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IS IN YOUR HANDS



***Onwards to
greater heights
of service!***

Meets every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Peñafrancia Hall, St. Joseph Building, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish,
New Manila, Quezon City, Philippines

ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA HEIGHTS

Rotary International District 3780

Chartered 1984, Club No. 21939

OUR VISION

To be the MODEL ROTARY CLUB characterized *year in and year out* by: (1) sustained growth in quality membership; (2) balanced and sustained program of service in tune with the needs of the times; (3) unwavering and unconditional support of The Rotary Foundation; and (4) continuous development of future leaders in Rotary beyond the club level.

OUR MISSION

We are a volunteer club of professionals in diverse fields bound by the motto "SERVICE ABOVE SELF." Our members are ACTIVE participants in all our meetings, activities and projects, and are fully committed to the ideals of service be it in our club, profession, community or around the globe. Our meetings are ALWAYS well-planned, organized, relevant and fun. Our projects are balanced against the needs of our community with the objective of making a TRUE and LASTING difference in the lives of others.

Rotary Year 2009-10 Officers and Directors

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PDG Mario "Mar" Nery

Pres. Daniel "Boone" Ongchoco



Night Program

August 13, 2009

Viva Dulce!

Call to Order	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Invocation	PP Ed Aguila
National Anthem	Dir. Dennis Arca
Meals & Fellowship	
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	PDS Jun San Juan
Community Singing	RCNMH Directors
Finest Moments	PP Boyet Alfonso
Announcements	Sec. Annie Torres
President's Time	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Introduction of Guest Speaker	DCOS Edith Tapnio
Guest Speaker	DG Dulce dB. Coyukiat
Rotary Hymn	PP Raffy Pefianco
Adjournment	Pres. Boone Ongchoco

Night Chair: PE Baby Allado

Certificate of Attendance

This certifies that Rotarian _____ attended the August 13, 2009 regular Club Meeting of the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights at 7:30 p.m. at the Penafrancia Hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine.

Annie Torres - Club Secretary



President's Corner

by: President Boone Ongchoco

The Ateneo-La Salle Rivalry and How It Relates to Rotary

Much has been said about the recent unification of forces between the Ateneo and La Salle camps in the aftermath of the demise of former President Corazon Aquino. In fact, the rival schools even agreed to wear a singular color in their latest UAAP game to honor the late President and in a show of unity among rival camps.

I am proud to say, however, that the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights, long dominated by Rotarians from Ateneo, has been way ahead of its time in terms of embracing a La Sallian (albeit only one). In fact, they even allowed him to be the President of their Club. And that is the beauty of Rotary, and of this Club in particular—regardless of your school, sex, professional status or position in society, we forge ahead behind the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self.” Yes, even before all this talk of Blue Eagles and Green Archers uniting, our Club has been a model of unity in terms of embracing each other regardless of your school of origin.

It is, thus, also fitting, that as we welcome our District Governor tonight in our Club, it is worthy to note that the Governor just happens to also be the first Lady to lead our District. Talk about the glass ceiling being broken. We just hope that the District has reached a point where we soon allow another Lady Governor to sit at the top. Who knows, she may even come from our Club.

Which leads me to this—as we have just concluded our Governor's Visit, it is time to assess how things have been thus far and look ahead at the still long year ahead of us. I encourage everyone to stay united in our focus of soaring towards new heights of service. As we look at our respective committee assignments, you will notice that all members are assigned to at least one committee. This was done on purpose to make sure that we get the broadest membership participation as possible. I am a strong believer in the saying “membership participation begets membership retention.”

If you look at the projects and activities we have had so far—from the 2-in-1 raffle ticket and movie card fund raising activity, to the joint MOA signing with Barangay Horseshoe and Alay Buhay Foundation as part of the RCNMH Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center launching, to the MOA signing with Informatics and the District for the offering of Pangulong Gloria TESDA scholarships to all

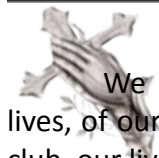
clubs in the District, to the Supplemental Feeding Graduation as part of the Anti-TB Matching Grant project carried over from the term of President Butch, the “Hands On” Milk Feeding Program for our adopted schools with the help of Kabisig ng Kalahi and Mead Johnson, the establishment of a school-based Rotaract Club and the revival of the Interact in P. Bernardo High School and the Rotakids in our partner-elementary schools—the level of participation from the general membership can still stand improvement. Yes, we may be packing the Peñafrancia Hall every week, but you and I know that Rotary is more than just fellowship. In fact, this year’s “Hands On” theme is so apt, simply because it challenges every Rotarian to step out and actually do some real “hands on” service.

