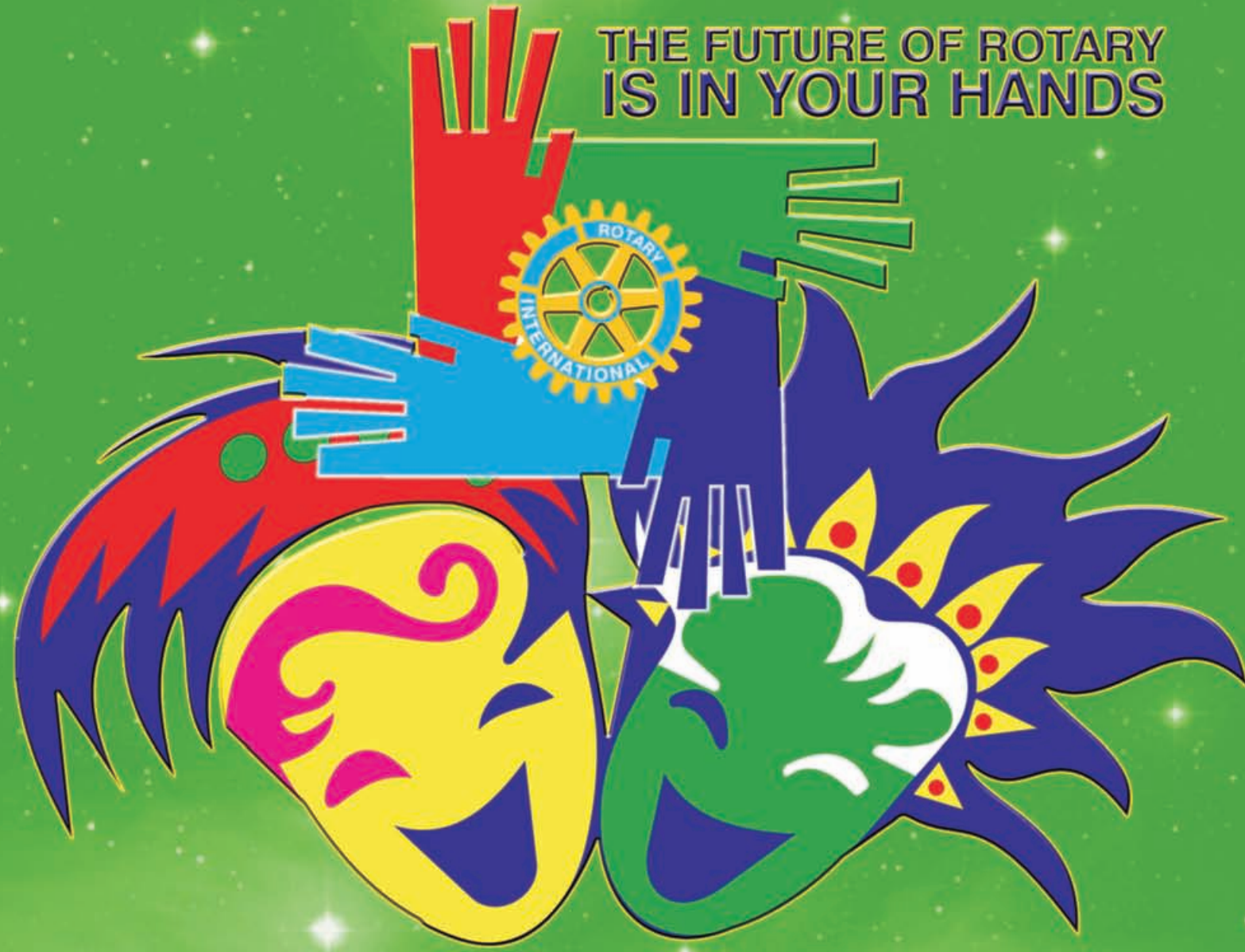


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Rotary Family

Governor Edgar Sy with wife Naty and children
Natalia, Oliver and Master Matthew

Editor's Note



I have found a family in Rotary!

