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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN of the ROTARY CLUB of NEW MANILA HEIGHTS

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

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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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## New Horizon Editorial Board

PP Elsa "Elsa" Unson

PDG Mario "Mar" Nery

Pres. Daniel "Boone" Ongchoco



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## Night Program

August 4, 2009

Call to Order	Pres. Daniel A. Ongchoco
Invocation	Dir. Alex Arrojo
National Anthem	Dir. Alex Buot
Meals & Fellowship	
Community Singing	PP Dennis Arca with Rtn. Janice Adolfo
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	PP Boyet Alfonso
Finest Moments	PP Rod Lejano
Rotary Information	PDG Mar Nery
Joint MOA Signing - Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center	Pres. Daniel Ongchoco, Rtn. Josie Ang & Alay Buhay Exec. Director Boysie Sabino
Announcements	Sec. Annie Torres
President's Time	Pres. Daniel A. Ongchoco
Special Session re: Induction and Souvenir Program	CP Oyie Valarao
Rotary Hymn	Rtn. Ian Dejon
Adjournment	Pres. Daniel A. Ongchoco

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*Night Chair: Rtn. Bobby Ang*

### **Certificate of Attendance**

This certifies that Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_  
attended the August 4, 2009 regular Club Meeting of the Rotary  
Club of New Manila Heights at 7:30 p.m. at the Peñafrancia Hall of  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine.

Annie Torres - Club Secretary



## President's Corner

by President Boone Ongchoco

### MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE

I have to admit that I always get a bit emotional when I attend graduations. It brings back a lot of fond memories of years gone by, but more so, lately, particularly when I get to witness students whom we've helped receiving their diplomas. When I first chanced upon the group picture of the first batch of RCNMH Informatics scholars (featured also in a separate article in this week's bulletin), I could not help but reminisce on the amazing journey these three scholars have taken—from the selection and interview process, to working their tails off just to maintain their grades and scholarship status, and finally, to be able to graduate when they otherwise would not have been able to without their scholarships. (AJ Salonga, one of these scholars, is in fact the first in his clan to earn a college diploma.)

Our job, however, is not yet over. As these Rotary scholars embark on a new chapter in their lives, we must make sure that their education enables them to help better the lives of their families and later on, to contribute in nation building. Yes, we, as a club, must assist them in finding good and stable jobs and maybe even help them start some micro-enterprise of their own.

And that is why for this Rotary Year, we are looking at the RCNMH Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center as that vehicle that will enable our Rotary scholars to enhance their skills further and/or start up their own small business or enterprise.

Taking off from our signature Kalusugan Center project, I believe the Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center will work well in completing the journey of the same kids we look after in our health and hunger projects. Thru the Kalusugan Center, we nourish and take care of the health of children and the youth alike in our adopted communities, making sure that they become physically equipped to go through the rigors of school. Our Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center, on the other hand, will ensure that their primary and secondary schooling are not put to waste as we equip them with additional knowledge and skills that will bring either employment or enterprise opportunities (through the microfinancing aspect of the Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center) for them down the road. Of course, it goes without saying that the members of the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights are expected to coach, counsel and open the doors to employment and enterprise opportunities for the people who go through

our Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center.

Yes, indeed, today should be a proud day for this Club, for as we look at the permanent projects we have now put into place, we can truly say that we will be able to truly make a lasting difference in the lives of the adopted communities we serve, creating a multiplier effect that can hopefully lessen the gap between the haves and have-nots. Yes, it is not just a one-time, one-shot medical mission that we have, but a permanent Kalusugan Center. And yes, it is not just a one-time, one-shot skills training session for out of school youth or unemployed adults that we conduct, but a permanent Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center that will ensure that we will not only be there to educate them but also to help them find employment or set up their own enterprises themselves.

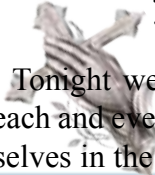
As I think about our recently passed RCNMH Vision and Mission, it makes me feel real good to know that we are “making a true and lasting difference in the lives of others.” At the end of the day, that is what it really is all about.

***AJ Salonga, Germond Hipolito and Carmae Mercado***





## Night Prayer



Tonight we gather as a Club grateful for Your love and provision for each and everyone of us. We pray that you bless all of us as we invest ourselves in the many noteworthy endeavors of Rotary. Bless all our officers and directors as well. Guide them and make them true models after Your own heart. We pray also at the start of this month for the many undertakings that are planned for the period -- including the forthcoming Governor's visit and the Club induction preparations. We pray all these in Your Mighty and Glorious Name. Amen.



### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AUGUST 2009

*Calendar* (Membership and Extension Month)

- August 4\* RCNMH Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center  
MOA Signing
- 8 Governor Dulce Coyukiat Basketball Cup Opening
- 10 Supplemental Feeding Graduation
- 13 **Governor's Visit**
- 18 Induction Dress Rehearsal (Out of Venue Meeting)
- 22 Membership Development Seminar
- 22 **26th Club Induction Ceremonies**
- 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**



## **CROSSROADS**

by PDG Mario Nery

### **Enduring Projects**

A service organization like Rotary builds a particular image for itself when it is involved in projects that are characterized by its capacity to raise the quality of life in a community, and by the permanence of the change it causes. These two characteristics build an image of integrity, trust and respect for the club and its members. The enduring projects are reflective of the enduring commitment and dedication of the club. This is important to remember when we decide what projects we go into in our planning activities. Also, the commitment and dedication comes only when the club members have a proprietary feeling over the project. The proprietary feeling comes only if the members are involved from the planning to the implementation to the evaluation stages. If they are not, chances are they will be mere bystanders.

Most projects that endure are normally addressed to the basic needs of a community, particularly a community of the poor. The reasons are many. The need is more acute; the solution is within the means of a club, but it usually takes some time to do it; volunteer work is always a component of the solution; there is opportunity for group work and thus fellowship is enhanced; success can be seen, felt and heard; and always, there is the undescrivable feeling in the heart that you have done good to someone. That, is what keeps Rotarians going. That is what keeps all of us active and young, and gives us hope for the future.



## **RCNMH Making Headlines**



### **RCNMH at Intercity Meeting with CJ Reynato Puno**

by Pres. Boone Ongchoco

In another concrete sign of Club strength and unity, the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights came in full force for the first Intercity Meeting of the District in this Rotary Year held on July 30, 2009 at the Kalayaan Hall of the Club Filipino. Of the 72 clubs co-hosting the intercity meeting, RCNMH easily came in with the most members at 16. Only the lead host for the affair, the Rotary Club of SFDM had more members in attendance.

Honorable Chief Justice Reynato Puno spoke on the topic "Enhancing Ethics in Business and Professions—A Way to Our Nation's Recovery and Growth." Other than the suggested topic, Chief Justice Puno also delved on the upcoming elections and the need to guard the sanctity of the ballot and our right of suffrage. The night was capped off by a photo session with the Chief Justice.

Special thanks to all who attended the intercity meeting (in alphabetical order): Janice Adolfo, Baby Allado, Bobby Ang, Josie Ang, Dennis Arca, Vic Chua, Ian Dejon, Boy Escueta, Rizza Genil, Jojo Hipolito, Arbie Jacinto, Boone Ongchoco, Andrew Ramo, Pangkoy Saavedra, Oye Valarao and Cris Yenko.



### RCNMH Shares Karunungan with “Hands On” Presidents

The Rotary Club of New Manila Heights, in partnership with Informatics North EDSA, recently offered an Adult Computer Tutorial from July 20-24 exclusively for the “Hands On” Presidents of District 3780. This is part of President Boone and RCNMH’s thrust of selflessly sharing with the District its capability in the area of IT training and education in general. Another weekend schedule of classes is already in the works for “Hands On” Presidents who were not able to avail of the initial leg due to schedule conflicts.



### RCNMH Shares Its Matching Grant Success Story

**PP Boyet Alfonso** was a resource speaker at the recent District TRF Seminar held July 25, 2009, where CP Oye Valarao and PE Baby Allado were also in attendance. DG Dulce Coyukiak publicly acknowledged PP Boyet’s participation where he animatedly shared, among others, the Club’s matching grant success story.



## **RCNMH Holds School-Based Rotaract Orientation in Informatics International College-Diliman**

by PP Dennis Arca

Last July 31, 2009, PP Dennis Arca, RCNMH Rotaract Chairman, conducted an orientation for the incoming members of the school-based Rotaract Club in Informatics International College-Diliman. Approximately forty students were in attendance as PP Dennis explained what Rotaract is all about, including its objectives and goals. He also stressed how Rotaract gives them the opportunity to enhance their leadership and professional skills. PP Dennis also presented the various officer positions available and briefly discussed their functions according to the Rotaract by-laws.

