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96th Inaugural and Handover Ceremonies Program

Officer-in-charge & Program Moderator: **PP BENNY LAGUESMA**

Thursday, July 2, 2015, 12N, New World Hotel Makati Ballroom

11:30 PM	Registration and Cocktails	
12:25 PM	Bell to be Rung: Members and Guests are requested to be seated	PP Benny Laguesma OIC/Moderator
12:30 PM	Call to order Singing of Republic of the Philippines National Anthem	Pres. Frank Evaristo RCM WF Music Chorale
	Invocation	IT Chito Zaldarriaga
	RCM Hymn The 4-Way Test Credo	RCM WF Music Chorale All Rotarians
12:40 PM	Introduction of - -Guests and Visiting Rotarians -Personalities seated at the Head Table Welcome Song	PP Benny Laguesma PVP Lance Masters RCM WF Music Chorale
12:45 PM	Introduction of the RCM Board of Directors and Officers for the Rotary Year 2015-16	PP Benny Laguesma OIC/Moderator
1:00 PM	Induction of the incoming Board of Directors / Officers for the Rotary Year 2015-16	DG Obet Pagdanganan RID-3810 Inducting Officer
	Presentation of Presidential Gavel of Authority and Presidential Pin to Pres. Ebot Tan	IPP Frank Evaristo
	Presentation of plaque of recognition & immediate past president's pin to	IPP Frank Evaristo Pres. Ebot Tan
1:30 PM	Introduction of Pres. Ebot Tan, RY 2015-16 Inaugural Address:	Sec. George Salazar Pres. Ebot Tan
	Serenade in honor of Pres. Ebot Tan	RCM WF Chorale
	Entertainment numbers	Rtn. Geof Yu; Mr. Darius Razon (courtesy of PD John Cenica)
2:00 PM	Response and Adjournment	Pres. Ebot Tan

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



For the Rotary Club of Manila, the first Rotary Club in Asia, a new chapter begins. We, the World Class Team of Directors and Officers, inherit the tradition of excellence handed down to us over the decades of diligence, labor, hardwork, and integrity of our dedicated predecessors, who planted the seed of Rotary on Philippine shores some ninety-six (96) years ago. This defines the breed of men our club is made of. This, too, shall define the next chapter in the history of our Club's existence.

Today, as we begin a new era of leadership and Service Above Self within our Club, we also celebrate the start of the service of our own PP Obet Pagdanganan as District Governor of Rotary International District 3810. We look forward to a year of challenges and opportunities for growth, development, and improvement and hope that, by the end of Rotary Year 2015-2016, our Club will emerge a stronger and more united club, and that it will live up to its reputation as the premier and most respected Rotary Club in the country. Divided, we will encounter much difficulty. But, united, there is nothing we cannot achieve and accomplish. I enjoin all my fellow Manila Rotarians to take an active role in the development, improvement, and strengthening of our Club. Let us all exert our utmost in living "Service Above Self" and truly being "A Gift to the World."

I look forward to serving all of you and the Rotary Club of Manila this Rotary Year 2015-2016 and to your active participation in our Club's activities this Rotary Year 2015-2016.

EUSEBIO V. TAN
President
Rotary Year 2015-2016

ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA

Activities Planned for Rotary Year 2015-2016

I. Mandatory Activities

- a. Set at least 15 goals in Rotary Club Central.
- b. Pay July semi-annual dues to RI on time.

II. Membership Development and Retention

- a. Achieve a net gain in membership. [Small clubs (up to 49 members) must achieve a net gain of at least one member; large clubs (50 or more members) must achieve a net gain of at least two members.]
- b. Improve the member retention rate by at least 1 percent from last year.
- c. Increase new member sponsors by at least 1 percent from last year.

III. Foundation Giving

- a. Support the Rotary Foundation by contributing at least \$20.
- b. Have at least 10 percent of club members enrolled in Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct. Or, increase the total number of Paul Harris Society members in the club by at least one.
- c. Increase the total number of Benefactors, Bequest Society members, or Paul Harris Fellows in the club by at least one.

IV. Online Tool Adoption

- a. Have at least 50 percent of club members registered in My Rotary.
- b. Post at least one initiative on Rotary Showcase.
- c. Maintain a project in need of assistance on Rotary Ideas or contribute to a project on Rotary Ideas.
- d. Have at least two club members participate in Discussion Groups on My Rotary.

V. Humanitarian Service

- a. Ensure that at least one club member belongs to a Board-recognized Rotarian Action Group.
- b. Have at least one club member attend a grant management seminar. (Club must report in Rotary Club Central.)
- c. Partner with the Rotary Foundation by sponsoring at least one project funded by a global grant or a district grant.
- d. Establish partnership with one or more corporate or government entities and conduct a project together.
- e. Enhance a project's scope and visibility by partnering with at least five other Rotary clubs in our region.

VI. New Generations

- a. Sponsor or co-sponsor a Rotaract club.
- b. Sponsor a community-based Rotaract club.
- c. Have at least three club members mentor a Rotaractor.

VII. Public Image

- a. Update club website and social media using Rotary's visual identity guidelines.
- b. Update club brochure and newsletter using Rotary's visual identity guidelines.

