



## Night Program

January 12, 2010

Call to Order	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Invocation	Rtn. Vic Chua
National Anthem	PP Jodie Moreno
Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians	A/Sec. Pancoy Saavedra
Meals & Fellowship	
Community Singing	Rtn. Tas Millena
Games	PE Baby Allado
Rotary Information	PDG Mar Nery
“On To Montreal” Film	CP Oyie Valarao
Announcements	Sec. Annie Torres
President’s Time	Pres. Boone Ongchoco
Rotary Hymn	Rtn. Inday Nery
Adjournment	Pres. Boone Ongchoco

Night Chair: PP Dennis Arca

### **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, January 12, 2010.

**Annie Torres**

Club Secretary



## The President's Corner

by: Pres. Daniel "Boone" Ongchoco



### Continuity in Rotary

Over the last few weeks, I have been having conversations with PE Baby about her upcoming term, and our club should be very pleased to know that she has some really outstanding plans in store for our club. Like a "father" having a child, I can't help but feel excited for what will be in store for all of us in the Rotary Year 2010-11. I also feel a strong sense of responsibility in seeing to it that there is continuity in our successful projects and of course, improvement in the areas and club aspects where we remain flawed and lacking.

In the same way my predecessors (with notable mention of my "2005 batchmates," PP Boyet and PP Elsa) have been so unselfish in sharing their past experiences with me, I feel strongly obligated to help PE Baby in ensuring that our club will continue to live up to its service calling and to being, as I call it, "District 3780's Pride." In fact, I have already begun sharing with PE Baby my wish list of what I feel can be improved upon in her term and what other projects can be pursued in the event they fail to come to fruition in my term. Rest assured, as I mentioned earlier, our President-elect has her own plans, and if I may say, is more than capable to ensure that the stature we have attained in the District be maintained, and even be surpassed.

I will not go on further as I may jump the gun here and mention to you some of PE Baby's plans. I will give her the courtesy and allow her to share them with you first hand. All I can say is that we are all extremely lucky to have PE Baby in this line of succession. Of course, her track record in vocational service is unmatched and can speak for itself. Her active involvement in my term and in those of PP Boyet and IPP Butch has made her more than ready and able to lead this club to the proverbial "greater heights."

In fact, I will let you all in on this little "secret"—the success of our first semester has largely been due to a group of "angels" in our club, one of whom is none other than our PE Baby. But as I mentioned during my induction, true success in my term as President can only be realized if "continuity" is ensured. With PE Baby's pure heart for service, I have no doubt she will ensure our success.

At the end of the day, what will truly distinguish a good President from a great one is the sincere desire to help the needy and make a real difference in the world. It is the "pure heart for service" that I call. It is the pure heart for service that PE Baby has much in abundance.

This early, I can't wait for the Rotary Year 2010-11 to unfold!



## Night Prayer

Thank You, Lord for gathering so many of us this evening. As we enter more into the year, we bring to You the many other plans and aspirations our Club still has. We want to honor You through the work we do for others. We also want to thank You for the partners you have sent us and for the people we serve. Thank You for the awesome experience of being able to bring Christmas in January to the still displaced residents of Bagong Silangan whom we were able to bring joy to through yesterday's gift giving. Thank you for the generosity of those who made this possible. You, Lord, are a God of wonder and delight, a true provider. Make a home possible for these still displaced families. We also thank You for enabling our club to have accomplished so much through the tireless and generous work and efforts of dedicated members. Bless and prosper the work of their hands. We pray these in Your Name. Amen.



## JANUARY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Rotary Awareness Month

*(Suggested Speaker Topic: Beauty & Wellness)*

- 5\* Regular Meeting (*Dinner c/o PP Jun San Juan*)
- 11 RCNMH New Year's Gift-Giving Project in Bagong Silangan, QC
- 12\* Regular Meeting (*Dinner c/o Treas. Cris Yenko*)
- 16 Presidents Meeting
- 17 Start of District Tenpin Bowling Tournament
- 18 Start of Screening of Informatics Rotary Scholars
- 19\* Out of Venue Meeting (*Rtn-In-Charge: PP Ed Aguila*)
- 23 District Legislative Assembly
- 23-24 RYLA Training Camp (*Sierra Madre Resort*)
- 26\* Club Assembly (*Dinner c/o Janet Adams*)
- 30-31 Mid-Year Conference (*Subic Freeport*)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS



January 6 - Janet Adams

January 10 - Manolette Santiago

January 23 - Jimmy Siybaucó

**FAMILY**

by Dreamgirls

What about what I need?

Curtis says it's the best thing for the group.

What about what's best for me?

He feels the Dreams can crossover.

What about how I feel?

But when we're famous I'll write great things for ya, Effie do it for me.

What about me? What about me?

It's more than you, it is more than me

No matter what we are, we are a family

This dream is for all of us, this one can be real, and you can't stop us now because of how you feel...

