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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

December 1, 2009

Call to Order	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Invocation	Rtn. Vic Chua
National Anthem	Rtn. Inday Nery
Meals & Fellowship	
Community Singing	A/Sec. Pancoy Saavedra and Rtn. Tas Millena
Rotary Information Game	VP Alex Buot and PP Elsa Unson
Finest Moments	PP Dennis Arca
Classification Talk	Rtn. Noel San Andres
Announcements	Sec. Annie Torres
President's Time	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Rotary Hymn	Rtn. Jodie Moreno
Adjournment	Pres. Boone Ongchoco

Night Chair: PP Boy Escueta

### **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, December 1, 2009.

**Annie Torres**  
Club Secretary



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## The President's Corner

by: Pres. Daniel "Boone" Ongchoco



### Humility in the Rotary World

My experience at the recent Rotary Institute over the past weekend was truly an eye-opener. There was the giddiness of seeing all these international Rotarians, a lot of whom were actually past District Governors or future Governors. Of course, the chance meeting and light conversation with R.I. President John Kenny himself was truly one of the highlights and worth the price of admission so to speak. The new knowledge gained from the plenary sessions and workshops, coupled with the networking with Rotarians from various countries and districts in the

Philippines were also worth their price in gold.

But if I were to pinpoint one lasting impression I got from this Rotary Institute, it would be this—how sad it is that some Rotarians in high positions (some of whom are actually from the Philippines, but thank God, not from our district) can be so condescending and unapproachable. The irony of it all was that the Rotarian in the highest position, R.I. President John Kenny, struck me as one of the more accommodating, humble and down to earth Rotarians during the Zone Institute. Of course, DGE Antonio of Taipei, PDG John of Malaysia and DG Bing Juarez of District 3870 also come to mind as some of the high-ranking Rotarians who were equally accommodating. Taking the high road, I will spare the names of local district governors who had so much air, I actually would not be surprised if they suddenly lifted themselves up like a hot air balloon.

Naturally, I find myself doubly lucky to be in a District where all the past and future governors seem not to have that same problem of "airiness" (beginning with our own PDG Mar himself, of course). And somehow, my interaction with them during the Zone Institute only reinforced this impression of mine. PDG Dan Espinosa of our district put it best I guess when he said over a glass of beer (mango juice for me) that a Rotarian should be like a wheat plant "na lalong tumataas, lalong yumuyuko." What a beautiful reminder indeed!

And this should be no different even on a club level, when new Rotarians should never feel ill at ease when they are surrounded by past Presidents and more senior Rotarians. And that is why we should always make an effort to reach out and make new Rotarians feel at home right off the bat. Only then can we truly claim that all Rotarians are truly equals.



## Night Prayer

Father in Heaven, how blessed we all are. We marvel at the many things You have been doing for us in our personal lives, in our families, in our work and here in Rotary. We pray for grateful hearts at all times so that we do not fall into the trap of pompousness and pride. All that we have comes from You. Even the service we do in Rotary, in our families and work, are gifts from You.

Thank you for allowing us to participate in the First Philippine Project Fair and also for our members who were able to attend the Zone Institute. We thank you also for the opportunity to present our programs to fellow Rotarians. We pray that the networks we establish, bear fruit in due season. We also pray for those who are not able to come to our meetings because of work concerns or health. We pray for the successful operation of Baby Allado. Even now, we claim the full restoration of her foot so she can join us soon enough. Amen



### DECEMBER CALENDAR OF ACTIVITES

#### *Family Month*

- 3\* Classification Talk - Noel San Andres (*Dinner c/o Boyet Alfonso*)
- 5 **“May Bukas Pa” Gift Giving in Phil Children’s Medical Center (with ITIP and Interact)**
- 8\* Christmas Party (*Venue: Barangay Horseshoe Hall*)
- 11 **District Christmas Party**
- 17\* Intercity Meeting - Canadian Ambassador Robert Desjardins
- 18 **P. Tuason Christmas Party/Gift Giving**
- 22/29 Rest Days

\* - Denotes Club Meeting



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- December 1 – PP Jun San Juan
- December 5 – Treas. Cris Yenko



## Give Love On Christmas Day

by The Jackson 5

People making lists, buying special gifts,  
Taking time to be kind to one and all.  
It's that time of year when good friends are near,  
And you wish you could give more than just presents from a store.