INNAUGURAL SPEECH



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Good evening!

Last week, my wife Susan and I had fun trying to figure out the number of times I've been inducted to office, whether in school, in private or in public positions. The first time was some 56 years ago when I was elected boy mayor while in grade six at Calumpit Elementary School. We counted more than 80 times including tonight. But I consider it very special and a great honor, indeed, to be inducted as the District Governor for District 3810 of Rotary International, the foremost global humanitarian service organization which has been doing good in the world during the past 111 years! In Rotary, we "Serve Above Self!"

Rabindranath Tagore, one of my favorite poets, wrote:
"I slept and dreamt that life was joy, I woke up and found that life was service, I acted and behold, service was joy."

Indeed, in Rotary, "service above self" is the greatest source of happiness! I would therefore like to thank you all very much for honoring us with your presence tonight. No occasion can be happier than celebrating with friends who share the same passion to serve, especially the less fortunate.

((Let me now acknowledge my first Club, the Rotary Club of Calumpit in District 3770, which opened the door of Rotary for me. We have here with us, PDG Manny Punzalan and his wife, PP Sandra.))

I would like to thank my colleagues at RC Manila, the first in Asia, who elected me as Club President three years ago. That paved the way for my unplanned and unexpected election as District Governor Nominee for District 3810. Palakpakan po natin ang Tatay o Lolo Ng mga Rotary Clubs sa buong Asya!

I am also very grateful to my classmates and to the Peace Builder Team of 2012-2013 for bestowing their trust in me to lead our District. Please give a round of applause to the Peace Builder Team in 2012-2013, led by our Governor Maeng Mercado. MARAMING SALAMAT po sa malaking karangalang ito.

Nais ko rin pong ipaabot ang aking taus-pusong pasasalamat sa ating host club na pinarangalan bilang most outstanding rookie club this year ng District 3810, Ang Rotary Club of Pasay Centro, sa pangunguna ng aking kaklase, Charter President and District Secretary Dolly Uanang, at ni World Class President Abby Dizon. Let's give RC Pasay Centro a big round of applause!

The last three years of my active involvement in our District has enabled me to truly appreciate the greatness of Rotary International. I've had much satisfaction taking part in giving aid to the unfortunate victims of Habagat flooding and Typhoon Yolanda. I was also with my Peace Builder Classmates who brought some basic necessities to the Mangyans in Mindoro who trekked 5 kilometers of muddy road just to meet us. I have met the ever ready fire brigade of RC Rajah Sulayman, the children with hydrocephalus being helped by RC Sampaloc. The Dugong Dugtong Buhay project of RC Pasay Centro, the hundreds of street children being taken care of by Tuloy sa Don Bosco Foundation, and the orphans at Hospicio de San Jose and Asilo de San Vicente being supported by RC Manila for many decades now. Just look around you and you will likely see Rotarians helping the poor and needy, so I'll spare you from further details.

However, I'll be remiss if I don't mention the valiant effort being waged in the global stage by Rotary International, to eradicate the dreaded Polio virus. Pioneered in the Philippines some 30 years ago, when it was commonplace to see polio victims unable to develop their full potentials, there are today only three more countries that have yet to be declared polio-free, namely Pakistan, Afganishtan and Nigeria. The threat remains as the polio virus mutates and can easily be spread. But with your support, the polio virus will be totally eradicated from the face of the earth by 2018! Incidentally, for every dollar we contribute, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gives twice as much counterpart.

Rotary's incredible achievements are too numerous to count. Yet, we should not bask in past glories nor rest on our laurels. Neither should we be deterred nor discouraged by temporary failures. But we must equip ourselves to successfully hurdle the three major challenges facing us.

First of all: We must grow our organization. As PRIP Richard Evans said, "Growth is the only evidence of life." In fact, anything that stops growing stagnates, and everything that stagnates, eventually dies. Rotary is doing too many good things to the world which must be sustained for the many centuries to come.

Another truism is that we cannot give what we don't have. Membership growth is therefore a condition sine qua non, if Rotary were to continue to achieve our mission.

Second of all; We must promote Teamwork and strengthen our linkage with similarly oriented institutions. Author Phil Condit wrote, "None of us is as smart nor as good as all of us." And as my favorite Quaker proverb put it: "Thee lift me and I lift thee; and we shall ascend together."

Thirdly, we must prioritize the problems and optimize use of our limited resources. Obviously, Rotary cannot be a panacea to all of society's ills! We can only do so much.

RI President Ravi has already clearly defined our strategic priorities and goals including the presidential citation. He has also announced this year's inspiring Theme, BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD! Following the trend set by his two predecessors who respectively named their Teams as First Class and Best Class, President Ravi not to be outdone, fondly calls his Team, the World Class Team. That is OUR TEAM.

Our District Goal has twelve items that define each priority area. But our World Class Team has agreed to simplify and sum it up in ten words!

May I propose to our World Class Team that we share our District Goal with our friends?
World Class Team, HANDA NA BA KAYO?
DISTRICT 3-8-1-ZERO, NÚMERO UNO.
WORLD CLASS TEAM: HANDOG SA MUNDO!

