event of fellowship and service for

Rotaractors of District 3850 and we are very thankful for the people who made the 9th Rotaract/Interact DisCon possible. Our deepest gratitude to DG Emma M. Nava and family, DGE Edgar Sy, Rotary Club of Iloilo City, Rotary Club of Iloilo, Rotary Club of Central Iloilo City, Rotary Club of Jaro Centraline, President Novy Lagradilla (RCJC), PDG Ramon Cua Locsin, PDG Enrique Arguelles, Classique Herbs Corp., Hon. Ed Peñaredondo and family, Sen. Manny Villar, and to all those people who in one way or another helped us make this dream conference a reality.

Another monumental year is about to end for Rotaract District 3850 and there is no better way to end it but through strengthened relations and Service Above Self.



NEWS BRIEFS



RCMB Celebrates 21st Charter Anniversary And District Awards Victory...from page 2

The concert provided an opportunity for the Family of Rotary to get together and enjoy a wholesome entertainment that included a variety of repertoire such as revival and old hits, reggae and bossa nova, classical and Broadway songs, original compositions and popular hits. In between were rib ticklers and punchlines provided by a comedy duo and the Club's "Resident Comedian" PP Jojo Rodriguez.

Proceeds from the concert was earmarked for the "Pangarap ng Kabataan" Scholarship Program, a brainchild of Pres. Jude Doctora. The program aims to provide access to higher education to qualified indigent youths in the spirit of "breaking the cycle of poverty" and fulfilling the dream of young people to have a brighter future.



Summer Remedial Reading Class

By Pres. Leilani Alba
RC Bacolod



163 Negros decided to sponsor the Supplemental Feeding Program, which is conducted five times a week, by providing 140 sacks of rice.

The other components needed are provided by the local government unit counterpart (Local School Board, Barangay Council and Sangguniang Kabataan). The Parents, Teachers and Community Association (PTCA) is in-charge of the cooking and other preparations needed for the supplemental feeding. A total of 95 sacks of rice were already turned over to Murcia I and Murcia II Districts – Department of Education. The following is the breakdown:

Rotary Club of Bacolod	22 sacks of rice
Bantay Bata 163 Negros	42 sacks of rice
ABS-CBN Cagayan	31 sacks of rice
Total	95 sacks of rice

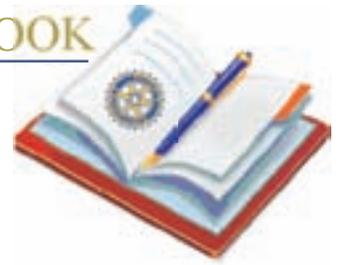
The Summer Remedial Reading Class in Murcia, which started in April 13, 2009, has, to date, served 1,267 students (from Grades 1 to 6) coming from the 27 elementary public schools in the said municipality. A weekly program of activities, composed of auditory discrimination exercises, visual discrimination exercises, exercises on blends and words, word building vocabularies, beginning reading using Fuller Approach, sight vocabularies and formal reading exercises with comprehension check, was prepared to ensure that the expected output – 100% of the target students are expected to master 100% of the lessons with 75% proficiency level – will be achieved.

It is important to know that majority of the students in the public elementary schools in Murcia belong to families who live a hand-to-mouth existence. These families cannot even afford to provide their children with proper nutrition. Most of these students come to school with empty stomachs which result in restlessness and the inability to concentrate in their lessons. Despite the efforts of the teachers to develop their reading and comprehension skills, these students continue to perform poorly. In most instances, the parents of these students opt not to send them to school for them to be able to help augment the income of their families, thus, the increased rate in absenteeism and eventually, drop-out rate.

Recognizing the need to be a part of this worthwhile project, the Rotary Club of Bacolod and Bantay Bata

Aside from the Supplemental Feeding Program, Bantay Bata 163 Negros and the Rotary Club of Bacolod also conducted an Advocacy on the Ten Rights and Responsibilities of the Children to the participants of the Summer Remedial Reading Class. Included in this project is a lecture on issues surrounding children abuse for the other stakeholders such as parents, teachers and community workers. The Foundation has already served seven (7) public elementary schools in Murcia, or, a total of 921 beneficiaries (510 students and 411 parents, teachers and community workers).





RC Zamboanga City North's MEDICAL MISSION ON REDUCING CHILD MORTALITY THRU LITERACY

By Pres. Ric Coros
RC Zamboanga City North

The Rotary Club of Zamboanga City North conducted a medical mission at Barangay Sangali, Zamboanga City, thirty (30) kilometers east of the city. The Medical Mission was held at the Barangay Hall on September 13, 2008, from 8:30 in the morning to 1:00 in the afternoon. The project dubbed as "Working Together in Reducing Child Mortality through Literacy" is in line with RI President DONG KURN (DK) LEE'S ambitious goal to Make Dreams Real for the world's children by reducing child mortality and in observance of UN International Literacy Day.