So please take your committee assignments seriously, embrace it and let’s all make a difference together. As united as our Club may appear, we know we are not perfect and maybe if we make a habit of shying away from finding fault in each other and instead focus on the good in all us, we will all be better off in terms of truly reaching greater heights of service.





Night Prayer



We bless You, Father, Lord, Savior, Guide and Protector of our lives, of our families, our loved ones, our businesses and interests, our club, our lives...You have been good and faithful to us, providing us with all our needs and equipping us for the journey.

Today, we ask Your special blessing upon our Club, our District, our partners and all those we serve and will be serving. Help us to all work together well, trusting in your love and providence so that the plans and programs we have submitted, will all work for the common good. We ask your blessing on our Governor, the woman You have prepared and called for to lead us at this moment in time. Bless the labor of her hands, her plans, her health, her family, her district team and officers so that together, the future of a better world comes closer and closer to realization.

All these we ask in Your Mighty Name. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| August 18 | Induction Dress Rehearsal |
| August 22 | Membership Development Seminar |
| August 22 | <i>26th Club Induction Ceremonies</i> |
| August 29 | Iron Deficiency Screening (for children 6 months to 13 years old) |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



- August 17 - PDG Mar Nery & PP Ed Aguila**
August 19 - Rtn. Ian Dejon
August 28 - Asst. Sec. Pangkoy Saavedra

Community Song

The Way You Look Tonight

by Frank Sinatra

Some day, when I'm awfully low,
When the world is cold,
I will feel a glow just thinking of
you...

And the way you look tonight.
Lovely ... Never, ever change.
Keep that breathless charm.
Yes you're lovely, with your smile
so warm
And your cheeks so soft,
There is nothing for me but to
love you,
And the way you look tonight.
Won't you please arrange it?
'Cause I love you ... Just the way
you look tonight.

With each word your tender-
ness grows,
Tearing my fear apart...

Mm, Mm, Mm, Mm,
Just the way you look to--night.





CROSSROADS

by: *PDG Mario Nery*

The Governor's Visit...Plus

Let me add my own warm personal welcome to District Governor Dulce B. Coyukiat on her official visit to our Club. The Governor's visit is an official function that no Club can refuse, on pain of suspension or termination. That is how important it is. Its principal function is to give advice, guidance and motivation. It normally has three phases. The first is a one-on-one meeting with the Club President. The second is a presentation/discussion of the Club's programs and projects and its long-term vision, normally with the active participation of the Club's Directors. The third is a regular Club meeting, where normally the spouses are invited, at which the District Governor is Guest of Honor and Speaker.

On other matters, we are negotiating with a group of doctors, with the knowledge and permission of Pres. Boone and PE Baby, to help our Clinic so that we can open it five days a week from the present three days. This group also has the capacity to source some medicines. We will meet them next week.

We hope to schedule a Rotary Information session next week so we can schedule the induction of several new members this month. We will also try to enrol, at least some of the new ones, in the Rotary Academy scheduled on Sept 5.

Last week 30 kids finished our 6-month feeding program. It was nice seeing them all active and healthy. What is probably more significant is that this project completes our cycle of health and educational intervention. Our pre-school nutrition program and our elementary school supplemental feeding program not only improves their health but it is done during the period when the children's minds are in their critical formation stage. Our High School and College scholarships top off our educational programs, and our "Karunungan at Kabuhayan" Center is the bonus. This is the template we must follow in our projects because this clearly shows excellent planning, and forward thinking.

RCNMH MAKING HEADLINES



Milestone Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center MOA Signed

On August 4, 2009, the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights held a landmark joint memorandum of agreement signing with Barangay Horseshoe and Alay Buhay Community Development Foundation, respectively, at the Peñafrancia Hall of the Mount Carmel Shrine Parish. RCNMH President Boone Ongchoco, Barangay Captain Josie Ang and Alay Buhay Executive Director Boysie Sabino represented the respective parties in the signing. Serving as witnesses were PDG Mar Nery and Barangay Horseshoe officials Dante Boral and Marian Templonuevo.

Under the RCNMH-Barangay Horseshoe agreement, RCNMH, through its school partner Informatics, will take care of the sourcing of trainers in the I.T.-related courses like PC troubleshooting, call center training and basic computer literacy, while Barangay Horseshoe will coordinate with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in Quezon City for the training classes in cellular phone repair, simple electrical appliance repair, sewing, tailoring, beauty care, hair cutting and hairdressing, massage and reflexology.

