

MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT

Test time!

We are at the halfway point in this Rotary year, and now is the time to test the strengths and weaknesses of our clubs. Perhaps a strange idea for some Rotarians, but how else will we learn how the activities and programs of our respective clubs match up to those of other clubs in our districts – and around the world? Therefore, I encourage all Rotarians – not only the club officers – to become involved in evaluating their clubs during the month of January.

The Presidential Citation program for 2010-11 has been designed as a score sheet for all the Avenues of Service. It also is a checklist for many of the activities and programs conducted by most clubs. Club presidents are required to complete the score sheets and submit them to their district governors by 31 March 2011 for their clubs to be eligible for the Presidential Citation awards. The scores should be shared with all club members either as written reports or as presentations at club meetings.

Starting work on the Presidential Citation test in January will provide an opportunity to correct any discovered deficiencies in club activities before the submission deadline of 31 March. It also will cause the club leaders to notice that a new Presidential Citation with Distinction award is available this year for clubs with a good balance of activities in all Avenues of Service.

This year I am recommending that all clubs review their practices and procedures to see if they are truly best practices or merely traditional practices. Annual evaluations of our clubs are certainly best practices, and more Rotarians than usual need to be involved in the evaluations for their clubs. The Presidential Citation score sheets are a good place to start the process. How else will we know if our clubs really are becoming Bigger, Better, and Bolder?

RI President
Ray Klinginsmith

Rotary Club of New Manila Heights
Regular Weekly Meeting
7:30 pm, January 4, 2011 (Tuesday)
Peñafrancia Hall, Mt. Carmel Shrine, Quezon City

P R O G R A M

Call to Order	Pres. Ma. Elisa "Baby" Allado
Invocation	Sec-elect Rosalie "Rhose" Montreal
National Anthem	Dir. Francisco "Pancoy" Saavedra
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests /Announcements	Sec. Bernadette "Badette" Redublo
The 4-Way test	Pres-Nominee Alexander "Alex" Arrojo
Rotary Information	PDG Mario "Mar" Nery
Finest Moments	PP Floro "Jun" San Juan
Community Singing	Dir. Glenn "Glen" Macatiag
President's Time	Pres. Ma. Elisa "Baby" Allado
Adjournment	Pres. Ma. Elisa "Baby" Allado
RCNMH Hymn	PP Rodolfo "Rod" Lejano

Night Chair: PE Alejandro "Alex" Buot
Drinks courtesy of: Rtms. Rhose Montreal & Edward Aquino

President's Corner

Ma. Elisa "Baby" Allado

MID-YEAR REPORT

It has been 6 months since we started our term and set out to undertake various programs under the 6 working committees.

For Club Administration, we have implemented most of our plans, namely: the setting up of a permanent office at Barangay Horseshoe (but we still need to make it operational); fostering fellowship among the members such as the mooncake festival, the Christmas party, the trip to Davao, involving spouses and family members and holding out-of-venue meetings; livening up weekly meetings by inviting interesting Speakers (Sen. Gordon, Gen. Farolan, Dir. Solidum, Dr. Tan, Atty. Villanueva, PDG Salazar, Justice Estrada, Security Deputy Zenonida Brosas to name a few); conducting regular club assemblies (we have had three so far) to apprise the members of our projects; conducted a membership satisfaction survey to guide us in planning our meetings and activities. However, our attendance average is only around 80%.

For TRF, we have achieved 2 PH Fellows and 4 Sustaining members thus far (we are 50% short of our target of 100% per capita sustaining membership); we nominated a candidate to the GSE though she was not selected; we are raising funds to End Polio using the canisters; we have 2 pending Matching Grant applications which have been delayed due to District problems with RI, we have an approved GSG for pneumonia vaccination of the Senior citizen in Barangay Horseshoe. Another one is being applied for the Every Reader a Leader literacy project at P. Bernardo elementary school.

For Membership Development, we have distributed Membership kits and declarations of Rotarians & Professions to present and prospective members; We have conducted Orientation seminars for incoming members; we have a leadership development plan in place so that new members are involved in our service projects early on; we started the year with a teambuilding session for incoming officers & encouraged everyone to attend the District training programs; the PE and PN are involved in the planning activities to ensure continuity of programs; the newsletter is published weekly and posted in the website to inform members of ongoing projects. However, the membership growth has been way below the targets – 65 members at the end of our term. Presently we have only 45 active members –we need 20 more new members by June 2011 or an average of 5 new members every month till April.