After briefly introducing themselves, the students went ahead and voted for their new set of officers. The following were chosen to lead this first batch of school-based Rotaractors sponsored by our Club: Josemy Adel (President), Keisha Agudo (Vice President), Ione Adel (Secretary), Elaine Yu (Treasurer), Jamaica Saker (Club Service Director), Cris-Dan Gatchalian (International Service Director), Arianne Cabang (Community Service Director), Bryan Villafior (Professional Development Director) and Steve Mercado (Finance Director).

The members also agreed to set the 2nd and last Sunday of each month as their regular club meeting schedule. As the Rotaract Chairman of RCNMH, PP Dennis committed to attend their regular club meetings and guide the newly formed Rotaract until the time that they can stand on their own.

At the close of the orientation, RCNMH Pres. Boone Ongchoco paid a surprise visit to the newly elected officers and gave them a short talk, encouraging them to take their roles seriously and not just be officers in name.



### **RCNMH Meets with Alay Buhay for Microfinancing Needs of Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center**

In a breakfast meeting at the Club Filipino on July 27, 2009, RCNMH President Boone Ongchoco and PDG Mar Nery sat down with Alay Buhay Community Development Foundation officials Boysie Sabino and Anton Sayo to discuss the possible microfinancing tie-up between RCNMH and Alay Buhay. A tentative agreement was reached whereby Alay Buhay agreed to make up to P2M available for the microfinancing needs of the graduates of the RCNMH Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center. In addition, a portion of the interest charged to the borrowers shall be shared with RCNMH for the further development of the Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center and the Club's other service projects. As part of the partnership, Alay Buhay will also lend its expertise in enterprise planning and management to the borrowers. A memorandum of agreement signing date was targeted for August 4, 2009 to be held during the Club Meeting of RCNMH.



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## Up Close and Personal with the First Batch of RCNMH Informatics Scholars

By: Elsa Unson

I had the rare and distinct opportunity to interview the three P. Bernardo Interact scholars that the Club awarded full college scholarships at Informatics at the end of my term as President. Sitting across Carmae, AJ and Germond, I could not help but be impressed by their vibrancy and forward lookingness.

After a bit of casual talk on how they are and what they are doing, I realized that their joy at having finished college was really immense. They have a deep sense of accomplishment and are ready to hurdle the next phase of life – looking for good jobs. They also know that their parents are proud of them. AJ for example, is the only one who has finished College in his family which at present is supported mainly by his mother. Germond and Carmae's parents who are sending other children to school, are likewise overjoyed with their children's accomplishments. As the interview progressed, I also began to feel a deep sense of pride for them and for us in the Club who have helped make their dreams a reality.

I can still recall the time when we interviewed them at my home for the scholarship towards the end of my term as President – they were much younger and a bit uncertain about things. They were anxious and nervous. We had asked the group to write an impromptu article on "Why Should They Be Awarded The Rotary Scholarship." We also put them through a rigorous interview. Then we voted on whom we would recommend to Informatics for further consideration. Choosing the right scholars meant giving the chance to graduating students who had potential, determination and drive but who needed the financial assistance most.

They all wanted to go to College so that they could help their families. They all said they were determined to run the race and finish it. And on to Informatics they did go. Carmae pursued Programming while both AJ and Germond pursued a degree in Information Technology. They also participated in the College's student affairs through their extra- curricular activities. Carmae wants to work as a Systems Analyst and has seen that in order to get to that level of work, she needs to work and study more so she can obtain a Masters Degree. They all desire to find a job that enables them to use what they trained and studied for—jobs that will enable them to earn and yet also spend time with their families and pursue further studies in the future. When asked if they had their sights on marrying, they unanimously said that is not a priority. Stability is.

Their 3-year trimester journey at Informatics, they all agreed, helped them grow a lot. They are all praises for Informatics and grateful for the great opportunity to study as scholars of the Club through the Informatics scholarship our current President made available then. What they liked was how the school

pushed them to maintain their scholarships and on how personal interest was shown in their progress. They have finished the college education race well. They all still share the same dreams and aspirations – to find a good job that will enable them to earn well and provide for their families, especially for the parents who had done so much to give them a head start in life. At present, they are all applying for jobs. They remain optimistic that they will find a job although it would be great if anyone of us in the club could help them move forward in this direction as there are so many graduates also looking for a job.

