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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

President	Daniel "Boone" Ongchoco
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PDG Mario "Mar" Nery

Pres. Daniel "Boone" Ongchoco



Night Program

July 28, 2009

Call to Order	Pres. Daniel A. Ongchoco
Invocation	PP Edith Tapnio
National Anthem	Rtn. Rizza Genil
Meals & Fellowship	
Community Singing	Rtn. Janet Adams
Introduction of Visiting	
Rotarians & Guests	IPP Butch Pacana
Finest Moments	PP Boy Escueta
Announcements	Sec. Annie Torres
President's Time	Pres. Daniel A. Ongchoco
Introduction of Guest Speaker	PDG Mario Nery
Guest Speaker	Amb. Aladin Villacorte
Closing Remarks	Pres. Daniel A. Ongchoco
Rotary Hymn	Rtn. Ian Dejon
Adjournment	Pres. Daniel A. Ongchoco

Night Chair: PP Jun San Juan

Certificate of Attendance

This certifies that Rotarian _____
attended the July 28, 2009 regular Club Meeting of the Rotary
Club of New Manila Heights at 7:30 p.m. at the Penafancia
Hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine.

Annie Torres - Club Secretary



The President's Corner

by: **President Boone Ongchoco**

We Are All Equals

After watching 59-year old Tom Watson come within inches of winning a record-tying 6th British Open title (how I wish though I could have written that he actually won it) last week, I can't help but relate to our Club and marvel at how our very own "senior" Rotarians continue to find time for Rotary and contribute in one way or another in making a difference in this world. Unlike other sports where one's age and physique are crucial to one's success, golf somehow acts as the great equalizer and kind of reminds us that "we are all equals." And never was that more evident than with Tom Watson's near improbable run at golfing history. Similar to the sport of golf, Rotary is also a brotherhood, or better yet, a fellowship among equals—yes, we are all the same regardless of our sex, age, professional status, size of our bank account, academic credentials or position in society.

That is what makes Rotary truly beautiful—people of varied backgrounds bound together by the common motto of "Service Above Self." And that is what I would like to impart to our new members and maybe even remind some of our old members. No one member is bigger than the rest, even if he or she may have the biggest wallet or the highest position. One thing I do know is that we all bring something unique to the table. We each have our own distinct talent or classification that the Rotary mechanism affords the opportunity to shine and make a true and meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Very recently, I came across a remark branding Rotary as "Rotarich." Yes, sometimes, it may be intimidating to hear talk about Paul Harris contributions, then to be invited to and counted on to attend various Rotary functions like the DISCON and the DISTAS where ticket prices somehow also put a dent into one's pockets. The fact is though, the Paul Harris is not a requirement in Rotary, nor is going to the DISCON or to the DISTAS. The only real financial obligation required in Rotary is the annual membership dues. You don't need to have a big wallet to be a Rotarian, plain and simple.



Which leads me to this: I am really a true believer that for a Rotary Club to function, we must have a healthy balance of relatively more financially capable Rotarians and those who may not be as materially endowed but “rich” nevertheless in volunteerism and sheer Club participation. Yes, we are all equals in the final tally sheet—each member bringing his or her own unique contribution to help the Club achieve its goals.

Even as I write this commentary as the President of the Club, I will say without a doubt that the newest member is just as important as I am. I will not be able to realize all the plans and goals of this Club without you. I need you all. The Club needs you all—PDG Mar’s wisdom, PP Ed’s prayers, Baby Rotarian Janet’s infectious smile, Tita Inday’s charm, CP Oyie’s creativity, PP Boyet’s cerebral advice, Director Bobby’s humor, PE Baby’s medical know-how and resourcefulness, PP Elsa’s writing skills, incoming member Noel’s talent in photography, PP Dennis’ knack for bringing in members, PP Jun, IPP Butch and Rotarian Dexter’s technical know-how, Director Alex A’s 100% attendance, PP Ponchit and Rotarian Janice’s singing talent, VP Alex B’s dependability, Secretary Annie’s planning skills, PP Rod’s generosity, and the list goes on and on (I could actually fill up another page just writing all of our members’ unique qualities except for the fear that I may take up another full 2 pages of the Club Bulletin).

