

ROTARY CLUB OF DIPOLOG
CHARTERED 1950 DISTRICT 3850

60 years of
Service Above Self
RY 2010 - 2011
PHILIPPINES

Chartered in December 6, 1950 by RC Zamboanga & Dumaguete. By January 28, 1951, RC Dipolog was formally admitted to Rotary International. With 30 members, Vicente Gahol as Club President, Feliciano Elias as Club Secretary, Francisco Urquiaga as Club Treasurer, Eufrazio Lopez Sr is the only living charter member as of today. Meeting was held at the International Hotel along Rizal Ave. Notable projects include skating rink at Plaza Magsaysay and children's playground at Pilot Demonstration School.



Barangay Panampalay & San Antonio
Clean Water & Sanitation Project
a partnership of
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Reaching new heights in development A case of bringing safe water access to the hinterland

by: MADELLINE ROMERO

Some 600 meters above sea level and 55 kilometers from downtown Dipolog somewhere on the narrow winding road on the side of the Zamboanga del Norte mountains, Rotarian Lindon 'Don' See Diet gets off the four-wheeled pick-up and on to a habal-habal – a motorcycle – for the rest of the journey to Brgy. Panampalay. Rains are an almost daily occurrence in this exquisite tropical rainforest-shrouded area; and as if that wasn't enough to make the ground wet and slippery, the monsoon rains pour down to soak the earth to a dangerous level. Lindon is still a few kilometres away from the village – talk about a hinterland! yet he already thinks to himself that there is no way the safe water project could be implemented here. For while the upland villagers may be harbouring dreams of accessible and reliable safe water source, he is having unpleasant visions of a nightmare – a logistical nightmare.

That was in June 2009.

Eighteen months after that first close encounter with how residents from the Subanen tribe of the last-mile village in the town of Roxas lived, after numerous failed attempts to haul in and deliver construction materials in the first three months of project implementation, after a protracted six-month delivery of gravel and sand and steel, after at least three memorable incidents of delivery dump trucks not being able to go back down after a delivery (either because the mountainside had become impassable due to a recent landslide, or because the vehicle had broken down after too much exertion going up) or of near-capsized delivery vehicles, and after so many times of hissing under one's breath and thinking "What have I gotten myself into," a concrete reservoir, measuring eight cubic meters, now proudly stands some 600 meters above sea level in Brgy. Panampalay. Nearly two kilometers of high-density polyethylene SDR 13.5 pipes convey the cool spring water from the reservoir down to the eight communal taps that had been scattered all over the village. Two-hundred forty households or 1,440 individuals – who until then had lived all their lives having to scurry to the village's numerous low-pressure low-lying intermittent springs to fetch a jug of water which takes at least an hour to fill – now enjoy the benefits of a reliable, convenient, and safe drinking water source.

His club – the Rotary Club of Dipolog – and project partner, the AMORE Program – Multi-regional Renewable Rural Energy Development III – could have easily picked diary, 64 percent of households in the town of Roxas, or 68 percent of all households Zamboanga del Norte, after all, are still without access to safe water. But as is development work, the challenge is to go beyond one's comfort zone so that those experience some of the conveniences – and necessities – that one often takes

"The community members' profuse gratitude, and the sight of women and about their daily tasks by the water tap stand, have made it all worth it.

Falling under the broader USAID-Rotary International Water Alliance the Panampalay safe water project has not only brought safe, water from the mountain source down to the communities at least meters below through the construction of a water system, but educates community members on proper sanitation and hygiene as well.

The USAID, through its projects – one of which is the AMORE Program – and the Rotary Foundation, through its competitive Hunger, Health and Humanity (3-H) Grants program, has provided over a million dollar grant funding for five water and sanitation projects to local Rotary Clubs and Districts. The Philippines is one of the three pilot countries for the USAID-RI Water Alliance, the others being Ghana and the Dominican Republic.

The Rotary Club of Dipolog and AMORE Program implemented a similar safe water project in Brgy. San Antonio in the town of Sergio Osmeña.

Rtn. Don can now heave a sigh of relief even as he braces himself for the project's next phase: construction of a latrine and washing station at the village's lone elementary school.