Why don't you give love on Christmas Day  
Even the man who has everything  
Would be so happy if you would bring  
him love on Christmas Day,  
No greater gift is there than love.

People you don't know smile and nod hello,  
Everywhere there's an air of Christmas joy.  
It's that once of year when the world's sincere,  
And you'd like to find a way to show the things that words can't say.

Why don't you give love on Christmas Day?  
The man on the street and the couple upstairs  
All need to know there's someone who cares.  
Give love on Christmas Day  
No greater gift is there than

love.

What the world needs is love  
Yes, the world needs more love.

Why don't you give love on Christmas Day  
Every little child on Santa's knee

Has room for your love underneath his tree  
Give love on Christmas Day  
No greater gift is there than love.

What the world needs is love  
Yes, the world needs more love.



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## CROSSROADS

*by Mario R. Nery*

### **The Manila Rotary Zone Conference 2009**

I will share some impressions on the Zone Conference in the hope that it will encourage more of our members to attend major Rotary activities in the future. A zone conference is normally a joint conference of several Rotary zones. In this case, it was for Zones 6B, 7A and 10B, with delegates from Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Indonesia and the Philippines, with guests from Scotland, Australia, the U.S., Japan, Canada and possibly a couple others. I think the ratio of the delegates was 60% from the Philippines and 40% foreign. A major consideration always in international conferences is the high level of fellowship among the delegates. This is because everyone is encouraged to join as many groups during meals and free time as possible. Why? It is because that is the essence of Rotary, a world fellowship of persons who believe in acquaintance as a basis of service.

Many of the speakers were quite good, but some always stand out as simply excellent. Past R.I. President and Past Rotary Foundation Chairman Bicchai Rattakul of Thailand, who spoke on Vocational Service and Ethics, and R.I. Board Member Ravi Rajindran of Sri Lanka, who spoke on the Future Vision of the Rotary Foundation easily were among the best. I predict Ravi, who was my classmate in the International Assembly for Governors-Elect in 1993, will surely be an R.I. President.

The Php 7,200 fee seems a bit high, but when you factor in the high level of fellowship, discussions, presentations, good food and other arrangements, I think it is a bargain. The Institute rotates within the countries covered by the three zones. Last year it was in Taiwan. Next year it will be in Thailand. It will probably be back here in three or four years. It will surely be here in 2019 when we celebrate the 100th year of the first Rotary Club in Asia, The Rotary Club of Manila.



## **RCNMH Shines in the First Philippine Rotary Project Fair**

*By PP Elsa Unson*

This past Thursday, November 22, 2009 was a red letter day for our Club as we participated in the First Philippine Rotary Project Fair. The event preceded the opening of the 3-day Zone Institute. Our Club held the distinction of being the only participant with four projects chosen for display in the exhibit, namely, our “Karunungan at Kabuhayan” Center, the P. Bernardo and P. Tuason Elementary Toilet and Library Renovation, Nutri-Pan sa Eskwelahan (fortified bread for undernourished children), and the Protect-a-Hectare (“Save-a-Rainforest”) environment project that our Club launched during DG Dulce’s birthday. Four of our other major club projects requiring funding were also showcased in our unique and arguably best-looking brochure that drew raves from both local and international Rotarians alike. The attendees were so numerous that it was a standing room only affair.

Club Members Glenn Macatiag, Vic Chua, Director Bobby Ang, PE Baby Allado, PP Elsa Unson and CP Oyie Valarao helped President Boone promote the projects of the club among the delegates that included large delegations from Taiwan and representatives from Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Australia, Pakistan and other countries. Copies of our aforementioned brochure of various club projects were distributed to all participants in addition to the round table discussions with the international delegates. President Boone, Director Bobby and Rotarian Vic were particularly active in trying to seal sister club arrangements with the Taiwanese contingent. All told, it was a good opportunity to discover and learn what other clubs in the Philippines and in other countries like Netherlands, United Kingdom as well as other clubs in the Zone, are doing.