All of us, bar none, have our own personal shortcomings, but together, we truly become potent and a force to be reckoned with—simply because we are all “rich.” “Rota-rich?” To whoever coined that term, yes, maybe you are right—Rotary is indeed for the rich. It is for people rich in the giving of one’s self, rich in the spirit of service. We are all equals! And thank you, Tom Watson, for reminding us about that.

**Special Thanks & Belated Happy Birthday
to Secretary Annie Torres for hosting
tonight’s sumptuous dinner!**



PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Option 1 - P600 per month commencing July and every month thereafter
- Option 2 - P3,600 semestral payment
- Option 3 - P7,200 full-year payment

SOUVENIR PROGRAM AD INCENTIVES / DEADLINE

- (2) Full Page Ads - (1) free dinner and free 1/2 page family photo
- (1) Full Page Ad - free 1/2 page family photo
- 1/2 Page Ad - Php 500.00 discount on dinner ticket price
- 1/4 Page Ad - no incentive
- Line Ad - 10% rebate

Deadline for submission of family pictures and advertisements - July 30, 2009 (please submit to Club Induction Chair CP Oyie Valarao or send via email to boone@rcnewmanilaheights.org)

RCNMH GOVERNOR'S VISIT

*August 15, 2009 (Saturday), 4:00 p.m.
(Venue to be announced)*

RCNMH INDUCTION CEREMONY 2009

*August 22, 2009 (Saturday), 7:00 p.m.
Wack Wack Golf and Country Club
Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City*



**Important
DATE!**



CROSSROADS

By: PDG Mario Nery

Rotary Basics

Guiding Principles

The first two are the Object of Rotary and the Classification Principle. The Object of Rotary was first formulated in 1910. It is a succinct definition of the organization's purpose as well as the club member's responsibilities. There is only one object, but it has four distinct parts. The first is the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service, which is the principal work of the avenue of Club Service. The second is the practice of high ethical standards in our business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation. The third is the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life; and the fourth is the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through fellowship.

Classification Principle

By assigning each member a classification based on his/her business or profession, the system ensures that the club's membership reflects the business and professional composition of its community. The goal is professional diversity, which both enlivens the club's social atmosphere and provides a rich resource of occupational expertise to carry out service projects and provide club leadership.

RCNMH Making Headlines



RCNMH Operation: "Hands On" I.T. Training *by Pres. Daniel Ongchoco*

On July 18, 2009, Rotary Club of New Manila Heights (RCNMH) President Boone Ongchoco, together with Informatics North EDSA Deputy Managing Director Tas Millena, signed a Memorandum of Agreement with R.I. District 3780 Governor Dulce Coyuki for the offering of the TESDA Pangulong Gloria Scholarships (PGS) to all Rotary Clubs in the District.

RCNMH, being the official partner of Informatics North EDSA in the rollout and implementation of the TESDA PGS scholarships, has generously and willingly extended the availment of 1,000 of these scholarships to all Rotary Clubs under RI District 3780. The courses under the scholarship program include Programming (Java and Microsoft.NET), Computer Hardware Servicing, and Finishing Course for Call Center Agents. A token transportation and meal allowance is also provided for the scholars.

R.I. District 3780, thru its Rotary Clubs, will simply have to search and recruit applicants for scholarship and submit their application forms to RCNMH for online or paper screening. Successful applications are then turned over to the designated testing and training facilities either in RCNMH-adopted school P. Bernardo High School, Informatics North EDSA or Informatics Fairview for the National Career Achievement Exam or Youth Profiling for Starring Careers (YP4SC).

RCNMH, thru its "Karunungan at Kabuhayan" Center, Rotary Clubs from District 3780, and TESDA, thru its Manpower Profile Database, are



expected to provide referral services to all graduates with the end view of achieving at least sixty percent (60%) employment within one year after the completion of the training program.