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**ROTARY
AWARENESS
MONTH**

What comes to mind when the word Rotary is mentioned to you? For most Zamboanguenos, Rotary is associated to that Rotary-sponsored swimming pool in Pasonanca with natural free flowing water from the mountains which is an old favorite picnic spot for families during weekends. For a good number of the current crop of public school Grade One pupils and their parents in District 3850, Rotary refers to that group of people who distributed school bags and supplies this school year. Personally, to me, Rotary is that organization which sponsored our Boy and Girl City Officials Week back during my high school days....a case of first impression. It can mean a lot of things, depending on how and where you have chanced upon Rotary and its army of service-oriented Rotarians and their spouses.

Back in 1988, Rotary International officially designated the month of January as Rotary Awareness Month. This was its response to the need for a well-oriented membership and a well-informed public. During this month, we contemplate on the essence of Rotary and to consider how people perceive Rotary as an organization. No one can understand Rotary better than us.... Rotarians. It should be....but is it? Thus, we have to go through this annual rethinking process of evaluating the true meaning of our organization as we start a new year. It is through this process that the publics we serve can better understand us because we know or at least reminded ourselves to refocus our efforts to our identified objectives and to carry ourselves accordingly.

R.I. Past Director Naoyuki Suenaga from Japan suggests the following questions to kick start our thinking (or rethinking) process:

- What does Rotary mean to me?
- How can I make Rotary mean more to me?
- How can I serve better, and so make Rotary mean more to others?
- What can I do to make Rotary International a stronger organization?

The results of this simple exercise will go a long way in our quest to make this world a better place to live in. Before we can sell Rotary to the world, we must be reminded of our own motivations in joining it from the very day we were inducted into its ranks. Then we are on our way once more to market its ideals to potential service-oriented leaders.

Let us constantly improve the image of our dear Rotary not just in our own corners in our respective cities but far and wide globally. In this way, we can easily bring in good materials into our organization while reinvigorating our existing set of Rotarians. Our enthusiasm and pride in this great organization can be noticed in how we talk about Rotary and how we conduct ourselves as Rotarians. So, let us all get that paper and pencil and start that renewal process...pronto. God bless D3850.

IPP Emilio "Emil" Aquino, MPH**table of contents**

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60 YEARS OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF**

Rotary DNA!

This Rotary year features a culture of innovation in which we are looking at all aspects of our policies, practices, and procedures to see if they can be modernized and improved. Not surprisingly for an old and large organization like ours, we are identifying many areas that could, and should, be brought up to date.

But at the same time, I fully recognize that some things are so significant in Rotary's success that they are sacrosanct. They are referred to in the RI Strategic Plan as our core values, but I prefer to call them our DNA. They are the characteristics that distinguish Rotary from all other organizations. They are the essence of who Rotarians are and what Rotarians have in common around the world.

The five core values named in the RI Strategic Plan are fellowship, service, integrity, diversity, and leadership. Young people prefer the word networking to our traditional word of fellowship, but to me they are equivalent. Both words lead to lasting friendships in our clubs, which keep us together between projects and which make Rotary membership truly priceless. Friendship is clearly the most essential element of Rotary's DNA!

Rotarians should not worry that the current emphasis on modernization will damage our core values. That would be alien to Cowboy Logic, which includes the admonitions "Remember that some things are not for sale" and "Know where to draw the line." I want to assure Rotarians that we will not alter the values and attitudes that have made Rotary a premier organization – one that is now on the world stage through PolioPlus!

We have so much to be proud of as Rotarians. This is our finest hour, and our best days are still ahead as we help our clubs to be Bigger, Better, and Bolder. Along with our five core values, persistent progress is another prestigious part of Rotary's DNA!

**RAY KLINGSMITH**
R.I. President
RY 2010-2011

Dear Rotary Club President and President-elect,

This is an announcement to all Rotary club leadership that Rotary International is conducting four new pilot programs beginning 1 July 2011 and operating through 30 June 2014 and is looking for clubs to participate in them.

