



Night Program

November 17, 2009

Call to Order	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Invocation	Rtn. Inday Nery
National Anthem	Dir. Alex Arrojo
Meals & Fellowship	
Community Singing	Rtn. Janice Adolfo
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests	Asst. Sec. Pancoy Saavedra
Announcements	Sec. Annie Torres
President's Time	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Nomination of Incoming Officers & Directors	PP Boyet Alfonso
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Guest Speaker	Ms. Kata Bellosillo
Rotary Hymn	Rtn. Josie Ang
Adjournment	Pres. Daniel A. Ongchoco
Night Chair: PP Ed Aguila	

Certificate of Attendance

This certifies that Rotarian _____
attended the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of New
Manila Heights held at the Penafrancia Hall of Mt. Carmel
Shrine Parish, November 17, 2009.

Annie Torres
Club Secretary



The President's Corner

by: Pres. Daniel "Boone" Ongchoco



The Lonely Life at the Top

Just a few weeks back, PDG Mar forwarded this article written by Peter Battle of the Rotary Club of Barry of District 1150 in South Wales, U.K. Today being Directors Nomination Day in our Club, I deemed it best to finally share it with everyone. I am pretty sure a lot of our Past Presidents in this Club will find this article eerily true. At the same time, this will help the future Presidents of our Club "prepare" themselves for the realities of being in the highest position at the club level.

Poor Club President:

If he begins on time ... he is a tyrant.

If he allows a bit of time ... he's too tolerant.

If he requests attendance ... he is a despot.

If he speaks too much ... he becomes tiresome.

If he requests silence ... he abuses his power.

If he allows free conversation ... he's lacking in authority.

If he's firm ... he's too serious.

If he's affable ... he's not up to the challenge.

If he speaks up ... you have to oppose him.

If he gives you a choice ... he's indecisive.

If he's dynamic ... he's a hothead.

If he's prudent ... he's incapable.

If he does everything by himself... he's too pretentious.

If he delegates ... he's lazy. The poor man!

He needs:

The patience of a donkey,

The cleverness of a cat,

The courage of a lion,

The resourcefulness of a fox,

The calmness of a sphinx,

The force of an elephant,

The nobility of a horse,

The loyalty of a dog.

The thick skin of a crocodile, and the faith of an apostle.

If he survives ... what an amazing leader he is!

Rest assured, I have every intention of surviving! Roughly 7 months to go...



Night Prayer

Lord Our God, as we gather once again as a Club, we want to give you thanks and praise for the many wonderful things you have been doing for us in Rotary, in our families and in our work and service. We pray for those who are not fortunate, for those who suffer from hunger, despair, broken relationships, joblessness, rejection, trauma, illness and loss. May you fill the void in their lives and empower more men and women to reach out and be Your instruments of healing and restoration. We pray for tonight’s speaker, for our Club projects, for tonight’s activities, for our partners in service, for our officers and directors, for the forthcoming birthday of our District Governor, and for each and every member of this Club. Fill us with grace and renew all of us so that we may continue to serve You who made us in Your image and likeness. Amen.



UPDATED CALENDAR OF ACTIVITES for NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation Month
(Suggested Speaker Topic: Politics)

- 3* Classification Talk: Benjie Javier
 - 7 **Past Presidents Fellowship Night**
 - 8* Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center Inauguration
 - 17* Guest Speaker - Ms. Kathryn Bellosillo
 - 18 **P. Bernardo Career Talk**
 - 20 **RC 35 Blood Donation and “Protect-A-Rainforest” Launching**
 - 21 **Presidents Meeting/ Gov. Dulce’s Birthday (District Outing)**
 - 24* Club Meeting/Thanksgiving Night (*Dinner c/o Alex Arrojo*)
 - 24 **Drug Abuse Prevention and Education Seminar (Barangay Horseshoe Hall)**
 - 25 **Mother’s Forum on Public Health and Emergencies**
 - 26 **1st Philippine Project Fair**
 - 27-29 **Manila Zone Institute**
- * - Denotes Club Meeting

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- November 12 – Dir. Alex Arrojo
- November 19 – PP Boyet Alfonso
- November 23 – PP Ponchit Miranda