The Medical Mission focused on Literacy Lectures and pre-natal care for pregnant and expectant mother and includes Diabetes and Hypertension screenings for other residents. A total of 72 pregnant mothers (15 to 39 years old) and 90 Diabetes and Hypertension patients were served. Pregnant mothers were given lectures on the aspect of child mortality and pre-natal examinations. Medicines and Vitamins were given free. Patients were also treated with snack of Arroz Caldo, sandwiches, juice and bottled water.

The Medical Team that conducted the mission was composed of Dra. Hannah Turco, OBYGYN, Dra. Amy Poblete, FAMED, from the Zamboanga Sanitarium, Ms. Sheila Flores from Bayer Schering Pharma and 12 new volunteer nurses from the Ateneo de Zamboanga University. With Rotary's motto "Service above Self" the project was made possible by the donations of medicines and vitamins by various Pharmaceutical Companies, and the full cooperation of the Sangali Barangay Chairman, Kagawads, and the Health Center personnel. Other logistics of the project was contributed by the Rotarians and Spouses of RCZC-North.



LIST OF DISTRICT AWARDEES



A. District Service Award

For his/her invaluable contribution to the successful implementation of the plans and programs of District 3850

1. PDG Philip Abello
District Trainer.
2. PP Bilson dela Fuente
District Secretary
3. PP Manfred Lepp
District Finance
4. PP Christopher Montero
District Website Webmaster
5. PP Enigardo Legislador
District Public Relations Committee
Chairman
6. PE Pia Angela Nava
Governor's Monthly Letter Editor-in-Chief
7. PP Arturo Jimenez
Governor's Monthly Letter Adviser
8. PP Rebecca Maravilla
District Conference Committee
Chairperson
9. Pres. Philip Alejandro
District Conference Committee
Co-Chairman
10. PDG Benjamin Jarantilla
District Governor's Representative to the
Philippine Rotary Magazine
11. PP Crisantiago Parojinog
Governor's Special Aide – Mindanao
12. Rtn. Manuel Puentevella
Governor's Special Aide - Negros
13. PP Louie Gonzaga
District Literacy Coordinator
14. PP Flint Concha
Membership Development District Chairman
15. PP Rafael Jocson
Extension Committee District Chairman
16. PP Leonardo Raphael Tayco
Rotary Community Corps District Chairman
17. PP Lindon Seediet
World Community Service District Chairman
18. PP Lindon Seediet
Special Aide to RC Dapitan
19. PP Oliver Ong
Rotary Friendship Committee Chairperson
20. Pres. Melrose Lunn
Rotary Fellowships District Chairperson
21. PP Bobby Tinsay
Technical Adviser to RYLA
22. PP Louie Gonzaga
Technical Adviser to RYLA
23. PP Rodolfo Tordesillas
International Youth Exchange Committee
District Chairman
24. Rtn. Uldarico Mejorada
Interact / Rotaract Committee District
Chairman
25. DRR Joel Villaflores
District Rotaract Representative
26. PP Nestor Jalandoni
Voice of the Youth Coordinator
27. PDG Ramiro Garcia Jr.
District Rotary Foundation Committee
Chairman
28. PP Reynaldo Severo
TRF Subcommittee: Annual Giving District
Chairman
29. PP Jose Vicente Atilano III
TRF Subcommittee: Annual Giving
Chairman for Zones 10 & 11
30. PP Francisco dela Cruz III
Group Study Exchange District Chairman
31. PP Edwin Makasiar
Group Study Exchange - Chief Panelist of the
Screening Committee for Zones 10 & 11 &
Coordinator for Inbound GSE Team
32. PP Oliver Ong
Coordinator of the GSE Team from D-7910;
Zones 10 & 11
33. PP Richard Concha
Coordinator for GSE Team from D-7910;
Zones 8 & 9
34. PP Louie Gonzaga
Panelist in the screening of Outbound GSE
Team Leader and Team Members and as
Coordinator for GSE Team from D-7910 for
Zones 5–7
35. PP Enigardo Legislador
For his invaluable assistance to the Group
Study Exchange program as Screening
Panelist for Outbound Team Leader and
Team Members, and for over-all planning and
coordination district-wide of the GSE Team
from D-7910 schedule of travel.
36. PP Niovady Marin
GSE Team Leader to District 7910
37. PP Reuben Yap
Panelist in the screening of Outbound GSE
Team Leader and Team Members and as
Coordinator for GSE Team from D-7910 for
Zone 4.
38. PDG Benjamin and Spouse Jane Jarantilla
For their invaluable contribution to the
successful implementation of the plans and
programs of District 3850 as Aides to RIPR
Maun-Jen Chen and Spouse Vicky.
39. PP Bilson dela Fuente
District Awards Committee Chairman
40. PP Arturo Jimenez
District Awards Committee Member
41. PP Joy Visitacion
District Awards Committee Member
42. Pres. Philip Alejandro
Chairman of Council of Presidents for Zones
1-3
43. Pres. Joe Jay Doctora
Chairman of Council of Presidents for Zones
5-7
44. Pres. Elmer Apolinario
Chairman of Council of Presidents for Zones
10-11
45. Pres. Novy Lagradilla
Governor's Special Representative for the
Extension of Barotac Viejo Poblacion
46. PP Pablo Nava
Governor's Extension Aide for the Extension
of Barotac Viejo Poblacion
47. Rotary Club of Dumangas
For the Extension of Barotac Viejo Poblacion