In support of the RI Strategic Plan goal to 'foster club innovation and flexibility' the Board would like to evaluate and measure the impact alternative membership types and club operations have on member activities and engagement, membership growth and retention, improved member diversity, increased community and international service, increased support of The Rotary Foundation, and overall club effectiveness. Below is a brief recap of each pilot program. At this link are more detailed fact sheets for each of these pilots, guidelines for selection, terms of participation, and an implementation plan: <http://www.rotary.org/en/members/generalinformation/pilots/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Satellite Club

The Satellite Club Pilot will allow a Rotary club to conduct multiple club meetings during a week, each taking place at a different location, a different day and/or a different time.

Corporate Membership

The Corporate Membership Pilot will allow a corporation or company in the club's area to become a member of the Rotary Club, through a club established membership approval process, and appoint a certain number of Designees as the individuals attending meetings, serving on projects, voting on club matters, serving as club officers and on club committees, etc.

Associate Membership

An Associate Membership Pilot will allow an individual to become

associated and acquainted with a Rotary Club, its members, its programs and projects, and the expectations of club membership with the intent of becoming an active member within a designated period of time.

Innovation & Flexibility

This pilot project focuses on letting clubs self-determine their operations to fit better with their members' and community needs. Clubs will be authorized to make changes to the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and to their Rotary Club Bylaws in any area other than RI membership dues requirements.

A total of 200 clubs will be accepted to participate in each pilot, with a goal of equal representation from the thirty-four (34) zones. Clubs wishing to participate must have been chartered prior to 30 June 2009.

The deadline for submitting a pilot application form is 1 April 2011. Decisions for club selections will be made by 1 May 2011. Club and district officers will be notified of clubs selected to participate by 31 May 2011.

To participate in these pilot programs, your club must be in good financial standing and you will need agreement from the current club president and club president-elect along with the agreement of 2/3 of the members of the club. At this link are the project plan details and application form:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/members/generalinformation/pilots/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

You may email questions to ripilotprograms@rotary.org or contact your Club and District Support representative. You may submit the application via email to ripilotprograms@rotary.org or fax to 1-847-556-2196.

I encourage all club presidents to consider participating in these pilot programs in an effort to ensure Rotary's continued success and secure its future in a changing world.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa, General Secretary, Rotary International

cc: RI Director

District Governor

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



**DG JAMES "McGyver"
MAKASIAR, MPHF
RY 2010-2011**

Many of our community members do not know what Rotary is. Or What Rotarians do. This is not only true in our Country but the world over. I remember as a kid growing up in our City. To me, Rotary refers to the swimming pool in Pasonanca Park, Zamboanga City. I did not know that Rotary was a service organization composed of men (at that time as there were no women Rotarians yet) in business and profession.

My late father, Pantaleon, was also very active in his civic and religious duties (Knights of Columbus). He would travel to other cities to attend conferences and conventions. Unfortunately, our family, did not know what he and his group were doing. All the time, I knew he was an animal lover and that his group were brave because their mascot is a predator animal.

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We must aim to make our community aware of what we have done or what we are doing. As an organization, we have to partner with media outfits to inform our communities what we are accomplishing. Our community will appreciate Rotary if they see the benefits of our service projects. We can claim success only when Rotary and Rotarians will be inscribed not only in the hearts of our community members now, but also, in the memory of the generation that will follow after us.

I encourage all, to be proud servants in our communities and be prouder to wear your Rotary pin or display your emblems or stickers or publish your Projects. Rotary needs a face, our face and the faces of our beneficiaries.



ROTARY AWARENESS

*By Rtn. Bryan Micah S. Lim, PHF
Club President, Rotary Club of Dipolog*

With the theme of the month of January, Rotary Awareness, Rotary Club of Dipolog displays two new billboards. One is located at Plaza Magsaysay and the other, along Gen. Luna St. at the entrance of the convention center.

This project is also in line with the ongoing 60th year celebration of the founding of the Rotary Club of Dipolog. Chartered back in December 6, 1950, the club has been making a difference over 60 years. Notable

achievements of the club include the skating rink at the plaza, book donations, polio eradication, medical missions, feeding programs, and the ongoing water project at Roxas and Sergio Osmena.