Minsan pa kaya, MAS MALAKAS para MARINIG sa Chicago!
DISTRICT 3-8-1-ZERO: NÚMERO UNO;
WORLD CLASS TEAM: HANDOG SA MUNDO!!!

Palakpakan din po natin ang World Class Team Ng D 3810. Huwag kayo'ng mag-alala mga kasama, kahit naririto ang taga ibang Distrito. May usapan na kami ng mga kaklase ko! Kung sino ang may Induction, Siya ang bida! Kahapon D3830, bukas D3770, sa isang Linggo, iba naman. Pero ngayong gabi ang BIDA AY ANG DISTRICT 3810! Tayo ang NUMERO UNO!

At this juncture, I would like to congratulate the Best Class Team led by my dear friend District Governor Edmond Aguilar for their outstanding achievements this year!

The total number of Clubs in our District has reached 100 for the first time, with more than fifteen (15) per cent increase in membership as of today. That makes us number four overall.

Our total TRF contribution of USD320,000 is the highest in five (5) years. Their service and fellowship projects are too numerous to mention. Bigyan po natin ng masigabong Palakpakan si DG Edmond at ang District 3810 Best Class Team!

What the Best Class Team has attained is certainly, a tough act to follow! But we thank them because now, we have the advantage of starting at a higher plane to achieve our goal to make District 3810 Número Uno!

Besides, we have another advantage over the Best Class Team. Remember, next year 2016 is a LEAP YEAR! THAT GIVES US EXACTLY ONE DAY AND ONE SECOND LONGER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL!

So my dear Teammates, to claim lack of time as an excuse not to accomplish our goals, is totally not acceptable.

Ladies and gentlemen, I think you will agree with me that for RY 2015-2016, RIPE Ravi could not have chosen a more appropriate Theme!

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD!

In his inaugural speech in San Diego last January, President Ravi narrated why he chose this theme. When he was about eleven years old, his beloved mother contracted polio. She was helped by Rotarian friends of his late father and his Mom was saved. Inspired by that experience, Ravi resolved to work hard, succeed in business which he did, and eventually share his blessings with the less fortunate. Having been gifted with so much, President Ravi is happily sharing his gifts to the world, and influencing others to do likewise.

We Rotarians, are among the most fortunate people in the world! To belong in Rotary, one has to be a leader in his or her field of endeavor, whether in business, profession or in the community.

Because Rotarians share their time, talents or treasure, some more than others, Rotary has been able to do good in the world for one century, one decade and one year. This year's Rotary theme will ensure that this great tradition shall continue for the next century and beyond.

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD!!!

But has it ever occurred to you my dear friends that instead of giving, we could have been receiving gifts from others? I remember what my father used to say, which I would like to paraphrase now. The circumstances of our birth are purely providential. We could have been among the street children in Payatas or Hospicio de San Jose? Or one of the wage earners barely able to support their families.

But God is so good to all of us! He has kindly gifted us with good health, good education, successful careers in business or profession, caring families and some loyal friends. He placed us in positions to be of service to the less fortunate.

It is always good to remind ourselves about what the good book says, "To whom much is given, much is expected in return." My fervent prayer is for the Lord to shower us with more blessings so that we can become greater blessings to others and wonderful gifts to the world!

Ladies and gentlemen, there are so many people out there who need our help! As mentioned by our guest of honor, more than fifty million Filipinos rate themselves poor according to the survey released by SWS a few days ago.

Let us therefore be relentless in delivering services based on the six areas of focus. Maternal health and childcare, disease prevention and treatment, basic education and literacy, peace and conflict resolution, economic and community development, and water and sanitation. Additionally, I would like to invite you to support a campaign that is very close to my heart. Let us promote road safety!

What do fast and furious actor Paul Walker, UP Professor Chit Santillan, Actor Jay Ilagan and chemist Reynaldo dela Cruz have in common? They all perished in road crashes! May they rest in peace. Much is said about dengue, tuberculosis, HIV AIDS, or MERS CoV. But the biggest killer of people 29 years and younger is road crashes. UN estimates that as many as 500 people die in road crashes everyday.

In the year 2007 alone according to the United Nations statistics, 50 Million people were injured and 1.3 Million people were killed due to road crashes. One of them was our only son Raymond who perished while avoiding a tricycle without tail light on the fast lane of an unlit portion of MacArthur Highway in Malolos. The two boys riding the tricycle were unhurt but Raymond in saving them, lost his own life. I'll never forget the most agonizing twelve hours of my life that fateful Sunday morning on January

21, 2007. Upon receiving the call at around 3:30 am, I rushed to Malolos. I stayed with my son, praying, pleading even bargaining with the Lord just for him to live. But that was not meant to be. He passed on at 3:30 o'clock that same afternoon.

I believe that Raymond is in heaven, joining us in prayer that no one among us will ever experience the pain that his Mom and I have gone through, and still suffer to this date, albeit to a lesser degree. May I therefore earnestly invite you all to join us in promoting road safety! Every effort you exert to educate a child, put up proper road signs, have a pedestrian lane painted, or get our government officials to make our roads and vehicles safer, will be greatly appreciated.