Rotary has long been dedicated to literacy, education and the new generations of youth who will walk after us. The Club Scholarship program, which has been running for many years, is a testament to the Club's commitment to these goals. Meeting the first group of Informatics scholars has built me up even more in the work that we do. All of us can help support our scholars – while studying, we can make donations or seek out others for donations to make the education dream a reality. When our scholars graduate, let us keep in touch with them and like surrogate parents, help them get a leg up in the career world.

*(At present, three other RCNMH scholars are studying in Informatics—Jannaire Aleth Neñeria and Ma. Katrina Noces from the term of PP Boyet Alfonso and John Luis Amorante from the term of IPP Butch Pacana.)*





## Ambassador Aladin Villacorte Speaks Out on Iran and the Double Standard Treatment by the Rest of the World



Ambassador Aladin Villacorte receiving his plaque and limited edition token of appreciation from Pres. Boone together with (from left to right) PE Baby Allado, PDG Mar Nery and AG Chito Borrromeo



AG Chito Borrromeo receiving his limited edition souvenir token carrying the RCNMH logo from Pres. Boone

## More RCNMH Operation: "Hands On" Milk Feeding Pictures



Another day of milk feeding and making a difference in the lives of the underprivileged in our community



The Rotaract volunteers strike a group pose after a hard morning's work of milk feeding at the P. Tuazon and P. Bernardo Elementary Schools



**PP Boyet Alfonso being recognized by no less than DG Dulce Coyukiati for serving as a resource speaker during the TRF Seminar held last July 25, 2009.**



**Another packed Peñafrañcia Hall during the last Club Meeting on July 28, 2009**



**RCNMH in full force at the Intercity Meeting on July 30, 2009 (not in picture: Pangkoy Saavedra, CP Oye Valarao, Arbie Jacinto, Ian Dejon and Jojo Hipolito)**



**PP Dennis animatedly conducting the orientation for the school-based Rotaract Club in Informatics-Diliman**



**Our newly elected Rotaract President Josemy Adel writing on the white board**



**President Boone and PP Dennis flank the newly elected Rotaract President, Josemy Adel, with the rest of the newly elected Rotaract officers together with Informatics officials standing behind**



# Community Song

## One Moment in Time

by: Whitney Houston

Each day I live  
I want to be  
A day to give  
The best of me  
I'm only one  
But not alone  
My finest day  
Is yet unknown

I broke my heart  
Fought every gain  
To taste the sweet  
I face the pain  
I rise and fall  
Yet through it all  
This much remains

I want one moment in time  
When I'm more than I thought I could be  
When all of my dreams are a heartbeat  
away  
And the answers are all up to me  
Give me one moment in time  
When I'm racing with destiny  
Then in that one moment of time  
I will feel  
I will feel eternity

I've lived to be  
The very best  
I want it all  
No time for less  
I've laid the plans  
Now lay the chance  
Here in my hands

Then in that one moment of time  
I will feel  
I will feel eternity  
Give me one moment in time  
When I'm more than I thought I could be  
When all of my dreams are a heartbeat  
away

And the answers are all up to me  
Give me one moment in time  
When I'm racing with destiny

Then in that one moment of time  
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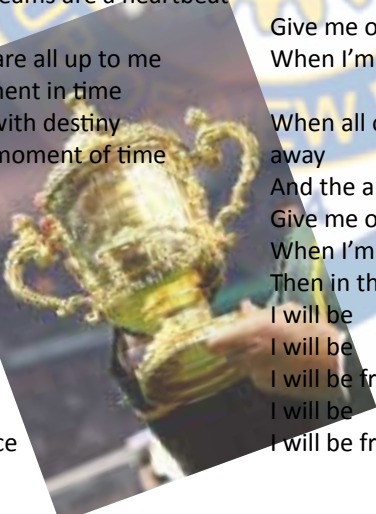
You're a winner for a lifetime  
If you seize that one moment in time  
Make it shine

Give me one moment in time  
When I'm more than I thought I could be  
When all of my dreams are a heartbeat  
away

And the answers are all up to me  
Give me one moment in time  
When I'm racing with destiny

Then in that one moment of time  
I will be

I will be  
I will be free  
I will be  
I will be free



# 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  
(REFRAIN)

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