Rotary was founded by a lawyer, Paul Harris, in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. in Feb. 23, 1905. With over 1.2 million, Rotarians doing the same thing all over the world, they are making the world a better place. This year, Rotary turns 106 years.

Rotary Club of Iloilo City Brings "Yuhum" Beyond Borders

We are told that it takes 200 muscles to frown and only 84 muscles to smile. But a smile can say so much more than mere words.

In August 2010, cleft lip and palate patients and those with other deformities from the Provinces of Iloilo, Capiz, Guimaras and Antique assembled at the out-patient department of the Western Visayas Medical Center for their final laboratory work-up in preparation for their much-awaited repair surgeries. This is Operation "Yuhum" - the clinical preparation of patients to qualify them to participate in surgical missions sponsored by other organizations. Operation "Yuhum" was the brainchild of IPP Markus Duenneisen which he initiated in 2005. Four years thence, President Nominee Larry Mally took charge of Operation "Yuhum." To date, the Rotary Club of Iloilo City has helped more than 300 children go through their lip and palate repair and other surgeries and maintains a database of over 200 indigent patients who will be needing surgery.

Patients undergoing surgery need to be fit for the procedure and must have laboratory clearance prior to surgery. Many of those who enlist for surgical missions have worms, lung diseases and other infections. The Rotary Club of Iloilo City (RCIC) helps these patients go through the consultations, laboratory tests and the treatment regimens so that they could qualify for the surgeries.

On top of the free laboratory tests, the patients are also provided with food and transportation allowances. A training program on basic hygiene, feeding techniques and medicine administration is also organized in cooperation with Iloilo Doctor's Hospital resident physicians to educate the patients' relatives and enhance their supportive and therapeutic roles. Every week, three or four patients are prepared for their operations by Operation "Yuhum." This is in addition to those who are being treated by bigger international missions which benefit some 40 to 50

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SPOUSES CORNER



**LADY MARIA TERESA
"Tess" MAKASIAR, PHF**

Please visit our website, rotary3850.org and Facebook account discon2011zam@gmail.com for more information. Join us in the Alegria na Zamboanga 2011.

The 2011 district conference is fast approaching. The DISCON Team has been meeting constantly in line with this event. Recently, I joined some Rotarians and Spouses of the Rotary club of Zamboanga City West to visit the six (6) clubs of Zamboanga City. The team is busy drumming up attendance for the DISCON. The team is also encouraging members to advertise their Companies in tarpaulins and souvenir programs. I am pleased with the turn out of the visits. I cannot help but admire the efforts and sacrifices of the Rotarians and spouses who are part of the DISCON Team.

I am appealing to the spouses to convince your husband/wife Rotarian to register and include you, as spouse, for the Discon 2011 in Zamboanga City. I have seen the line up of speakers and events and can assure you that you will enjoy and appreciate the "Alegria na Zamboanga".

We will have fun and memorable experiences on our First night- "Pirates of the Caribbean" where the talents of our own Rotarians and Spouses of the district will be shown and of course the Second Night- "Governors Ball"- where everyone will be in their best.



DISCON Team at work.

patients at any given time.

With the inspiration of the prime movers of Operation "Yuhum", "Smiles Beyond Borders" came to be. "Smiles Beyond Borders" is a surgical mission for patients with various deformities that was conceived by President Chacha Magbanua together with then President Dr. Angamuthu Rajoo of the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru, Malaysia during one of the Rotary Assemblies abroad. It was indeed a happy coincidence that incoming Pres. Dr. Anga had previously conducted 11 plastic surgery missions in various parts of the Philippines in the last 10 years.

Through the invitation of Dr. Anga, the Rotary Club of Kinta, Ipoh (RI District 3300) - through its Pres. Dato Dr. Subramaniam Muniandy - signified their intention to be part of the project. Dr. Subra not only brought his club's financial aid but also volunteered to be a member of a team of five doctors who went to Iloilo City on August 26-30, 2010 to perform life-changing operations for free at the Western Visayas Medical Center, Mandurriao, Iloilo City. The team also included Drs. Margaret Leow, Regunathan Villanayer and Yap Yan Lin. The other contributors for this humanitarian endeavor were the Rotary Club of Sae Goyang, South Korea (RI District 3690), Past President Dr. Oliver Henedige and

the Rotary Club of Singapore.