We, Rotarians are generally a happy lot! We like fellowships. We like taking pictures as we serve. Perhaps the most quoted expression in Rotary gatherings is "One more picture, please!"

Personally, I've had more pictures taken of myself during the last three years than in the first 65 years of my life! I am reminded of our Peace Builder Classmate, PBP Pen Albaran who made a parody of the Rotary motto, saying "PICTURE ABOVE SELF."

But the question is, when we are but a picture in Facebook, in Viber or a mere picture in the wall, what legacy would we have left behind!

Noted author Stephen Covey quoting an anonymous source wrote, "One hundred years from now, it will not matter what car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a little bit better, because I was important in the life of a child."

That my dear friends is the great opportunity that this great and noble organization, Rotary International is offering us. To leave a legacy of compassionate service to the needy and the less fortunate. Let us not miss this chance and regret later.

In closing my dear friends, let me reiterate to you the first in our twelve point District Goals:

HAVE A MOST ENJOYABLE ROTARY YEAR OF SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP!

LET US ALL ENJOY ROTARY!

After all as Norman Vincent Peale said:

"Nothing worthwhile was ever accomplished by someone who did not enjoy doing what he did"

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, LET US ENJOY BEING WORTHY GIFTS TO THE WORLD!

MABUHAY ANG ROTARY!

MABUHAY KAYO AT MARAMING SALAMAT PO!!!

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK 'S ACTIVITY

Thursday, July 9, 2015, 12N, Manila Polo Club

Hon. Andres D. Bautista
Chairman, Commission on
Elections



By: Rtn. "Tong" Payumo, Chairman,
Program Committee
PD "Issam" Eldebs, Rtn. Babe Romualdez,
Co-Chairmen, Program Committee

THE WEEK THAT WAS...



DE Issam Eldebs as OIC-Moderator directs the program of activities for Valedictory and Presidential Year-End Club Awards Meeting.



DGE Obet Pagdanganan delivers an ecumenical prayer.



Sec. Albert Alday leads fellow Rotarians in the recitation of the Four (4) Way Test.



STAR Rtn. Jappy Pascual introduces the guests, visiting Rotarians and personalities seated at the presidential table.



The **Spanish Medico-Surgical Team** on a 2-week humanitarian assistance mission at the Rizal Medical Center arranged by **Dir. Ning Lopez, PD Abe Pascual, IAS Alvin Lacambacal**, is formally introduced to the membership led by **Dr. Ramon Sousa, surgeon Dr. Vicent Rodilla, Dr. Natalia Fischer, Mr. Diego Sousa, medical student, Mr. Matias Sousa, medical student, Mr. Alvaro Ferregot, medical student, & Ms. Isabel Brotons, medical student.**

PD Abe Pascual appeals to fellow members for voluntary cash donation at any amount to augment the capital expenditures of the missionaries from Spain.



Pres. Frank Evaristo administers the oath of honorary membership pledge to **His Excellency Bill Tweddell**, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of Australia to the Philippines.



His Excellency Ambassador Bill Tweddell delivers brief message.



Pres. Frank Evaristo delivers valedictory speech which was preceded by a surprise video messages presentation prepared by his family led by spouse **Ms. Vicky Montilla**.



A “**Congratulatory and Mabuhay Toast**” tendered for **Pres. Frank Evaristo and Board of Directors/Officers** for steering the club to higher level of accomplishments during the Rotary Year 2014 – 2015. (Wines courtesy of **PVP Manny Dy**)



DG Edmond Aguilar presents a Special Award to **Pres. Frank Evaristo** capping his exemplary performance not only at his home club but the District 3810 as well.

Presidential Year-End Awards Presentation, RY 2014-15 by **Pres. Frank Evaristo**; **DG Edmond Aguilar**, **DGE Obet Pagdangan** with **PP Benny Laguesma**, Chairman, Club Awards Committee, citing the awardees. Among those awardees present were :