Since I joined Rotary Club of Bacolod Central as Charter Member in 1996, I have enjoyed immensely the support, friendship and camaraderie of my fellow Rotarians. I witnessed that in times of happiness and sorrow, triumph and defeat, ease and difficulty, rotarians join hands and hearts to be there for each other. Former First Lady of the United States, Barbara Bush was right when she once said "To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there".

In his December message, RI President John Kenny talks about celebrating family during Family Month. "Every club should strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families — and the family of Rotary. Only by working together, as a family, can we ensure that the Rotary of today grows into an even stronger Rotary of tomorrow," says President Kenny.

In this issue of the GML, we will feature articles about the family of rotary in Rotary District 3850. District Governor Edgar Sy has been going an extra mile by visiting zones in the district many times. He wants all members to feel that they have a strong, happy and growing family in rotary. He has been doing many roles, as a father, as a brother, and as a son, to all of us.

"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one" - Jane Howard

Yours in Rotary Service,
PP Jules Carbon

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Rotary News



YEAR 16

Greatest gift of all

What can be greater than the Greatest?

For Project Chairman Raymond Padayhag, he saw the need to continuously innovate the project format which explains why this year's Greatest Gift of All was something more than the usual Christmas party tendered annually by the Rotary Club and Anns Club of Zamboanga City West for our differently abled brothers and sisters as well as the less fortunate lot of our compoblanos.

With a greater number of over a thousand clients of the DepEd SPED program from 19 schools and wards of 18 DSWD centers and NGOs, the Greatest Gift of All Year 16 was definitely better than the earlier project format in terms of entertainment and smiles elicited from attendees, most of whom are children.


It was a Christmas party where the young and the old combined were treated with an acrobatic show, juggling performance and stage magic.

There were also popcorn, cotton candies and ice cream galore matched with balloon twisting and face painting for everyone. A giant inflatable playground was an instant hit among the kids who had a great time of their lives. Teacher Beng and Barney came out effectively as back to back mascots who caught the hearts of our special children.

The Great West Rotarians, Anns, Rotakids, Rotaractors and Interactors helped in the sorting and wrapping of gifts and goodies, crowd control during the event and distribution of snacks, apples, giveaways and lunch for all the beneficiaries. The Anns also presented a dance medley to the delight of

the audience. District Governor Edgar Sy, who was a regular supporter of the project, came to Zamboanga City primarily for the activity, and was seen enjoying in the distribution of food.

Later on, he joined President Emil Aquino and Ann President Lynna Alegata in distributing various appliances including desktop computer and television sets, sacks of rice, wheel chairs, crutches, medicines, food stuff and so many other items which were in the wish lists submitted by the different schools and institutions.

Kudos to the Rotary Club and the Anns Club of Zamboanga City West for this laudable tradition of service which was already recognized by Rotary International as a Significant Accomplishment Award recipient. Keep up the good work and may your tribe increase! 
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Rotary News

Ati community gets Christmas treats




About 200 indigents, mostly children, were treated to a fun, food and gift-filled Christmas Party last December 13 at Bulabog Beach.

The affair was organized by Rtn Finn Ronne, Friends of the Ati Community, The Boracay Beach Real Estate, Seraph Hotel and other volunteers.

The club, which started organizing Charity Christmas Parties since 2006 mostly to school children, have chosen this time the Village which is being run by Volunteer Sisters of St. Paul.

Over the years, RC Boracay have also done a number of projects benefitting the village, such as medical missions, building of restrooms, educational seminars and donations, among others.

The program included a clown performance, Ati children dance numbers, food giving and gift giving by Santa Claus. 



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY Tanauan, Boracay ink sisterhood pact

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND

High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.


The Rotary Clubs of Boracay and Tanauan (District 3820) recently entered into a sisterhood agreement in Boracay Island Aklan.

RC Tanauan is a 25-year old all-male club with 57 members. It is the second agreement which RC Boracay entered into this year after RC Makati renewed its ties last June..

The group was led by



Incoming Gov. Tato Dimayuga visited RC Boracay headed by Pres. Prime along with PP's Jimmy Coscolluella, Del Nano and PE Bea. They were in the island-resort to facilitate a district convention in 2011.