(to be continued in next issue)

Community Song

SEASONS OF LOVE

(From the musical RENT)

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes,
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?

In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife

In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure a year in the life?

How about love? How about love? How about love? Measure in love
Seasons of love, Seasons of love

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand journeys to plan

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure the life of a woman or a man?

In truths that she learned or in times that he cried
In bridges he burned or the way that she died

It's time now to sing out tho' the story never ends
Let's celebrate remember a year in the life of friends

Remember the love (Oh you got to, got to)
Remember the love(Remember the love)
Seasons of love(Measure measure you life in love)
Seasons of love, seasons of love

ROTARACT BRICK ROAD CELEBRATES MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Rotaract Brick Road celebrated the 1st part of their Christmas party together with the Global News Network (where Rtn. Howell Mabalot is the anchor) by joining the Paskong Kay Saya 2010, Handog sa Projects for Brave Kids last December 18, 2010 at the Pasig Amphitheatre in Pasig City. This project is for 50 children who are battling cancer and chronic illnesses.

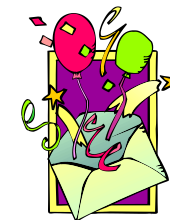
Volunteers from other organizations and different sectors of the community attended the party with the following activities: face painting, puppet show, yoyo show & a short karate lecture. Giveaways included loot bags sponsored by Stephen Dalton and Nestor Francisco (retired US Navy from Informatics Cainta), 50 school supplies from Rtn. Howell Mabalot and 50 children's slippers from the RAC Brick Road. Transportation and free meals were provided by IPP Boone Ongchoco.



The 2nd part was held last December 22, 2010 with SERVE Foundation and women's organizations of Brgy. San Juan, Taytay, Rizal at Cypress Subdivision, Cainta, Rizal.

The activity, hosted by President Leo Felicitas, started with an opening prayer led by Jenica Capati followed by inspirational remarks by Shelai Valdez and Mr. Raffy Balinas (founder of SERVE Foundation which takes care of out-of-school youth). This was followed by fun-filled games organized by Everett Santos and a simple gift giving. The purpose of this event is to help these kids without families experience the joy of Christmas.

The activity was sponsored by IPP Daniel A. Ongchoco and Rtn. Howell Mabalot.



Greetings to our Birthday Celebrant!

January 19 – Jimmy Siybauco

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY – ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

January 4	-Regular Weekly meeting
January 9	-start of Bowling tournament, Eastwood
January 11	-Guest Speaker: PLDT SME
January 18	-Induction of New Members
January 21-23	- Midyear Conference, Boracay
January 25	-Rotary International Film showing

Deepest condolences to Flor Thomas on the demise of her husband last December 19, 2010. Cremation was held at the St. Peter Crematorium along Quezon Avenue on Dec. 29. Present at the cremation were Pres Baby Allado, Director-elect Annabelle Jereza, Elsa Liwanag and Letty Villarama. Please pray for the eternal repose of Jess Winston Thomas.

Crossroads

PDG Mario R. Nery

New Year's Wishes For RCNMH

1. That our club will continue in the road that our trailblazers have opened for us.
2. That we begin to focus on really major, major projects the rest of the year. The first semester was just in preparation for the second one.
3. That our members do not just attend meetings but begin to be seriously involved in our community, vocational and other programs. Meetings are just one half of membership. The other half is sharing ourselves with those who have less in life. We do not always have the opportunity to have the privilege to serve others, so let's not miss any chance when we can.
4. To end the rotary year with at least fifty good members, not including those who are just there to enjoy and not to serve.
5. That we continue the high level of image we have accomplished by performing our duties and responsibilities as good Rotarians are expected to do.
6. And lastly, that each member, and their family, is showered with the blessings of peace, prosperity and a meaningful life in the year ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR RY 2011-2012!

President-Nominee/Vice-President – Alex Arrojo

Secretary-Elect – Rhose Montreal

Treasurer-Elect – Irma Pizarro

Directors:

Josie Ang (Service projects), Annabelle Jereza (PR), Pangkoy Saavedra (TRF), Al Villacorte (Membership), Nick Torre (New Generations) and Badette Redublo (Club Administration)

ROTARACT BRICK ROAD COMPLETES COMPUTER TRAINING COURSES

By Shirly Valdez

Rotaract Brick Road once again shared their knowledge in MS Office (Word, Excel & Powerpoint) with training classes started last October 14 up to December 22, 2010 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Their trainers were Rotaract officers like Leo Felicitas, Charles Manzo, Jenica Capati and Joan Hubilla who believe in the "Community Gives Back" campaign.