B. Governor's Citation

1. Rotary Club of Dipolog
For hosting the Membership Development
Seminar on September 27, 2008.
2. Rotary Club of Bacolod North
For hosting the Membership Development
Seminar on September 13, 2008.
3. Rotary Club of Iloilo South
For hosting the Presidents-Elect Training
Seminar (PETS) on March 8, 2008.
4. Rotary Club of Bacolod Central
For hosting the Presidents-Elect Training
Seminar (PETS) on April 3, 2008.
5. Rotary Club of Bacolod Central
For hosting the District Assembly (Distas) on
April 2, 2008.
6. Rotary Club of Midtown Iloilo
For hosting the District Assembly (Distas) on
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7. Rotary Club of Zamboanga City
For hosting the District Assembly (Distas) on
May 25, 2008.
8. Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod
For hosting The Rotary Foundation (TRF)
Seminar on January 9, 2009.
9. Rotary Club of Jaro Centraline
For hosting The Rotary Foundation (TRF)
Seminar on January 10, 2009.
10. Rotary Club of Zamboanga City Central
For hosting The Rotary Foundation (TRF)
Seminar on January 24, 2009.



LIST OF DISTRICT AWARDEES

- 11. Rotary Club of Guimaras
For hosting the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) on February 6-8, 2009.
- 12. Rotary Club of Bacolod North
For hosting the Voice of the Youth District Level Competition on November 22, 2008 at St. John's Institute.
- 13. PP Francis Chung
In grateful recognition of his invaluable contribution to the success of the District Conference 2009 by sourcing sponsors.
- 14. PP Reubin Yap Rotary Club of Roxas
First Rotarian to register for Discon 2009
- 15. DGE Edgar Sy
In recognition of his exemplary support to the District's activities and projects.
- 16. Pres. Richard Angeles
For his exemplary humanitarian work, initiative, and assistance to victims of Typhoon Frank.

Governor's Special Award

For its 100 Dreams Made Real project in donating and distributing 100 wheelchairs to recipients.

- 17. Rotary Club of Metro Kalibo
- 18. Rotary Club of Metro Roxas Central

In recognition of their invaluable support to the youth through their continuing project, Boys and Girls Week.

- 19. Rotary Club of Kabankalan
- 20. Rotary Club of Silay
- 21. Rotary Club of Dipolog
- 22. Rotary Club of Roxas
- 23. Rotary Club of Bacolod
- 24. Rotary Club of Iloilo City

- 25. Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
- 26. Rotary Club of Iloilo
For their Deep Well continuing service project thereby making available potable water to communities.
- 27. Rotary Club of Zamboanga City North
For their "Working Together in Reducing Child Mortality through Literacy" in Brgy. Sangali, Zamboanga City.
- 28. Rotary Club of Metro Passi
For their Alternative Education Project for adults and out-of-school youth.
- 29. Rotary Club of Dumangas
For Livelihood Skills Business Clinic on Packaging, Marketing and Micro-financing and Post-harvest facilities for farmers.

- 30. Rotary Club of Dumangas
For their continuing yearly aid to four Day Care Centers.

- 31. Rotary Club of Roxas
For their livelihood and literacy project in Olotayan Island.

For their Public Image billboard project on Rotary's gift to the World: Polio Eradication.

- 32. Rotary Club of Dipolog
- 33. Rotary Club of Bacolod
- 34. Rotary Club of Bacolod North
- 35. Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West
For their Public Image billboard project on Rotary's emphasis, Potable Water—Basic to Life.
- 36. Rotary Club of Iloilo South
For their Public Image project through the strategic placement of their LIBRO project streamers.