In the afternoon, June Kenney, wife of RI President John, toured the exhibits. Our own President Boone was able to present two of our exhibits to Mrs. Kenny who was very appreciative of the various projects presented in the Fair.

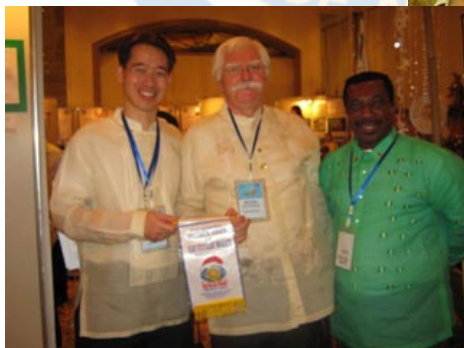


Pres. Boone enthusiastically explaining one of our projects to Mrs. June Kenny (back turned)



Pres. Boone, Dir. Bobby and Rtn. Vic pose with the Taiwanese delegation

The RCNMH Project Fair delegation share a light moment



Pres. Boone finds a new friend in CP Michel Kazmierczak of RC San Nicolas Makati



## **Rotary Institute Manila 2009**

*by Pres. Boone Ongchoco*

From November 27-29, Rotarians from various countries in Zones 6B, 7A and 10B congregated at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Makati for the annual Rotary Institute. No less than R.I. President John Kenny and spouse June were on hand to grace the event. Filipino V.I.P.'s like Vice President Noli de Castro and former MMDA Chairman Bayani Fernando also served as guest speakers during the event.

The Rotary Institute is an essential gathering for R.I. senior leaders and future leaders, where in-depth discussions on the latest issues take place in line with R.I. guidelines. It is a venue to enrich one's Rotary experience, update one's Rotary knowledge and enjoy fellowship at the same time. Among the topics discussed were the Presidential Emphases (Water, Health & Hunger and Literacy) and Citation, The Future of Rotary is Vocational Service, R.I. Financial Five-Year Forecast, Future Vision Plan, PolioPlus Status Report/Rotary USD200 Million Challenge, and Membership Development: "Each Rotarian, Reach One, Keep One."

Of course, the Filipino brand of entertainment was provided by groups like the Banda Kawayan, Philippine Ballet Theater, Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group, Tuloy sa Don Bosco Streetchildren Choir and of course, our own "suki" in Rotary, Lady Valerie and her band. Not to be outdone, the various Rotary contingents from Thailand, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines also came up with their own production numbers.

Truly, it was a spectacle to behold and a wonderful experience for any Rotarian. Now, I understand the saying that you have to experience international events like the R.I. Convention and the Rotary Institute at least once to get a "feel" of what Rotary really is all about. For those who missed out on the Manila Zone Institute, there is the R.I. Convention in Montreal next June 2010 to look forward to, or if you are on a budget, the next Rotary Institute will just be in nearby Bangkok, Thailand.



Dir. Bobby with  
R.I. President John Kenny  
and spouse June



Pres. Boone signs a sister club  
agreement with  
Pres. Tess Katigbak of  
RC Lipa West of District 3820



Pres. Boone seals a sister club  
arrangement with Pres. Cheryl Lu  
of RC Santa Rosa Centro of  
District 3820



Pres. Boone with new found  
friend DGE Antonio of Taipei





## **RCNMH partners with Red Cross-Youth in Drug Abuse Prevention Education**

Last November 24, 2009, the Rotary Club of New Manila Heights, in partnership with the Philippine National Red Cross-Youth Department and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), conducted a Drug Abuse Prevention Education (DAPE) Seminar at the Barangay Horseshoe Conference Room. Based on record, a total of over 50 out-of-school youth, youth leaders and mothers from neighboring barangays actively participated in the said training.