***Do They Know
It's Christmas Time***
by Band Aid

It's Christmas time, there's no
need to be afraid
At Christmas time, we let in light
and we banish shade

And in our world of plenty, we
can spread a smile of joy!
Throw your arms around the
world at Christmas time

But say a prayer - pray for the
other ones
At Christmas time, it's hard, but
when you're having fun
There's a world outside your
window
And it's a world of dreaded fear
Where the only water flowing is
a bitter sting of tears
And the Christmas bells that
ring there are the clanging
chimes of doom

Well tonight thank God it's them
instead of you

And there won't be snow in
Africa this Christmas time
The greatest gift they'll get this
year is life

Where nothing ever grows
No rain or rivers flow

Do they know it's Christmas
time at all?

Here's to you
Raise your glass for everyone
Here's to them
Underneath that burning sun

Do they know it's Christmas
time at all?

Feed the world (3X)
Let them know it's Christmas
time and
Feed the world (5X)
Let them know it's Christmas
time

I hope you like this song even
though it's not Christmas!



CROSSROADS

by Mario R. Nery

ELECTIONS

The election season is again upon us, not only for the country, but for Rotary as well. It is very important that we talk about this. The alternative is we may vote for the wrong persons, and as we know, the penalty for that mistake is to suffer not only for one term but for many years more. It is therefore a heavy moral obligation for all citizens of any democratic country, specially the Rotarians therein, to exercise this right with utmost prudence and best judgement.

Whether your choice is for a candidate in public office or for a candidate for office in Rotary, the same general criteria applies. The candidate must be of high moral character, the intelligence required for the job, sufficient experience in management, must have a high level of knowledge of the job, excellent relationship skills and the political will to do what is right for the country or the members of the organization. Since we live in a democratic environment, the effective leader is one who is able to gather consensus and can motivate everyone. Finally, the best leader is one who practises statesmanship. In essence, this means what is important is that what is good for the people takes precedence over what is good for the candidate. Another way of looking at it is that the candidate practices a way of life based on stewardship.

Finally, our obligation lies not only in voting for the right person, but also to ensure that the process of choosing is not tainted with the violation of any rule of the organization or any law of the country. May I add that we can make a good choice if we invoke the help of the Holy Spirit to give us the wisdom to choose the best possible candidate.



Historic RCNMH Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center Inaugurated

by Pres. Boone Ongchoco

The Rotary Club of New Manila Heights marked another milestone in its storied history with the inauguration of the “Karunungan at Kabuhayan” (Literacy and Livelihood) Center on a beautiful Sunday afternoon this past November 8, 2009 at the Barangay Horseshoe Multipurpose Hall. Esteemed VIP’s, led by Congresswoman Nanette Castelo-Daza, Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, District 3780 Governor Dulce Coyukiatic and Barangay Horseshoe Chair Josie Ang, together with a large contingent of RCNMH members led by President Boone Ongchoco were on hand to witness the historic occasion. Interactors from P. Bernardo High School were also present to lend moral support and share their talents through an opening prayer-song rendition and an a cappella intermission number.

The RCNMH Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center now becomes the second permanent “jewel” of the Club, following in the footsteps of the much heralded permanent medical and dental clinic, the RCNMH “Kalusugan” (Health) Center launched two years ago. These twin projects are essentially a reflection of the Club’s commitment to engage in projects that are sustainable and not the proverbial “one-shot.” Immediately, these two projects allow the Club to tackle head-on problems in the areas of health, hunger, literacy and livelihood. More importantly, these projects allow the Club to monitor and be a presence in the lives of the community it serves from cradle to early adulthood, after which the multiplier effect brought about by the livelihood program will be expected to kick in and create a real and palpable difference in the lives of these less fortunate brothers of ours.

The first batch of courses of the RCNMH Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center includes Basic Computer Literacy, PC Troubleshooting, Basic Graphic Design, Call Center Training, Dressmaking and Tailoring. The second wave of courses will be launched upon the release of the Club’s second matching grant for this Rotary year (note: the Club is still in search of a sister club for an already District 3780-approved application). The second batch of courses will feature Mobile Phone Repair, Small Appliance Repair, Beauty Culture, Cosmetology, Hairdressing, and Massage and Reflexology. With the help of partners like Quezon City Councilor Bernadette “BH” Dy and the PNRC-QC Chapter, courses like





bartending, motorcycle repair and soap making are also being lined up.