Dir. Robert L. Joseph, Jr., Leon Lambert Lifetime Achievement Top Award



PD/DE Issam Eldebs,
Outstanding Rotarian of the Year
Award,



Rtn. Hermie Esguerra,
Outstanding Service Award -
Club Service



PDG Vince Carlos,
Outstanding Service
Award – Club
Service



Sec. Albert Alday,
Outstanding Service Award –
Club Service,



Treas. Chito Tagaysay,
Outstanding Service Award –
Club Service,



PVP Lance Masters, Outstanding
Service Award – Club Service,



PVP Manny Dy ,
Outstanding Service Award –
Club Service,



PP Cesar Ubaldo, Outstanding
Service Award – Club Service,



DGE Obet Pagdanganan,
Special Award,



SAA Dave Reynolds,
Special Award



PP Babes Reyes, Special Award



PS Gus Fajardo,
Special Award



IPP Rudy Bediones,
Presidential Citation Award,



Vice Pres. Teddy Ocampo,
Presidential Citation Award,



Vice Pres./Pres.-elect Ebot Tan, Presidential Citation Award,



Dir. Amading Valdez,
Presidential Citation Award,



Dir. Oscar del Rosario, Sr.,
Presidential Citation Award,



DSAA Jimmy Cabase,
Presidential Citation Award,



PP Benny Laguesma,
Presidential Citation Award,



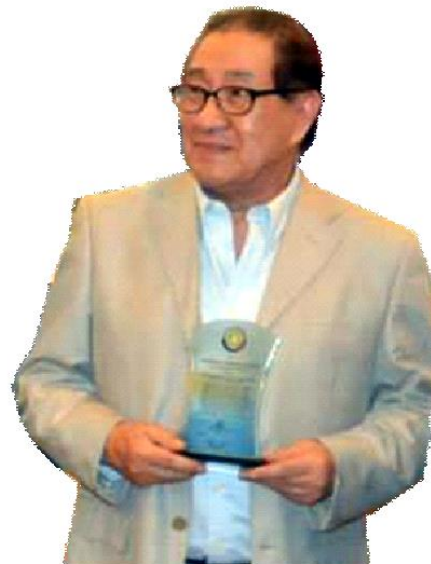
Rtn. Bren Egan, Presidential Citation Award,



PD Bebot Pineda, Jr.,
Presidential Citation Award,



PS Butch Marking,
Presidential Citation Award



Rtn. Jack Bautista,
Presidential Citation Award



Rtn. Tong Payumo,
Presidential Citation Award



PD Abe Pascual,
Presidential Citation
Award



Rtn. Terry Amano,
Presidential Citation
Award



DGE Edmond Aguilar,
Presidential Citation Award



Pres. Frank Evaristo,
Best Attendance Award,



IPP Rudy Bediones, Best
Attendance Award,



PDG Vince Carlos,
Best Attendance Award,



PP Cesar Ubaldo,
Best Attendance
Award,



PT Jim Chua, Best
Attendance Award,



STAR Rtn. Caloy Reyes,
Best Attendance Award.



Pres. Frank Evaristo presented the Presidential Citation to Dir. Susing Pineda and Outstanding Vocational Service Award to Journalism Awards Chairman Rtn. Babe Romualdez during the Strategic Planning Meeting of the incoming board, hosted by PE Ebot Tan, that was held last Monday June 29, 2015 at the 22nd flr. of ACCRA LAW Office.



Pres. Frank Evaristo visits PRIVP Don Paco Delgado

Pres. Frank Evaristo visited illustrious member, **Past Rotary International Vice President “Don Paco” Delgado** at his residence in Urdaneta Condominium, Makati, to personally present

the club's Past President's plaque of recognition as “Pillars of Rotary”, awarded during the **RCM 96th Anniversary Celebration**. In photo with **Pres. Frank Evaristo** and **PRIVP Don Paco Delgado** are the latter's sons **Ricky** (former RCM member) and **Jose Marie Delgado** (former RC Makati West member).

THE WEEK THAT WAS



Vice Pres. Teddy Ocampo Chairman, RCM 96th Anniversary Committee conducts the raffle of valuable prizes with the assistance of OIC/ Moderator **DE Issam Eldebs**, among the lucky winners are : **PT Jim Chua & Rtn. Paquito Tankiang**, each winning the PAL airfare ticket, Manila-Hong Kong-Manila; **PT Lito Sibayan**, winning the overnight

accommodation at a Deluxe Room with Buffet Breakfast for 2 in New World Makati Hotel; **Rtn. Nilo Aventura** winning the buffet Lunch or Dinner for 2 at Cafe 1228 in New World Makati Hotel; **Treas. Chito Tagaysay** winning 3 Certificates for Overnight Stay for 2 in a Deluxe Room at Fersal Hotel; **PT Muhammad Aslam** winning the 3 certificates in a Double Room at Microtel; **Sec. Albert Alday**, **Rtn. Manny Blanco**, **Rtn. Andy de Rossi**, **Rtn. Bren Egan**, **Pres. Frank Evaristo**, **PDSAA Tony Lopa**, **Rtn. Mon Montaña**, **Rtn. Klaus Mueller**, **STAR Rtn. Caloy Reyes**, **PP Cesar Ubaldo & STAR Rtn. Geof Yu**, each winning a bottle of red wine courtesy of PVP Manny Dy.

WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRANT/S



Pres. Frank Evaristo presents the birthday celebrants PVP Manny Dy, PP Archit Bartolome, Rtn. Peter Gonzales the birthday cake amidst the singing by the RCM World-Famous Chorale of the happy birthday song.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Rotary Kumano, Japan donation of Baseball Equipment

Pres. Frank Evaristo, Rotary Club of Manila, First in Asia, at far right, accepts the donation of baseball equipment by RC Kumano, Japan thru Pres. Nobutaka Osaki and Rtn. Toshiyuki Noji with Vice Pres. Teddy Ocampo, held last June 29, 2015, at the Rotary Club of Manila Secretariat office. The baseball equipment donation on a 3-year period will be for the benefit of indigent baseball team from Rizal Canlubang Institute Foundation.