The Rotary Club of Iloilo City cooperated with various sectors to ensure the success of this project. The Western Visayas Medical Center provided the medical support staff such as ENT specialists, pediatricians, anesthesiologists, surgeons, nurses and attendants necessary for the mission. It also offered free use of its medical facilities. The 3rd ID Philippine Army provided personnel and vehicles to transport the patients. For its part, the Iloilo Provincial Government gave meals for the operating room staff, volunteers and doctors during the entire duration of the mission. From the outset, the Provincial Health Office and the Municipal Health Officers of the component local government units of the Province provided the data base

of patients from which the present batch of beneficiaries has been generated.

"Smiles Beyond Borders" filled in the gaps left by earlier surgical missions. Most plastic surgery missions that came to Iloilo did cleft lip repairs only. They seldom worked on cleft palate repairs as the procedure is more complicated. Neither did these missions perform surgeries on burn patients and those with other deformities, which Operation "Yuhum" could have addressed had there been qualified patients. Operation "Yuhum" also performed revision operations on patients who had incidents of suture breakage following earlier surgeries.

With these gaps identified, "Smiles Beyond Borders" performed 54 free operations on 44 individuals, 42 of which were cleft palate repair

surgeries - perhaps an unprecedented achievement in all of three and a half days of surgeries.

That was not the end. The Rotary Club of Iloilo City facilitated follow up check-ups to ensure the success of the operations, maintained communications with the patients and kept them as part of their lives.

"Smiles Beyond Borders" is billed a World Community Service Project because it is an effort of Rotarians from different countries to help the less fortunate in Iloilo and neighboring provinces in the Philippines. This is in line with this year's Rotary International's theme: "Building Communities - Bridging Continents" - Rotary's special way of "linking people of goodwill from various countries to make the world a much better place to live and work."



Rotary Club of Iloilo City SMILES BEYOND BORDERS, a Surgical Mission for Children and Adults with deformities with the Rotary Club of Kinta, Ipoh, RI District 3300.



Rotary Club of Kalibo joined Rotary Awareness Month Street Dancing during Ati-Atihan Festival 2011 in Kalibo, Aklan (January 10-16, 2011).



DG James listens to elderly on his needs.



Rotary Club of Iloilo City Solar Powered Water Pumping and Purification System which benefitted the people of Santa Barbara.



The RC-Metro Zamboanga conducted a Dental and Medical Mission at Barangay Salaan, Zamboanga City. There were 300 barangay residents who benefited from the project.



Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West Annual Assistance to the Home for the Elderly last January 19, 2011.



District Governor James Makasiar's Visit to the Rotary Club of Basilan .



Rotary Club of Bacolod North Community Project Kabug Wason Village.



Rotary Club of Bacolod North Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) last January 29, 2011

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Please be reminded of our much-awaited District Conference on April 1-3, 2011.

Registration Rates :

For Rotarians	January 1 - April 1 : P2,500.00
For Spouses and Guests	January 1 - April 1 : P2,300.00

Kindly make all checks payable to : **Rotary Club of Zamboanga City WEST**
Account number : **0431-037045-002**
Bank : **Security Bank**

Don't miss the fellowship and array of inspiring speakers lined up for this fun-filled activity guaranteed to give us a whole kind of learning and wonderful experience.

Please email all Registration Forms and Deposit Slips to Evie Ledesma at evie_zam@yahoo.com.ph



PP ANTONIO "Butch" BLANCO, MPHF
RC of Zamboanga City West
District Secretary

DISCON 2011

***Allegria na Zamboanga* : Events to watch out for**
April 1, 2011 - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN NIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS: Special Awards

I. GROUP/CLUB CATEGORY: BIG & SMALL

- **Most number of Club Members in THEME COSTUME**
(Separate for Big and Small Club Categories)
 - o **For visiting clubs only (Excluding all Zamboanga City clubs)**

Suggested theme costumes for the Pirates of the Caribbean Night:

- Pirates
- Victorian gowns
- British Soldier / Officer

* Please check out ZAMBOANGA DISCON FACEBOOK
(discon2011zam@gmail.com)

• **Dance Competition**

- o **For visiting clubs only (Excluding all Zamboanga City clubs)**

Mechanics: MINIMUM of SIX (6) PARTICIPANTS
(Rotarians and Spouses Only)
MAXIMUM SIX (6) MINUTES – Length of Presentation

Criteria:	Presentation	40%
	Costume	30%
	Impact	30%

II. INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY:

- o **Open to all Rotarians and Spouses**
(Except the Host Club, the Rotary Club of Zamboanga City West)

- **Best in Pirates Costume (MALE)**
- **Best in Pirates Costume (FEMALE)**
- **Best in British Soldier / Officer Attire (MALE)**
- **Best in Victorian Gown (FEMALE)**

Criteria:	Costume	50%
	Bearing / Demeanor	50%

Mechanics: The TOP 5 contestants for every costume category will be presented first before the final choice will be made.



Marapara Rotary launches English program



Would-be call center agents with members of the Rotary Club of Bacolod Marapara.



Kristine Tamayo (right) with some of the would-be call center agents.

Mentoring the Mentors English Proficiency Training

*DepEd, Bacolod City
January 15 and 22, 2011*

With the desire to help in the communal effort to give children from public schools better education, the Rotary Club of Bacolod North (RCBN) sponsored the National English Proficiency Program (NEPP) for Grades 4 to 6 English teachers last January 15 and 22, 2011. This activity was held at the Department of Education (DepEd) Session Hall in

Bacolod City.

The NEPP is conducted to train English language teachers from different public schools all over Bacolod City. The aim is to sharpen the teacher's English proficiency and mentoring skills. They in turn will use their newly acquired skills and knowledge to become the mentor of their colleagues in their respective

The Rotary Club of Bacolod Marapara has launched an English Enhancement Training program designed to improve the chances of would-be call center agents being hired.

The program is the brainchild of Rotarian Paul Felton, a Bacolod-based call center manager.

"There is great demand for call center agents in Bacolod. It's a great career, but often a lack of English skills means would-be agents don't get hired," said Mr. Felton.

"However, in many cases, it only takes a few training sessions for their English to

improve dramatically. That's the purpose of this program"

The Rotary scheme offers 25 four-hour training sessions conducted by veteran call center agent Kristine Tamayo. Classes are held at the Antonio Chan Memorial Technical Center in Bata Subdivision in Bacolod City.

Those interested in joining the program should contact Marapara Rotary secretary May Jabonata on 09173445158.

Candidates should be over 18, high school graduates, computer literate and have average proficiency in English. There is a nominal registration fee of Php100.

schools. This capability will then enable these mentors to effectively hone the English Proficiency of their students. Competence in English is essential as this language is the universal medium of communication.

RCBN Literacy Committee chair, PP Louie Gonzaga, welcomed the teachers and challenged them to make the most out of the training, and eventually become the catalyst for the improvement of English proficiency in their respective schools. Ms. Ma Gemma Ledesma, CESO V Schools Division Superintendant, welcomed the Rotarians and also delivered the opening address.

The seminar was held for two successive Saturdays, January 15 and 22, wherein Rotarians led by President Roy Yanson and Rotary Ann President Langlang Nellas joined in the group dynamics. Highlighting the closing ceremony were the awards given to the individual participants who topped the hands-on workshop. Recognitions were also given to the groups who created the best presentations. RCBN Secretary and President Elect Alex Lee then delivered the closing message.

The Rotarians treated the participants to a hearty snack with lechon after the ceremonies.



RC Iloilo West Sponsors Free Kidney Transplant

The Rotary Club of Iloilo West, in coordination with the Rotary Club of Novato, California, USA and St. Paul’s Hospital-Iloilo, conducted free kidney transplant and laparoscopic kidney surgeries on two patients last January 17-20, 2011 at St. Paul’s Hospital, Iloilo City. Dubbed as the Rotary LifePlant 2011, the activity was under the auspices of Rotary International District 3850 under the leadership of DG James Makasiar, with a matching grant provided by Rotary International. Eight prospective beneficiaries from different Rotary Clubs under District 3850 applied but only two patients qualified for the transplant.