The Drug Abuse Prevention Education (DAPE) is one of the most relevant trainings offered to Red Cross Youth members and non-members. This training is designed to help the youth fully understand the ill effects and prevention of drug abuse among children and young adolescence, and also to equip them with the necessary skills to educate their peers on drug prevention.



## **Club Undertakes Steps in Electoral Process**

*By PP Elsa Unson*

The Rotary Club of new Manila Heights in a regular club meeting held last November 17, 2009, nominated candidates for officers and directors of the club for RY 2010-2011 and also nominated one candidate for the President Nominee slot. Elections will be held on the Christmas Party meeting of the Club this coming December 8.

President Nominee sole candidate is Director Alex Buot. Unlike the previous year where he was coy about accepting any nomination, this time, Alex Buot enthusiastically accepted the nomination.

Among the nominees for Vice President were Director Alex Arrojo, Secretary Annie Torres and A/Sec. Pancoy Saavedra. They also become automatic nominees to fill in slots of officers and directors for next Rotary Year together with the following: Vic Chua, Badette Rebullo, Glenn Macatiag, Al Villacorte, Jojo Hipolito, Arbie Jacinto and Josie Ang.

Before the nominations were opened by PP Boyet Alfonso, President Boone advised the Club of the recommendation of the Board to endorse our member, Gloriosa "Oyie" Valarao, for District Governor in the coming Discon elections. Should Oyie be chosen by the nominating committee, she will be Governor Nominee by the time of the Discon in Baguio. The club, in a viva-voce vote, ratified the Board's recommendation. It was then that Oyie, who is also called GOV (for Gloriosa "Oyie" Valarao, among other connotations) by her friends, accepted the club's vote endorsing her as a candidate for District Governor for RY 2012-2013.



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## **New RCNMH Member Groupings to be Implemented on Christmas Party**

For the last 3 months, the RCNMH Member Groupings (released last August 13) have simply been used as guide for the roster of Night Program participants every club meeting. However, effective our Club Christmas Party this December 8, we will be giving the member groupings more involvement during our club gatherings. PE Baby Allado and VP Alex Buot have also taken the initiative of shuffling the groups to make them more balanced in terms of classification, age, sex and Rotary experience.

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 3</b>	<b>Group 5</b>
Jodie Moreno	Ed Aguila	Ponchit Miranda
Dennis Arca	Butch Pacana	Jun San Juan
Boy Escueta	Raffy Pefianco	Alex Arrojo
Baby Allado	Annie Torres	Elsa Unson
Inday Nery	Fely Borje	Janice Adolfo
Pancoy Saavedra	Glenn Macatiag	Arbie Jacinto
Vic Chua	Jojo Hipolito	Dexter Qua
Tas Millena	Rose Rabino	Al Villacorte
<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 4</b>	
Boyet Alfonso	Alex Buot	
Jimmy Siybaucó	Bobby Ang	
Rod Lejano	Mar Nery	
Cris Yenko	Edith Tapnio	
Josie Ang	Oyie Valaraó	
Noel San Andres	Manolette Santiago	
Benjie Javier	Ian Dejon	
Badette Redublo	Rizz Genil	

# 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
President-Elect	Ma. Elisa "Baby" Allado
Vice President	Alejandro "Alex" Buot, Jr.
Secretary	Annie "Annie" Torres
Assistant Secretary	Francisco "Pangkoy" Saavedra
Treasurer	Crispina "Cris" Yenke
Assistant Treasurer	Felisa "Fely" Borje
Auditor	PP Francisco "Boyot" Alfonso
Sergeant-at-Arms	Alexander "Alex" Arrojo
Committee Chairpersons	
Club Administration	Alejandro "Alex" Buot, Jr.
Membership Development	PP Edward Dennis "Dennis" Arca
Service Projects	Ma. Elisa "Baby" Allado
Public Relations	Robert "Bobby" Ang
The Rotary Foundation	CP Gloriosa "Oyie" Valarao
Ex-Officio	IPP Rolando "Butch" Pacana
Adviser	PDG Mario "Mar" Nery

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