RC Boracay is also negotiating for the same agreements with RC Auerbach (Germany) and RC Chung Yuan's (Taiwan). 



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- IV. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

RI President's Message



My fellow Rotarians,

The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary family – but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members.

The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women, and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children of our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni, and all of those who are part of our programs, in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world.

The youngest generation of the Rotary family is composed of our Rotaract clubs and Interact clubs, the participants in our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, our Ambassadorial Scholars, and our more than 8,000 Rotary Youth Exchange students every year.

As in any family, our youth are our brightest promise for the future. Of course, it is my sincere wish that many of these young people go on to become Rotarians in good time. But Rotary is a part of them even today – and they are a part of us.

My wife, June, and I have been married for over 40 years, and I have been a Rotarian for nearly as long. Although women were not eligible for Rotary club membership at that time, June has been a part of the Rotary family from the day I first entered the Rotary Club of Grangemouth. There is no question that my Rotary service has demanded a great deal of both of us since then – but there can be no question that we have both reaped more than we have sown.

I believe that Rotary club membership can and should enhance our home lives and family interactions. As we work to attract more and younger qualified members, we would do well to remember that today's young professionals are often balancing work and family responsibilities.

Adding in a commitment to Rotary service should complement, never compete with, those responsibilities. By scheduling meetings outside of the workday, planning activities that involve family members, and welcoming family members whenever possible, we help to ensure that every Rotary family will feel a true part of the greater Rotary family.

Every club should strive to achieve a balanced interaction between Rotarians and their families – and the family of Rotary. Only by working together, as a family, can we ensure that the Rotary of today grows into an even stronger Rotary of tomorrow.

John Krung

Governor's Message



“Christmas is a perfect time to renew ties among friends and family.”

There's a song by Michael Buble that strikes a chord in me amid the noise and haste of the holiday rush.

It goes "Here's my lifelong wish (my grown up Christmas list) not for myself but for a world in need! No more lives torn apart, that wars would never start and TIME would HEAL our hearts ; Every man would have a Friend, that RIGHT would always win and LOVE would never end; this is my Grown up Christmas list!"

Christmas is a perfect time to renew ties among friends and family.

For my Rotarian Family, allow me to assure each and every Club member of District 3850 that we are all in this great helping adventure together. Through the joys and pains, gains and losses, being there for each other keeps us strong.

Our spouses, children, parents, spouses of departed Rotarians, Youth exchange students and families, Interactors/Rotaractors/RYLarians, the GSE team members and ambassadorial scholars, the Foundation Alumni... we belong to one another as one big Family of Rotary. And the task is simple... simply inviting them to join us in our Rotary projects, fundraisers, club and district activities, change-overs, DISCON and assemblies.

On a more personal note, keeping in touch with families of our Youth exchange, and updating spouses and alumni with our Club newsletter keeps them in the loop of Rotary Family news.

May this Season of Hope bring the Family of Rotary closer and usher in a fresh resolve to serve others above self !

Malipayon nga Paskwa!/Christmas Cheers to all!


DG EDGAR SY

Feature | Rtn. JERRY OLSON, PHF

Rotary giving in the form of Santa

Every Christmas since last Rotary Year, Santa has been springing to life here in Roxas City.

Even though the weather outside may not be frigid cold or snow may not be falling all around, old Santa has faithfully fulfilled his duties.

This year the Rotary Club of Metro Roxas has sponsored Santa and he has appeared at least 8 times here in Capiz.

Santa was at Gaisano Marketplace Mall and at Gaisano Blvd Mall where he passed out candies to the children and listened to their Christmas wishes.

There was one child that even brought Santa a gift which nearly made old Santa cry!

It's so fulfilling to watch the children gazing at Santa as he laughs very jolly with a Ho! Ho! Ho! and spreads good cheer for the children. The Rotary Club of Metro Roxas is very blessed to have such a project each year.

One of the largest Santa project this year has been at the Tumalalod Elementary School Grade 1 class In Dumarao, where the Rotary Club of Metro Roxas is holding a yearlong feeding program. Santa attended this big event with gifts for all the children and candies and of course a lot of laughter and Ho Ho's.