LifePlant 2011 Project is headed by Lisa Fish, LifePlant Director and President of the Rotary Club of Novato, California, USA while Dr. Peter Bretan, a transplant, urologic and laparoscopic surgeon from Novato, California, is the Team Medical Leader. Dr. Bretan was accompanied by other noted surgeons like Dr. Arturo Martinez and Dr. KD Sievert. The US team was assisted by Mary Frazier (registered nurse) and Sarai Bradford (OR technician). The US team was assisted by surgeons from the Philippines such as Drs. Romulo Barrameda, Helen Caro-Pastolero, Hazel Yadao-Oro, Pedro Tingzon, Raul Sancho, Agnes Villaflor, Fidela Confesor and Jeremy Sequian, Malbar Ferrer and Levy Suyo of St. Paul’s Hospital, Iloilo City.

In honor of their philanthropic work, RC Iloilo West awarded RC Novato with a Plaque of Appreciation. Atty.

Raul Anlocotan, President of RC Iloilo West awarded the Plaque to Ms. Liza Fish, President of RC Novato during a thanksgiving dinner tendered by RC Iloilo West on February 19, 2011 at the Westown Hotel, Iloilo City. The thanksgiving dinner was graced by Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog of Iloilo City and two past district governors, Toto Cua Locsin and Badong Angala. The president of the Iloilo Medical Society also graced the affair. ADG Ely Bagtasus ably represented DG James Makasiar during the dinner.

The medical team was treated to the world-famous Iloilo Dinagyang Festival held on February 22-23, 2011 in Iloilo City. Ms. Sarai Bradford was the guest judge during the fabulous Sponsors Mardi Gras Parade held on February 22, 2011. The team also visited Guimaras Island, famous for its sweet mango.

The Rotary Club of Iloilo West is composed of Atty. Raul S. Anlocotan (president), Prof. Bruce Hall (president-elect), Ms. Lorna Longno (vice president), Ms. Melba Sutherland (secretary), Mr. Alfredo Alas-as (treasurer), Mr. Jose Ong (sgt. At arms), Ms. Joanne Lyn Ong (PRO). Rotarian Dr. Romulo S. Barrameda and Charter President Dr. Malbar G. Ferrer of St. Paul’s Hospital are the coordinators for the entire project in Iloilo City.

The Rotary Club of Iloilo West is composed of 21 members representing different professions and meets regularly during Wednesday evenings at Hotel del Rio.

This kidney transplant



During a welcome reception tendered by the Rotary Club of Iloilo West for the medical team from the US.



During the thanksgiving dinner for the successful kidney transplant operations. The affair was attended by Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog, Past District Governors Toto Cua Locsin and Badong Angala, and ADG Ely Bagtasus. The president of the Iloilo Medical Society also graced the affair.



RC Iloilo West awarded with a Plaque of Appreciation to RC Novato, California for their philanthropic work. Shown is Atty. Raul Anlocotan, President of RC Iloilo West giving the Plaque to Ms. Liza Fish, President of RC Novato.

project was started in Luzon in 2004 and 2005 at the National Kidney and Transplant Institute and in Mindanao last 2006 and 2007 at Davao Doctors Hospital. The first time it was undertaken in Iloilo City was in January 2009. St. Paul’s Hospital, being the only accredited transplant center in Western Visayas, was chosen as the venue for the LifePlant 2011.