What will make this project truly special and unique though will be the graduation of our students into the values formation program made possible by a partnership with the Knights of Columbus-Mt. Carmel Chapter, and the livelihood program made possible by the partnerships with TESDA and mytrabaho.com on the employment side and Alay Buhay Community Development Foundation on the enterprise and small business side.

Indeed, the floodgates have been opened and we won't be surprised if more partners come to the forefront to help ensure the broad success of our newly launched endeavor. "If you build it, they will come..."

R.I. District 3780, Philippines



Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista and Cong. Nanette Castelo-Daza listen intently during the program



Cong. Nanette Daza and DG Dulce Coyukiatt test the PC units at the computer lab



The gallant members of the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights



ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKER



Kathryn “Kata” Bellosillo is the General Manager for the entire Philippine operations of Synergy Worldwide Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Nature’s Sunshine, 39-year-old global giant in the health and wellness industry. She has been elevated to the Hall of Fame by the Direct Selling Association of the Philippines, as top distributor of another wellness company for four consecutive years. A cum laude graduate of the University of the Philippines, AB Journalism, Kata also gives talks on “Finding Sacred Space in a Busy World,” “Women in the Eye of the Storm.” A mother of 8 children, she also has a home-based catering business, Kate’s Gourmet, that features home-cooked goodness at its best.

Her company, Synergy Worldwide Inc., has a Leave a Legacy Program: “Kalusugang Pangkabuhayan” (health/livelihood) for poor communities. Launched less than 6 months ago, religious and non-government organizations have invited Kata and her group to introduce the program to their communities with amazing initial results.



Hib Immunization Project Matching Grant Allocated

by Pres. Boone Ongchoco

This past November 10, 2009, our Club received some good news from our sister club in Seoul Gangnam. With the commitment US\$ 1,800 from 7 clubs under District 3640 in South Korea and an additional US\$ 3,500 from their local District Designated Fund (DDF), a grand total of US\$ 16,100 has been earmarked from our Hib Immunization Project. With an additional US\$ 7,650 from the District 3780 DDF of Governor Dulce Coyukiati, we are well on our way to having another matching grant project funded and implemented this Rotary year. We are now just waiting for the contact persons of the 7 Korean clubs to fasttrack the release process.

All this comes on the heels of the closure and subsequent clearance of our Matching Grant Report for the Anti-TB project (MG #67238) also in the first week of November. The Club returned some Php 43,000-plus excess funds to R.I. from our just completed Anti-TB project. Special thanks to Project Director PE Baby Allado for painstakingly completing the final report.

This upcoming matching grant will be the first successfully funded project in the District after the full allocation of the Rotary International TRF funds on September 1 of this year. As such, it now becomes imperative for the prospective sister club and the Philippine club or District 3780 to replace the TRF portion of the matching grant. In the case of the upcoming Hib Immunization Matching Grant #71100, the 7 Korean clubs in District 3640 funded bulk of the balance, with our District Governor generously committing another US\$ 2,650 from her DDF.

Challenge for our club now is to look for another sister club to fund our already District-approved matching grant application for the Karunungan at Kabuhayan Center. This is crucial for us to see the launch of the second wave of courses in the Center.



UPDATES ON OUR INTERACT CLUB

RCNMH will be formally registering The Interact Club of P. Bernardo High School this year, with Rotary International. The club which meets twice a month at the school, is ably led by its President for the year, Christian Samson. The club is now made up of 32 members (15 boys and 17 girls) from freshman year to senior year in High School. Other officers of the Club include Alvin Colinares (Vice President), Ani Hosanna Cordero (Secretary) and Paulo Verano (Treasurer). They are moderated in the school by English Teacher Magdalena Medrano.

During their last meeting in early November, they listened to a talk on what Interact is all about. At that meeting, those who attended the District Tree Planting Program were awarded certificates of attendance through PP Elsa Unson. Their school moderator expressed the desire to continue the English Enhancement Program that RCNMH offered the other year, as this built up the know how and confidence of many of the students who participated in the Program.