Rotarian Danica So Chan was also there playing Santa's Elf and passing out the candies.

The children were extremely happy to have received gifts from Santa these children had never seen Santa and were coming up to him wanting to touch his beard and rub his fat tummy.




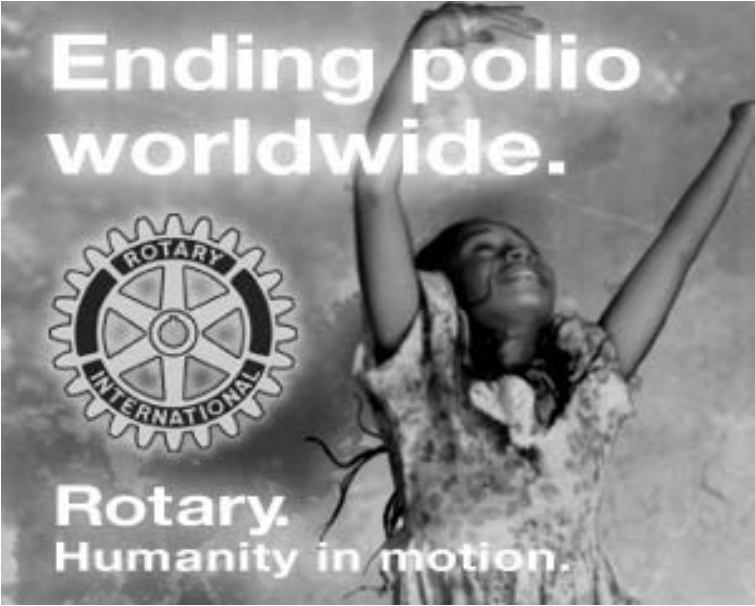
Santa also appeared at Milibilli High School and had lunch with the children there passing out gifts to everyone in the school.

Santa was lucky this day as the

principal allowed him to sit in his A/C office where he was better suited as his suit just isn't made for Philippine weather!

Santa also attended the Halad sa Kasimanwa Festival as he walked around the Roxas City Square greeting the children and Festival Attendees.

Yes the Rotary Club Of Metro Roxas gives its Halad each year to the children of Capiz in the form of SANTA and in doing this establishing better relations with the community uplifting the name of ROTARY as we are taking this year's theme in ROTARY to heart "THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS" and IDLE HANDS IN ROTARY JUST ISN'T ROTARY'S STYLE. 



GIFT-GIVING. Gov. Edgar Sy joins RC Victorias Pres. Jonathan and his members in giving gifts to 170 indigenous kids in Victorias City.*