Governor's Citation

- 37. Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West
Best in Literacy Project
In recognition of their invaluable support to the youth through their Literacy Projects: Turnover of Five Colored TV sets with DVD player to Boalan Elementary School. Turnover of 10 brand new computer sets with internet services and a newly renovated air-conditioned computer room to Mercedes Elementary School. Turnover of slippers and school supplies to Mina Elementary School.

Governor's Citation

For his invaluable contribution to the successful implementation of the plans and programs of District 3850 by providing a vital link and much needed coordination between Clubs and the District in his capacity as Assistant Governor

- 1. PP Ahmed Pama Zone 1
- 2. PP Rebecca Maravilla Zone 2
- 3. PP Ruben Corpuz Zone 3
- 4. PP Carmelo Deslate Zone 4
- 5. PP Gabriel Timbol Zone 5
- 6. PP Juliana Carbon Zone 6
- 7. PP Ray Olac Zone 7
- 8. PP Robert Lim Jr. Zone 8
- 9. PP Dionisio Lim Zone 9
- 10. PP Eduardo Dimaano Zone 10
- 11. PP Dexter Tsang Zone 11

- 12. PDG Ramon Locsin
In grateful recognition of his invaluable assistance and support extended to the district for RY 2008-2009.

- 13. PDG Alex Huang
In grateful recognition of his invaluable assistance and support extended to the district especially on the \$500 Challenge contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

- 14. Pres. Joemari Layson
In grateful recognition of his invaluable contribution to the success of District Conference 2009, as a Sponsor and for providing crew and materials for the Discon Fellowship Night.

C. Governor's Recognition

- 1. Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
For their dedication to the Tamias Tag-ao Minority People of Brgy. Tamulalod, Dumarao, Capiz, thus enriching the lives of the Indigenous people through literacy, health care and livelihood skills.
- 2. PDG Alex Huang
In recognition of his invaluable support to the GSE team from D-7910 thereby exemplifying Rotary's motto SERVICE ABOVE SELF.
- 3. Rotary Club of Pagadian
In recognition of their invaluable support to the youth through their Rotary/Innerwheel Village Primary School thereby giving education to pupils who are unable to attend regular schooling due to the distance of their homes from the regular schools in town.
- 4. Pres. Eduardo Escaño
Rotary Club of Forbes Park
In recognition of his humanitarian work and generosity for enabling Arnel Ropero of Sitio Pinangod, Bacyang, Madalag, Aklan to get prosthetic legs thereby realizing a dream to finally stand up and walk alongside with other people. Truly a dream fulfilled.

D. Distinguished Service

- 1. Rotary Club of Iloilo West
For its Rotaplant Medical Mission in Cooperation with RC Novato California. A new lease on life for 2 kidney transplant patients.
- 2. Rotary Club of Jaro Iloilo City
For its medical and surgical mission in cooperation with the Medical Society of Northeast Florida, Inc. serving over 1,000 patients in Iloilo City.
- 3. Rotary Club of Central Iloilo City
For its cleft lip and cleft palate surgical mission in Cooperation with Uplift Internationale, Inc. and Western Visayas Medical Center.

LIST OF DISTRICT AWARDEES



4. Rotary Club of Zamboanga City Central
For its 7-day Reflexology / Massage Training Seminar for 38 participants, giving unemployed single parents and deaf – mute students skills for livelihood.
5. Rotary Club of Metro Iloilo
For its Balay Dalangapan, a training center for adults who are mentally – challenged, hearing and visually impaired. Empowering the impaired adults to be productive and independent members of society.
6. Pres. Melrose S. Lunn
For her invaluable support to Operation Taghoy and Uplift Internationale as a Volunteer.
7. Pres. Richard Lawrence Angeles
For his selflessness and contribution to Typhoon Frank.

For its fire truck donation.