WF REHEARSAL AT CCP



WF Rehearsal at CCP. Top photo shows Chair. Babes Reyes, Co-Chair. Gus Fajardo, Dir. Oscar del Rosario, PP Benny Laguesma, PD Beda Fajardo, PVP Lance Masters, IPP Rudy Bediones, PS George Salazar, Rtn. Nilo Aventura, PT Jim Chua and PDSAA Tony Lopa. Lower Photo shows PS Gus Fajardo, PP Benny Laguesma, PVP Ben Diokno, Dir. Oscar del Rosario, PP Cesar Ubaldo, PVP Lance Masters, IPP Rudy Bediones, Mr. Nonong Sampang (not in photo but present) Chair. Babes Reyes, VP Teddy Ocampo and PT Jim Chua.

ROTARY GOVERNOR INDUCTED



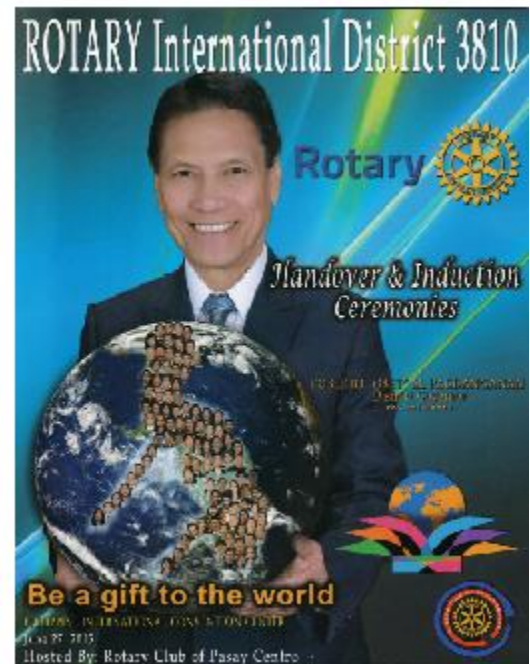
Vice Pres. Jejomar Binay, Republic of the Philippines, administers the oath of office to **District Governor Obet Pagdanganan, R.I. District 3810**, held recently at the Philippine International Convention Center, attended by more than 2,000 Rotarians from Manila-Pasay-Cavite-Mindoro Rotary Clubs. **District Governor Obet** is a member of Rotary Club of Manila, First in Asia. Witnessing the momentous occasion are **AG/IPP Frank Evaristo**, **PP Ricky Valdes**, **PDG Vince Carlos**, **PT Chito Tagaysay**.

HANDOVER 2015



Oh, What a Night!
By PVP Lance Masters

Last Saturday night, June 27th, the Philippines International Convention Center was the site where 1,400 (Yes, that many, the MOST ever) of the best Rotarians from throughout Rotary International District 3810 celebrated the induction of our own PP Roberto M. "Obet" Pagdanganan as the new "World Class" District Governor. Immediately prior to the ceremonies, all of the district officers and 100 "World Class" club presidents celebrated a Holy Mass. The opening ceremonies began with a grand procession of the outgoing 2014-15 "Best Class" presidents side by side with the incoming 2015-16 "World Class" presidents, Management Committee members and District Governors. A choreographed vocal and dance doxology was offered by the Rotoractors of Teatro de Salinas, followed by the entry of colors with the Philippine National Police Academy. Our own RCM "World Famous Chorale" had the honor to lead the singing of the national anthem.



We enjoyed entertainment and conversation as we ate dinner. Dignitaries and distinguished guests were introduced and the roll call of clubs and their World Class Presidents was accompanied by a tremendous din as each club blew whistles, chanted cheers, and simply made as much noise as they possibly could to honor their club and its leaders. A little out of sequence due to multiple bookings of the installing officer, incoming District Secretary Madelyn "Dolly" Uanang introduced the Guest of Honor and installing officer, no less



than the Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, the Hon. Jejomar Binay. RCM members present were honored to be asked to show our support and pride by joining incoming District Governor Obet on the stage as he was formally sworn in, as pictured here. RI Director Guillier Tumangan gave Welcoming Remarks, and outgoing District Governor Edmond Aguilar offered a Valedictory speech, with his now famous PowerPoint slide accompaniment. The World Class Presidents demonstrated their ability to work together for common goals by performing a very intricate and entertaining dance number, with separate parts for each area, and with dance all together. Their extensive practice sessions showed, as their dance was very impressive.

Our own IPP and incoming Chief of Staff Rodolfo "Rudy" Bediones had the honor to introduce our new governor to the assembly. Every time I hear of Obet's remarkable accomplishments, it makes me more and more proud to be his friend and to belong to this great club. Obet gave an inspiring and humble inaugural address. In particular, he asked us all to join him in a major commitment to strengthen and "Promote Road Safety" as a special thrust during his term. Our first event was a Road Safety motorcade and seminar yesterday, and shall be reported in next week's Balita.

A sister district agreement was executed with RID 2820 of Japan. We were happy to be joined by our Rotarian friend Kenji Mori from Japan, who sat with our group, and who

has already been such a generous supporter of the work of Rotary here in the Philippine.