RCNMH Operation: “Hands On” Milk Feeding

by PE Baby Allado

July 13, 2009 marked the start of the start of the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights Operation: “Hands On” Milk Feeding Program at the P. Tuazon and P. Bernardo elementary schools. The Rotary Club of New Manila Heights (RCNMH) has entered into partnerships with Kabisig ng Kalahi and Mead Johnson Nutritionals for the supply of milk and with volunteers from Quezon City Red Cross and the RCNMH-adopted Rotaract Club in Informatics (Diliman) to hand out the prepared milk to 250 Grade 1 and Grade 2 students of both schools. Approximately 39% of these children range from below normal to severely malnourished.

Another 257 children from Area 20, encompassing three (3) barangays—Horseshoe, BL Crame and Valencia—are also benefitting from this program.

These children are past and present beneficiaries of 2 anti-TB programs supported by the ongoing anti-TB program funded by a matching grant to RCNMH from Korea (launched October 2008), as well as the Rotary Club of Makati (October 2007-March 2008 and April-September 2008).

Feng Shui Expert Speaks to a Rapt RCNMH Audience





RCNMH Harry Potter Movie Fellowship Night

by PP Boyet Alfonso

Our very first out-of-venue meeting and fellowship was a happy, fun event attended by members, spouses, family, prospective members and friends numbering more than seventy.

Large contingents inevitably included the Nery clan (Philippine chapter, headed by PDG Mar and PS Inday), the Adams family (Janet with spouse and kids), and half the Ang family (still numerous despite, and led by Bobby and Josie). Seen too were the usual couples IPP Butch and Connie, PP Boyet and Noemi, PP Edith and Emil, PP Rod and Melvi, PP Jun and Dorigen, SAG Alex and Joy, AS Pangkoy and Lorraine.

PP Jodie and PP Boy were there too looking like they were just introduced to Harry Potter. Not so with new and incoming members Dexter, Glenn, Rose and Tas. Also present were Treasurer Cris with daughter Caroline and grandchild Fonzy, and PP Dennis and son Wacky. CP Oyie also managed to drop by in spite of her hectic district schedule. Incoming member Noel arrived late but sent his spouse Pinky and 3 lovely kids ahead of time nevertheless. Rtn. Bobby Ang's guests from the banking circle, possible recruits, were also on hand. And of course, Pres. Boone came in full force with a large group from his staff in Synermaxx and Informatics. (see page 10 for continuation)



continuation ...**RCNMH Harry Potter Movie Fellowship Night**

It was truly an auspicious start for our Club's fund raising activities. The Club has numerous service projects lined up for the year and we will need all our members' support in building up our financial logistics.

But just to clarify some false notions: the tickets we are selling are valid until August 20, 2010—repeat 2010, so they are not limited to just the Harry Potter movie. Use them to see “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince” but if another good movie comes along, we can probably have another out-of-venue meeting and film showing, attended by more members and family and maybe organize an after-movie dinner and fellowship, as some members did that night.

For just P300, you can watch a good movie, participate in our club's fellowship, contribute to Club funds for our service projects, and still be able to win an expensive painting, a laptop, or many other minor prizes.

Speaking of minor, be aware that there's the minor hassle of adding 10 pesos if you plan to watch a movie at the Podium, where ticket prices are really higher than in most SM malls. There is no truth to the rumor though, that Pres. Boone will reimburse you the amount.

Announcements

RCNMH OPERATION: “HANDS ON” MILK FEEDING



Monday to Friday, 10:00am – 12:00pm (ongoing until end-August at the minimum) Venues: P. Bernardo Elementary School & P. Tuazon Elementary School

(Rotarians who have missed Regular Weekly Meetings may join the RCNMH Operation “Hands On” Milk Feeding activities on the specified schedules for make-up purposes.)



Getting to know our President-Elect better

PE Baby Allado has always been an achiever. From Kindergarten at the Ateneo de Davao, she was the first female Valedictorian in a traditionally male school. She was also Valedictorian in Elementary and High School at the Immaculate Conception College in Davao, run by the Filipina-founded Religious of the Virgin Mary congregation. She was an Entrance scholar and University scholar at the University of the Philippines Diliman graduating with degrees in BS Business Administration and Masters in Business Administration. Twenty years later, she decides to take up Medicine as a second course and became a doctor at the age of 50. Not quite satisfied with all that, she also completed her Residency in Family Medicine at the Philippine General Hospital and Fe del Mundo Medical Center. At present she is completing requirements for a Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care conducted by Flinders University Australia and Asia Pacific Hospice Network Singapore. This included an observership program in pain management at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York recently.