8. Rotary Club of Metro Iloilo
9. Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West
10. Best Website
First place - RC Zamboanga City West
Second Place - RC Metro Iloilo
11. Pres. Jose Totengco
As Chairman of Discon 2009 Transportation Committee, who beyond the call of duty would go to the hotels at 4am to bring Rotarians to the airport, thereby exemplifying Rotary's Motto: SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

E/F. Awards Category A & B

1. Outstanding Club
A - Rotary Club of Iloilo City
B - Rotary Club of Bacolod North
B - Rotary Club of Roxas
B - Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West
2. Distinguished Club
A - Rotary Club of Bacolod East
A - Rotary Club of Bacolod West
B - Rotary Club of Metro Roxas Central
B - Rotary Club of Bacolod
B - Rotary Club of Kalibo
B - Rotary Club of Bacolod Marapara
3. Outstanding President
A - Jose Totengco RC of Iloilo City
B - Alberto Nellas RC of Bacolod North
B - Victor Federico Acepcion RC of Roxas
B - Antonio Fernando Blanco RC of Zamboanga City West
B - Melrose Lunn RC of Kalibo
4. Outstanding Secretary
A - Emelito Masigon RC Metro Bacolod
B - Emilio Benito Aquino RC of Zamboanga City West
5. Distinguished President
A - Alberto D. Arceo III RC of Bacolod East
A - Myrna Desabelle RC of Bacolod West
B - Concepcion Noche RC of Metro Roxas Central

- B - Leilani Alba RC of Bacolod
B - Jose Miguel Montinola RC of Bacolod Marapara
6. Distinguished Secretary
A - Rosendo Caesar Arandela III RC of Iloilo South
A - Lemuel Fernandez RC of Iloilo
B - Alex Lee RC of Bacolod North
7. Outstanding Club Service
A - Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod
A - Rotary Club of Iloilo City
B - Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
8. Outstanding Community Service
A - Rotary Club of Metro Kalibo
B - Rotary Club of Bacolod
B - Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
B - Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West
9. Outstanding Vocational Service
A - Rotary Club of Bacolod West
B - Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
B - Rotary Club of Bacolod
B - Rotary Club of Roxas
10. Outstanding International Service
A - Rotary Club of Bacolod West
B - Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
B - Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West
11. Highest Membership Percentage Growth
A - 35% Growth RC of Bacolod Marapara
12. Highest Membership Numbers Growth
A - 20 new members RC of Metro Roxas
13. Highest Club Attendance
A - Rotary Club of Iloilo South
14. Highest Contribution to The Rotary Foundation
A - Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
15. Highest Per Capita Contribution to The Rotary Foundation
A - Rotary Club of Metro Roxas Central
16. Best Club Bulletin
A - Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
17. Best Vocational Service Project
A - Library Renovation/Day Care Center Construction
Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod
B - Most Outstanding City Government Employees
Rotary Club of Bacolod
18. Best Community Service Project
A - Operation Payaw
Rotary Club of Metro Kalibo
B - Feeding Program in 10 Aklan Towns
Rotary Club of Kalibo
B - Prosthetic Leg Project
Rotary Club of Metro Roxas Central
B - Greatest Gift of All
Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West
B - Construction of 2-storey, 4-classroom school building
Rotary Club of Bacolod
B - Eye Ear Screening
Rotary Club of Bacolod North

19. Best International Service Project
A - Medical-Optical Missions
RC of Iloilo South
20. Best International Service Project
A - Milk Feeding Program
RC of Iloilo City
21. Best Public Relations/Public Image
A - Rotary Club of Antique
B - Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West
22. Outstanding Rotaract Club
A - Rotaract club of Bacolod North
23. Outstanding Interact Club
A - Interact Club of Negros Occidental High School
Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod
24. Outstanding Rotary Community Corps
A - Sum-ag Elementary School Chapter
RCC of Rotary Club of Bacolod
25. Best Rotaract Project
A - Busog – Himsog
Rotaract Club of Bacolod North
26. Best Interact Project
A - Weekly Tutorial
Interact Club of Negros Occidental High School
Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod
27. Best Rotary Community Corps Project
A - Ilimnan Sang Katawhan
Sum-ag Elementary School Chapter
RCC of Rotary Club of Bacolod

Major Awards

1. Most Outstanding Club
A - Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod
B - Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
2. Most Outstanding President
A - Jude Doctora
Rotary Club of metro Bacolod
B - Esteban Evan Contreras II
Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
3. Most Outstanding Secretary
A - Jess Arlegui
Rotary Club of Iloilo City
B - Joey Dela Cruz
Rotary Club of Metro Roxas
4. Most Outstanding Community Service
Rotary Club of Bacolod North
5. Most Outstanding Vocational Service
Rotary Club of Metro Bacolod
6. Most Outstanding Club Service
Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West
7. Most Outstanding International Service
Rotary Club of Kalibo

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

When the founding fathers of Rotary were first meeting in their homes I'm sure that they could never imagine Rotary as it is today! Wow! And that is just a small way of putting it. As we are just now getting the gears turning for the 2009-2010 Rotary Year I feel that excitement starting to percolate in my spirit.

