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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN of the ROTARY CLUB of NEW MANILA HEIGHTS

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY  
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

# 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)



## Night Program

April 27, 2010

Call to Order	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Invocation	Rtn. Jimmy Parumog
National Anthem	Rtn. Glenn Macatiag
Meals & Fellowship	
Community Singing	Rtn. Leah Laforteza & Rtn. Arnold Quiambao
Finest Moments	PP Ed Aguila
Rotary Information	PDG Mar Nery
On to Montreal Film Showing	CP Oyie Valarao
Announcements	Asst. Sec. Pancoy Saavedra
President's Time	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Rotary Hymn	PP Raffy Pefianco
Adjournment	Pres. Boone Ongchoco

*Night Chair: IPP Butch Pacana*

### Certificate of Attendance

This certifies that Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_  
attended the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of New Manila  
Heights held at the St. Elizabeth Hall of Mt. Carmel Shrine  
Parish, April 27, 2010.

**Annie Torres**  
*Club Secretary*



## The President's Corner

by: Pres. Boone Ongchoco

### Why Am I in Rotary?

After being gone for three weeks from the country and missing our bowling fellowship on April 6 and our club meeting on April 20 (both properly made up in Japan though if I may say), I somehow realized that Rotary has truly seeped in through my system. I guess that realization was never more evident than when I saw the Rotary logo at the Keio Plaza Hotel lobby saying "Rotarians Meet Here." Like a giddy child, I immediately had my picture taken in front of that sign and vowed to make up in Japan. Heck, God made sure the meetings were held right in the hotel where I was staying. So, what more could I ask for. Then, it dawned on me that Rotary is now really in my system. Imagine, from a reluctant member, to a reluctant President, and now, a certified addicted Rotarian.



That is not to say I love everything in Rotary. I believe the politics is definitely something we can do without. But there certainly is more to love in Rotary in its purest form. The chance to meet diverse people across myriad classifications is definitely a cherished experience week after week. More importantly, the unparalleled fulfillment and gratification from giving back and sharing one's blessings in the spirit of selfless service are truly priceless and have brought countless goose-bumpy moments. Everything else really becomes icing on the cake.

So, how about you? For our newer members especially, maybe it is worthwhile asking the question, why are you in Rotary? Is it for business connections? Were you just forced into it because of your friend or your boss? Is it just for the title and your curriculum vitae? My suggestion is just stick to what Rotary is about in its purest form and you will most certainly have the time of your life. That would of course mean going out of our way to make new friends every meeting and not just staying in your comfort zone—that is why we have rotating seat arrangements, remember? Then, you will realize that in Rotary, you've got a friend all the time. It also means we actively use our vocation to create service project opportunities for the club and our adopted communities. Be an active participant in the club's projects. And don't worry, the business opportunities will come when you least expect it. Don't force the issue, for even in the absence of such, believe me, no material reward beats the satisfaction of helping someone truly in need.

With barely two months to go before I formally turn over the reins of the club to PE Baby, I can't help but start to think about the legacy I will be leaving behind. More than just the culture of excellence which I hopefully revived during our term, I would really love to see all the members we have brought in this year continue to stay on for the next Rotary year and the years to come. With our President's Corner tonight, I hope I just helped ensure that.



## Night Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the allowing almost the entire group of incoming club officers to attend the last Distas so that they can be prepared to take on the challenges and responsibilities of steering our club through the coming Rotary Year. We pray for unity and resolve among them so that they can better build and connect. We thank You also for all the club officers who have walked ahead of the coming team. You anointed them so that all of them were able to play a role in the journey You have invited us to go on as Rotarians. Help us to learn how to love and accept each other and to bless each other as true brothers and sisters do.

We pray for wisdom for our people as the May elections approach. Purify our minds so that we may choose the candidates who have the capability of truly leading, who have genuine hearts and minds set on helping, candidates who do not take advantage of situations or connections, candidates who fear you and who value the gift of leadership, candidates who do not seek laurels and positions for themselves but who, like You, take on the role of true servants who look to the Master that is You. May You who planted the seed of love and service, be our true guide and leader. Amen.



## MAY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### GSE Alumni Month

*(Suggested Speaker Topics: GSE Alumni)*

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| May | 4*  | Speaker: Pres./Arch. Cesar Concio III (Dinner c/o Elsa Unson)            |
|     | 11  | Out of Venue Meeting   |
|     | 15  | Installation of RCNMH Kalusugan Center Dental Chair                      |
|     | 18* | Guest Speaker: Sally Jo Bellosillo (Dinner c/o Fely Borje)               |
|     | 22  | RCNMH Mass Book Donation (at least 10 schools) - Rotary Center           |
|     | 25* | Guest Speaker: Pres./Lt. Col. Ignatius Patrimonio (Dinner c/o Bobby Ang) |
|     | 31  | District Awards Night - Marriot Hotel                                    |



## MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- May 1 - PP Elsa Unson
- May 2 - Rtn. Fely Borje
- May 9 - Rtn. Janice Adolfo
- May 13 - Dir. Robert Ang
- May 15 - Rtn. Inday Nery



## You've Got a Friend

*by James Taylor*

When your down and troubled  
And you need a helping hand  
And nothing, whoa nothing is  
going right.

Close your eyes and think of  
me

And soon I will be there  
To brighten up even your  
darkest nights.

You just call out my name,  
And you know wherever I am  
I'll come running, oh yeah  
baby

To see you again.