It's more than you, It is more than me

Whatever dreams we have, there for the family, we're not alone anymore now there are others there, and that dreams big enough

for all of us to share, so don't think that you're going,

you're not going anywhere,

you're staying and taking your share, and if you get afraid again, I'll be there...

We are a family like a giant tree branching out towards the sky, we are a family we are so much more than just you and I we are a family like a giant tree, growing stronger, growing wiser, we are growing free... we need you...we are a family...



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## CROSSROADS

*by Mario R. Nery*

### Some Good Points To Know

1. Why is electioneering for any position in Rotary prohibited?

For at least two reasons: 1. Any electioneering activity necessarily results in partisanship, which is always divisive. A divided club's time is spent in arguments which are not productive, thus a divided club is usually ineffective. 2. It goes against the very concept of our motto, which is Service Above Self. Rotary gifts a person with an office first because of an excellent record of service, second because of the person's proven integrity and third because of a perceived potential to do good both for the community and for the organization, ONLY. Those who violate this rule do a disservice to Rotary, and will have to wrestle with their conscience, if they have any left, if they indeed deserve the honor of victory, or even of being a Rotarian.

2. Many new (and even old) Rotarians ask why we need to meet weekly.

We do because the weekly meetings are a terrific vehicle for bonding and also the principal avenue for the formation of us all into becoming better Rotarians. Additionally, we sometimes have guest speakers who speak about matters that make us better in our vocations, professions and even in our personal lives. So don't miss out on any meeting. You will surely lose out with the fellowship with your members and the opportunity to learn something new.



## Christmas in January

by: PP Elsa Unson

Monday afternoon of January 11, 2010 was Christmas to some 131 families still residing at the evacuation center of Bagong Silangan, Quezon City (one of the hardest hit areas by Ondoy). The families were asked to pre-register ahead of schedule and our Red Cross partners obtained the information needed so we could pack gift bags that were needed by the different families.

The generous outpouring of donations and assistance from partners and friends from abroad like the Rotary Club of Yokohama Seiya, Sigma Delta Phi North America East Coast Chapter, The QC Chapter of the Philippine National Red Cross, Ambassador Joey Ampeso, Menchu Peter and Friends, made yesterday's gift giving truly a sight to behold. More moving to those present, were the expressions of "Thank You" and "Pasalamat" that many of the recipients uttered.

After the gift-giving that was participated in by club members-- Sec. Annie and Alex Torres, Janice Adolfo and Rizza Genil, PE Baby Allado and PP Elsa Unson--the the group moved to the covered courts that housed many of the recipients. The families share small areas while awaiting relocation sites as they are no longer allowed to return and rebuild along the river banks.





# Rotary GSE

Group Study Exchange



## MY GSE EXPERIENCE

*by Sally Jo Bellosillo*

After 9/11 happened, I remember reading an article in Time that speaks about the need to travel, to reach out because while we may think that there is much the world can learn from us there is so much more that we can learn from the world.

In October 2009, I attended the first round of screenings of the Group Study Exchange Program of Rotary International District 3780. Never before have I seen a room filled with some of the most young, driven and passionate individuals. It felt like all of us were in different stages of living our dreams. We all had one goal, to be chosen as part of the GSE team to Korea and Switzerland. After 4 panel interviews we were trimmed down 7 finalists per team. I luckily made it to Team Korea with our Group Leader Bobby Romero of RC Commonwealth. The screening process was just the beginning. Out of the 7 of us only 4 will make the Korea trip.

But the funny thing about this experience was it never felt like we were competing with each other (great meals and a great Christmas party). When I signed on for this, I expected to have one heck of an experience but did not realize I was going to walk away with a wonderful set of friends.



## ***A Letter from Montreal***

As Chair of the Host Organizing Committee, this is my invitation to all of you to join us for the celebration of the internationality of Rotary in Montreal, June 20 – 23, 2010. We will be celebrating 100 years of Rotary being an international organization as a result of the first Rotary club meeting outside the USA in November, 1910, in Winnipeg, Canada. You will live **'An International Experience'** everywhere you go within the city.

This is your celebration of 100 years of diverse cultures, multiple languages, and numerous races and religions all working together in harmony to make a better world in Rotary. You will also experience this diversity in the city of Montreal. Montreal is officially a bilingual city where French and English is spoken everywhere, but there are 80 different languages spoken throughout the neighbourhoods representing the many countries our citizens have come from.

You will experience the multi-ethnicity of Rotary in the streets, and the friendliness of the locals in the shops, in the restaurants, in the museums, or traveling on the Metro (subway), or perhaps while just relaxing, enjoying refreshment in an outdoor café or sitting on a bench in the shade of a tree in one of many Montreal's parks.

This will also be reflected in the entertainment and host hospitality that the local Rotarians have planned, which will not only make you feel welcome, but to experience a multi-cultural Canada in the truest sense of the word.

Come to Montreal to celebrate, to learn, to make new friends, rekindle old friendships and celebrate 100 years of the internationality of Rotary in 'An International Experience'.

**Linda M. Bradley**