I was truly overjoyed with this year's success of our club and looking forward to the challenges that the next Rotary year will bring! Being a Rotarian is more than just being a member of a club and attending all the big club events. A Rotarian that can truly call him or herself a Rotarian has a deep love of Service Above Self. Rotary is not to be taken lightly and being a Rotarian bears with it a great responsibility to others. We as Rotarians walk around with eyes wide open continually looking for that chance to serve others and in doing so making their lives just a little better. We are respected in our communities and why is that, one may ask? Well it's not because of what we have but because of who we are and what we do with our lives in serving others. Respect is not something that is given it's something that is earned and as Rotarians we are constantly earning the respect of our fellow man.

To be successful in life you must Love what you are doing and a Truly Successful Rotarian has a LOVE of Rotary that is carried inside—it is the love of service above one's self. A Rotarian that has this is always thinking of how he or she can make Rotary a better place for everyone. This Rotarian would never do anything to shame the name of Rotary of what it stands for. I can truly say that I am proud to be called a Rotarian and even Prouder to have the opportunity to serve mankind each day. I will do whatever I can to uphold the name of Rotary and support the clubs especially in District 3850.

Rotary starts in a small way, yet when we join forces there is nothing that we cannot achieve or do. Just look at how Rotary has attacked polio. By our clubs working together we can "Make Dreams Real" and make things happen. And it all starts with one person – that is you. Next year our theme is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." Just take a moment to think... you are one person and the Future of Rotary is in YOUR HANDS. You are what will make the difference between an average year and a FANTASTIC YEAR in Rotary. It all starts with your

The Love of
Rotary



hands being lifted up and saying YES! I will be an achiever in Rotary; I will show my love of service for my communities and my love and support of Rotary.

I now make this pledge to all of my fellow Rotarians, be they in the Rotary Club of Metro Roxas, the Rotary clubs of District 3850, the Philippines and the World. I will support my Rotary with all my heart and show the Love of Rotary to everyone that I come in contact with. I will place Service Above Self and work to help my community through projects and events. I accept the fact that "The Future of Rotary is in my hands" and will uphold the values of Rotary in everything that I do this year and the coming years, that I will have the pleasure in serving through Rotary.

UPCLOSE ZONE II IPIL SIBUGAY

The island of Sea Snake Sanctuary

owing to its natural land form, the province of Zamboanga Sibugay is blessed with an impressive range of excellent tourist destinations – interesting mountain formations, picture-perfect waterfalls, caves in which dwell thousands of bats as well as stalactites, hot springs, white sand beaches, and fish and sea snake sanctuaries.



Sibuguey Bay



what to do

Sibug-Sibug Festival



Celebrated during foundation day on the province of Sibugay on February 26, with colorful Ethnic Street dancing with rituals illustrating good harvest, wedding and healing rituals.

what to eat

Oysters

During the festival, it endorses its number one product which is the oyster or talaba in tagalong which has been known to be the biggest, juiciest, and meatiest oysters in the country.



getting there

By Land



Available types of land transportation are buses, jeepneys, vans, and motorcycles. The major transportation companies are Lilian Express Inc., Marymay Express, BL Express, Rural Transit Inc., Godspeed Company, RC Express.

By Air



There are three airports in Sibugay Province. One is public, located in Ipil, and the other two are privately owned, located in R.T. Lim owned by the Zambowood Product and the Philippine National Oil Company airport in Malangas.

what to See

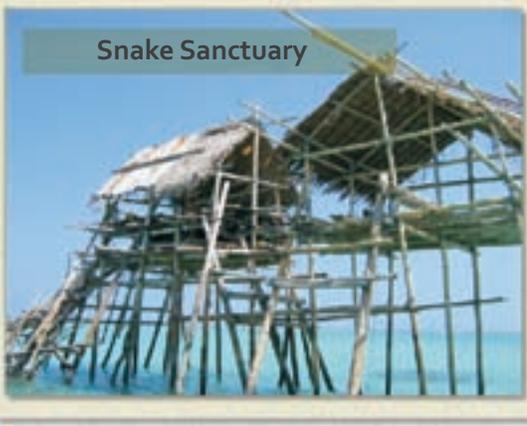
Sibuguey Bay

Bounding the province's southern peripheries, Sibuguey Bay has sites ideal for snorkeling and diving. This underwater must-see is blessed with several coral formations that function naturally as fish sanctuaries.

Tantanan Bay

It is the largest fish sanctuary found in the province. Tantanan Bay is located within the municipality of Alicia, encompassing an area of five hectares.

Snake Sanctuary



Litayon Island



Pandilusan Island



Buluan Island



Tigpalay Falls



Sibugay Sinking Sand



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Assistant Governor **DEXTER WEE TSANG**

Name:

PP DEXTER WEE TSANG

Rotary Club:

Rotary Club of Ipil Sibugay

Classification:

Businessman / Construction Supplies

Years in Rotary:

Six years (6)

In Profile



Why did you decide to join Rotary?