In addition, RCNMH will take care of facilitating linkages with organizations/institutions like Alay Buhay Community Development



Foundation, Cooperatives Development Authority (CDA), Glad News Foundation and Rotary International, among others, for additional training cooperation and equipment sourcing. Barangay Horseshoe, on its part, will provide the all-important project activity center and the upkeep, safety and security of the same facilities and the equipment to be brought in.

On the other hand, the RCNMH-Alay Buhay agreement stipulates the need for RCNMH members and/or its cooperating partners to conduct trainings in enterprise planning, in addition to helping the beneficiaries market their products. Through another service partner, Glad News Foundation, RCNMH will guarantee 50% of loans extended to qualified beneficiaries as part of the requirements of the MOA. Alay Buhay will essentially take care of conducting microfinance program orientation, extending micro-insurance, loan processing and collection of amortizations. Based on the co-guarantor commitment, an initial loan fund of P500,000 will be earmarked by Alay Buhay for the project. Any additional loan funding will be at the discretion of the signing parties.

Phase 1 of the launch is tentatively set on September 5 as the computers to be donated by RCNMH and sewing machines from Barangay Horseshoe will enable the Center to begin classes for the I.T.-related courses, and sewing and tailoring, respectively. Phase 2 of the project will commence once the matching grant application of the Club brings in the necessary equipment required for the balance of the skills training courses. All graduates of the program will of course be immediately counselled, assessed, and assisted for possible job placement or enterprise start-up.

Considered a priority project of President Boone for the Rotary Year 2009-10, this joint MOA signing brings RCNMH a step closer towards putting up its second major permanent project of scale (after the much-acclaimed Kalusugan Center), in contrast to the usual once a year skills or livelihood training workshop or medical-dental missions. With the Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center, RCNMH will in effect be able to nourish and take care of the same people they are serving in the Kalusugan Center, this time on the aspects of literacy and livelihood.

RCNMH HOLDS SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING GRADUATION



Editor's Note: Full article on Supplemental Feeding Graduation will come out in the next issue of the New Horizon.



RCNMH Community Needs Analysis

To be able to better serve our adopted barangay and adopted schools, President Boone conducted a community needs analysis as early as February 2009 by opening discussions with Barangay Horseshoe and our adopted schools in P. Bernardo and P. Tuazon. He later conducted a separate round of visitation of our adopted schools during the June to July period. Below is a summary of the possible areas of intervention in our adopted community:

Barangay Horseshoe

In his discussion with Barangay Horseshoe Captain Josie Ang, the following service opportunities came to the fore: out-of-school youth and mothers skills training, enterprise planning and management training, microfinancing for micro-entrepreneurs, additional computers and other training equipment for skills courses, free medicines for the Kalusugan Center, dental services for the Kalusugan Center, aircon unit for the Kalusugan Center, and periodic visits from specialists to the Kalusugan Center. It was also agreed that the Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center MOA signing was to be conducted first week of August while the official opening of the Center was to set on the first week of September.

P. Tuazon Elementary School

At the P. Tuazon Elementary School, President Boone met with the school principal, Gng. Nunica Portuguese. This discussion pointed to the following areas as key service opportunities: teacher's training (during the October semestral break), the repair of the drinking fountain donated by the Club, the repair of their toilets, and the need for computers in the faculty room and library.

P. Bernardo Elementary School

At the P. Bernardo Elementary School, President Boone met with the School Principal, Gng. Rosario Sicam and Lileth Santos. In a very lively discussion during the conduct of the RCNMH milk feeding project, the following were deemed as the likely areas where our Club's assistance would be most welcome: teacher's training, the repair of their library (see above picture), the repair or replacement of their piano, the need for computers in the faculty room and library, and the repair of their toilets. Ms. Lileth Santos was also very enthusiastic about reviving the Rotakids in their school.