ZONE	NO.	CLUB NAME	CLUB NO.	CHARTER YEAR	MEMBERS TO DATE	NO. OF MEETINGS	DECEMBER		NOVEMBER	
							ATTENDANCE	RANKING	ATTENDANCE	RANKING
I	1	RC of Iloilo	17045	1933	43	4	50%	36	43.11%	35
	2	RC of Iloilo South	17047	1971	25	2	90%	5	91%	4
	3	RC of Antique	17015	1975	20	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	RC of Iloilo West	28828	1992	21	2	58%	32	56%	32
	5	RC of Miagao	58693	2002	13	5	73%	25	69.75	24
II	1	RC of Iloilo City	17046	1975	27	4	94.75	3	91%	4
	2	RC of Jaro Iloilo City	25131	1988	21	DNR	DNR		DNR	DNR
	3	RC of Central Iloilo City	27338	1990	20	3	84.47%	12	91.89%	3
	4	RC of Jaro Centraline	29746	1993	15	4	88.66	7	86.66%	8
	5	RC of Jaro South	31664	1996	10	DNR	DNR		DNR	DNR
III	1	RC of Metro Iloilo	17066	1979	57	2	52%	35	56.73%	31
	2	RC of Midtown Iloilo	24342	1987	23	3	98.8%	1	95%	1
	3	RC of Guimaras	27277	1990	23		90.21%	4	91%	4
	4	RC of Molo	27939	1991	8	DNR	DNR		DNR	DNR
	5	RC of Lapaz	30821	1995	15	4	60%	31	66%	25
	6	RC of Dumangas	31821	1996	22	4	72.2%	26	77.8%	20
	7	RC of Metro Passi	76428	2007	16		82%	14	78%	19
IV	1	RC of Roxas	17080	1964	27	5	80%	16	85%	12
	2	RC of Kalibo	17053	1967	48	2	87%	9	85%	12
	3	RC of Metro Roxas	22518	1982	47	DNR	DNR		65%	26
	4	RC of Boracay	50661	1997	24	3	68%	28	74.99%	22
	5	RC of Metro Kalibo	54828	2001	21	4	DNR		87%	7
	6	RC of Metro Roxas Central	74422	2006	28	4	80%	16	80%	17
V	1	RC of Bacolod North	17018	1973	54	3	78.51	20	80.61%	16
	2	RC of Silay	17084	1973	17	3	58%	32	64%	27
	3	RC of Escalante	17037	1976	14	4	98.43%	2	85.94%	11
	4	RC of Victorias	17091	1966	11	DNR	DNR		DNR	DNR
VI	1	RC of Bacolod	17016	1937	36	3	86%	10	84%	13
	2	RC of Bacolod East	17017	1983	27		63%	30	63%	28
	3	RC of Bacolod Marapara	29076	1992	30	4	80.31%	15	90%	5
	4	RC of Bacolod Central	31518	1996	23	2	65.22%	29	DNR	DNR
VII	1	RC of Bacolod South	17019	1969	21	3	88%	8	DNR	DNR
	2	RC of Kabankalan City	17052	1974	30	4	46%	37	48%	34
	3	RC of Metro Bacolod	25280	1988	25	3	79.85%	17	83.4%	14
	4	RC of Bacolod West	27374	1990	25	1	90%	5	92%	2
VIII	1	RC of Dipolog	21409	1950	30	3	77%	22	55%	33
	2	RC of Jimenez	17050	1975	18	3	85%	11	DNR	DNR
	3	RC of Dapitan City	25485	1986	10		40%	38	60%	30
	4	RC of Oroquieta Centennial	69314	2005	14	2	57%	33	43%	36
IX	1	RC of Ozamis North	17073	1974	21	3	78.57%	19	82%	15
	2	RC of Pagadian	17074	1975	24	4	53.13%	34	DNR	DNR
	3	RC of Pagadian West	17075	1977	32	5	79.37%	18	78.90%	18
X	1	RC of Zamboanga City	17094	1948	45	3	75%	24	75%	21
	2	RC of Basilan City	17022	1960	36	1	77.27%	21	60.23%	29
	3	RC of Zamboanga City East	17095	1974	27	4	70.40%	27	70%	23
	4	RC of Zamboanga City North	17096	1980	19	3	84%	13	80%	17
	5	RC of Zamboanga City Central	26956	1990	27	2	84%	13	86%	10
XI	1	RC of Zamboanga City West	17097	1971	58	2	89.73%	6	89.73%	6
	2	RC of Metro Zamboanga	22275	1974	21	3	76%	23	75%	21
	3	RC of Ipil Sibugay	59175	2002	26	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	4	RC of Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	69302	2005	24	DNR	DNR	DNR	86.33%	9
					TOTAL	1,319				