Her talents are not limited to academics though. This lady is also a singer, a dancer, and a feature writer. She is a community organizer, a health educator, an acupuncturist, and a counsellor. She plays the piano and guitar. Her favourite sports are swimming, tennis, pingpong and volleyball. To de-stress, she plays favourite computer games like Bookworm, Text Twist, Bejeweled, Bounce out and Zuma.

What is most remarkable about our President-elect, however, is that she shares her talents to help other people and she does this without calling attention to herself. She prefers to be low-key and shuns fanfare. She is a volunteer in many organizations – the Quezon City Red Cross (Director), Kabisig ng Kalahi (Committee on Health & Nutrition), Hospice Philippines (Treasurer), Sigma Delta Phi Alumnae Association (Liaison at Large) and Eucharistic League of Adorers (Outreach committee). She has a knack for linking all these organizations together to cook up laudable projects for RCNMH, such as the 3 anti-TB projects, milk feeding, supplementary feeding, values formation, medical and dental mission and book donation to name a few. Through her, the Permanent Clinic (Kalusugan Center) dream of our Club became a reality. Her dedication to her profession and to her advocacies has earned her some distinctions like the Community Service award from UERM Medical Center, District 3780 Rotarian of the Year 2008 and Mariang Maya Award for Hospice Care and Community Service. Indeed, we are blessed to have Baby Allado in the fold of RCNMH!



District Governor Dulce Coyukiatic and RCNMH President Boone Ongchoco during the July 18, 2009 Pangulong Gloria TESDA Scholarship MOA signing together with Informatics officials and District 3780 Officers DS Joe Baradi, PP BH Herrera and PP Anton Sayo also on hand as witnesses



President Boone explaining the terms of the Pangulong Gloria TESDA Scholarship MOA during the Hands On Presidents Meeting last July 18, 2009



Pres. Boone and PE Baby making an ocular inspection of the dilapidated library of the P. Bernardo Elementary School



Pres. Boone with PE Baby doing some hands on milk feeding themselves



P. Tuazon school children lining up for the milk feeding (with Director Alex A. at the far right practicing his GQ pose)



Rotaractors in action at the milk feeding



Dr. Andy Tan receiving his token of appreciation from President Boone and PE Baby



The Rotary Club of New Manila Heights pose for posterity with Feng Shui Master Dr. Andy Tan (seated to the right of President Boone)



COMMUNITY SINGING

Ikaw Lang Ang Mamahalin

by *Joey Albert*

Sa bawat pag-ikot ng ating buhay
May oras kailangan na maghiwalay
Puso'y lumaban man walang magagawa
Saan ka, kailan ka, muling mahahagkan

Magkulang man sa atin itong sandali
Alam ko na tayo'y magkikitang muli
Hangga't may umaga pa na haharapin
Ikaw lang ang mamahalin

Puso'y lumaban man walang magagawa
Saan ka, kailan ka muling mahahagkan
Magkulang man sa atin itong sandali
Alam ko na tayo'y magkikitang muli
Hangga't may umaga pa na haharapin
Ikaw lang ang mamahalin

Night Prayer

Thank you for gathering us once again in this Club that you are using to bring hope to the publics we serve.

We honor You, Almighty God for your guidance, your providence, for the gift of each other in this club, for the success You allow our club to experience. We continue to put ourselves in Your hands. Bless each of us – old and new members including those whom You will add to our number. Bless our partners. Bless our plans, programs and the offering of ourselves so that all these may give glory to Your Name. Amen.

Additional Member's Card Benefit

Rotarian Ian Dejon is offering discounts on Megaworld projects at the Fort and McKinley Hill: 1% discount on regular terms and 10 to 18% discount depending on the project for cash terms.

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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