The Interact Club members likewise joined the RC New Manila Heights Club Meeting held last Sunday at the Barangay Hall when the Karunungan and Kabuhayan Center was inaugurated. They were assigned the Doxology and the Entertainment Numbers. Their day was made complete when they got to pose with Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista who was among the guests of honor during the inauguration.

The Club members will be participating in the Christmas Outreach Visit to Children at Lungsod ng Kabataan during the first week of December. They will have a puppet show and bring toys to the children there. They expressed hope that RCNMH will be able to partner with them in this undertaking to bring cheer to sick children.



RCNMH GSE Team Nominee Makes List of Finalists

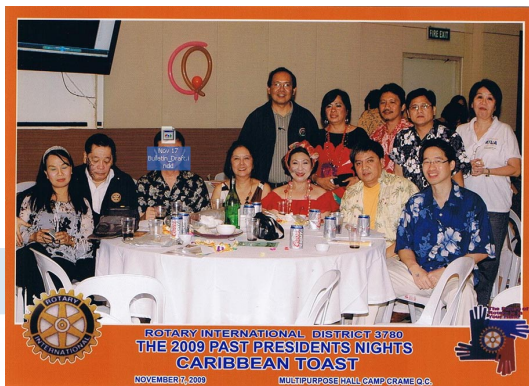
After due deliberation of the District 3780 Group Study Exchange (GSE) Committee, the 15 finalists for GSE Team Members were finally released last November 7, 2009. Our Club's nominee, Ms. Sally Jo Bellosillo made it to the list of 7 finalists who will be sent to South Korea for their exchange program. The other 8 finalists will be vying for a slot to the Switzerland exchange program.

The selection was based on the information provided by the candidates in their respective application forms, essays of intent, interviews, and deliberation of the GSE Committee, led by PP Jesse Tanchanco, Chairman of the D3780 Group Study Exchange Committee.

For those who did not make it to the cut-off, they will have the opportunity to reapply again next year as long as they are 40 years old and below. Of course, there are also many other opportunities in Rotary that they may want to consider, including that of joining a Rotary Club and being part of the oldest and most prestigious civic organization in the world.

The final team composition will be made known within the next few weeks or so. The final group will be judged by the way they relate with each other, with their team leader as well as their attitude and commitment towards the GSE program.

(Editor's Note: Ms. Sally Jo Bellosillo also happens to be the eldest daughter of our guest speaker for tonight, Ms. Kathryn Bellosillo.)



FUN FILLED PAST PRESIDENTS FELLOWSHIP

The annual Past Presidents Fellowship was held a bit earlier this year. Instead of the usual December-Christmas party combined fellowship, host club RC Araneta opted to hold it on November 7 at the Camp Aguinaldo Multi-Purpose Hall. Caribbean Night outfits made the evening festive and fun. Attendees had the option of choosing their food from any of the many food booths at the back of the huge hall.

Presidents were acknowledged by batch together with their respective Governors and themes. A moment of silence was observed to remember the Past Presidents who had gone on to the next life, before the program resumed. After the welcome remarks and usual inspirational messages, a slide show was played that featured the batches and projects undertaken over the various years. This brought back many memories to the Presidents who attended and many of them enthusiastically sang their songs that ended each year's presentation.

First to arrive among the RCNMH Past Presidents was Jimmy Siybaucó. Other Past Presidents from the Club who attended were Elsa Unson, Raffy Pefianco, Dennis Arca and Oye Valarao. President Boone also joined the Hands On Presidents.

A spirit of fun and fellowship pervaded the evening's event. Several Past Presidents' batches presented production numbers plus a separate one from a group of Past Presidents from RC Central Fairview, and of course, another one from the current batch of Hands On Presidents. PP Elsa Unson joined the Leader Presidents in their rendition of the "Coconut Nut" while President Boone was an enthusiastic singer and dancer in the "Nobody But You" number of the Hands On Presidents. PP Raffy, with spouse Chili on hand, was also seen rehearsing their batch's song at their table. The customary games and drawing of raffle prizes followed the program. The fun filled evening ended leaving the Past Presidents who attended with deeper and renewed bonds of friendship.