P. Bernardo High School

President Boone met the biggest congregation of school officials at the P. Bernardo High School. During his meeting with the School Principal, Gng. Olivia Dagdag, subject area coordinators, Ms. Duran, Ms. Medrano and Ms. Pacheco were also in attendance. The following were agreed upon as areas to be acted upon by RCNMH: teacher's training, the repair of their drinking fountain, additional computers for the school's computer lab, the revival of the English Enhancement Program, the holding of Math tutorial classes by our Rotaract Club, and the holding of a journalism workshop in preparation for essay writing competitions. It was also agreed upon with Ms. Medrano that the school-based Interact Club in the school was going to be revived. The school was also very excited about the prospect of using the GQEP Virtual Academy e-learning portal as part of their curriculum improvement measures. Lastly, Gng. Dagdag also requested for the possible inclusion of their first and second year high school students in the milk feeding. This last item was of course agreed to be the lowest priority at this point in time.



Pres. Boone and PE Baby during their visit to the P. Bernardo Elementary School



MY COLORFUL LIFE AT INFORMATICS AS A ROTARY SCHOLAR

by: Carmae Mercado

When I entered Informatics International College- Diliman, I had fears and doubts in my mind. I was thinking if I made the right decision. Will I fit into the environment? Can I live up to the challenges of being a scholar? However, my fears and doubts didn't stop me from pursuing my dreams. I looked at it as challenge to overcome.

Aside from learning academically, I met a lot of people and gained friends in school. I got a chance to join different organizations that helped me improve my skills and talents. I gained experiences that boosted my self-esteem and molded my individuality. I learned to strive harder every time I faced a hurdle to my goals. I learned to be more responsible in such a way that it has helped me become a better person today than from where I began.

Most importantly, I earned my degree that for me is so precious with the help of the President of our College, Mr. Daniel Ongchoco, and the rest of the ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA HEIGHTS. They are the people behind this milestone and why I finished my course. They are the people who are wholeheartedly helping people without asking for anything in return.

After graduating from Informatics, I can't help but recall all the memories I have built through the last 4 years. Now, another chapter of my life has just begun. Just like other dreamers, I am now focusing on my aspirations. First, I want to have a stable and good job to help my family. Next, I would like to probably take up my masters degree, so that I can be a systems analyst someday. Last but not the least, I want to be an active member of ROTARACT or even ROTARY someday. This will be my way of giving back and sharing what I have and what I have learned.

So did I make the right decision? Without a doubt, I did.



RCNMH Member Groupings for RY 2009-10

Taking off from the successful implementation of the member groupings during the RY 2008-9 term of IPP Butch, a new set of groups has been drawn up to take charge of the weekly meetings in coordination with the Club Admin Committee headed by VP Alex Buot. President Boone, of course, will not part of a specific group and will instead serve as de facto member of all the groups.

Group 1

PP Boyet Alfonso
PP Ed Aguila
Alex Buot
PP Ponchit Miranda
PP Dennis Arca
PP Jimmy Siybaucó
Janet Adams
Ian Dejon
Vilma Santos

Group 2

PE Baby Allado
PP Jodie Moreno
Cris Yenko
Annie Torres
PP Edith Tapnio
Dexter Qua
Glenn Macatiag
Vic Cacam
Manolette Santiago

Group 3

PP Butch Pacan
Bobby Ang
Pangkoy Saavedra
PP Boy Escueta
PP Jun San Juan
PP Rod Lejano
Noel San Andres
Tas Millena
Badeth Redublo

Group 4

PDG Mar Nery
PP Elsa Unson
Janice Adolfo
Rizza Genil
PP Raffy Pefianco
Arbie Jacinto
Vic Chua
Reggie Reyes
Benjie Javier

Group 5

CP Oyie Valarao
Inday Nery
Alex Arrojo
Josie Ang
Fely Borje
Andrew Ramo
Jojo Hipolito
Rose Rabino



THE RCNMH X-FILES

Members Gone Wild



PP Boyet with spouse Noemi reenacting their prom night



PP Elsa really feeling it with incoming member Glenn



Treasurer Cris doing the boogie



PE Baby displaying her dancing talent



PP Raffy having a good time



PP Raffy *really* having a good time

THE FOUR WAY TEST

*Of all the things we think,
say or do:*

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL
& BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to
all concerned?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. 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;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through worldwide fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA HEIGHTS HYMN



I

There's a wish that we've been dreaming of
There's a wish to build a better world.
And we know we can change this world again
if we try to lend a hand.

REFRAIN

The Rotary Club of New Manila Heights is here
Reaching out to serve without fear
For service above self is what we believe
A real Rotarian should live.

II

Let's make friends with everyone we meet
And bring help to everyone in need
For you will agree all these things you see
Make what we call Rotary (REFRAIN)

III

Let us stand and fight for what is true
And defend what's just and what is good
For that's Rotary and will always be
Our guide to eternity
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