Monthly Attendance Report | NOVEMBER 2009

ZONE	NO.	CLUB NAME	CLUB NO.	CHARTER YEAR	MEMBERS TO DATE	NO. OF MTGS.	NOVEMBER		OCTOBER	
							ATTENDANCE	RANKING	ATTENDANCE	RANKING
I	1	Antique	17015	1975	21	4	71%	24	DNR	DNR
	2	Iloilo	17045	1933	43	4	51%	29	49%	34
	3	Iloilo South	17047	1971	23	4	88%	4	87%	11
	4	Iloilo West	28828	1992	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	
	5	Miag-ao	58693	2002	13	4	75%	DNR	DNR	
II	1	Iloilo City	17046	1975	27	4	84.75%	10	86.80%	12
	2	Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	20	2	100%	1	100%	1
	3	Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	DNR	DNR	DNR	94.02%	2	
	4	Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	DNR	DNR	DNR	81.25%	17	
	5	Jaro South	31664	1996	DNR	DNR	DNR	60%	29	
III	1	Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	59	4	50.42%	30	57.63%	31
	2	Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	23	3	83%	12	88.22%	10
	3	Guimaras	27277	1990	20	4	49.8%	31	48.75%	35
	4	Molo	27939	1991	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	
	5	Lapaz	30821	1995	17	4	61.76%	26	63.2%	27
	6	Dumangas	31821	1996	25	4	82.7%	13	83.4%	14
	7	Metro Passi	76428	2007	19	4	61%	27	59%	30
IV	1	Roxas	17080	1964	34	4	90%	3	90%	7
	2	Kalibo	17053	1967	50	3	85.96%	7	92.98%	3
	3	Metro Roxas	22518	1982	63	4	38.25%	32	30%	37
	4	Boracay	50661	1997	20	3	85%	9	62.5%	28
	5	Metro Kalibo	54828	2001	22	3	82%	15	81.81 %	16
	6	Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	DNR	DNR	DNR	90%	7	
V	1	Silay	17084	1973	17	4	72%	22	78%	18
	2	Bacolod North	17091	1973	39	4	77.41%	18	69.88%	25
	3	Escalante	17037	1976	13	4	87%	5	92%	6
	4	Victorias	17091	1966	15	4	85%	9	92.3%	4
VI	1	Bacolod	17016	1937	33	4	84%	11	84%	13
	2	Bacolod East	17017	1983	21	4	55%	28	53.6%	33
	3	Bacolod West	27374	1990	21	3	90%	3	90%	7
	4	Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	35	3	82.34%	14	88.96%	9
	5	Bacolod Central	31518	1996	DNR	DNR	DNR	68.89%	24	
VII	1	Bacolod South	17019	1969	21	4	85%	9	84%	13
	2	Kabankalan City	17052	1974	DNR	DNR	DNR	54.1%	32	
	3	Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	21	3	80.95%	16	90%	7
VIII	1	Dipolog	21409	1950	30	4	70%	25	70.83%	21
	2	Jimenez	17050	1975	19	4	80%	17	DNR	DNR
	3	Dapitan City	25485	1986	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	
	4	Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	
IX	1	Ozamis North	17073	1974	21	4	70%	25	70%	22
	2	Pagadian	17074	1975	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	
	3	Pagadian West	17075	1977	28	4	32%	33	37.5%	36
X	1	Zamboanga City	17094	1948	46	2	91.30%	2	DNR	DNR
	2	Basilan City	17022	1960	26	4	72.21%	21	71.45%	20
	3	Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	46	2	91.30%	2	92.02%	5
	4	Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	22	4	86.36%	6	81.79%	15
	5	Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	
	6	Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	21	4	85.12%	8	89.47%	8
	7	Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	28	4	80%	17	74%	19
	8	Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	23	4	71.14%	23	69.32%	23
	9	Bonga, Tawi Tawi	69302	2005	15	4	73.30%	20	63.75%	26

Feature | PP JOHN P. ETABAG



LEADERSHIP 101 : Chapter 6

Be The Person Who Makes Things Happen!

There are three kinds of people in this world. There are those who make things happen, there are those who watch things happen, and then there are those who wonder what happened. Be the person who makes things happen.

We at District 3850 have our marching orders for Rotary Year 2009-2010. Achieve membership increase of one member and retain at least 80% membership. Establish one new club. Adopt a public elementary school as a recipient for workbooks. Distribute lesson plans, school bags and supplies. Establish potable water stations. Do anti-TB campaign. Involve Interactors, Rotaractors and the family of Rotary.

We are given very tall marching orders.

During a leadership seminar which I recently conducted, the room was getting messy after various workshops and structured learning experiences. There were papers on the floor, plastic drinking straws scattered, discarded bottles here and there. During the break, a participant noticed the disarray and started picking up the litter. After around 30 seconds later, two other participants stood up, went around and picked up trash and threw them on garbage bins. About five other participants were watching the three who were cleaning the mess. The rest of the participants didn't even notice what's happening.

What will prevent us from accomplishing our goals? Procrastination.

Has there been time when you wanted to deliver a speech but got very nervous and told yourself that maybe next time you'll do it, or to shoot the ball but decided to pass it to your team-mate because you fear to miss the shot? Was there a time when you wanted to invite a friend to a weekly Rotary Club meeting but decided against it because your invitation might be refused? What about visiting a school and a local community?

“Just Do It!” Nike tells us. The great Andre Agassi said, “You can't win if you don't play”. And Wayne Gretzky put it very succinctly when he said, “You miss 100% of the shots you never take.” Our Lloyd Luna said, “You can't finish if you don't start.”