When I attended my first regular meeting, I liked the friendship around the clubs and the service that Rotary has for the community. Then I became a Rotarian.

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

The highest point of my service was the time that I had served my club as President.

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

My dad. We always talk about a lot of things everyday!

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

I wanted to be a civil engineer, and drive my pick up around my projects.

What is your fantasy career?

To be a doctor.

Do you have a motto? What is it?

Service above self.

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

My first wish is my children to have a bright future.

Second wish, to have a successful life.

Third wish, that the world we live in, will have lasting peace.

What aspects of serving Rotary bring you most joy?

Service and Fellowship

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

Jogging and pistol shooting

What's your favorite holiday destination?

San Francisco, California

What is your favorite Book?

Making Your Money Work by Francisco Colayco, and other travel books.

What is your favorite Movie?

Notting Hill, Lord of the Rings, and CSI Las Vegas

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

I want to be remembered as a person for what I am.

Monthly Attendance Report April and May 2009

Zone	No.	Club Name	Club No.	Charter Year	Members to-Date	No. of Mtgs.	May Attendance %	May Ranking	April Attendance %	April Ranking
I	1	Antique	17015	1975	20	4	93.75	2	78.30	18
	2	Iloilo	17045	1933	48	4	50.00	33	44.19	36
	3	Iloilo South	17047	1971	25	3	99.00	1	93.00	1
	4	Iloilo West	28828	1992	20	3	82.02	14	82.02	14
	5	Miag-ao	58693	2002	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
II	1	Iloilo City	17046	1975	26	4	78.28	17	82.00	15
	2	Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	15	2	53.30	31	53.30	35
	3	Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	13	4	81.81	15	81.81	16
	4	Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	15	4	83.33	12	83.33	13
	5	Jaro South	31664	1996	12	4	68.28	25	67.66	27
III	1	Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	56	4	45.54	35	54.64	34
	2	Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	23	4	74.54	21	88.66	6
	3	Guimaras	27277	1990	18	4	80.00	16	80.00	17
	4	Molo	27939	1991	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	5	Lapaz	30821	1995	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	6	Dumangas	31821	1996	25	4	82.30	13	83.90	11
	7	Metro Passi	76428	2007	23	4	70.65	23	70.65	23
IV	1	Roxas	17080	1964	31	5	83.87	11	83.87	12
	2	Kalibo	17053	1967	50	2	78.00	19	78.00	20 (tie)
	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	5	89.29	4
	6	Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	25	4	90.91	4	90.91	3
V	1	Silay	17084	1973	19	3	76.00	20 (tie)	76.00	21 (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)	85.00	10 (tie)
	2	Bacolod East	17017	1983	24	4	66.67	28 (tie)	66.67	29
	3	Bacolod West	27374	1990	22	4	85.00	10 (tie)	85.00	10 (tie)
	4	Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	35	3	70.58	22	70.58	24
	5	Bacolod Central	31518	1996	18	4	76.00	20 (tie)	76.00	21 (tie)
	6	Bacolod South	17019	1969	21	3	89.00	6	89.00	5
VII	1	Bacolod North	17091	1973	39	3	66.66	29	66.66	30
	2	Kabankalan City	17052	1974	30	4	66.00	30	66.00	31
	3	Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	25	4	78.02	18	78.02	19
VIII	1	Dipolog	21409	1950	28	3	86.00	9	86.00	9
	2	Jimenez	17050	1975	19	4	85.00	10 (tie)	85.00	10 (tie)
	3	Dapitan City	25485	1986	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	28	4	88.55	7	88.55	7
IX	1	Ozamiz North	17073	1974	24	4	85.00	10 (tie)	85.00	10 (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	10 (tie)
	2	Basilan City	17022	1960	25	4	67.50	27	67.50	28
	3	Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	20	3	69.84	24	69.84	25
	4	Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	22	3	66.67	28 (tie)	71.43	22
	5	Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	25	4	49.00	34	64.00	32
XI	1	Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	51	2	91.30	3	91.30	2
	2	Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	29	4	78.00	19	78.00	20 (tie)
	3	Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	22	4	68.00	26	68.00	26
	4	Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	69302	2005	13	3	50.94	32	50.94	33

FAST FACTS TAKEN FROM MARCH 2009 MAR:

- Out of 51 Clubs in our District, 21 (or 41.18%) 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).

District Secretary's Corner



Thank you for the opportunity you've given me as your District Secretary for Rotary Year 2008 - 2009.