The class was divided into two groups: the Tuesday group composed of 10 women of Bgry. San Juan Taytay, Rizal and the Thursday group composed of 20 out-of-school youth of SERVE Foundation with 20.

This is the 2nd time the group held this kind of training at Informatics International College with the unwavering support of their CEO IPP Daniel A. Ongchoco.

On January 8, 2011 they will receive their certificates after completing 36 hours of training in XPAC and passing the entrance examinations for the scholarship given by VP for Academic and Rtn. Howell Mabalot and IPP and CEO Daniel A. Ongchoco.



RCNMH THANKSGIVING TRIP TO MANAOAG

By Rhose Montreal

December 27 was a HOLIDAY so some members of RCNMH (President Baby, Rotarians Annabelle Jereza, Irma Pizarro, Rhose Montreal and Edward Aquino) scheduled an early trip to Pangasinan for the Annual Thanksgiving to our Lady of Manaoag.



We left Manila at 6:30 am hoping to reach Manaoag just in time for the last mass at 11 am. Unfortunately, we reached the place at 12 noon. If not for the hungry driver and the heavy traffic, we could have reached Manaoag in 3 hrs...LOL!!!!

We prayed and lighted candles for all of the club's officers' and members' good health and success in their respective careers and, of course, guidance and blessings for the Club in the coming year.

It was a great bonding time too, the day being filled with laughter.. .thanks to Rotarian Edward for providing entertainment- honestly, we almost forgot the 12-hour travel time.

RCNMH CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

On December 14, RCNMHers moved to the Barangay Horseshoe multipurpose hall to celebrate an early Christmas party. Highlights of the party were the eggplant & egg-breaking game, Pinoy Henyo, raffle prizes & exchange of gifts.



Prayer

A New Year has been ushered in and many of us have resolved to do even better in the things that matter. We pray that Your hand be upon us especially in the areas that we want to improve in. Bless our undertakings and the work of our hands as we go about doing what is pleasing to You, what is right and what will bring forth a wellspring of goodness to all. We thank You for the year that just ended and for the many blessings that have come our way. We ask that You keep us close to You, protected and sheltered so that we may not fall prey to the wrong values the world has to offer. We pray all these in Your Mighty and Ever Glorious Name. Amen.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit."

~Napoleon Hill

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"For most of the champions, their great accomplishment was not the end of their greatness; rather it was the beginning of greater things to come."

~Dan Green

From Motivation in a Minute

CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING

Every Christmas, it has been a tradition of Rotary Club of New Manila Heights to give gifts to various beneficiaries.

It started with the District-wide gift-giving to pediatric patients at the National Children's Hospital led by RC Bagong Silangan on December 4. We contributed 75 gift bags while 10 of our Interactors from P. Bernardo High School participated by way of an interpretative dance number, helping decorate the stage and actually distributing the gifts.

On December 12, we donated through RC Roosevelt, 54 gift bags to cancer patients at Childhaus, a half-way facility for patients from the provinces while processing their application for assistance at the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and awaiting schedules for procedures like chemotherapy and other treatments in Manila.



Then we had our own gift-giving at the P. Tuason Elementary School last December 15. Officers of the IT Interaction Philippines (in green t-shirts), our major donor this year, joined us in distributing to about 400 students and teachers.



On December 18, we donated 27 gift bags to the Little Angels day care center at the St Anne Convent along Dama de Noche street in New Manila.

On December 19, 100 gift bags were distributed to our anti-TB beneficiaries at Barangay Horseshoe.



PE Alex B, PN Alex A, Rtns. Edward, Rhose and Irma assist PBaby in preparing 600 gift bags in 6 balikbayan boxes



Each bag contained a face towel, hand towel, plastic cup, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, baby powder, comb and handkerchief. Food items like powdered milk, chocolate drink and soft candies were added too.

On Christmas day, Rtn. Irma Pizarro joined P Baby and her children in their traditional distribution of hot arroz caldo and bread to the street-dwellers along the thoroughfares of N. Domingo, Gilmore Ave., Aurora Blvd., Hemady and E. Rodriguez. A total of 250 beneficiaries were served.

**Please pay your annual/monthly dues soonest.
Our 2nd semester Semi-Annual (SAR) payments
to RI will be due by January 31, 2011.**