Beat procrastination. Start your year when it is finished. I mean put in writing what you r annual goals before the year starts. Start your month when it is finished. I mean put in writing what you want to accomplish before the month starts. Put in writing what you want to accomplish for the week before the week starts. Your Sunday afternoon is the best time to put in writing your plan for the whole week. And when do you start your day? When you have it finished of course.

And one last thing. You have to start now and create momentum today. Call a friend. Write a letter. Send email. Send your proposal. Practice the speech. Call a meeting. If we want to make things happen, the time to start is now. The place to start is wherever we are.



The children and Rotaractors sing a Christmas song

Christmas came early for some 50 children from Brgy. Bata in Bacolod City on Saturday thanks to the Rotary Cub of Bacolod Marapara which hosted its annual Pamaskua Sa Bata Gift-giving party.

Children from Villa Gracia Day Care Center, which the club supports, as well as children of local caddies attended the party held at the Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club.

Santa Claus made a special appearance and distributed gifts for the children.



Aside from the contributions from the members, the event also was supported by SM's Julia Javellana, Lino Uy of Shakey's Robinsons, Andrew Keuls, Allen Scott, Sheila Guanzon and Ina Cortez.

"This is the third year we've hosted a Christmas party for the less fortunate children in our adopted barangay. It really gives them a reason to smile, Club president Al Picardal said as he thanked sponsors, Rotaractors and club members.

The Rotary Club of Bacolod Marapara undertakes many other community activities each year.

It's main fund-raising event is the annual 'Rotary-Golf for a Cause' tournament held at the Negros Occidental Golf and Country Club. The 2010 tournament will be held May 15 and 16. **G**



From left, Club president Al Picardal, SM's Julia Javellana, Ina Cortez and Shiela and Paolo Guanzon with Edsel Tesara on Santa's lap.

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Governor Edgar Sy with the Centrallians and fun run participants at the Capitol Lagoon.

Centrallians spearhead Christmas costume fun run

The Rotary Club of Bacolod-Central initiated the first-ever Christmas costume fun run in Bacolod City with more than 200 amateur and professional runners participating in three categories : 3-kilometer, 5-km and 10-km.

District Governor Edgar Sy witnessed the event which was held at the Provincial Capitol grounds. Chaired by Dr. Paul Brian Mendez, a triathlete, the fun run was part of the club's healthy lifestyle advocacy. It was also a fund-raising event for the Capuchin Sisters and supported by the Red Cross, Amity and Chamber volunteers.

The runners came dressed as Minnie Mouse, princess, fairies, elves, animals, comics characters and even a surfer, complete with a surf board.



Winners in the 10-K professional category received cash prizes, medals



Race director Dr. PB Mendez signals the start of the race.



Gov. Edgar, Pres. Jo with the Best in Costume winners and judges Eli Tajanlangit and Auxilia Burgos.



Runners dressed up as Minnie Mouse.



Gov. Edgar and Pres. Jo with 10K winners Eric Panique, Ben Alejandrino and Joel Alcorin (left photo) and oldest and youngest runners.



The contingent from the Negros Occidental Province Police Office.

and gift packs.

Special awards were also given to runners having the most colorful and Christmas-themed costumes. The oldest and the youngest runners were also cited, as well as those teams with the biggest contingents.

Club president Jocelyn Lucendo said they intend to make it an annual event. **G**

Secretary's Corner



PP Ma. Christine "Tin" Toledo
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ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS :

1. This is to correct the October District Secretary's Report on the GSE Team bound for Netherland. Buenas Aires Celi C. De la Cruz, one of the GSE team members was hosted by the ROTARY CLUB OF KALIBO and not by the Rotary Club of Roxas.