The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands is the theme of Rotary International President John Kenney's 2009-2010 year. This theme is a simple truth serving as a constant reminder of the personal responsibility that each Rotarian holds. It is our responsibility to ensure that Rotary will be stronger next year than it is now, and even stronger the year after that. We must all work to sustain and expand our membership in both numbers and quality.

This year, our district will again focus on the continuity of our existing programs and new projects in order to fulfill our responsibility as Rotarians. I will continue to support the next governorship in any way I can. Rotary has been a part of my life for the past 10 years and my dedication as a Rotarian continues to flourish every year. My term as the District Secretary of D3850 is ending but my advocacy to serve Rotary International, the District, the Rotary Club of Central Iloilo City and my community will always be there.

As a Rotarian, I enjoy incomparable fellowship with one another and the great personal satisfaction that comes with serving others.

Continue to do the best job you can - THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN OUR HANDS.

To DG Emma Nava, thank you for allowing me to serve the district and your governorship. To Gov. Edgar Sy, God Bless!


DS Bilson de la Fuente

Rotary International 2009-2010 Theme

The 2009-10 RI theme acknowledges the important role individual Rotary clubs will play in shaping the future of Rotary. RI President-elect John Kenny unveiled the theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, on Monday during the opening plenary session of the International Assembly, an annual training event in San Diego, California, USA, for incoming district governors.

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters -- it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club," Kenny said, "because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong." Kenny acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

"Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary's future," Kenny said.

"The goals we set, whatever our action plan, it is in our hands to accomplish or not," said Kazeem Mustapha, governor-elect of District 9125 (Nigeria). "Everybody has to be involved."

Kenny emphasized that every Rotary club is and must be autonomous.



"Everything begins and ends with our clubs," he said. "Our clubs can and do work together; they work through their own districts, in cooperation with other clubs and districts, and with the support of our Foundation." But at the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. And so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best."

"It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community," Kenny said. "We must look beyond our own needs, and we must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world."

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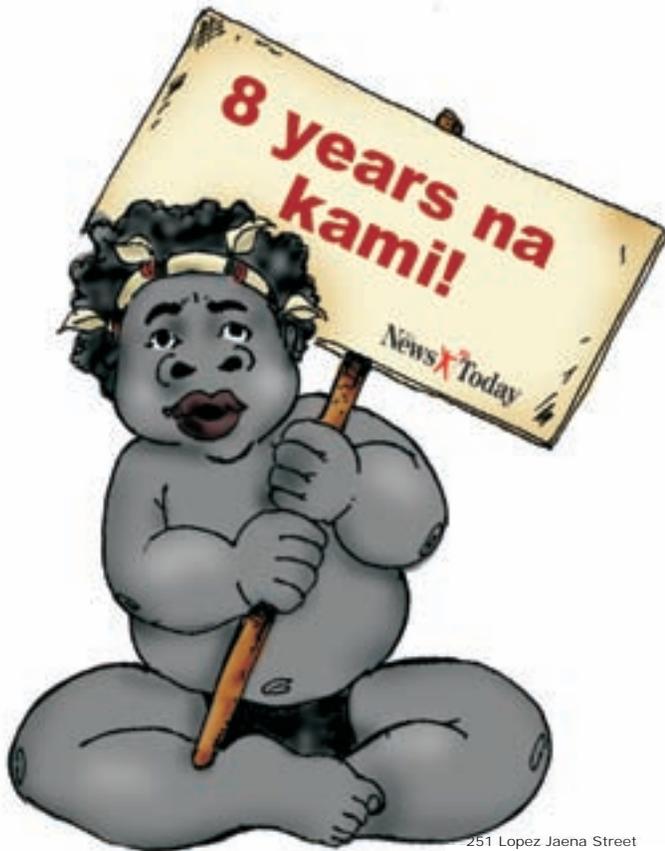
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DISTAS 2009



DG Ems and IDG Diotay during Zone 5, 6 & 7 Joint Induction.



RC Zamboanga City Central

IPP Vic Liozo, Pres. Tim, PHF Lita Palpataloc, CP Mila Fernandez and Int'l Services Dir. Rosemary Jamco.



RC Iloilo City

Pres. Joe Totengco and PE Marcus Dunisin with Rotaractors during their DISCON.



RC Kabankalan

Medical and Surgical Mission, Brgy. Hilamonan, Kabankalan City.



RC Bongao, Tawi Tawi

DG Ems and Pres. Ross saying hello to an infant and seeing how the local hammock works for the child - a local and unique cultural practice down south.



RC Roxas

Rotarians with PNP Provincial Director Angan at Olotayan Island.