District Officers were sworn in, new Rotarians from throughout the district were inducted, and new TRF contributors were recognized. A video "On to Korea" was screened, inviting us all to participate in the next Rotary International Convention, to be held 29 May - 1 June 2016 in Seoul. Following closing remarks and adjournment, fellowship continued long into the night, with dancing to a great band. RCM's delegation of almost fifty members was one of the largest and, of course, most boisterous in our enthusiastic celebration of the inauguration of our dear PP Obet as the new DG."



RCM was proudly represented by the following members in attendance:

RCM Members 32:

1. Evaristo, Frank
2. Bediones, Rudy
3. Ocampo, Teddy
4. Tan, Ebot
5. Del Rosario, Oscar
6. Pineda, Susing
7. Valdez, Amading
8. El Debs, Issam
9. Alday, Albert
10. Tagaysay, Chito
11. Cabase, Jimmy
12. Zaldarriaga, Chito
13. Lacambacal, Alvin
14. Reyes, Babes
15. Ubaldo, Cesar
16. Masters, Lance
17. Hedeager, Knud
18. Pineda, Bebot
19. Fajardo, Beda
20. Fajardo, Gus
21. Ortiz, Justin

22. Chua, Jim
23. Aslam, Muhammad
24. Lopa, Tony
25. Chotrani, Johnny
26. Ong, Jason
27. Liamzon, Thad
28. Aventura, Nilo
29. Carlos, Vince
30. Egan, Bren
31. Lopez, Ning
32. Pagdanganan, Obet

RCM Guests 8:

33. Bediones, Sharon
34. Ms. Tracy
35. Pineda, Sylvia
36. Carlos, Ma. Cristina
37. Aventura, Nati
38. Pagdanganan, Susan
39. Guest 1 of Ampil, Boy
40. Guest 2 of Ampil, Boy

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



A posterity photo with Rotary Club of Singapore (sister club) and Rotary Club of Chinatown represented by BCP Andrew Co.



Rotary Club of Singapore celebrated its 81st installation and Fellowship Dinner last Friday, 26 June 2015 at Shangri-La Hotel, Tower Ballroom. Rotary Club of Manila was represented by **PD Ed Lee** (International Relations Committee Chairman), **Rtn. David Wong** who was accompanied by **Daffodil Costelo**.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Dear Best Class Presidents and Best Class Team.

Greetings in the name of Rotary!

Please see attached letter from RI Secretary General John Hewco and RI stewardship head Meredith Burlew. Our Suspension was lifted already. Let me give my profound gratitude to our Council of Past District Governors, Chair Connie Beltran, DRFC/ PDG Paco Atayde and all the PDGs who contributed the funds in the amount of USD23,276.00 to complete the requirement of the RI trustee board.

Thank you very much.

Yours in Rotary Service,
DG Edmond Aguilar
RY 2014-2015



24 June 2015

Mr. Edmond Aguilar, Governor
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Dear District Governor Aguilar:

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Trustees are pleased to note the receipt of USD 23,276 as the minimum repayment for Packaged Grant 25858. Since the stewardship plan is complete and grant management training was provided to all clubs in March 2015, the district has now met all Trustee requirements and the suspension from grants is lifted.

Effective immediately, District 3810 and its clubs are eligible to participate in Rotary grants.

If you have any questions, contact Meredith Burlew, Stewardship Manager, at meredith.burlew@rotary.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Hewko".

John Hewko

JH/mb

cc: John Kenny, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair
Sakuji Tanaka, Rotary Foundation Trustee and Stewardship Committee Chair
Guillier Tumangan, Rotary International Board of Director
Bryn Styles, Rotary Foundation Trustee and Stewardship Committee Vice Chair
Sushil Gupta, Rotary Foundation Trustee, Stewardship Committee
Julio Sorjús, Rotary Foundation Trustee, Stewardship Committee
Roberto Pagdanganan, District Governor-elect, District 3810
Marcos Hermoso, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Zone 7A
Francisco E. Atayde, District Rotary Foundation Chair, District 3810
Henry Ongchan, District Grants Subcommittee Chair, District 3810

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



PDG VINCE CARLOS

The Porch

A young blonde girl in her late teens, wanting to earn some extra money for the summer, decided to hire herself out as a “handy woman” and started canvassing a nearby well-to-do neighborhood.

She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any odd jobs for her to do. “Well, I guess I could use somebody to paint the porch” he said. “How much will you charge me?”

Delighted, the girl quickly responded, “How about \$50?”

The man agreed and told her that the paint and brushes and everything she would need were in the garage.

The man’s wife, hearing the conversation, said to her husband, “Does she realize that our porch goes ALL the way around the house?”

“That’s a bit cynical, isn’t it?” he responded.

The wife replied, “You’re right. I guess I’m starting to believe all those dumb blonde jokes.”

A few hours later the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

“You’re finished already??” the startled husband asked.

“Yes,” the blonde replied, “and I even had paint left over so I gave it two coats.”

Impressed, the man reached into his pocket for the \$50 and handed it to her along with a \$10 tip.

“Thank you,” the blonde said, “And, by the way, it’s not a Porch, it’s a Lexus”.

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Lost or Not?