Winter, spring, summer, or  
fall,

All you have to do is call  
And I'll be there, yeah, yeah,  
yeah.

You've got a friend.

If the sky above you  
Should turn dark and full of  
clouds

And that old north wind  
should begin to blow  
Keep your head together and  
call my name out loud

And soon I will be knocking  
upon your door.

You just call out my name and  
you know where ever I am  
I'll come running to see you  
again.

Winter, Spring, summer or fall

All you got to do is call  
And I'll be there, yeah, yeah,

yeah.

Hey, ain't it good to know that  
you've got a friend?

People can be so cold.

They'll hurt you and desert you.  
Well they'll take your soul if you  
let them.

Oh yeah, but don't you let them.

You just call out my name and  
you know wherever I am  
I'll come running to see you  
again.

Oh babe, don't you know that,  
Winter Spring summer or fall,  
Hey now, all you've got to do is  
call.

Lord, I'll be there, yes I will.

You've got a friend.

You've got a friend.

Ain't it good to know you've got  
a friend.

Ain't it good to know you've got  
a friend.

You've got a friend.



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## **CROSSROADS**

*by PDG Mario R. Nery*

### **PROMOTING ROTARY'S IMAGE**

This writer was invited to be a Resource Person for the break-up session on Public Relations during the District Assembly held last Saturday. My contribution was to tickle the imagination of the 25 or so participants with only two of the many ideas presented. The first was the thesis that the best Public Relations for Rotary is the testimony of their lives. When the members live by the 4-Way Test, when they are not saddled with a lot of politicking, when they engage themselves in projects that are significant and truly are in response to urgent community needs, Rotary will find Public Relations easy and not expensive because by their lives the truth is exemplified.

The second idea was what I learned many years ago from Mr. Jose "Joe" Carpio, the venerable guru of good public relations, who was then the Vice-President for Public Relations of San Miguel Corp.

Asked to define good public relations, he simply said "Do it well, then tell it well". In Rotary, you can probably say "Choose your project well, then do it well, and then tell it well." Indeed, there are many projects to choose from, and we must choose what our maximum resources can sustain and what provides the largest impact to the community, then do it in the excellent tradition of our club and then tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, specially how it impacts to the benefit of the community. You can't go wrong there.



## **Korean GSE Team Leader Donates Optical Frames to RCNMH**

As promised during his breakfast meeting with President Boone last March 21, 2010 at the CAP John Hay Manor Hotel, Korean GSE Team Leader Eugene Song sent 100 pieces of optical frames for our club this April 15, 2010. Though slightly different from his commitment of 100 pairs of sunglasses for the ATRIEV Computer School of the Blind students, these optical frames will nevertheless come in handy for the patients and beneficiaries of our RCNMH Kalusugan Center.

Rotarian Eugene also sent 1,000 pieces of frames and an additional 100 pairs of sunglasses to RC San Francisco del Monte (c/o PE John Simon) and RC Loyola Heights (c/o DS Joe Baradi).

Hopefully, this is just the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship between our club and that of the District 3700 (Daegu). This is a clear lesson for our future club leaders of how making friends and networking with our international visitors can lead to service project partnerships down the road.



## **Rotarian Al Proudly Carries RCNMH Name in 1st Governor's Chess Cup**

Our club's very own Rotarian Al Villacorte proudly carried the name of the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights by acquitting himself very well in the just concluded 1st District 3780 Governor's Chess Cup held last Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Rotary Center. In fact, were it not for a technicality on the time in Rotarian Al's last match (where based on reports he was way ahead), he would have actually been tied for 1st place. Due to that crucial loss, Rotarian Al slid to 4th place.

Nevertheless, more than just enjoying himself and representing the club very well, Rotarian Al can take solace in the comments of Grandmaster and tournament organizer, President Eugene Torre of RC Sta. Mesa, who relayed to President Boone his comments on the prowess of our club's chess wizard. In a text message, Grandmaster Eugene used the words "very good" and "magaling si Ambassador Al." In fact, National Master Samuel Estimo, who was a viewer during the 1-day tourney, raved at a particular move of Rotarian Al, as the former did not see the move himself.

Wow, Rotarian Al, you do have some hidden chess talent in you. With the experience you carry because of this year's participation, we are sure you will come out on top next year. Our club is very proud of you indeed. Viva Al!



### **Rotaractors Conduct Summer Sports Clinic**

Last April 21-22, 2010, our Rotaractors from Informatics-Brick Road Chapter conducted a Summer Sports Clinic in partnership with the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights and the Informatics Student Club for a Cause. Even for just two days, the Rotaractors were able to bring cheer to the less fortunate youth of Cainta, Rizal—many of whom continue to try to climb their way back from the ravage wrought by Typhoon Ondoy.

The guest speakers for the two-day clinic were no less than Purefoods Assistant Coach Enrico “Koy” Banal of Purefoods for basketball and Informatics Varsity Coach Jaime Delos Santos for volleyball. A total of 30 participants for basketball and 20 participants for volleyball attended this fun and energizing summer sports clinic. The Cypress Village Association in Cainta, led by its President, Mr. Napoleon Usón, generously sponsored the venue for the two-day event.

More than just honing the sports skills of the participants, the clinic was also designed to instill the values of discipline, fair play and teamwork to our youth. This will also keep them busy during this idle time of summer vacation instead of engaging in useless and even dangerous activities.

After the success of this clinic, our Rotaractors from Informatics-Diliman this time are preparing to conduct a similar activity for the less fortunate youth in Quezon City.

# 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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