2. Deadline for the 2nd semester submission of the Semi-Annual Report (SAR) of membership to RI will be on January 1, 2010 together with payment (validated deposit slip) of per capita dues. Deposit on line to : Metrobank account No. 10610029 or thru -www.rotary.org

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- a. Club name
- b. Club number
- c. Invoice number
- d. Name of contact person
- e. Contact person membership number

Please send copy of the following to DG Edgar Sy :

- a. Deposit Slip (machine validated)
- b. SAR worksheet
- c. SAR Report Rooster
- d. Reporting new member form

3. Deadline for the 2nd semester payment of magazine subscription is also on January 1, 2010.
For "The Rotarian" (\$12/sem) send to Metrobank Acct. No. 10610029
For " Philippine Rotary Magazine" (Php 270/sem) send to BPI Acct. No. 3371-0098-75
Account name: " Philippine Rotary Magazine"

Subscription to "The Rotarian" and "The Philippine Rotary Magazine" is mandatory and a condition for membership. Failure of the club to subscribe is ground for termination.

4. For the upcoming District Conference on February 25-27, please confirm and possibly pay your hotel accommodation as soon as possible. The PAL golfers transferred their golf tournament from Mindanao to Bacolod exactly on the same dates as our DISCON and bulk of visitors are expected to come. List of Hotels and Pension Houses as well as the contact numbers were emailed to all club presidents months ago. Kindly go over your emails.

Rotary News

3H MATCHING GRANT

RI District 3850 gets biggest share

Rotary District 3850 received the biggest share of the 3H Matching Grant of the International Water Alliance of Rotary International and the United States Agency for International Development.

With the approved applications of RC Zamboanga City West for \$440,000 and RC Dipolog for more than \$100,000, the District got half of the total funding intended for the Philippines.


There were only five proposed projects throughout the Philippines which were approved after a tight deadline and rigid scrutiny by the Alliance. These proponents were RCZC West, RC Dipolog, RC San Fernando, RC Dist. 3810 - Pasig and RC Downtown Davao.

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants are awarded to fund large long-term international self-help and grassroots development projects that use an integrative approach to address humanitarian needs.

An integrative approach incorporates multiple program components, including a combination of sustainable factors such



Governor Edgar Sy receives the 3H grant during the TRF-USAID launching in Makati City last December 15.

as training, community participation, capital assets, and technical expertise from Rotarians and other sources. 

Polio, Future Vision, donations top TRF list

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar outlined four goals for the 2010-11 Rotary year: PolioPlus, implementing the Future Vision pilot, rebuilding the Annual Programs Fund through Every Rotarian, Every Year, and continuing to build the Permanent Fund.

"Polio eradication has been, is, and will remain our top priority until the job is done," he declared at the fourth plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly.

In addition to high-profile donors such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 39 governments have contributed to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and their money constitutes the majority of the funding to end the disease.

Stenhammar explained the importance of partnering with other organizations and implementing the Future Vision pilot to keep pace with the changing environment of global service.

"Cooperation with other organizations is today the future for many entities, and The Rotary Foundation must not miss getting onboard that train," he said.

"It is extremely important that all districts, pilot or not, stay aware of the evolution of the Future Vision Plan and start looking for ways to align your projects and activities with its goals and the six areas of focus as soon as possible."

He also encouraged all Rotarians to reexamine their annual contributions to the Foundation.

"Only 25 percent of Rotarians are giving to our Foundation -- 75 percent are not. Think about what it could mean if we could alter those numbers or have 100 percent of Rotarians become donors," he told district governors-elect.



Children in Birgunj, Nepal where Rotarians brought polio vaccine to a district distribution center. ROTARY IMAGE

Rotarians are encouraged to give at least US\$100 every year to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative and to support the Foundation's Permanent Fund.

"If we get that support from you, we can bridge over this difficult time, and The Rotary Foundation will remain sound and healthy," Stenhammar concluded.

ROTARY NEWS 



RF Trustee Chair-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar*

Rotary Images



Gov. Edgar and his family during their holiday trip in Dubai.



Christmas Party for children initiated by RC Iloilo headed by Pres. Markus.



RC Escalante Christmas party at Molocaboc.



RC Iloilo's version of Santa Claus.



RC Zamboanga City-West's Greatest Gift with Pres. Emil, AG JV, members & spouses.

Rotary Images

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale



RC Iloilo's version of Santa Claus.



Christmas gift-giving of RC Metro Bacolod at the pediatric and children ward of the Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital.



President Andy and Rtn. Vicky during the Wish Upon a Star program of RC Bacolod.