Abe and Esther are flying to Australia for a two-week vacation to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Suddenly, over the public address system, the Captain announces, “Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some very bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing.”

"Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!"

Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later Abe turns to his wife and asks, "Esther, did we pay our \$5,000 PBS pledge check yet?" "No, sweetheart," she responds.

Abe, still shaken from the crash landing, then asks, "Esther, did we pay our American Express card yet?" "Oh, no! I'm sorry. I forgot to send the check," she says.

"One last thing, Esther. Did you remember to send checks for the Visa and MasterCard this month?" he asks.

"Oy, forgive me, Abie," begged Esther. "I didn't send that one, either." Abe grabs her and gives her the biggest kiss in 40 years. Esther pulls away and asks him, "What was that for?"

Abe answers, "Our problems are over, there's no way they will find us now!"

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The Curious Pharmacist

A man walks into a local pharmacy while laughing hysterically. He asks for 2 condoms, and, still laughing, pays the pharmacist and walks out. The pharmacist is intrigued and curious about this odd behavior, but doesn't give it too much thought. However, the next day it happens again, the same man walks in laughing hysterically, orders 2 condoms, still laughing, pays the pharmacist and walks out laughing.

The pharmacist remembers the day before and starts to wonder what's up but not for too long because he has work to do. The next day the same guy walks in laughing hysterically, orders 2 condoms, still laughing, pays the pharmacist and walks out laughing. Now the pharmacist is perplexed and eager to know what is going on with this guy so he arranges with his assistant to follow the guy and find out where he is going, should the man return.

Wouldn't you know it, the same guy comes back the next day, laughing hysterically, orders 2 condoms, still laughing, pays the pharmacist and walks out laughing.

The assistant followed him as per his orders and came back 20 minutes later.

"Well," asks the pharmacist, "where did he go?" "Your house."

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Always Behind (Adult)

A man playing on a new golf course got confused as to what hole he was on. He saw a lady playing ahead of him. He walked up to her and asked if she knew what hole he was playing. She replied, "I'm on the 7th hole, and you're a hole behind me, so you must be on the 6th hole." He thanked her and went back to his golf.

On the back nine, the same thing happened, and he approached the lady again with the same request. She said, "I'm on the 14th, you are a hole behind me, so you must be on the 13th." Once again he thanked her.

He finished his round and went into the club house and saw the lady sitting at the end of the bar. He went up to her and said, "Let me buy you a drink to show my appreciation for your help." He started a conversation and asked her what kind of work she did. She said she was in sales, and he said he was in sales also. He asked what she sold.

She replied, "If I told you, you would only laugh." "No, I wouldn't," he said. She said, "I sell tampons." With that he fell on the floor laughing so hard. She said, "See, I knew you would laugh." "That's not what I'm laughing at," he replied. "I'm a toilet paper salesman, so I'm still one hole behind you!"

PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION AND CHILD CARE



WET WEATHER SKIN DISEASES

Elias D. Adamos, M.D.

Rains have started to pour down most especially at night. Last night's rain that came down so heavily from the heavens, gave a quick relief and refreshing denouncement to the intense heat of the afternoon. This signifies transition of weather from dry to wet. If there are dry weather diseases, there are also wet weather diseases. This article identifies the common wet weather diseases of the skin.

Fungal infections

The most common fungal infection of the skin from wet weather is athlete's foot. This is known as "alipunga" in our native tongue. There can be break in the skin in-between toes. The sole of the foot is sometimes not spared and in severe cases, the fungal infection is coupled and complicated with bacterial infection. The affected foot or feet can emit foul odor. There can be itchiness and in severe cases the itchiness becomes pain and swelling. This is caused by fungus or in colloquial term "amag". Fungus thrives and grows in wet areas of the body, thus, fungal infection from wet weather can also affect not only the feet and toes but also other parts of the body like the inguinal area (jock itch), the trunk, armpits, nails, extremities, and the nape, neck, and head. The infected area can grow in size or transfer from one area to another. Skin fungal infection can transfer from one person to another.

Shingles (Herpes zoster)

Those who are 50 years old and older are prone to getting Herpes zoster. This is a virus infection. The virus is called Herpes zoster that is a relative of the chickenpox virus Varicella zoster. The skin lesions appear as small watery lesions that are close to each other. The appearance resembles that of chickenpox but they are found only in an area of the body. Accompanying symptom is pain. Shingles can be contracted from crowded places and contaminated floodwaters. Shingles is communicable.

Various skin allergies

Skin allergies can come in many forms. In severe and advanced forms they may present as eczema lesions or thickened lesions of the skin. There is itchiness and related systemic allergies, like bronchial asthma can go with them. Wheal formation or "tagulabay" is common.

Preventing wet weather skin diseases

Always keep the feet dry. Rotate shoes and allow some hours or days of drying and airing of wet shoes. Change socks daily. If you cannot avoid walking on dirty floodwaters, always wash feet with soap and weather and allow them to dry by using sleepers. Use foot powder to enhance drying of the feet. You may use hair dryer to dry the feet before wearing shoes. Avoid the crowd. Skin allergies are best controlled and treated when they have just started. Consult your doctor or dermatologist if you have these skin diseases.

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