

Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about eleven (11) things they did not and will not learn in school.

He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

Rule 1 : Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2 : The world doesn't care about your self-esteem.
The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3 : You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school.
You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4 : If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss

Rule 5 : Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity.
Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping:
They called it opportunity.

Rule 6 : If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault,
so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7 : Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. *They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were.*

So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8 : Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. *In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer.*

*This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9 : Life is not divided into semesters.

You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF.

*Do that on your own time.

Rule 10 : Television is NOT real life.

In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11 : Be nice to nerds.

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From a posting by Amba Al -

*Your Mother is always with you....
She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down
the street;
she's the smell of bleach in your freshly laundered
socks;
she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not
well.
Your Mother lives inside your laughter.
And she's crystallized in every tear drop.
She's the place you came from, your first home;
and she's the map you follow with every step you
take.
She's your first love and your first heartbreak,
and nothing on earth can separate you.
Not time, not space... not even death!*

CROSSROADS

Mario R. Nery

THE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

I have been invited to attend the next District Assembly. I do not have a specific part of the program, as far as I know as this is being written, but Rotarians do not need to have an active role to attend important convocations because there is always something to learn in these gatherings. Just being there, in fellowship with other service-driven colleagues, is a reason by itself. The other incentive that I have is to be able to get a good idea of what the new District Governor has planned for his term. One important sense you can get in the DISTAS is whether the Governor places great emphasis on *Pabongga* during his term, or it will be marked by a culture that gives emphasis on humility as the true basis for service to others and for the concept that the strength of a district lies in the individual strengths of the clubs, not in the frequency of district affairs.

The advent of tarpaulins has created both an opportunity and a problem in the communications of many organizations today, including Rotary. Now that it has become, due to modern technology, easy to have a faithful print of a person's face, you now see the phenomenon of the face of the leaders of the organization being given more prominence in the announcements than the service or the organization itself. You would think that they are running for public office, as is the common practice now of all varieties of politicians. When you are in Rotary because you firmly believe in our motto of "Service Above Self", are we not contradicting ourselves by putting our face in the tarpaulin? The usual reasons are that "I spent my own money", or that "I worked very hard for this", or that "But many others are doing it also". The third rationalization really means that since others are stealing, it is also alright for me to do the same. Is not that the same reasoning why our country is going to the dogs (with apologies to the dogs)? It is my ardent hope that we finally get back to the really important things, the things that drew us into this wonderful organization. Let us do away with non-essentials. Ceremonials, when not overdone, yes. In these times of great difficulty for many of our countrymen, it is wise to do things in moderation, not in excess. To do more than that, then it is "Service After Myself".

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ma. Elisa "Baby" Allado

Last Sunday was Mother's day. I started the day by offering flowers and prayers to my parents at the cemetery. I was pampered by my children as usual. Roast beef lunch while watching the Pacquiao-Mosley fight live then Japanese dinner after Sunday mass.

The Images of a Mother

4 YEARS OF AGE - My Mummy can do anything!

8 YEARS OF AGE - My Mum knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother doesn't know everything!

14 YEARS OF AGE - My Mother? She wouldn't have a clue. .

16 YEARS OF AGE - Mum? She's so five minutes ago.

18 YEARS OF AGE - That old woman? She's way out of date!

25 YEARS OF AGE - Well, she might know a little bit about it!

35 YEARS OF AGE - Before we decide, let's get Mum's opinion.

45 YEARS OF AGE - Wonder what Mum would have thought about it?

65 YEARS OF AGE - Wish I could talk it over with Mum.

The beauty of a mother is not in the clothes she wears, the figure she carries, or the way she combs her hair.

The beauty of a mother must be seen from her eyes,
Because that is the doorway to her heart,
The place where love resides.

A Mother is willing to disregard her own need and give up her own happiness for the sake of the people she loves.

GOD, it seems, designed moms to have a BIG HEART!